

Lower Colorado River Authority

Program for Bowfishing on the Highland Lakes

The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) authorizes **bowfishing on lakes BUCHANAN, INKS, LBJ, MARBLE FALLS, and TRAVIS** between the hours of **7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. only from July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012**. Any person bowfishing pursuant to this authority must have the appropriate **fishing license**, use **legal bowfishing equipment**, take only **fish listed as legal for bowfishing in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Outdoor Annual Handbook**, and **comply with the additional requirements** set out below.

Requirements:

1. The arrow used must be constructed of a solid shaft and equipped with a heavy fishing point. Arrows designed for flight through the air are not permitted.
2. There must be attached to the arrow a line or cord having a test strength greater than or equal to a 50-pound test line.
3. The bow used to propel the arrow must be one that is hand-pulled and hand-released. Crossbows and draw-locking mechanisms are prohibited. All other equipment and activities must comply with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Outdoor Annual Handbook. Individuals with disabilities should contact LCRA Conservation Services for additional information.
4. The taking or attempting to take fish by the use of a bow and arrow may be done only during the hours **between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.**
5. The fish taken or attempted to be taken must be listed under the **Lawful Archery Equipment section** in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Outdoor Annual Handbook.
6. The taking or attempting to take fish by the use of a bow and arrow may not be performed within 75 feet of the outside limits of any marked and designated swimming area or within 50 feet of any boat dock, pier, **restricted or residential areas**.
7. On **Lake LBJ**, bowfishing is prohibited within 100 feet of the intake and outlet canals related to the **Ferguson Power Plant**.
8. All bowfishing must take place from a boat. Bowfishing is not allowed from the bank, any boat dock, or while wading.

9. **Boaters should be courteous to lake front property owners** with respect to noise (airboats, generators, and proximity to residential areas) and light setups (angles, number of lights, and proximity to residential areas).
10. All fish taken should be removed from the lake and disposed of in a responsible manner.
11. **ALL BOATERS ACTIVELY BOWFISHING MUST HAVE IN THEIR POSSESSION A COPY OF THESE REQUIREMENTS. A COPY OF THESE REQUIREMENTS CAN BE OBTAINED ONLINE AT http://www.lcra.org/library/media/public/docs/parks/bowfishing_regulations.pdf**
12. **ANY VIOLATION OF THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE CONSIDERED A VIOLATION OF THE LCRA LAND AND WATER USE REGULATIONS.**

This authorization for bowfishing on the Highland Lakes does not in any way affect the prohibitions against hunting with, possessing, or shooting a weapon on LCRA land, as contained in Texas Parks and Wildlife Code §62.081 or the LCRA Land and Water Use Regulations.

The bowfishing program will be reviewed annually; however, LCRA reserves the right to discontinue the bowfishing program at any time prior to the July 1, 2012, review.