

RECIPROCAL SPORT FISHING LICENSE AGREEMENT
between
KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCES
and
TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency hereby enter into a reciprocal agreement whereby sport fishing licenses issued by either state will be recognized as lawful within certain portions of the following waters, except that residents of each respective State shall hold any applicable and appropriate resident license from the state in which they are a resident.

Kentucky Lake

It is agreed that:

Either state's sport fishing licenses are recognized on the portion of Kentucky Lake south of the Eggnor Ferry Bridge (US 68 & Hwy 80) in Kentucky and north of the Governor Ned McWhorter Bridge (US 79 & Hwy 76) in Tennessee. This includes all embayments and tributaries within this portion of Kentucky lake except the Blood River embayment. Blood River embayment shall be defined as a straight line between opposite points where the embayment connects to the main body of Kentucky Lake.

A sport fishing license holder from either state may fish from the bank or attach legal sport fishing trot or limb lines in this described portion of Kentucky Lake.

The reciprocal arrangement set forth above does not apply to any other portion of Kentucky Lake.

Dale Hollow Lake

It is agreed that:

Either state's sport fishing licenses are recognized in that arm of the lake known as Wolf River including Illwill Creek embayment, beginning at a line crossing the Wolf River at its mouth where it joins the Obey River and the main part of the lake.

A sport fishing license holder from either state may fish from the bank or attach legal sport fishing trot or limb lines in this described portion of Dale Hollow Lake.

The reciprocal arrangement set forth above does not apply to any other portion of Dale Hollow Lake.

Big South Fork of the Cumberland River

It is agreed that:

Either state's sport fishing licenses are recognized in that part of the Big South Fork beginning at the Leatherwood Ford bridge (Highway 297) in Tennessee and continuing downstream to the Highway 92 bridge at Yamacraw, Kentucky.

A sport fishing license holder from either state may fish from the bank or attach legal sport fishing trot or limb lines in this described portion of Big South Fork.

The reciprocal agreement set forth above does not apply to any other portion of the Big South Fork.

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 reciprocal waters.

Sport anglers 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 physically present and fishing.

The reciprocal agreement may be cancelled by either the Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency or by the Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources upon thirty (30) days written notice.



Rich Storm, Commissioner
Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources

05/02/2025

Date



Jason Maxedon, Executive Director
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

4/23/25

Date