



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 633D AIR BASE WING
JOINT BASE LANGLEY-EUSTIS VA



MEMORANDUM FOR 633 CES/CC
633 FSS/CC

FROM: 633 MSG/CC

SUBJECT: Fishing Instruction for JBLE-Langley

1. Fishing is on a non-interference basis with base/mission activities. Fishing in restricted areas is prohibited at all times. Fishing and boating at JBLE-Langley or Big Bethel Reservoir is done at the participants own risk. Accessing areas that are temporarily off limits due to construction or other mission related activities, is strictly prohibited.
2. Persons authorized to fish on JBLE-Langley are active duty, retired, reserve military, Department of Defense civilian employees, and sponsored dependents. All participants must have a Virginia Fishing License. Persons fishing only in Big Bethel Reservoir can purchase a freshwater fishing license while those fishing on any portion of the main installation must have a saltwater fishing license per Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) Requirements.
3. Fish take limits at Big Bethel Reservoir are as follows:
 - Bass: Daily Limit of 2 per person, Minimum Length of 17 inches
 - Sunfish, Perch and Crappie: Daily Limit of 10 of each per person, Minimum Length of 5 inches
 - Catfish: Daily Limit of 15 per person, Minimum Length of 12 inches
 - Pickrel and Grass Carp: No daily or size limit
4. Catch/harvest limits set forth by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC) apply on JBLE-Langley unless otherwise explicitly stated. All Virginia Game and boating laws will be observed in the Back River. It is currently illegal to possess American Shad, Blueback Herring, Alewife or Atlantic Sturgeon.
5. Launch point access around Big Bethel Reservoir is regulated by 633 Force Support Squadron Outdoor Recreation. Launch Points around Big Bethel can be utilized only when the "Open for Fishing" sign is visible. Boat operators should share a boat operating plan prior to accessing waterways at Big Bethel Reservoir or JBLE-Langley.

6. Bow fishing for carp is permitted at Big Bethel Reservoir whenever the Launch Points are open.

7. Use of trotlines, juglines, or limblines is prohibited. Commercial crab pots cannot be placed within 200 feet of the JBLE-Langley shoreline. Crabs may be taken using a dip net, hand line, or two crab pots from the shoreline.

8. In accordance with (IAW) *AFI 32-7064*, section 7.3.1 conservation law enforcement agents of USFWS, VDGIF, and VMRC are also duly authorized to access JBLE-Langley properties to enforce game, fish, and boating laws.

9. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Alicia M. Garcia, 633 CES/CEIE Natural Resources Program Manager, at alicia.garcia.4@us.af.mil or (757) 764-1090.

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JBLE-Langley Accessible Fishing Areas

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