

CHANGES IN THE LAW 2021-2022

What's New - Hunting

ACT 75 (H.3694)

BEAR HUNTING OVER BAIT IN GAME ZONE 4

- It is now lawful to take a bear with the aid or use of unprocessed bait, including over an area with unprocessed bait, on private land in Game Zone 4.
- “Unprocessed bait” means any natural food item harvested from a plant crop that is not modified from its raw components and includes unmodified grains, fruits, nuts, and vegetables.

Effective 5/17/21

What's New - Freshwater Fishing

ACT 16 (H.3548)

NONGAME FISHING DEVICES — REPEAL OF PROHIBITION ON POSSESSING GAME DEVICES

- This Act repeals the prohibition on possessing game fishing devices while possessing or using nongame devices.
- It is still unlawful to possess game fish, other than live bream where permitted as live bait, while using or possessing nongame devices.

Effective 7/1/21

ACT 40 (S.36)

BLUE CATFISH SIZE AND CATCH LIMITS

- It is unlawful to take more than 25 blue catfish per day in all state waterways.
- It is now unlawful to possess more than 2 blue catfish greater than 32 inches in any 1 day in all state waterways.

Effective 6/17/21

ACT 57 (S.545)

NONGAME FISHING DEVICES — SANTEE RIVER, CONGAREE RIVER, WATEREE RIVER

- This Act allows for the use of set hooks within a certain portion of the Santee River (from 33°27'15", 80°08'30", seaward to the saltwater-freshwater dividing line) where it was previously unlawful.
- The Act also prohibits the use of hoop nets on the Congaree River, and allows for the use of up to 10 hoop nets on the Wateree River with a commercial license.

Effective 5/17/21

What's New - Saltwater Fishing

ACT 91 (H.3957)

FLOUNDER SIZE AND CATCH LIMITS

- The new catch limits for flounder are 5 per person per day, not to exceed more than 10 per boat per day.
- The minimum size has increased from 15 inches to 16 inches. Recreational saltwater license fees have also been increased.

Effective 7/1/21



Detailed regulations
are available in
the 2021-2022
Regulations Guide.

