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~~30.14~~ ~~COMBINING COMMERCIAL FISHING AND SPORT FISHING PROHIBITED~~

~~It is unlawful for a commercial fisherman to sport fish in the same waters while engaged in commercial fishing.~~

~~EXCEPTION: When fishing slat traps only.~~

~~PENALTY: Class 2~~

~~30.~~**1314** POSSESSION AND USE OF FIDDLER SIZE HOOP NETS AND SLAT TYPE FISH TRAPS RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN PUBLIC WATERS

It is unlawful to use or possess fiddler-size hoop nets or slat-type fish traps in any waters of the state other than those specified below, including all lakes, bays or other bodies of water, other than tributary streams, connected to waters as specified below, when accessible by boat, from the main channel except as limited by Addendum Chapter H1.00, and in accordance with landowner permission Code 5.35 ~~other than those specified below:~~

- A. Arkansas River, including all impoundments, from ~~the-its~~ mouth ~~of the Mississippi River~~ to ~~Arkansas/the~~ Oklahoma state line. Fiddler-size hoop nets are prohibited in the Arkansas River from the Arkansas Highway 7 Bridge in Yell County to the Oklahoma state line.
- B. L'Anguille River from ~~the-its~~ mouth ~~of the St. Francis River~~ to the point of origin.
- C. Little River from its mouth to the Corps of Engineers boat ramp on the west side of Little River below Millwood Dam.
- D. Little River upstream of Patterson Shoals boat ramp to the Oklahoma state line slat traps may be fished year-round. In Millwood Lake slat traps may be fished from noon Sept. 30 – noon June 1.
- E. All waters of the Mississippi River bounding Arkansas.
- F. Red River from the Louisiana state line to the Oklahoma state line.
- G. St. Francis River from its mouth to the Missouri state line in Clay County.
- H. St. Francis Floodway Diversion Ditch from its mouth upstream to U.S. Highway 63 in Poinsett County.
- I. Bay Ditch, (Cross, Poinsett, and Craighead counties) from its mouth upstream to U.S. Highway 63 in Craighead County.
- J. Old Town Lake in Phillips County: slat traps only. Fiddler-size hoop nets are prohibited.
- K. White River from its mouth to the Interstate 40 Bridge ~~to its mouth~~: slat traps only, ~~may be used~~. Fiddler-size hoop nets are prohibited.
- ~~K. All lakes, bays or other bodies of water, other than tributary streams, connected to waters specified, when accessible by boat from the main channel.~~
- L. Cypress Bayou (Whiskey Chute) in Phillips County (slat traps only).
- M. Sulphur River from ~~the-its~~ mouth ~~of the Red River~~ to the Texas state line.
- N. Boeuf River from the mouth Louisiana state line to the point of origin.

EXCEPTIONS:

- ~~1. Fiddler-size hoop nets are prohibited in the Arkansas River from the Arkansas Highway 7 bridge in Yell County to the Arkansas/Oklahoma state line and in Old Town Lake in Phillips County.~~
- ~~2. Slat traps may be fished from noon September 30 – noon June 1 in Millwood Lake and year round in Little River above Millwood Lake to the Oklahoma state line.~~

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