

TITLE 17: CONSERVATION
CHAPTER I: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SUBCHAPTER a: LANDS

PART 115
COMPETITIVE TOURNAMENT FISHING ON STATE OWNED
AND/OR LEASED WATER AREAS

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Section 115.10 Purpose of Rulemaking

The Department of Natural Resources (Department), having determined the necessity to regulate the use of its water areas, launching facilities and parking areas by groups, organizations and individuals engaged in the sponsorship of Competitive Fishing Tournaments, proposes the following regulations.

(Source: Amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 4835, effective March 17, 1992)

Section 115.20 Definitions

For purposes of this Part, "Competitive Fishing Tournament" means any fishing event or contest on State owned or leased waters meeting any of the following criteria:

- a) 25 or more anglers participating in the event, or
- b) 10 or more boats to be used during the competition, or
- c) total prizes exceeding \$500.00 in value.

Section 115.30 Regulated Sites

A permit is required for each competitive fishing tournament event at the following waters:

Coffeen Lake, Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, Montgomery County

Millers Hollow Access Area, Mississippi Pallasades State Park, Carroll County

Newton Lake, Newton Lake Fish and Wildlife Area, Jasper County

Sangchris Lake, Sangchris Lake State Park, Sangamon and Christian Counties

Spring Lake, Spring Lake North and Spring Lake South, Spring Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area, Tazewell County

(Source: Amended at 30 Ill. Reg.10089, effective May 22, 2006)

Section 115.40 Application and Reporting Requirements

- a) Application for a competitive fishing tournament permit must be made by the tournament director or sponsor to the site superintendent for the site where the tournament is to be held. The application must be made at least 60 days prior to the proposed tournament date and contain the following information:
 - 1) name, address, and phone number of tournament director;
 - 2) tournament name and sponsor;
 - 3) proposed location, dates and time;
 - 4) proposed weigh-in location;
 - 5) anticipated number of anglers; and
 - 6) signature of tournament director.
- b) All permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis.
- c) Applications for permits will not be accepted more than one (1) year in advance of the event or contest date.
- d) The Competitive Fishing Tournament Permit shall be available for inspection by

Department personnel at the weigh-in sites.

(Source: Amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 4835, effective March 17, 1992)

Section 115.50 Contest or Event Requirements

- a) Competitive fishing tournament use of any site will be limited to 60% of the available parking facilities at each individual launching area.
- b) All weigh-ins shall be conducted at a location approved by the Department.

(Source: Amended at 16 Ill. Reg. 4835, effective March 17, 1992)