

**15A NCAC 10C .0416 BLUE CATFISH, CHANNEL CATFISH, AND FLATHEAD CATFISH**

- (a) There is no daily creel limit for blue, channel, and flathead catfish, except for waters identified in Paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of this Rule.
- (b) There is no minimum size limit.
- (c) There is no closed season.
- (d) In waters that are stocked and managed for catfish and located on game lands, on Commission-owned property, or on the property of a cooperator, including waters within the Community Fishing Program, no person shall take channel or blue catfish by means other than hook and line.
- (e) In waters that are stocked and managed for catfish and located on game lands, on Commission-owned property, or on the property of a cooperator, including waters within the Community Fishing Program, the daily creel limit for channel catfish is seven on waters posted with signs indicating the creel limit.
- (f) The daily creel limit for blue catfish greater than 32 inches is one fish in the following waters:
  - (1) Lake Norman;
  - (2) Mountain Island Lake;
  - (3) Lake Wylie;
  - (4) Badin Lake;
  - (5) Lake Tillery;
  - (6) John H. Kerr Reservoir (North Carolina portion);
  - (7) Dan River (Downstream of the Union Street Dam in Danville, VA);
  - (8) Lake Gaston (North Carolina portion); and
  - (9) Roanoke Rapids Reservoir.
- (g) The daily creel limit is five catfish in aggregate on the Pee Dee River downstream of Blewett Falls Dam to the South Carolina state line and all tributaries.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-292; 113-304; 113-305;  
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