

RECIPROCAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE AGREEMENT

between

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES

and

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Missouri Department of Conservation hereby enter into this cooperative agreement to recognize the sport fishing licenses of the two states within the waters of the Mississippi River forming a common boundary. It is agreed that:

Each state will recognize the sport fishing licenses of the other state on the Mississippi River. The river is defined as the main channel and immediate side or secondary channels or chutes. It does not include oxbow or floodplain lakes or any tributary streams. A tributary shall be delineated by the straight line between opposite points where the tributary connects with the main body of the Mississippi River. Furthermore, the river does not include backwaters that extend onto the floodplain or tributaries when the river exceeds 33 feet at the gauging station at Cairo, Illinois.

Kentucky residents shall hold any applicable Kentucky resident license.

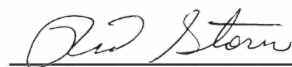
Sport fishing licensees may fish from or attach any device or equipment to land along the river under the jurisdiction of the other state. Landowner permission is required to fish from the bank.

Sport fishing licensees shall abide by the regulations of the state in whose waters they are fishing, and when fishing in waters in which they are not licensed to fish, shall comply with the most restrictive of the two states' regulations.

These privileges extend to persons legally exempted from the license requirements of either state.

Fish and wildlife law enforcement officials of either state, subject to the authority granted by their state of oath, shall have the right to enforce the laws of either state as to any person on the Mississippi River.

This reciprocal agreement may be cancelled by either the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources or the Director of the Missouri Department of Conservation upon thirty (30) days written notice.



Rich Storm, Commissioner
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

05/02/2025

Date



Jason Sumners, Director
Missouri Department of Conservation

4/29/25

Date