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~~30.25 COMMERCIAL FISHING RESTRICTIONS IN CERTAIN WATERS RESERVED~~

- ~~A. **Corning Lake or Long Lake in Clay County:** Trotlines, throw line, limblines, and snag lines are prohibited.~~
- ~~B. **Lake Dardanelle:** Commercial tackle of any type is prohibited from noon March 1—noon November 30 in the waters of Dardanelle Lake north of the Missouri Pacific Railroad in Pope, Johnson, and Franklin Counties, Dardanelle Bay in Yell County, and south of signs posted on Shoal Bay, Cane Creek Bay, Six Mile Creek at O Kane Island Access, and south of Arkansas Highway 22 in Delaware Bay in Logan County.~~
- ~~C. **Lake Dardanelle:** Gill and trammel nets must be anchored so they are not within 3 feet of the water surface except noon December 1—noon April 1.~~
- ~~D. **Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** March 1—October 31 with 3 inch or larger square bar mesh gill and trammel nets.~~
- ~~E. **Lake Millwood:** Legal gill and trammel nets open noon September 30—noon May 1, and slat traps open noon September 30—noon June 1. Lake Millwood is open year round to other legal commercial fishing. Commercial fishermen must register prior to fishing with the local district fisheries biologist at the Hope Regional Office and must submit monthly catch records to the local district fisheries biologist by the 15th of the following month.~~
- ~~F. **Nimrod Lake, Blue Mountain Lake, and Morgan Point Bendway Lake:** Open noon October 1—noon March 1. All species of carp caught must be removed from these lakes. Commercial fishermen must register with the local district fisheries biologist prior to fishing and must submit monthly catch records to the local district fisheries biologist by the 15th of the following month. Only legal sized gill and trammel nets or larger.~~
- ~~G. **Entergy Nuclear Power Plant:** No commercial fishing in the discharge bay from November 1—March 1.~~
- ~~H. **Cadron Creek and Point Remove Creek:** Legal commercial tackle during the commercial fishing season noon September 30—noon May 1 on Cadron Creek—from its mouth to Arkansas Highway 287 on its east fork in Faulkner County, North Cadron Creek—from its mouth to Arkansas Highway 285 in Faulkner County, Point Remove Creek—from its mouth up the east fork to Arkansas Highway 95 and the Kissire Bridge on the west fork in Conway County.~~
- ~~I. **Sheffield Nelson Dagmar WMA:** Open noon January 1 until the last day of February.~~
- ~~J. **First Old River Lake (Miller County):** Open noon November 1 until noon the last day of February, with legal gill and trammel nets. Commercial fishermen must obtain, and have in their possession while fishing, a commercial permit from the district biologist at the Commission's Hope Regional Office and report their catch to the Hope Regional Office by March 15.~~
- ~~K. **[Reserved]**~~
- ~~L. **Dr. Lester Sitzes III Bois d'Arc Lake (Hempstead County):** Open noon November 1—noon February 28, with legal gill and trammel nets. Commercial fishermen must obtain, and have in their possession while fishing, a commercial permit from the district biologist at the Commission's Hope Regional Office and report their catch to the Hope Regional Office by March 15.~~
- ~~M. **Callion Lake (Union County):** Open noon February 1—noon, March 15 with legal gill and trammel nets. Commercial fishermen must obtain and have in their possession while fishing, a commercial permit from the district biologist at the Commission's Camden Regional Office and report their catch to the Camden Regional Office by March 31. All rough fish caught in the nets must be retained.~~

- ~~N. **Lake Chicot (Chicot County):** Open noon November 1—noon December 31.
Commercial fishermen must register prior to fishing with the local district fisheries biologist and must submit monthly catch records to the local district fisheries biologist by the 15th of the following month. All species of carp and all rough fish, excluding alligator gar, caught must be removed from the lake. Alligator gar must be released back into the lake. The 16-inch minimum length limit on buffalo is waived. Only legal-sized or larger gill and trammel nets may be used.~~
- ~~O. **Old River Lake (Pulaski County):** Open noon December 1—noon February 28.
Commercial fishermen must register prior to fishing with the local district fisheries biologist at the Brinkley Regional Office and must submit monthly catch records to the local fisheries biologist by the 15th of the following month. All species of carp and all rough fish, excluding alligator gar, caught must be removed from the lake. Alligator gar must be released back into the lake. The 16-inch minimum length limit on buffalo is waived.~~
- ~~P. **Horseshoe Lake (Crittenden County):** Open noon November 1 until noon February 28.
Commercial fishermen must register prior to fishing with the local district fisheries biologist at the Brinkley Regional Office and must submit monthly catch records to the local fisheries biologist by the 15th of the following month. All species of carp and all rough fish, excluding alligator gar, caught must be removed from the lake. Alligator gar must be released back into the lake. The 16-inch minimum length limit on buffalo is waived.~~

PENALTY: Class 2