



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT GORDON
307 CHAMBERLAIN AVENUE
FORT GORDON, GEORGIA 30905-5730

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11 May 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR Directorate of Emergency Services (Game Wardens)

SUBJECT: Butler Reservoir Fishing Regulations

1. Five bass per boat limit. Legal minimum length is 12 inches. Any Bass shorter than 12 inch minimum will be returned to Butler Reservoir. There will be no more than five bass in a boat at weigh in (no culling at the ramp). Limits on crappie will be 50 fish per individual. Fort Gordon (FG) rules state that there is a maximum of 50 fish per individual. If there are two people in a boat they may have 100 crappie or 95 crappie and 5 bass if there is a combination crappie and bass tournament
2. Bass over 2.5 pounds will be returned alive to Butler reservoir; 5 bass longer than 12'' and less than 2.5 pounds may be kept per boat by participants. Each fisherman may keep one-trophy bass (10 lbs. or over) and will be counted in the total 5 bass per boat. Any bass (alive or dead) that does not meet these requirements will be returned to Butler Reservoir.
3. All State and Fort Gordon fishing and safety regulations will be in effect. All fishermen must have a State Fishing license and a FG fishing permit or a guest pass. Guest passes may be available at registration or in advance at the Tactical Advantage Sportsman's Complex.
4. Live bait may be used.
5. There must be a minimum of seven fishermen in order to hold a tournament.
6. No gasoline motors will be allowed in the water. All gasoline motors must be raised to an upright position and a plastic bag will be used to cover the foot of the motor.
7. Aerated live wells are encouraged to help reduce stress on bass.
8. Tournaments will begin at "safe" light, approximately 30 minutes before sunrise and run no later than 30 minutes after sunset.
9. The tournament director will be required to inspect all boats for aquatic weeds and remove them prior to entering Butler reservoir.
10. All fishing tournaments will be coordinated through the Fort Gordon Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Natural Resources Branch 30 days prior to the scheduled event. Tournament director will be responsible for coordinating with Fort Gordon Game Wardens and DPW for access into Butler Reservoir.

The points of contact are Robert Drumm or Steve Camp of the Natural Resources Branch, 706-791-6374 or 706-791-6135

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cc. Directorate of MWFR (Outdoor Recreation)