

NEW BASS REGULATIONS GO INTO EFFECT AS OF JULY 1, 2016

STW has taken the guesswork out of the update and have outlined the changes below:

	Current	NEW
# Fish Limit	5-7	5
Minimum Size to keep	14 inches	no minimum size
Geographic areas regulations	4 regional areas with different regulations	0, statewide regulations
Large fish	1 fish, 22 inches or larger	1 fish, 16 inches or larger
Tournament Permit Requirement for weigh-ins	22 inches needs permit	16 inches need permit

So, what does all of this really mean for you? Well of the 5 fish you can keep a day, four must be smaller than 16 inches in length. There are no size minimums so you can keep any four you catch, your choice. There are no more regional regulations, for the most part (a few exceptions but none of which are within the Harris Chain). Regulations are now statewide making it easier for you the angler to know the rules, and follow them! All tournaments weighting in fish greater than 16 inches must have a permit in advance issued by FWC. Don't worry, all of STW's tournaments have always been and will always be permitted, regardless.

The reason for the change in regulation is simple really. Many of us had the opportunity to catch a 'trophy' bass in our lifetime, hopefully many times. We want our kids and grandkids to have the same experience. By lowering the size limit to 16 inches, that gives more bass the chance to thrive and grow into a trophy fish giving the next generation the opportunity to get that trophy catch. And if they do, and they release it, trophycatch.org will reward them. Check out trophycatch.org for information on how to participate.

At STW, we participate in catch and release bass fishing. Regardless of if you keep yours or release yours, we can get you on the track to catching many trophy fish. Come by the shop today to learn more and to purchase the latest in gear and tackle. We are passionate anglers who love to share our knowledge, experience, and knowhow with our customers.