

House Bill 1173

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 27-4-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 fishing with bow and arrow, so as to authorize taking channel catfish and flathead catfish by
3 bow and arrow state wide; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
4 other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 27-4-34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to fishing with
8 bow and arrow, is amended by revising subsection (d) as follows:

9 "(d) It shall be unlawful to take ~~channel catfish and flathead~~ any catfish species anywhere
10 ~~in the Savannah River, including its tributaries and impoundments within the Savannah~~
11 ~~River Basin, from the waters of the state~~ by means of bow and arrow, except under the
12 following conditions:

13 (1) Each person using a bow and arrow shall have on his or her person a valid state
14 resident or nonresident fishing license;

15 (2) All arrows used pursuant to this subsection must be equipped with barbs or contain
16 devices on the point to act as a harpoon for recovering fish and must be attached to the

17 person or bow by a rope, line, or cord sufficient for recovering the arrow and channel
18 catfish or flathead catfish;

19 (3) Arrows with poisonous or exploding heads are illegal;

20 (4) It shall be unlawful to discharge arrows into waters nearer than 150 feet to anyone
21 engaged in any other means of recreation; and

22 (5) The taking of ~~channel catfish and flathead~~ any catfish species in the Savannah River,
23 ~~including its tributaries and impoundments within the Savannah River Basin,~~ from the
24 waters of the state by bow and arrow shall be legal at any time of the day and at night by
25 the use of a light."

26 **SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.