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TITLE 13

DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

SUBTITLE 4

FISHERIES

PART III FRESHWATER FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREAS

CHAPTER 65

WAILUA RESERVOIR PUBLIC FISHING AREA, KAUAI

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§13-65-1 Intent and purpose. For the purposes of this chapter, the Wailua Reservoir public fishing area, Kauai, shall be managed primarily for the enjoyment and pursuit of recreational fishing by Kauai’s residents and visitors. The department reserves the right to temporarily adjust the fishing seasons, bag limits and minimum sizes or any other provision of this chapter in order to improve the fish stocks and a quality fishing experience.


§13-65-2 Definitions. As used in this chapter unless otherwise provided:

“Department” means the department of land and natural resources.
“Fish, fish for, fishing” means to take, catch, capture, confine, or harvest, or to attempt to take, catch, capture, confine, or harvest, aquatic life. The use of any gear, equipment, tool, or any means to take, capture, confine, or harvest, aquatic life by any person who is in the water, or in a vessel on the water, or on or about the shore where aquatic life may be taken, caught, captured, confined, or harvested, shall be construed as fishing.

“Freshwater game fishing license” means the license issued by the department pursuant to section 13-74-10.

“Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of fish allowed as specified by species, to be caught, taken, or kept per fisher per day.

“Bluegill” means any fish known as *Lepomis macrochirus* or any recognized synonym.

“Largemouth bass” means any fish known as *Micropterus salmoides* or any recognized synonym.

“Motorized vessel” means any boat, kayak, canoe, raft, or any other watercraft that is propelled by using engines or motors that use fuel or battery.

“Smallmouth bass” means any fish known as *Micropterus dolomieui* or any recognized synonym.

“Trotlines” means a type of fishing gear consisting of a main line with branch lines with baited hooks attached. The main line may be weighted or anchored on one end and the other end fixed to an object on the shore. The main line may also have floats to adjust the height of the lines in the water column.

“Tucunare” means any fish known as *Cichla ocellaris* or any recognized synonym.

“Wailua Reservoir public fishing area” means that body of water, 60 or so surface acres located within the Wailua district on Kauai, and is described in “Map of Wailua Reservoir Public Fishing Area, Kauai, 11/04/05,” appended at the end of this chapter and incorporated by reference. [Eff FEB 03 2007] (Auth: HRS §188-53) (Imp: HRS §188-53)

§13-65-3 Prohibited activities. It is unlawful for any person to engage in the following activities
within the Wailua Reservoir public fishing area:

(1) Fish for, catch, take, possess or remove from the reservoir, any aquatic life, or possess more than the daily bag limit, except as provided in section 13-65-4;

(2) Possess any spears, chemicals, trotlines, or nets other than as provided for in section 13-65-4, or other illegal fishing gear;

(3) Snag any fish species described in this chapter;

(4) Possess or use any live animal or plant as bait in the reservoir;

(5) Enter onto or fish from any reservoir-associated irrigation infrastructure, including any catwalks, valve towers, or ditches of the reservoir;

(6) Launch or use any vessel, watercraft, boat, kayak, canoe, inflatable craft or other similar floatable object, motorized or non-motorized, or windpowered, on the reservoir;

(7) Swim, bathe, or conduct any activity in the reservoir other than fishing;

(8) Enter into or fish for, or attempt to catch, take, possess, or remove any aquatic life at any portion of the reservoir that is designated a wildlife or waterbird sanctuary; and

(9) Contaminate or pollute the reservoir, ditch, or stream. [Eff FEB 03, 2007] (Auth: HRS §188-53) (Imp: HRS §188-53)

§13-65-4 Permitted activities. (a) The department may issue permits to engage in activities prohibited by this chapter, as provided in section 187A-6, HRS, or other law.

(b) A person may fish for, catch, take, possess, or remove any aquatic life from the Wailua Reservoir public fishing area, subject to the following conditions:

(1) Shall have a valid freshwater game fishing license as provided in section 13-74-10 and HRS section 188-50;
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(2) Shall use only one pole and line, or one line with one lure or one baited hook attached to one line;

(3) Shall fish for, take, catch, possess, or remove only a total aggregate daily bag limit of three fish, subject to section 13-65-5 and HRS Section 188-50(d);

(4) Must allow the inspection of any bag or container of any kind to carry aquatic life, or any vehicle or any conveyance used to transport aquatic life;

(5) Use a dip net not more than two feet along the longest axis, excluding the handle, to land hooked fish; and

(6) Fish only during the day (no night fishing).  [Eff FEB 03 2007] (Auth: HRS §188-53) (Imp: HRS §188-53)

§13-65-5 Daily bag limits. The total aggregate daily bag limit shall be three fish per fisher per day, provided that this total shall consist of:

(1) No more than two bluegill, and each bluegill shall not be less than seven inches in total length;

(2) No more than two smallmouth bass, and each bass shall not be less than nine inches in total length;

(3) No more than two largemouth bass and each bass shall not be less than nine inches or more than fourteen inches in total length; and

(4) No more than two tucunare and each tucunare shall not be less than twelve inches or more than fifteen inches in total length. [Eff FEB 03 2007] (Auth: HRS §188-50) (Imp: HRS §188-50)

§13-65-6 Penalty. Any person violating the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor, be subject to administrative penalties,
and be punished as provided by law. [Eff FEB 03 2007] (Auth: HRS §§188-53, 188-70, 187A-12.5) (Imp: HRS §§188-70, 187A-12.5)

§13-65-7 Severability. If any provisions of this chapter, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the chapter which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this chapter are severable. [Eff FEB 03 2007] (Auth: HRS §§1-23, 188-53) (Imp: HRS §§1-23, 188-53)
Map of Wailua Reservoir Public Fishing Area, Kauai, 11/04/05.