

**RECIPROCAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES**  
**and**  
**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

The undersigned find and determine that it is in the best interests of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to enter into the following reciprocal agreement concerning fishing privileges on the Ohio River. The Departments do hereby agree as follows:

1. Each state will recognize the sport fishing licenses and appropriate stamps of the other state on the main stem and from the banks of the Ohio River, excluding embayments and tributaries. Embayments and tributaries, as used in this agreement, shall be defined as a straight line between opposite points where the tributary or embayment connects with the main body of the Ohio River.
2. Residents of either Ohio or Kentucky must hold any applicable licenses and stamps from their state of residence.
3. Each sport fishing licensee shall abide by the laws, rules, and regulations of the state by which they are licensed, except that when fishing from the bank, licensees shall follow the laws, rules, and regulations of the state in which they are fishing.
4. Commercial fishing and musseling are not permitted in Ohio's portion of the river.
5. Ohio and Kentucky fish and wildlife law enforcement officials shall have the right to inspect the licenses, harvest limits, creel limits, and equipment of any person on the Ohio River, subject to the jurisdiction and authority granted by their state.
6. The reciprocal agreement may be cancelled by either the Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources or by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources upon thirty (30) days written notice.

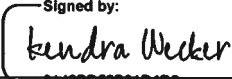
  
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**Rich Storm, Commissioner**  
**Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources**

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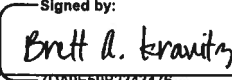
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**Mary Mertz, Director**  
**Ohio Department of Natural Resources**

May 20, 2025  
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**Date**

Reciprocal Sport Fishing License Agreement  
Between KDFWS and ODNR

Signed by:  
  
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Kendra Wecker, Chief  
Ohio Department of Natural Resources,  
Division of Wildlife

May 27, 2025  
Date

Signed by:  
  
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Ohio Attorney General

May 7, 2025  
Date