

115-25-14. Fishing; creel limit, size limit, possession limit, and open season. (a) The open season for the taking of fish in Kansas shall be January 1 through December 31, with the following exceptions:

(1) The flowing portions and backwaters of the Missouri river and any oxbow lake through which the Kansas-Missouri boundary passes, for which the open season for the taking of paddlefish shall be March 15 through May 15;

(2) the flowing portions of the Kansas river from its origin downstream to its confluence with the Missouri river and the flowing portions of the Arkansas river from the John Mack bridge on Broadway street in Wichita downstream to the Kansas-Oklahoma border, for which the open hand-fishing season for the taking of flathead catfish shall be from sunrise to sunset, June 15 through August 31;

(3) the open season for floatline fishing shall be from sunrise to sunset, July 15 through September 15, on designated federal reservoirs; and

(4) those areas closed by posted notice.

(b) Pursuant to K.A.R. 115-18-12, a trout permit shall be required for each individual who wants to fish on the following waters during the specified time periods:

(1) October 15 through April 15:

(A) Cedar Bluff Stilling Basin;

(B) Cimarron Grasslands Pits;

(C) Dodge City Lake Charles;

(D) Fort Scott Gun Park Lake;

(E) Garnett Crystal Lake;

(F) Glen Elder State Park Pond;

(G) Kanopolis Seep Stream;

(H) KDOT East Lake, located in Wichita;

(I) Lake Henry, located in Clinton State Park;

(J) Pratt Centennial Pond;

(K) Sandsage Bison Range and Wildlife Area Sandpits;

(L) the following Sedgwick County Park waters:

(i) Vic's Lake; and

(ii) Slough Creek;

(M) Topeka Auburndale Park;

(N) Walnut River Area, located in El Dorado State Park;

(O) Webster Stilling Basin; and

(P) Willow Lake, located in Tuttle Creek State Park; and

(2) October 15 through October 14: unit number 30, located in the Mined Land Wildlife Area.

(c) Pursuant to K.A.R. 115-18-12, a trout permit shall be required for each individual who wants to fish for and possess trout on the following waters from October 15 through April 15:

(1) Cameron Springs, located on Fort Riley;

(2) Great Bend Veterans Memorial Park Lake;

(3) Hutchinson Dillon Nature Center Pond;

(4) Kanopolis State Park Pond;

(5) Lake Shawnee, located in Shawnee County;

(6) Moon Lake, located on Fort Riley;

- (7) Salina Lakewood Lake;
- (8) Scott State Fishing Lake;
- (9) Scott State Park Pond;
- (10) the following Sedgwick County Park waters:
 - (A) Moss Lake; and
 - (B) Horseshoe Lake;
- (11) Sherman County Smoky Gardens Lake; and
- (12) Solomon River between Webster Reservoir and Rooks County #2 Road.

(d) The following daily creel limits and size limits shall apply to each pond, lake, impoundment, and other water of the state that is open to public fishing access, and to all perennial and intermittent watercourses of the state, unless special creel limits and size limits apply pursuant to subsection (f).

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Creel Limit</u> | <u>Size Limit</u> |
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| Black bass: largemouth, spotted, or smallmouth | 5* | 15" |
| Channel catfish or blue catfish | 10* | -- |
| Trout | 5*/2**** | -- |
| Flathead catfish | 5 | -- |
| Walleye, sauger, saugeye | 5* | 15" |
| Pike family: northern pike, tiger, or muskellunge | 2* | 30" |

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| Striped bass | 2 | -- |
| Wiper: striped bass hybrid | 2 | -- |
| Paddlefish | 2** | -- |
| Crappie: white or black | 50* | -- |
| All other species | No limit | -- |

* The daily creel limit shall be composed of a single listed species or a combination of the species in the listed species group.

** The total creel limit of paddlefish per calendar year shall be six paddlefish. Harvest shall be mandatory regardless of the length of the paddlefish, except on the Kansas-Missouri Boundary Waters, where a minimum length limit of 24" shall be required.

*** The two-trout-per-day creel limit shall be applicable to individuals under 16 years of age not in possession of a valid trout permit.

(e) The possession limit shall be three daily creel limits.

(f) Special size limits, creel limits, and bait restrictions for designated waters shall be those limits and restrictions specified in the department's "Kansas special size limits, creel limits, and bait restriction tables," dated July 1, 2009, which is hereby adopted by reference. All fish caught from these designated waters that are of a size or number that is illegal to possess shall be released unrestrained to the water immediately.

(g) This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2010. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807; implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 32-1002.)