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Recreational Fishing Legislation

In general, amateur fishing in our country is carried out in accordance with the provisions of P.D. 373/85 (A'131) "on amateur and sport fishing", as amended by P.D. 86/98 (A'78) "on shellfish fishing" and the provisions of the Regulation of the European Union 1967/2006 "related management measures for the sustainable exploitation of fishery resources in the Mediterranean"

→ Amateur fishing in inland waters (lakes, rivers, lagoons and other water formations of fresh and brackish water), is allowed without floating means, from land, with hooked tools, such as rod, butterfly, line, etc. except long lines.

→ Amateur fishing is not allowed in the areas of fishing facilities in the organized holdings of inland waters, as defined in the decisions of the administrative body that exercises the responsibilities of fisheries management of inland waters (P.D.99/03).

Each amateur fisherman is allowed to catch a total of up to two (2) kilograms of catch or up to three (3) fish per 24 hours regardless of weight (P.D.373/85).

Amateur fishing is carried out in accordance with the regulatory provisions that apply at any time to professional fishing (P.D. 373/85).

MINIMUM SIZES OF CATCHES IN LAKES AND RIVERS

It is absolutely forbidden to fish, trade and sell the following species, as long as they are shorter than those listed:

α. **trout 22 cm** (B.Δ.142/71)



γ. **carp 30 cm** »



δ. All Chub species -15 cm

ε. Tench 15 cm »



στ. Bream 15 cm »

ζ. Perch 18 cm (Π.Δ.658/81)



β. whitefish 20 cm »

στ. Barbel 20cm

Fish are measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail.
(B.D.142/71)

OTHER PROHIBITIONS

Fishing for aquatic animals is prohibited in all lakes and rivers

- a) Trout fishing is prohibited from November 1 of each year until February 15 of the following in all lakes and rivers.
- b) whitefish in the months of December and January of each year.

With prefectural decisions, special or additional restrictive fishing measures may be imposed for a period of up to one year, if there is a risk of reduction or destruction of fish stocks or a risk of a general disturbance of the balance of the water system (Article 10 of Legislative Decree 420/70 as replaced and in force by L.1740/87 and L.2040/92).

In order to protect the works in the artificial lakes, other restrictions may be imposed on fishing by decision of the concerned Prefect (B.D.142/71). In any case, the consent of the management body is required.