



Public Information Bulletin

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Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge Allows Licensed Anglers to collect ALL Gamefish from July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022

Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in coordination with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) has approved the collection of ALL Gamefish by licensed anglers from July 1, 2022, and ending 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2022, within the lake at Big Lake NWR. Licensed anglers will be allowed to collect fish with no limits. Big Lake NWR plans to start the drawdown of the lake around the end of June to the beginning of July. Fish unable to escape from the lake may be trapped. The no limit collection will allow the public to harvest these fish, utilizing the resource. This action will temporarily suspend enforcement of game fish limits in Big Lake to allow the public to harvest fish prior to complete drawdown. This temporary regulation only applies to the lake within Big Lake NWR and nowhere else. You must have a valid AGFC fishing license in order to collect fish.

For additional information concerning the Big Lake NWR please contact Steven Rimer at (870) 564-2429.

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