

15A NCAC 10C .0211 POSSESSION OF CERTAIN FISHES (EFFECTIVE UNTIL JULY 31, 2020)

(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) piranha;
- (2) "walking catfish" (*Clarias batrachus*);
- (3) snakehead fish (from the Family Channidae, formerly Ophiocephalidae);
- (4) black carp (*Mylopharyngodon piceus*);
- (5) bighead carp (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*);
- (6) silver carp (*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*);
- (7) rudd (*Scardinius erythrophthalmus*);
- (8) round goby (*Neogobius melanostomus*);
- (9) tubenose goby (*Proterorhinus marmoratus*);
- (10) ruffe (*Gymnocephalus cernuus*);
- (11) Japanese mysterysnail (*Cipangopaludina japonica*);
- (12) Chinese mysterysnail (*Cipangopaludina chinensis malleata*);
- (13) red-rim melania (*Melanoides tuberculatus*);
- (14) virile crayfish (*Orconectes Gremicambarus virilis*);
- (15) rusty crayfish (*Orconectes Procericambarus rusticus*);
- (16) Australian red claw crayfish or "red claw" (*Cherax quadricarinatus*, or other species of "giant" crayfish species in the genus *Cherax*);
- (17) white amur or "grass carp" (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*);
- (18) swamp or "rice" eel (*Monopterus albus*);
- (19) red shiner (*Cyprinella lutrensis*);
- (20) zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*); or
- (21) quagga mussel (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*) or any mussel in the family Dreissenidae.

(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.

History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-274(c)(1c); 113-292; Eff. February 1, 1976; Amended Eff. September 1, 1984; Temporary Amendment Eff. July 1, 2001; Amended Eff. July 18, 2002; Temporary Amendment Eff. September 1, 2002; Amended Eff. August 1, 2013; August 1, 2011; June 1, 2009, June 1, 2005; August 1, 2004; Readopted Eff. August 1, 2019.

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- (22) redbtail catfish (*Phractocephalus hemioliopterus*).

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