

**SB38 INTRODUCED**



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may adopt rules deemed to be in the best interest of the conservation, protection, and propagation of fish.

This bill would prohibit the commissioner from taking administrative action that would prohibit the possession of a fish of a certain length in a fishing tournament on the Coosa River unless evidence has been provided that restocking attempts have been made and have failed in the subject area.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to fishing; to prohibit the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources from taking administrative action that would prohibit the possession of a fish of a certain length in a tournament under certain circumstances for the Coosa River.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) This section shall only apply to the Coosa River, including any reservoir thereon.



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29           (b) Notwithstanding Sections 9-2-7, 9-2-8, and 9-2-12,  
30 Code of Alabama 1975, or any other law to the contrary, the  
31 Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may not  
32 take any administrative action, including adoption of a rule,  
33 that would prohibit the possession of a fish that measures a  
34 certain length in a fishing tournament unless demonstrable  
35 evidence has been provided that restocking attempts have been  
36 made and have failed in the subject area.

37           Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
38 1, 2025.