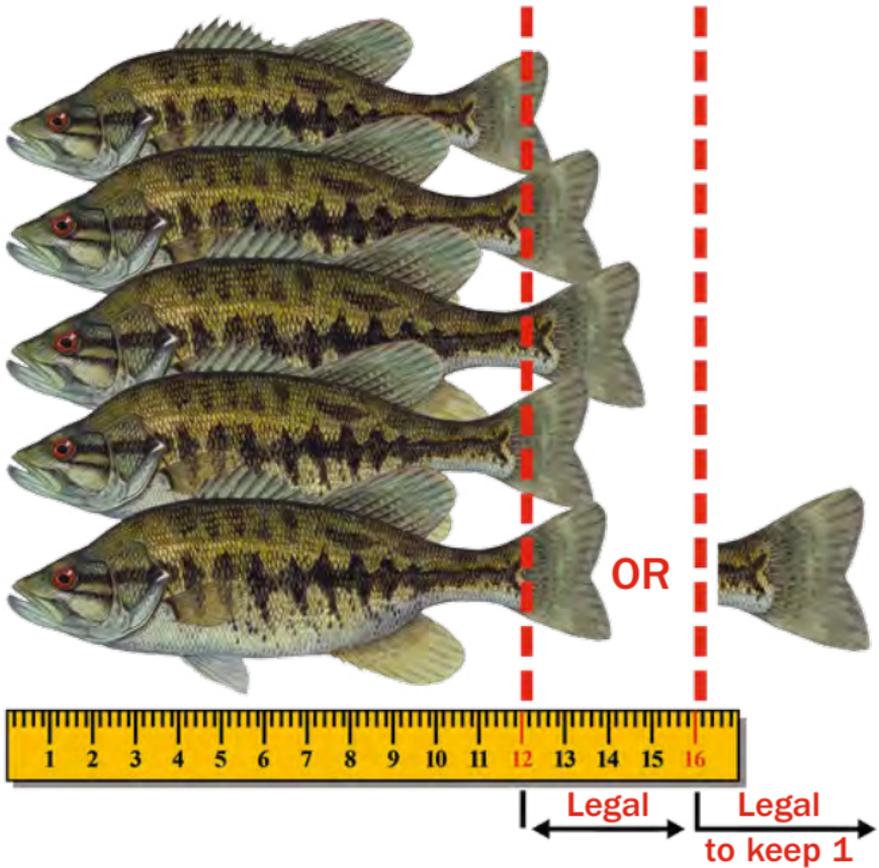


Statewide Black Bass Regulations

Effective July 1, 2016



- Daily bag limit is 5 black bass (including Largemouth, Suwannee, Spotted, Choctaw, and Shoal Bass, individually or in total).
- Only 1 black bass may be 16 inches or longer in total length.
- There is no minimum length limit for Largemouth Bass.
- No person shall kill or possess any Suwannee, Shoal, Spotted, or Choctaw Bass less than 12 inches in total length.



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Chipola River Shoal Bass Conservation Zone:

No person shall kill or possess any Shoal Bass between Peacock Bridge and Johnny Boy Landing.

Black Bass Identification

Largemouth Bass



- Jaw extends beyond back of the eye
- Notch in the dorsal fin
- Side of body with distinct wide lateral stripe

Shoal, Choctaw, Suwannee, and Spotted Bass



- Jaw does not extend beyond back of the eye
- No notch in the dorsal fin



Suwannee, Choctaw, and Spotted Bass have a tooth patch on the tongue. Largemouth and Shoal Bass do not.

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For additional information see

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