

## FISHING REGULATIONS

### Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a Fishing License to fish or crab?	YES	Current Texas Saltwater Fishing License
Can I use crab trap/umbrella nets?	NO	Pole and line or hand held line only
Can I use a minnow trap?	NO	No traps are allowed
Can I cast net for baitfish?	YES	Baitfish only
Can I catch shrimp?	NO	This is a nursery area
Can I have alcohol?	YES	Plastic or Aluminum only, No glass

We allow fishing and crabbing on designated areas of the refuge in accordance with State regulations subject to the following conditions:

1. We only allow fishing and crabbing with pole and line, rod and reel, or handheld line. We prohibit the use of trotlines, set lines, jug lines, limb lines, bows and arrows, gigs, spears, and crab traps. Handheld line cannot be attached to any structure, vegetation, or other property not owned by the visitor.
2. We allow cast netting for baitfish for personal use along waterways in areas open to the public and along public roads.
3. We allow fishing and crabbing in 10-Mile Cut and Mud Bayou and in the following inland waters: Star Lake (Seasonal Access March 15 – August 31), Clam Lake, and Mud Lake. We also allow fishing and crabbing from the shoreline of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway and along roadside ditches.
4. On inland waters of the refuge open to motorized boats, we restrict the use of boats powered by a single engine of 25 hp or less and utilizing a propeller 9 inches (22.5 cm) in diameter or less.
5. On inland waters of the refuge open to motorized boats, we restrict the operation of motorized boats to lakes, ponds, ditches, and other waterways. We prohibit the operation of motorized boats on or through emergent wetland vegetation.
6. We prohibit fishing from or mooring to water control structures.
7. Visitors must maintain a clean and neat area while on the refuge, trash must be kept inside trash receptacles or containers.