

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

**CHAPTER 220-2
GAME AND FISH DIVISION**

220-2-.122 Georgia Reciprocal Fishing Agreement Regulation.

(1) This regulation shall apply to those waters referred to in this regulation which are covered by the reciprocal agreement with the State of Georgia and which are within the jurisdiction of the State of Alabama, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

(2) The State of Alabama and the State of Georgia have a reciprocal agreement concerning fishing in certain reciprocal waters, whereby fishing licenses of Georgia and Alabama are mutually recognized for fishing from the banks or on the waters of the Chattahoochee River forming the boundary between Alabama and Georgia and all impoundments thereon as now exists or which may exist in the future, with the exception of that portion of West Point Reservoir lying upstream (north) of Georgia Highway 109 bridge on the Chattahoochee River arm of said reservoir. The waters covered by this agreement do not include other streams or tributaries which flow into the Chattahoochee River or its impoundments.

(3) For the purpose of this agreement, "sport fishing" shall be defined as the lawful taking by ordinary hook and line, pole, casting reel and rod and use of artificial lures, spinning reel and rod, or fly rod.

(4) The term "commercial fishing" shall be defined as the legal taking of non-game fish by any person from either state.

(5) No person shall take, catch, or have in possession on any one day, more than fifty (50) in the aggregate of all of the following species or more than one day's creel limit for any species.

The daily creel limit shall be as follows:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Daily Creel Limit</u>
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Black Bass.....	10
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(Includes Largemouth, Smallmouth, Kentucky or Spotted, Redeye or Coosa, and Shoal)

WHITE BASS, SALTWATER STRIPED BASS

AND SALTWATER STRIPED-WHITE BASS

HYBRIDS, IN THE AGGREGATE.....15

(Only 2 of which may be 22 inches or longer
in length)

CRAPPIE.....
30**BREAM.....50**

(Includes Bluegill, Redbreast, Warmouth,
Shadow Bass and all other species of bream)

PICKEREL.....15

(6) Nets shall not be used to take fish from any of the waters covered by this agreement provided, however, minnow seines, dip nets and cast nets meeting the requirements of the respective states for catching minnows for use as live bait are hereby permitted, and provided further that baskets and snaglines may be used for catching and taking non-game fish, upon securing from the proper authority or authorities of the state upon whose side of the boundary line between the states such basket or snagline is used, any license required for the use of such basket or snagline, and upon compliance with any other laws or rules of the state governing the use of such baskets or snagline.

(7) Fish may not be caught or taken by any hook or combination of hooks pulled through the water (snatching); provided however, said hooks may be so used with bait and/or lures to entice fish to strike or bite such bait or lure.

(8) Snaglines, trotlines and wire baskets may be used for catching and taking fish in any of the waters covered by this agreement according to the laws, rules and regulations of the state in which the fishing takes place.

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