

Note to File: Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Fish Plan minor Amendment

The refuge will update the boating regulations in 50 CFR 32.32(b) that support the fishing program. There will be no changes to species or method of take. Updates are specific to time of year access. This note to file serves an amendment to the 1994 Sport fishing plan for Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge. Specific CFR edits include changing access from March 15 to March and September 30 to October 15, expanding the fishing access by 30 days. Additional edits remove the limitation of flotation devices to support fishing and clarifies that gas powered boats are not allowed for fishing on A-41, Bluegill, Visitors, Honkers and Managers ponds. A summary of direct changes is below. This amendment is compatible with the purposes for which the refuge was established and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. This amendment does not trigger a minor amendment to the Comprehensive Conservation Plan as it future actualizes the fishing objective in the comprehensive conservation plan.

(ii) On Crab Orchard Lake east of Wolf Creek Road:

(A) *Anglers may fish from boats March 1 through October 15. (New)*

(iii) On A-41 and Bluegill Ponds:

(A) *Anglers may fish only from legal sunrise to legal sunset from March 1 through October 15. (New)*

(B) *We prohibit anglers from using of gas powered boats. (New)*

(iv) On Visitors, Honkers and Managers Ponds:

(A) *Anglers may fish, all year from legal sunrise to legal sunset. (New)*

(B) *We prohibit anglers from using of gas powered boats. (New)*

Signatures

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Fishing Plan Amended Map

