

# Sport Fishing Regulations

(including crabbing, clamming, oystering and shrimping)

## Special Conditions

Fishing is permitted in accordance with State regulations in the open waters of the Indian River, Banana River, Mosquito Lagoon, and Mosquito Control impoundments and interior lakes except for the Kennedy Space Center security areas, subject to the following special conditions:

- Daytime sport fishing is permitted in all areas of the refuge outside the Kennedy Space Center Security Area.
- Night sport fishing is permitted from boats in the open waters of the Indian River, Banana River and Mosquito Lagoon with a Refuge Night Fishing Permit. The self-issuing permit (attached below) must be filled out and carried by each person fishing on the refuge between sunset and sunrise. Bank fishing is **not** permitted at night.
- Nighttime launching of boats is permitted only at Beacon 42 Fish Camp and Bairs Cove.
- Air thrust boats, hovercraft and personal watercraft are prohibited. No boats may be launched from Black Point Wildlife Drive.
- Public access off SR 3 (Kennedy Parkway) is limited to designated and/or posted access routes and launch areas.
- Fishing in close proximity to manatees is prohibited. Fishing lines must be attended at all times. Discarding of tangled line onto refuge land or waters is prohibited.
- Boat speeds are restricted to "Idle Speed" in Bairs Cove and KARS Marina and "Slow Speed-Minimum Wake" in Haulover Canal. Other refuge waters are also frequented by manatees. Please use caution and watch for manatees in your path.
- **Manatee Refuge** - The portion of the Banana River delineated on the reverse side is closed to all motorized boats. This includes any boat having an attached motor (or non-attached and capable of use) including all outboard, inboard and electric trolling motors. Non-motorized boats such as canoes, rowboats and sailboats are not harmful to manatees and may enter the no motor zone.
- Commercial fishermen and sports fishermen using commercial fishing gear are required to obtain an annual Special Use Permit. The permit is available at the refuge headquarters subject to an annual fee.
- Camping, overnight parking, firearms and open fires are not permitted on the refuge. Pets must remain on a leash or in your vehicle at all times.
- Additional information may be obtained by contacting Refuge Headquarters on SR 402, four miles east of Titusville between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; telephone (321) 861-0667.



### Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Night Fishing Permit

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Print

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand Merritt Island N. W. R.'s fishing regulations.

Signature (This permit valid only when signed.)



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