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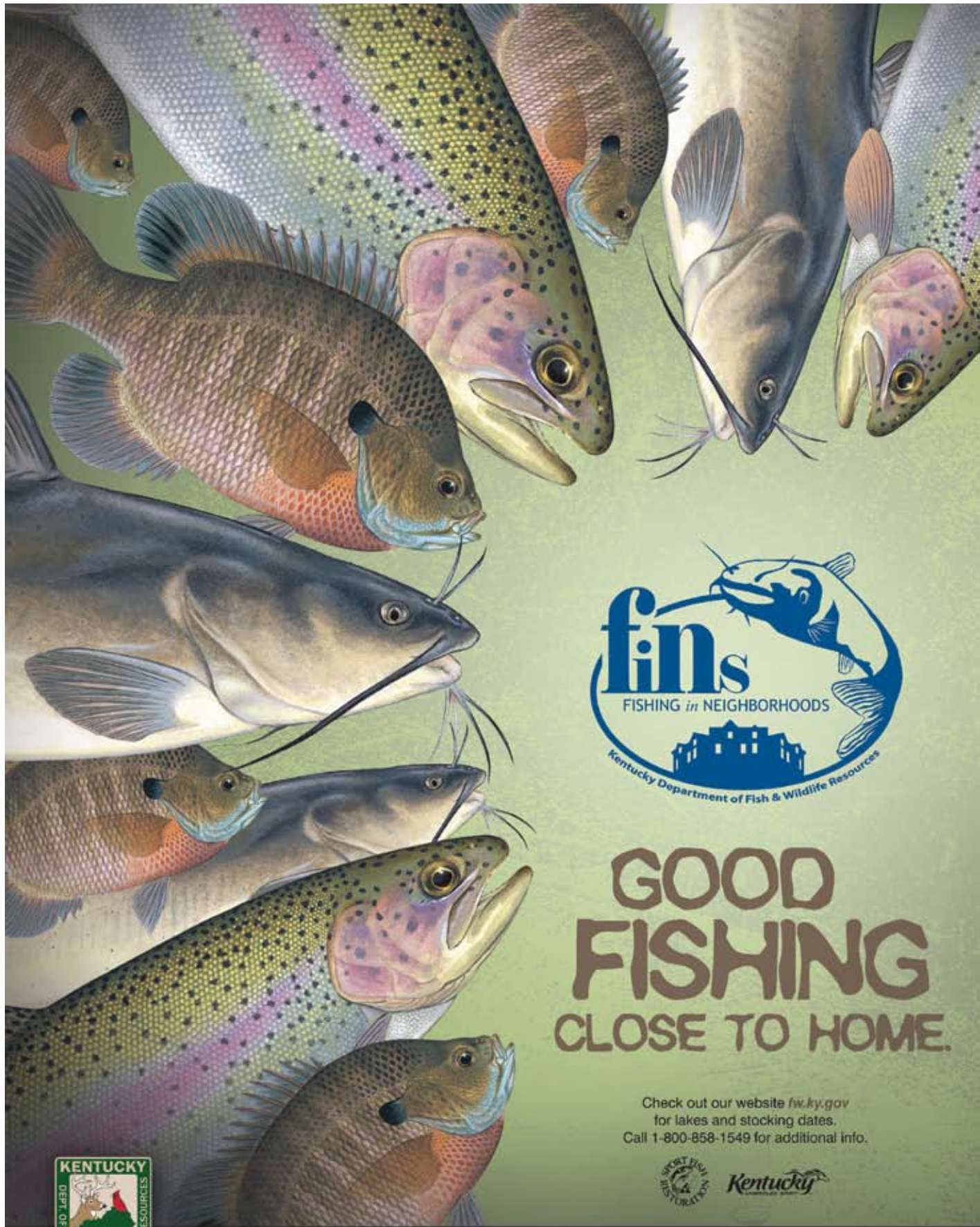
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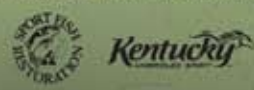


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KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT of FISH and WILDLIFE RESOURCES

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This is a **SUMMARY** of the laws regarding fishing and boating. This guide is intended solely for informational use. It is not a reprint of any referenced statute or regulation in its entirety and should not be used as such. Questions about the information contained in this guide should be directed to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources **BEFORE** engaging in the activities referenced. Actual wording of any Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) or Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) can be viewed at www.lrc.state.ky.us/kar/frntpage.htm.

OTHER GUIDES AVAILABLE

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife also produces regulation guides for spring and fall hunting and trapping, waterfowl and other migratory bird hunting. Call 1-800-858-1549 weekdays, look for a copy of these regulation guides where hunting licenses are sold, or log on to fw.ky.gov.

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On the cover: An angler caught this largemouth bass from Kentucky Lake on a crankbait.



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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER

Increasing public access to quality fishing is a priority goal of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. Most access to quality streams, rivers and ponds is privately owned.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife recently received Federal funding to create a Landowner Fishing Access Program. This program will be similar to the Wildlife Division's Mourning Dove Access Program where landowners are paid to allow the public to dove hunt. In this case, the Department will pay landowners to allow the public to access streams, rivers, lakes and ponds on their property. The program will also provide payment to open privately owned boat ramps to the public.

Landowners may receive \$2,500 or more for enrolling in the program depending on the type of access, the quality of fishing, and the number of use restrictions they require. The initial funding for the program will allow landowners to enroll for three years. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife hopes to extend this opportunity far into the future, based on availability of funds and the program's success.

This program is a win-win for all



involved. Landowners receive added income during these poor economic times and the public gains much needed access to high quality fishing sites across Kentucky. However, the ultimate success of the program hinges on the public's respect for this great privilege they are receiving. Misuse of these lands such as leaving excessive trash or the destruction of property will surely

derail this great opportunity.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will strive to make this program a success and will work with private landowners to address any issues they may have. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife employees will routinely visit access areas to pick up trash and mark access area boundaries. We will also maintain signage that addresses rules and restrictions.

We look forward to working with our private landowners and ask anyone interested in enrolling their land to contact Kentucky Fish and Wildlife at fw.publicaccess@ky.gov or 1-800-858-1549 at extension 4457 or 4423. Interested landowners and anglers should visit our website at fw.ky.gov for more information.

— Dr. Jonathan Gassett

LANDOWNER PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR HUNTING AND FISHING

A person shall not enter upon the lands of another to hunt, fish or trap without the oral or written permission of the landowner, tenant or person who has authority to grant permission. Those who fail to obtain permission are subject to arrest and prosecution. Railroad tracks and rights of way are privately owned property and permission to hunt, fish or trap must be obtained prior to entry. (KRS 150:192)

Cash for Fishing Access

LANDOWNERS!

Earn up to \$2,500 or more when you give anglers a place to fish or launch a boat.

Modeled after the successful dove field access program, Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will now pay for public access to private boat ramps, ponds, lakes, streams and rivers. The better the fishing, the higher the payment.

Kentucky Fish and Wildlife will post the property and help maintain the site. Anglers can visit our web page at fw.ky.gov to find fishing access sites.

Call us at 1-800-858-1549 ext. 4457, or e-mail us at fwpublicaccess@ky.gov to learn more about this program.

