

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR SNAKEHEAD

The department would like to remove the specific methods for killing a snakehead.

Currently, regulation requires that an individual kill a snakehead in one of the following methods upon capture: 1) remove the head; 2) gut the body; 3) remove the gill arches from both sides of the fish; or 4) fillet the fish.

The department has determined that there are other effective methods that can be used to kill a snakehead. The department is considering removing these specific methods and simply requiring an individual to kill the snakehead upon capture. This would simplify the requirement for both enforcement and anglers.