

**15A NCAC 10C .0409 TAKING AND POSSESSION OF NONGAME FISHES**

- (a) Individuals shall only take up to the daily creel limit of those species of nongame fish having a specified creel limit.
- (b) Individuals shall only possess, on those waters being fished:
  - (1) the specified daily creel limit for the species;
  - (2) fish conforming to the size limit of the species; and
  - (3) the daily creel limit while fishing or afield.
- (c) Individuals shall only possess up to three days creel limit at any place.
- (d) No person, while fishing or afield, shall:
  - (1) remove the head or tail or otherwise change the appearance of any nongame fish specified in Section .0400 of this Subchapter as having a size limit, so as to render it impractical to measure its total original length, except as provided in 15A NCAC 10C .0410.
  - (2) change the appearance of any nongame fish that has a species-specific daily creel limit in Section .0400 of this Subchapter, as to obscure its identification or render it impractical to count the number of fish in possession, except for American Eel as provided in 15A NCAC 10C .0410.

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