

## 4VAC15-350-60. Trotlines, juglines, limblines, or set poles.

### Summary:

The recommendation is to remove snapping turtles as a species for which it is legal to catch using trotlines, juglines, limblines, or set poles.

Section D was added to reflect joint regulations for South Holston Reservoir.

### Recommended Language of Amendment:

A. Generally. Except as otherwise provided by local legislation and by subsections B and C of this section, and except on waters stocked with trout and within 600 feet of any dam, it shall be lawful to use trotlines, juglines (single hook, including one treble hook, and line attached to a float), limblines, or set poles for the purpose of taking nongame fish (daily creel (possession) and length limits for nongame fish are found in 4VAC15-320-25) ~~and snapping turtles (limits for snapping turtles are found in 4VAC15-360-10)~~, provided that no live bait is used.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, live bait other than game fish may be used on trotlines to take catfish in the Clinch River in the Counties of Russell, Scott, and Wise. Any person setting or in possession of a trotline, jugline, limblime, or set pole shall have it clearly marked by permanent means with his name, address, and telephone number, and is required to check all lines at least once each day, remove all fish and animals caught, and completely remove all lines from the water, shoreline, and tree limbs when not in use. This requirement shall not apply to landowners on private ponds, nor to a bona fide tenant or lessee on private ponds within the bounds of land rented or leased, nor to anyone transporting any such device from its place of purchase.

B. Quantico Marine Reservation. It shall be unlawful to fish with trotlines in any waters within the confines of Quantico Marine Reservation.

C. Additional jugline requirements. Jugline sets (except as exempt under subsection A of this section) shall be restricted to 20 per angler and must be attended (within sight) by anglers at all times. Also, in addition to being labeled with the angler's name, address, and telephone number, jugs shall also be labeled with a reflective marker that encircles the jugs to allow for visibility at night.

D. South Holston Reservoir. On South Holston Reservoir, the number of jugline sets shall be restricted to 50 per angler and the number of limblime sets shall be restricted to 15 per angler. Additionally, trotline sets on South Holston Reservoir shall be restricted to 100 hooks per angler. All other requirements outline in subsection A of this section shall apply.

### Rationale:

**Remove snapping turtles:** By removing snapping turtles from the list of species allowed to be taken by the various forms of hook and line depicted in this regulation, the Department is striving to minimize the capture of non-target turtles, many of which are designated as Species of Greatest Conservation Need in Virginia's 2025 Wildlife Action Plan.

***Section D:*** Where possible, DWR seeks consistency in regulation with other states on shared waters. Historically, this regulation was published in the regulation guide but not formally in regulation. This addition will formalize the requirement and ensure consistency with Tennessee.