

**15A NCAC 10C .0211 POSSESSION OF CERTAIN FISHES**

(a) It shall be unlawful to transport, purchase, possess, sell, or stock in the public or private waters of North Carolina any live individuals of:

- (1) African longfin eel (*Anguilla mossambica*);
- (2) amur sleeper (*Perccottus glenii*);
- (3) applesnail (any species of the genus *Pomacea*);
- (4) Asian swamp eel, swamp or rice eel (*Monopterus albus*);
- (5) Australian red claw crayfish or red claw (*Cherax quadricarinatus*, or other species in the genus *Cherax*);
- (6) bigclaw crayfish (*Faxonius placidus*);
- (7) bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*);
- (8) black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*);
- (9) brown hoplo (*Hoplosternum littorale*);
- (10) Chinese mysterysnail (*Cipangopaludina chinensis*);
- (11) Creole painted crayfish (*Faxonius palmeri creolanus*);
- (12) Crucian Carp (*Carassius carassius*);
- (13) European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*);
- (14) European minnow (*Phoxinus phoxinus*);
- (15) European perch (*Perca fluviatilis*);
- (16) Japanese mysterysnail (*Cipangopaludina japonica*);
- (17) marbled Crayfish or Marmorokrebs (*Procambarus virginalis* or *Procambarus fallax f. virginalis*);
- (18) olive mysterysnail (*Viviparus subpurpureus*);
- (19) Oriental weatherfish (*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*);
- (20) piranha (any species of the genera *Pristobrycon*, *Pygocentrus*, *Pygopristis*, or *Serrasalmus*);
- (21) Prussian Carp (*Carassius gibelio*);
- (22) quagga mussel (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*) or any mussel in the family *Dreissenidae*;
- (23) red shiner (*Cyprinella lutrensis*);
- (24) red-rim melania (*Melanoides tuberculatus* or *Melanoides tuberculata*);
- (25) redbtail catfish (*Phractocephalus hemioliopterus*);
- (26) round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*);
- (27) rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus* or *Scardinius erythrophthalmus*);
- (28) ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernuus* or *Gymnocephalus cernua*);
- (29) rusty crayfish (*Faxonius rusticus*);
- (30) shortfin eel (*Anguilla australis*);
- (31) silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*);
- (32) snakehead fish (from the Family *Channidae*, formerly *Ophiocephalidae*);
- (33) tubenose goby (*Proterorhinus marmoratus*, *Proterorhinus semilunaris*, and *Proterorhinus semipellucidus*);
- (34) virile crayfish (*Faxonius virilis*);
- (35) walking catfish (any member of the genus *Batrachus*);
- (36) white amur or grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), except for triploid individuals as permitted in Paragraph (b) of this Rule;
- (37) yellow bass (*Morone mississippiensis*); or
- (38) zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*).

(b) A person may buy, possess, or stock grass carp that have been certified to be triploid or sterile, only for the purpose of controlling aquatic vegetation under a permit issued by the Executive Director or his or her designee based on an evaluation of the potential for escapement and threat to sensitive aquatic habitats.

(c) It shall be unlawful to transport, possess, or release live river herring, also known as alewife or blueback herring, in the waters of the Little Tennessee River in and upstream of Lake Santeetlah and Cedar Cliff Lake, including all the tributaries and impoundments thereof, and on adjacent shorelines, docks, access ramps, and bridge crossings.

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