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Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
5107 Edmondson Pike
Nashville, TN 37211
RE: Lake Halford Rules and Regulations

Good afternoon,

We wanted to take a moment to update you on activities and policies related to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) management of Lake Halford (formerly known as Carroll County Thousand Acre Lake). At the December Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission (TFWC) meeting, commissioners voted to proclaim Lake Halford as a State Fishing Area (Proclamation 22-12).

The Commission also adopted Rule 1620-01-35 to establish many of the past regulations from the Carroll County Watershed Authority into TWRA policy. The rule also defined rules and fees for docks and event registrations, set the hours of operation to 30 minutes prior to sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset, defined "No Wake Zones," prohibited alcohol consumption on the lake, and declared no hunting on the lake or shorelines. Dock permits for the lake will remain a one-time fee of \$5,000, consistent with former Carroll County Watershed Authority prices, but the annual fee previously being charged to homeowners will be eliminated.

Rule 1660-01-28 also set license requirements for the lake. As a TWRA managed lake, there will be a \$6 daily Lake Halford use permit, consistent with other TWRA lakes. A \$48 annual permit will also be available, and TWRA Lifetime License holders or Sportsman License holders will not need the additional permit as it is included in those license packages. Residents on the lake who engage in boating or fishing activities will need a use permit and appropriate licenses for fishing. Collected fees support management, stocking, and habitat improvements for the lake.

The following fishing regulations were also adopted in Proclamation 22-10 for Sportfishing:

- Jug fishing prohibited
- Creel and size limits:
 - Largemouth Bass: 10 fish per day, 18-inch maximum size limit. Only 2 fish longer than 18 inches may be harvested.
 - Bluegill/Redear: 10 fish per day, no length limit

- Crappie: no creel or length limit
- Blue/Channel Catfish: 5 per day, 16-inch minimum length limit.

Fishing regulations are published each year in the *Tennessee Fishing Guide* and are available online at tnwildlife.org. A redline version of the new Lake Halford regulations are attached to this letter for additional information, and video of the TFWC meeting where these rules were discussed is available on the TWRA YouTube channel. These rules will go into effect after final review by the state Attorney General is complete.

In addition to these policies, TWRA has hired 3 new staff members to manage the lake, including the Lake Manager, Jacob Headrick and 2 additional technicians. The agency is already making improvements at the lake as part of the Bill Dance Fishing Trail implementation. TWRA staff recently partnered with B.A.S.S Nation to build and install new fish attractors in the lake. Other improvements above and below water are expected as the lake undergoes additional review as part of the Bill Dance Signature Lakes program.

TWRA is committed to the conservation, protection, and management of the state's wildlife and fisheries populations for the benefit of Tennesseans. The agency also strives to foster the safe use of the state's waterways through a program of law enforcement, education, and access. For more information about TWRA visit tnwildlife.org or visit GoOutdoorsTennessee.com to purchase hunting or fishing licenses, renew boating registration, or apply for quota hunt programs.

Sincerely,

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