

**115-7-2. Fishing; general provisions.** (a) Except as authorized in this regulation, any person may operate or set two fishing lines and, in addition, one trotline, eight floatlines, or eight setlines.

(b) Each fishing line, trotline, and setline shall be checked at least once every 24 hours.

(c) Each trotline, setline, tip-up, floatline, and unattended fishing line shall have a tag or label securely attached, designating either the name and address of the operator or the operator's department-issued identification number. No trotline, floatline, or setline shall be set within 150 yards of any dam.

(d) Sport fish shall be deemed legally taken by hook and fishing line only when hooked within the mouth, except paddlefish, which may be snagged as authorized by K.A.R. 115-7-1. Other sport fish hooked elsewhere shall be returned unrestrained to the water immediately.

(e) Fish may be taken by legal methods through the ice, unless the area is closed to ice fishing by posted notice or otherwise prohibited by regulation. Ice holes used for ice fishing shall not exceed 12 inches in diameter or 144 square inches.

(f) For ice fishing, a tip-up may be used on each of the allowed eight setlines, unless otherwise posted.

(g) Bow and arrow fishing and crossbow and arrow fishing shall be permitted in all waters of the state except those waters posted as closed to such fishing and except all waters within 50 yards of an occupied boat dock or ramp, occupied swimming area, occupied picnic or camping area, or other occupied public use area.

(h) Speargun fishing shall be permitted on waters open to skin and scuba diving, unless prohibited by posted notice or regulation. By posted notice, certain water areas may be opened by the department for the taking of one or more species of sport fish by spearguns during a specified time period.

(i) Unless otherwise prohibited by regulation, in the flowing portions and backwaters of the Missouri river and in any oxbow lake through which the Kansas-Missouri boundary passes, any person may operate or set three fishing lines and, in addition, one trotline, eight floatlines, or eight setlines.

(j) Unless otherwise prohibited by regulation, in the waters of the state other than those waters specified in subsection (i), any person in possession of a three-pole permit may operate or set three fishing lines and, in addition, one trotline, eight floatlines, or eight setlines. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 32-807; effective Dec. 26, 1989; amended Sept. 27, 2002; amended Feb. 18, 2005; amended Dec. 1, 2008; amended February 20, 2015.)