COMMITTEE REPORT

February 3, 2010

**S. 914**

Introduced by Senator Land

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Read the first time January 12, 2010.

**THE COMMITTEE ON FISH, GAME AND FORESTRY**

To whom was referred a Bill (S. 914) to amend the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 50‑13‑120, to set the size limits at fourteen inches total length and the catch, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass with amendment:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

/ SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Title 50 of the 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50‑13‑120. (A) As used in this section:

(1) ‘Lake Marion’ means all waters of the Santee River and its tributaries impounded by the Lake Marion Dam, including the flooded backwater areas in Calhoun and Sumter Counties.

(2) ‘Lake Moultrie’ means all waters impounded by the Pinopolis Dam and the Saint Stephen Dam, including the diversion canal and those waters of the re‑diversion canal upstream of the Saint Stephen Dam.

(3) ‘Upper reach of the Santee River’ means all waters of the Santee River from the backwaters of Lake Marion at the railroad trestle bridge near Rimini upstream to the confluence of the Congaree and Wateree Rivers.

(B) It is unlawful to possess any black bass (largemouth) in Lakes Marion or Moultrie or the upper Santee River less than fourteen inches in total length. It is unlawful to land black bass without the head and tail fin intact.

(C) The lawful catch limit for black bass (largemouth) or a combination of them in Lakes Marion or Moultrie or the upper Santee River is five per day.”

SECTION 2. Section 50-13-385 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 50-13-385. It is unlawful to take or possess largemouth bass less than twelve inches in length in ~~Lake Marion, Lake Moultrie, and~~ Lake Wylie. A person violating the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars or imprisoned for a term not to exceed thirty days.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

RONNIE W. CROMER for Committee.

**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 50‑13‑120, TO SET THE SIZE LIMITS AT FOURTEEN INCHES TOTAL LENGTH AND THE CATCH LIMIT AT FIVE PER DAY FOR BLACK BASS IN LAKES MARION AND MOULTRIE AND THE UPPER SANTEE RIVER.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. The 1976 Code is amended by adding:

“Section 50‑13‑120. (A) It is unlawful to possess any black bass (large mouth, small mouth, coosae) in Lakes Marion or Moultrie or the upper Santee River less than fourteen inches in total length. It is unlawful to land black bass without the head and tail fin intact.

(B) The lawful catch limit for black bass (large mouth, small mouth, coosae) or a combination of them in Lakes Marion or Moultrie or the upper Santee River is five per day.”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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