

115-7-1. Fishing; legal equipment, methods of taking, and other provisions. (a) Legal equipment and methods for taking sport fish shall be the following:

(1) Fishing lines with not more than two baited hooks or artificial lures per line;

(2) trotlines;

(3) setlines;

(4) tip-ups; ~~and~~

(5) using a person's hand or hands for flathead catfish in waters designated as open to hand fishing, subject to the following requirements:

(A) An individual hand fishing shall not use hooks, snorkeling or scuba gear, or other man-made devices while engaged in hand fishing;

(B) an individual hand fishing shall not possess fishing equipment, other than a stringer, while engaged in hand fishing and while on designated waters or adjacent banks;

(C) stringers shall not be used as an aid for hand fishing and shall not be used until the fish is in possession at or above the surface of the water;

(D) each individual hand fishing shall take fish only from natural objects or natural cavities;

(E) an individual hand fishing shall not take fish from any man-made object, unless the object is a bridge, dock, boat ramp, or riprap, or other similar structure or feature; and

(F) no part of any object shall be disturbed or altered to facilitate the harvest of fish for hand fishing; and

(6) snagging for paddlefish in waters posted or designated by the department as open to the snagging of paddlefish, subject to the following requirements:

(A) Each paddlefish caught and landed shall be included in the creel and possession limit, unless a minimum length limit has been established and posted for that area, in which case each paddlefish not meeting the minimum length limit shall be released immediately into the waters from which it came;

(B) each individual fishing for paddlefish shall place all paddlefish legally caught on a stringer, cord, cable, or chain, or in a basket, sack, cage, or other holding device, which shall be marked with the individual's name and address;

(C) each individual with a filled creel limit shall cease all snagging activity in the paddlefish snagging area until the next calendar day;

(D) each individual taking paddlefish to be included in the creel and possession limit during the snagging season shall ~~transport each paddlefish taken to a check station established by the department, and each paddlefish shall be taken to the check station immediately upon the filling of the daily creel limit or upon cessation of the day's fishing activity.~~ sign the carcass tag, record the county, the date, and the time of harvest on the carcass tag, and attach the carcass tag to the lower jaw of the carcass immediately following the harvest and before moving the carcass from the site of the harvest; and

(E) ~~Each paddlefish checked shall have a numbered tag attached to its lower jaw at the check station.~~

(F) ~~Each individual shall provide that person's name, address, and fishing license number to the check station attendant.~~

~~(G)~~ each individual fishing for paddlefish shall use barbless hooks while fishing on the Neosho river. "Barbless hook" shall mean a hook without barbs or upon which the barbs have been bent

completely closed.

(b) Legal equipment and methods for taking non-sport fish shall be the following:

(1) Fishing lines with not more than two baited hooks or artificial lures per line;

(2) trotlines;

(3) setlines;

(4) tip-ups;

(5) bow and arrow with a barbed head and a line attached from bow to arrow;

(6) crossbow and arrow with a barbed head and a line attached from arrow to crossbow;

(7) spear gun, without explosive charge, while skin or scuba diving. The spear, without explosive charge, shall be attached to the speargun or person by a line; and

(8) snagging and gigging in waters posted by the department as open to snagging or gigging.

(c) Dip nets and gaffs may be used to land any legally caught or hooked fish.

(d) Fish may be taken by any method designated by the secretary when a fish salvage order has been issued by the secretary through public notice or posting the area open to fish salvage.

(e) Fish may be taken with the aid of boats, depth finders, artificial lights, sound attracters, and scents.

(f) Fish may be taken by legal means from vehicles.

(g) The following additional requirements shall apply in the flowing portions and backwaters of the Missouri river and in any oxbow lake through which the Kansas-Missouri boundary passes:

(1) Each individual shall place all legally caught fish on a stringer, cord, cable, or chain, or in a

basket, sack, cage, or other holding device, separate from those fish caught by any other individual.

(2) The equipment and methods specified in paragraphs (b)(5) and (b)(6) shall be legal only from sunrise to midnight.

(3) The equipment and methods specified in paragraph (b)(8) shall be legal only from sunrise to sunset. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807; implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2005 Supp. 32-1002; effective Dec. 26, 1989; amended Feb. 10, 1992; amended Oct. 1, 1999; amended Dec. 8, 2000; amended Sept. 27, 2002; amended Nov. 29, 2004; amended P-_____.)