

**RULES
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WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

**CHAPTER 1660-01-05
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FISHING**

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1660-01-05-.01 COMMERCIAL FISHERY QUOTA PERMIT APPLICATION AND DRAWINGS.

- (1) Each individual desiring to commercial fish in waters designated for limited quota commercial fishery must complete an application supplied by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Only one application per individual is permitted. If an individual's name appears on more than one (1) application, that individual will be rejected, his permit fee forfeited, and will be subject to prosecution.
- (2) Each applicant must possess a valid commercial fishing license prior to completing an application.
- (3) Any person who has, within the previous twenty-four (24) month period been convicted of a commercial fishing violation resulting in suspension of commercial fishing privileges or who is under any probation or suspended sentence for conviction of a commercial fishing violation, shall be ineligible for such drawing.
- (4) All information requested on the application must be completed by the applicant. Failure to clearly specify all information will result in the application being returned.
- (5) Each application shall be accompanied by a permit deposit of \$500. Unsuccessful applicants will be reimbursed their fee within twenty (20) working days following the drawing. Successful applicants shall have this fee applied against their harvest fee.
- (6) All applications must be postmarked no later than midnight, or hand delivered to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Regional Office concerned, by the close of business hours of the date specified in the advertisement for the drawing. Applications not complying with the deadline will be rejected.
- (7) Such drawing will be scheduled, advertised, and held by relevant TWRA personnel no later than eight (8) weeks prior to the opening of the designated fishery.
- (8) Specific gear restrictions, seasons, and other regulatory, management, or administrative costs or procedures shall be established by written contract between TWRA and permit holders. A copy of such contract shall be a part of the advertisement of the permit fishery.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 69-9-209, 70-1-206, 70-1-302, and 70-4-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 8, 1974. Repeal filed December 3, 1979; effective January 17, 1980. New rule filed June 11, 1981; effective July 27, 1981. Amendment filed March 31, 2000; effective June 14, 2000. Amendments filed March 10, 2023; effective June 8, 2023.

1660-01-05-.02 REPEALED.

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1660-01-05-.03 TWRA LAKES.

- (1) The lakes governed by this rule are Browns Creek Lake, Carroll Lake, Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake, Davy Crockett Lake, Garrett Lake, Gibson County Lake, Glenn Springs Lake, Graham Lake, Herb Parsons Lake, Lake Halford, Laurel Hill Lake, Maples Creek Lake, Marrowbone Lake, Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes (Obion County), V.F.W. Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Williamsport Lake.
- (2) A 1 Day Daily or Annual TWRA Lake Fishing Permit is required on all lakes listed above except Garrett Lake, Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes, and Whiteville Lake. A 1 Day or Annual Lake Halford Permit is required on Lake Halford by all lake and property users except under provisions of paragraph (3). A 1 Day Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake Permit or Annual TWRA Lake Fishing Permit is required on Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake except under provisions of paragraph (3). These permits (not transferable) are required by all except those exempt under provisions of paragraph (3).
- (3) Residents exempt from the 1 Day Daily or Annual TWRA Lake Fishing Permit, the 1 Day or Annual Lake Halford Permit, and the 1 Day Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake Permit are: those 65 years of age and older, children under 16 years of age and those with a Sportsman License. Non-Residents exempt from the 1 Day or Annual TWRA Lake Fishing Permit, the Daily Lake Permit 1 Day or Annual Lake Halford Permit, and the 1 Day Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake Permit are: children under 16 years of age.
- (4) Unattended private boats may not be left on the lakes except those tied to permitted boat docks on Gibson County Lake and Lake Halford.
- (5) Boats may not exceed no wake-speed, except as noted in paragraph (9). Boats used for any activity other than fishing is prohibited, except as noted in paragraph (7). Use of motors, other than electric trolling motors, to operate boats on V.F.W. Lake, Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake, Williamsport Lakes, or Marrowbone Lake is prohibited.
- (6) Houseboats, sailboats, cruisers, skiing, and swimming are prohibited except swimming is permitted on Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. Sailboats, skiing, and swimming are allowed at Lake Halford. Cruisers and houseboats are prohibited at Lake Halford.
- (7) Hunting is permitted during the regular hunting season on the following lakes and adjacent state lands, except on areas posted as safety zones: Garrett Lake, VFW Lake, Whiteville Lake, Coy Gaither-Bedford Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Carroll Lake (no big game hunting allowed on Carroll Lake and State owned land adjacent thereto), and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. Trapping is allowed on Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes as set out in statewide regulations. Waterfowl hunting is permitted from temporary or natural blinds only on Garrett Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. Blinds and decoys must be removed daily from Garrett Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes. Boats may be used for waterfowl hunting on Garrett Lake, Laurel Hill Lake, Whiteville Lake, and Reelfoot-Indian Creek Watershed Lakes.
- (8) On those lakes where camping is permitted it is restricted to those areas designated by the Lake Manager or concessionaire in charge, and requires their permission.

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- (9) On Laurel Hill Lake and Lake Halford, the “no wake” speed is restricted to that area of the lake delineated by “no wake” buoys.
- (10) All persons utilizing Agency managed lakes and property must supply license and permit information, present their catch for inspection, and check in and out if requested by Agency personnel or agents.
- (11) No person shall be under the influence or in the possession of any intoxicating beverages or drugs while on these areas. However, alcoholic beverages are permitted in the designated camping location at Lake Halford.
- (12) No person shall deface state property, block access areas, cut trees, bushes, and shrubs or litter the area.
- (13) For safety reasons, the TWRA Executive Director or their designee, has the authority to close any TWRA lake to motorboats.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 64-1-810, 69-9-209, 70-1-206, 70-1-302, 70-2-219, and 70-4-107. **Administrative History:** Original rule certified May 8, 1974. Amendment filed June 9, 1978; effective July 10, 1978. Amendment filed May 19, 1980; effective July 3, 1980. Repeal and new rule filed February 4, 1983; effective March 7, 1983. Amendment filed February 20, 1986; effective March 22, 1986. Amendment filed June 9, 1986; effective July 9, 1986. Amendment filed February 26, 1987; effective April 12, 1987. Amendment filed April 20, 1988; effective June 4, 1988. Amendment filed December 18, 1989; effective February 1, 1990. Amendment filed January 14, 1991; effective February 28, 1991. Amendment filed September 26, 1996; effective December 10, 1996. Amendment filed February 27, 1998; effective May 13, 1998. Amendment filed September 4, 1998; effective November 18, 1998. Amendment filed March 31, 2000; effective June 14, 2000. Amendment filed January 5, 2001; March 22, 2001. Amendment filed January 3, 2003; effective March 19, 2003. Amendments filed February 10, 2005; effective April 26, 2005. Amendment filed May 12, 2005; effective July 26, 2005. Amendment filed February 9, 2007; effective April 25, 2007. Amendment filed May 31, 2013; effective August 29, 2013. Amendment filed March 27, 2015; effective June 25, 2015. A six-day stay of the effective date filed March 27, 2015; new effective date July 1, 2015. Amendment filed September 19, 2016; effective December 18, 2016. Amendments filed March 10, 2023; effective June 8, 2023.

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