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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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Department of Natural Resources

Chapter 20-1
Series X

SUBJECT: Commercial Fishing Regulations

Section 1. Season -- Continuous.

Section 2. Area Open -- Ohio River, main stem only.

Section 3. Restricted Area

3.01. Areas up channels of side streams are closed to commercial fishing even though they have been flooded by Ohio River Dams.

Section 4. Species Which May Be Taken

4.01. Channel Catfish

4.02. Flathead Catfish

4.03. White Catfish

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4.06. Yellow Bullhead

4.07. Carp

4.08. Buffalo

4.09. All species of minnows (Cyprinidae)

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- 6.03. Gill Nets -- Prohibited.
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- 6.05. Seines -- No restrictions.
- 6.06. Wooden Basket Traps -- Must have unobstructed hole measuring at least 1-3/4 inches in diameter in the end to allow escapement of small fish.
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 - a) It shall be unlawful for such trotlines to have wire or cable lines.
 - b) It shall be unlawful for hooks to have more than one point.

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- d) Trotlines must be attended, and fish removed at least once each day.

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Section 8. Special Permits to Take Small Channel Catfish

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