

**Emergency Rule**  
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DIGEST

Temporarily amends [312 IAC 9](#), governing the taking and possession of paddlefish and prohibiting the taking of fish by snagging, to modify the definition of rough fish, provide a standard for the measurement of paddlefish, prohibit the taking of paddlefish from public waters under a regular sport fishing license, and provide a season and size limit for the commercial fishing of paddlefish on the Ohio River. Effective September 13, 2007.

SECTION 1. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-6-1\(63\)](#).

(b) "Rough fish" means a species of fish that is not any of the following:

- (1) A sport fish as defined in [312 IAC 9-6-1](#).
- (2) An endangered species listed in [312 IAC 9-6-9](#).
- (3) A species prohibited from being taken under this document.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding [312 IAC 9-6-2\(a\)](#), the measurement of a paddlefish must be taken in a straight line from the eye to the fork of the tail fin.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding [312 IAC 9-7-16\(c\)](#), a person must not take a rough fish by snagging.

SECTION 4. (a) This SECTION supersedes [312 IAC 9-7-19](#).

(b) A person may not take or possess paddlefish from any public water.

SECTION 5. (a) This SECTION is supplemental to the provisions in [312 IAC 9-8-6](#) governing commercial fishing on the Ohio River.

(b) A person must not take a paddlefish from April 16 through November 14. Paddlefish taken from November 15 through April 15 must be at least thirty-four (34) inches in eye to fork length. The cutting or mutilation of live paddlefish to check for eggs is prohibited except that a 10-gauge needle may be inserted into the abdomen between the pectoral and pelvic fins to determine the presence of eggs.

(c) Gill and trammel nets may not be used from April 16 through November 14.

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