Internal regulations - Federal lake of “L’Ailette”,
Lake end « La Bièvre » et Lake end « L’Ailette »

Presentation

Lac de l'Ailette is a reservoir created artificially, located in the municipalities of Chamouille and Neuville-sur-Ailette. It is managed by the Federation of Aisne for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment (FAPPMA 02).

• **The lake end called “La Bièvre”**: Its surface nears 9 ha but only 5 ha are truly accessible to anglers due to the aquatic vegetation (shallow wetland). The average depth does not exceed 2.5 m.
• **The lake end called “L’Ailette”**: Its surface nears 25 ha but only 12 ha are really practicable for anglers due to the shallow depth and the aquatic vegetation. The maximum depth is about 2 m.

The two lake ends are classified as “2nd category” for fishing and are populated mainly by pike, perch, carp, tench, roach and various other species of white fish.

Anyone present on this lake is required to know
the internal regulations and users are obliged to comply with them,
to accept it in its whole and to refrain from any complaint.

Article 1: General fishing conditions

- With the exception of the articles below, the practice of fishing follows the general regulations for fishing in 2nd category waters.
- Only members of an Approved Association for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment (AAPPMA) of the Aisne department, as well as anglers owning a reciprocal fishing card, are allowed to fish.

Article 2: Authorized types of fishing and opening periods

- The legal opening periods are identical to those of 2nd category waters (refer to the annual prefectural decree).
- Fishing is prohibited anytime sooner than ½ hour before sunrise or later than ½ hour after sunset (refer to the legal hours of sunrise/sunset).
- All legal fishing techniques are allowed.

Article 3: Règles générales

- A maximum of 4 rods per angler is allowed, among which a maximum of two (2) rods can be used for predator fishing.
- The maximum width of a fishing spot is 4 meters.
- No fishing spots can be allocated or reserved.
- The rods must be permanently under the supervision of the angler and at a maximum distance of 20 meters from them.
- **Rods must be stretched perpendicular to the shore**, at the location of the fishing station, and must not exceed an angle of 30 degrees nor be stretched at a distance greater than half of the lake width in order to satisfy all site users.
- **Baiting amounts must be reasonable.**
- All craft and boats are prohibited, with the exception of bait boats.

**Article 4 : Règles pour la pêche de la Carpe**
- Carp fishing at night is only authorized on the lake end “L’Ailette” (On the side of the Neuville-sur-Ailette city).
- At night, only fishing with vegetable baits or recomposed flour is allowed, animal baits and lures are prohibited. (Imitations of vegetable baits such as plastic corn are prohibited in accordance with the environmental code).
- Single hooks are compulsory. It is preferable to crush the barbs.
- **Backleads are recommended** on all lines so as not to disturb other users.
- **The use of benchmarks is mandatory.**
- **At night, the immediate release of fish of any species is mandatory**, without marking or mutilation. It is mandatory to install a light system to signal someone’s presence.
- The use of a storage bag is prohibited **at all times**.
- A landing mat and a large landing net are mandatory to extract the fish from the water.
- Only green/camouflage biwies or similar equipment are authorized, **camping is prohibited.**
- **The use of tigernuts should be limited. In general, the use of raw seeds is to be avoided.**
- **The use of a boilie gun is prohibited.**

**Article 5: Rules for predator fishing**
- All legal predator fishing techniques are authorized.
- **A maximum of two rods per angler** is allowed.
- A maximum number of two predator fish per day and per angler can be kept (pike and/or pike-perch and/or black-bass), of which only one can be a pike.
- The minimum catch size for Pike-perch is 50 cm.
- **Pike fishing is subject to an angling slot of 50 to 70 cm.** Any pike shorter than 50 cm or longer than 70 cm must be released immediately after being caught.

Only specimens measuring between 50 and 70 cm can be kept.
**Article 6: Miscellaneous**
- Camping and caravanning are prohibited.
- Campfires on the ground are prohibited: **the use of a barbecue is compulsory.**
- The degradation of shores and vegetation is also prohibited.
- Bathing, littering, as well as washing and/or draining vehicles are prohibited.
- The use of drones is strictly prohibited.
- Fishing in a state of obvious intoxication is prohibited and will be the subject of a report by the gendarmerie.
- Vehicles may travel on authorized paths only, and must be parked in the spots provided for this purpose. Vehicles must drive slowly on the roads.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash (animals must not roam freely).
- **Human and animal waste must not be left on site; they must be buried far from fishing stations or anglers are required use a chemical toilet.** The cleanliness of the site and the respect of our maintenance agents are at stake.

**Article 7: Obligations**
- Fishermen must comply with any demand from the Federation's control officers.
- **Degrading** the site or failing to respect of the environment will be the subject of an **exclusion from all the federal lake of the Aisne department** without condition from the angler, and will lead to civil and/or criminal proceedings.
- **The Federation of Aisne for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment shall have no liability for any criminal acts that would be committed by users of the lake or any accident in which they would be the perpetrators or victims, as well as any civil, criminal and/or administrative consequences.**
- It is specified that the Federation of Aisne for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment has no security obligation, subject to its duty to inform (distribution of the present regulations and posting on its website). Its responsibility cannot be engaged in the event of damage resulting from frequentation of the body of water.
- The Federation of Aisne for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment reserves the right to **temporarily suspend any fishing activity on the lakes it manages**, and, if necessary, will inform users by information boards, via its website ([www.peche02.fr](http://www.peche02.fr)) or its facebook page ([www.facebook.com/peche02](http://www.facebook.com/peche02)).

**Article 8: Controls and penalties**
- **Fishing card must be carried at all time and ready to be shown during controls.**
- Controls are likely to be carried out either by sworn private fishing wardens on federal lakes, or by sworn fisheries development officers, rural wardens, the French Office for Biodiversity, the gendarmerie or any other service holding the powers to control.
- Failure to comply with the prefectural decree or the environmental code will result in the establishment of a **report** by the control agent.
- Failure to comply with these rules may lead to a ban on access to all the federal lakes of the Aisne department for a maximum of two calendar years in addition to the possible penalty.
Article 9: Modifications to these regulations
These regulations have been validated by the Board of Directors of the Federation of Aisne for Fishing and Protecting the Aquatic Environment on the 24th September 2011 for an indefinite period.
A modification of these rules of procedure took place and was validated by vote during the Federal Board of Directors on the 4th December 2020.

Any suggestion to improve the management of our lakes will be studied with the greatest attention.

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