

Kansas AIS Regulations

Kansas Admin. Reg. Agency 115, Art. 7 (Fish and Frogs)

115-7-3. Fish; taking and use of baitfish or minnows.

- (a) Baitfish may be taken for noncommercial purposes by any of the following means:
 - (1) A seine not longer than 15 feet and four feet deep with mesh not larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch;
 - (2) a fish trap with mesh not larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and a throat not larger than one inch in diameter;
 - (3) a dip or cast net with mesh not larger than one inch; or
 - (4) a fishing line.
- (b) Each fish trap shall be tagged with the operator's name and address when the fish trap is in use.
- (c) Baitfish taken, except gizzard shad, silver carp, and bighead carp, shall not exceed 12 inches in total length. Silver carp and bighead carp shall not be transported from the water alive.
- (d) The possession limit shall be 500 baitfish.
- (e) For the species specified in this subsection, the department's applicable creel and possession limits shall apply.

Live baitfish, crayfish, leeches, amphibians, and mussels, except for bluegill and green sunfish from non-designated aquatic nuisance waters and baitfish, crayfish, leeches, amphibians, and mussels from designated aquatic nuisance waters, may be caught and used as live bait only within the common drainage where caught. However, live baitfish, crayfish, leeches, amphibians, and mussels shall not be transported and used above any upstream dam or barrier that prohibits the normal passage of fish. Bluegill and green sunfish collected from non-designated aquatic nuisance waters may be possessed or used as live bait anywhere in the state. Live baitfish, crayfish, leeches, amphibians, and mussels collected from designated aquatic nuisance waters shall be possessed or used as live bait only while on that water and shall not be transported from the water alive.

- (f) No person shall import live baitfish that does not meet the requirements of K.A.R. 115-17-2 and K.A.R. 115-17-2a.

This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2021.

115-7-9 Weigh-in black bass fishing tournaments.

* AIS-relevant provision: 115-7-9(c)

(a) Each individual or organization conducting a weigh-in black bass fishing tournament shall ensure that all of the following minimum requirements are met when conducting weigh-in procedures:

- (1) One individual shall provide work crew support for each 10 registered anglers.
- (2) One weigh-in tank filled with an electrolyte chemical-water solution and fitted with recirculation and aeration accessories shall be maintained for each 25 registered anglers.
- (3) If the water temperature at the tournament location is 75 degrees Fahrenheit or cooler, the water contained in the weigh-in tank shall be maintained at the same temperature as that of the tournament location water.
- (4) If the water temperature at the tournament location is warmer than 75 degrees Fahrenheit, the water in the weigh-in tank shall be maintained at a temperature that is between five and 10 degrees Fahrenheit cooler than the tournament location water but shall not exceed 85 degrees Fahrenheit at any time.
- (5) Not more than four anglers shall be in the weigh-in line at any one time.
- (6) Each weigh-in bag containing water from the well of the vessel shall be reinforced, reusable, and capable of holding up to 15 pounds of live fish and two gallons of water.
- (7) The weigh-in site shall meet the following requirements:
 - (A) Be located near the vessel mooring site and the release site, vehicle, or vessel; and
 - (B) be located at all times under a portable awning, in an event tent, or in the shade.
- (8) Only fish that meet the special length limit for the specific body of water where the weigh-in tournament is being conducted shall be weighed within the period beginning June 16 and ending August 31.

(b) Each individual or organization conducting the tournament shall ensure that all of the following minimum requirements are met when conducting the release procedures:

- (1) The direct release of fish into the tournament location water after the weigh-in shall not be permitted.
- (2) If the tournament is conducted with release tubes, vehicles, or vessels, the holding tanks shall contain a one-half percent noniodized salt solution.
- (3) If the tournament is conducted without release tubes, vehicles, or vessels, the fish shall be dipped, for a period ranging from 10 seconds to 15 seconds before release, in a three percent noniodized salt solution having the same temperature as that of the water in the weigh-in tank.

(4) The release site shall meet the following conditions:

(A) Be located in water reaching at least three feet in depth with good circulation and a hard bottom; and

(B) be located away from vessel traffic and public-use vessel ramps.

(c) Each tournament participant shall meet the following requirements:

(1) Ensure that each well in the participant's vessel used in the tournament is properly working and contains an electrolyte chemical-water solution; and

(2) ensure that the participant's vessel used in the tournament is cleaned before and after the tournament in compliance with department guidelines regarding the prevention of aquatic nuisance species.

(d) The provisions of paragraph (a)(7)(A) may be waived by the secretary within the period beginning September 1 and extending through June 15 if the proximity proposed to the release site does not pose an inordinate risk to the wildlife resource and all other requirements of this regulation are met.

115-7-10. Fishing; special provisions.

(a) A person who takes any fish from a body of water shall not tag, mark, brand, clip any fin of, mutilate, or otherwise disfigure any fish in a manner that would prevent species identification, examination of fins, recovery of tags, or determination of sex, age, or length of the fish before releasing the fish back into the body of water, unless a permit authorizing this activity has been issued to that person by the department.

(b) No person may possess any live fish upon departure from any designated aquatic nuisance body of water, except during a department-permitted fishing tournament. During a department-permitted fishing tournament, any individual may possess live fish upon departure from designated aquatic nuisance waters along the most direct route to the weigh-in site if the individual possesses a department authorization certificate as a participant in the tournament. Designated aquatic nuisance species waters shall be those specified in the department's "Kansas aquatic nuisance species designated waters," dated October 16, 2020, which is hereby adopted by reference.

(c) No person may fish or collect bait within, from, or over a fish passage, fish ladder, fish steps, or fishway. "Fish passage, fish ladder, fish steps, or fishway" shall mean a structure that facilitates the natural migration of fish upstream on, through, or around an artificial barrier or dam.

Kansas Admin. Reg. Agency 115, Art. 18 (Special Permits)

115-18-10 Importation and possession of certain wildlife; prohibition, permit requirement, and restrictions.

(a) The importation, possession, or release in Kansas of the following live wildlife species shall be prohibited, except as authorized by terms of a wildlife importation permit issued by the secretary:

- (1) Walking catfish (*Clarias batrachus*);
- (2) silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*);
- (3) bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*);
- (4) black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*);
- (5) snakehead fish (all members of the family Channidae);
- (6) round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*);
- (7) white perch (*Morone americana*);
- (8) zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*);
- (9) quagga mussel (*Dreissena bugensis*);
- (10) New Zealand mudsnail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*);
- (11) diploid grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*);
- (12) marbled crayfish (*Procambarus virginalis*);
- (13) monk parakeet (*Myiopsitta monachus*);
- (14) Asian raccoon dog (*Nyctereutes procyonoides*);
- (15) crucian carp (*Carassius carassius*);
- (16) largescale silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys harmandi*);
- (17) Prussian carp (*Carassius gibelio*);
- (18) wels catfish (*Silurus glanis*);
- (19) Eurasian minnow (*Phoxinus phoxinus*);
- (20) stone moroko (*Pseudorasbora parva*);
- (21) European perch (*Perca fluviatilis*);
- (22) Nile perch (*Lates niloticus*);
- (23) roach (*Rutilus rutilus*);
- (24) amur sleeper (*Perccottus glenii*);
- (25) zander (*Sander lucioperca*); and
- (26) common yabby (*Cherax destructor*).

(b) Any live member of a wildlife species listed in subsection (a) and possessed before the following dates may be retained in possession, in closed confinement, by making application to the secretary that provides information detailing the circumstances, including the location, by which the animal came into the applicant's possession:

- (1) February 1, 1978 for fish and bird species other than black carp, snakehead fish, round goby, white perch, zebra mussel, quagga mussel, New Zealand mudsnail, and diploid grass carp;
- (2) February 1, 1986 for mammal species;
- (3) October 1, 2000 for black carp;
- (4) May 1, 2003 for snakehead fish;
- (5) August 1, 2004 for round goby, quagga mussel, and zebra mussel;
- (6) May 15, 2005 for New Zealand mudsnail;
- (7) February 15, 2007 for white perch;

- (8) January 1, 2008 for diploid grass carp;
- (9) January 30, 2019 for marbled crayfish; and
- (10) January 1, 2021 for crucian carp, largescale silver carp, Prussian carp, wels catfish, Eurasian minnow, stone moroko, European perch, Nile perch, roach, amur sleeper, zander, and common yabby.

The manner in which the animal is to be used shall be identified in the application.

- (c) Any wildlife importation permit for the importation or possession of live members of the wildlife species listed in subsection (a) may be issued by the secretary for experimental, scientific, display, or other purposes subject to any conditions and restrictions contained or referenced in the wildlife importation permit.
- (d) Each individual wanting to import or possess live members of the wildlife species listed in subsection (a) shall apply to the secretary for a wildlife importation permit. The application shall be submitted on forms provided by the department and shall contain the following information:
 - (1) The name, address, and telephone number of applicant;
 - (2) the wildlife species to be imported or possessed and the number of wildlife involved;
 - (3) the purpose or purposes for importation or possession;
 - (4) a description of the facilities for holding and using the wildlife species;
 - (5) a description of plans to prevent the release of the wildlife species; and
 - (6) other relevant information as requested by the secretary.
- (e) Each wildlife importation permit, once issued, shall be valid during the time period specified on the permit.
- (f) In addition to other penalties prescribed by law, any wildlife importation permit may be refused issuance or revoked by the secretary if any of the following conditions is met:
 - (1) The application is incomplete or contains false information.
 - (2) Issuance of a permit would not be in the best interest of the public or of the natural resources of Kansas.
 - (3) The permittee fails to meet permit requirements or violates permit conditions.

115-8-12. Stocking or releasing of wildlife.

Wildlife may be stocked or released on department lands or waters, navigable publicly owned rivers, and federal reservoirs only as authorized by any of the following:

- (a) A written agreement issued by the department;
- (b) a permit issued by the department;
- (c) a department-approved management plan;
- (d) regulations; or
- (e) posted notice.

This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2012.

Kansas Admin. Reg. Agency 115, Art. 20 (Miscellaneous Regulations)

115-20-3. Exotic wildlife; possession, sale and requirements.

- (a) Subject to federal or state law or rules and regulations, exotic wildlife species may be imported, possessed, sold, offered for sale or purchased, provided the exotic wildlife was legally captured, raised, exported, possessed, sold or purchased or any combination of these activities in its place of origin.
- (b) Exotic wildlife may be possessed without limit in time and number.
- (c) Exotic wildlife shall be confined or controlled at all times and shall not be released onto the lands or into the waters of this state.
- (d) Exotic wildlife shall only include those wildlife species which are non-migratory and are not native or indigenous to Kansas, or do not presently exist in Kansas as an established wild population.

Kansas Admin. Reg. Agency 115, Art. 30 (Boating)

115-30-13 Removal of vessels from waters of the state.

The livewells and bilges shall be drained and the drain plugs removed from all vessels being removed from the waters of the state before transport on any public highway of the state.

This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2012.