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Exceptions to Game and Fish Laws

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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Private Acts of 1953 Chapter 156

SECTION 1. That the general game and fish and hunting and fishing laws, rules, regulations and proclamations applicable to the other counties of the State of Tennessee shall apply to Smith County, except that it shall be lawful at all times and seasons in Smith County: (1) to chase, kill or capture by dog, gun, trap or otherwise any kind of wild fox; (2) to take up to ten nongame or rough fish, such as carp, suckers, red horse, etc., by gig or snare during the months of April and May provided, the taking of more than ten fish at any one time shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine from \$1.00 to \$10.00; (3) to kill squirrels during such season or seasons as may be established from time to time by the State Game and Fish Commission; (4) to catch fish by means of a wooden basket in any of the streams or lakes in Smith County; (5) to catch fish by means of grabbing in the Smith Fork Creek from the DeKalb County line to the Cowan-Williams bridge and the Gordonsville Lancaster Road.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 411,
Private Acts of 1967-68, Chapter 420,
Private Acts of 1972, Chapter 292.

SECTION 2. It is lawful to catch and possess minnows in Smith County or to sell same, in accordance with the provisions of the general law of the state.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1972, Chapter 291.

SECTION 3. That violation of this Act shall be a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00).

SECTION 4. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.
Passed: March 6, 1953.

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