

Payout Increases For Invasive Carp Removal



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Invasive carp threaten Kentucky's native fish by outcompeting them for food and habitat. Silver carp also create safety hazards on the water for boaters. When startled, they leap from the surface and can collide with boaters, causing injuries and personal damage.

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State wildlife officials have increased financial incentives for commercial fishers to help tackle one of Kentucky's aquatic problems: invasive carp.

According to a press release from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, commercial fishing incentives for harvesting invasive carp from Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake has increased from \$.10 per pound to \$.15 per pound.

The increase in payout is designed to accelerate the removal of black carp, bighead carp, grass carp, and silver carp, all of which threaten native fish and aquatic habitats.

Since 2013, more than 74 million pounds of invasive carp have been taken from Kentucky waters through the state's Invasive Carp Harvest Program, including over 15 million pounds in 2024 alone. Recent data show signs of population decline.

Joshua Tompkins, coordinator for the

Aquatic Invasive Species Program, stated in the press release, "We have several lines of evidence suggesting our management strategy is reducing invasive carp populations in both lakes. To keep that trend going, we're adapting our efforts to maintain harvest at effective levels. Our success is due to the hard work of our commercial fishers and strong federal support."

Nevertheless, consistent harvesting of invasive carp must continue to keep to population down.

In Kentucky, commercial fishers are licensed individuals or businesses that catch certain "rough" fish for sale, including Asian carp, catfish and buffalo, as well as paddlefish roe. They primarily work on Kentucky Lake and Lake Barkley and typically use nets and other specialized gear. Because they are harvesting fish for profit, they must obtain specific permits from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources. This differs

from recreational fishing because it is done on a larger scale and is intended for commercial sale rather than personal use.

Therefore, increasing the per-pound incentive is intended to keep the commercial fishers focused on the goal at hand.

"Increasing the incentive to commercial fishers will help ensure we keep suppressing invasive carp numbers," said Dave Dreves, director of the Fisheries Division for Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, in the press release. "It's a big win for anglers and boaters that recreate on Kentucky and Barkley lakes, as well as for the vital \$940-million tourism economy of the Western Waterlands Region."

For additional information about invasive carp management or commercial harvest programs, visit the Invasive Carp Information webpage on Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website (fw.ky.gov) or call 1-800-858-1549 during weekday business hours.

Historical Program Coming to Hart County Public Library

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The Hart County Public Library will host Kentucky Rising, an informative and entertaining historical program presented by award-winning Kentucky author Eddie Price, on January 20 in the library's Community Room.

Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., and the program will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Kentucky Rising explores Kentucky's often-overlooked "forgotten years" — the five years following the War of 1812.

The presentation will examine Henry Clay's leadership and the American System, the growth of transportation, agriculture, and trade, and major challenges of the era such as economic panic, climate disaster, and trade conflict.

Price will also discuss slavery and early efforts to



preserve the Union.

Light refreshments will be provided, and no RSVP is required to attend.

The program is sponsored by the

Hart County Public Library and the Hart County Historical Society, and the project is supported with funding from the Kentucky Historical Society.

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By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale entered in the Hart Circuit Court in the case listed below, the following property located in Hart County, Kentucky, shall be sold in the lobby of the Hart County Judicial Center in Munfordville, Hart County, Kentucky, on Wednesday, January 21st, 2026, at 9:00 A.M., (Central Time), and being more particularly described as follows:

550 Legrande Highway, Horse Cave, KY. 42749
Deed Book 363, Page Number 159 - Parcel ID Number. 077-00-00-049.00
The Cecilian Bank vs. Stanley Allen Perry, et al.
Civil ActionNo.: 25-CI-106

At the time of sale the successful bidder shall either pay full cash or make a deposit of 10% of the purchase price. If, as the successful bidder, you only pay 10% down, you must have a Kentucky Bank to act as unconditional surety on the remaining 90% of the purchase price, plus interest pursuant to the terms of the judgment, which must be paid within 30 days of the Sale date. (The necessary surety form can be obtained at the Master Commissioner's office). The Surety MUST BE PRE-APPROVED by the Master Commissioner's office no later than 12:00 noon on the Friday immediately preceding the sale date to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price. A Loan Officer from the pre-approved Kentucky Bank must sign the surety bond at the sale. In the event the successful bidder is the Plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit, that Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the judgment amount. NO FAXED OR EMAILED BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

The buyer will be responsible for taxes for the year of the sale. The property shall be sold free and clear of all parties named in the above-styled action, but subject to the following: any lien not included in the suit, recorded easements, rights of way, any facts which an inspection or accurate survey might reveal, and the planning and zoning regulations of Hart County, Kentucky. The Master Commissioner does not obtain title inspections or investigate for further liens on the property. The purchaser is responsible for title inspection and/or any additional liens not named in the Judgment and Order of Sale. It is recommended that a title search be done prior to the sale.

The purchaser may take possession of the property pursuant to the terms of the judgment. If the judgment does not make provision for possession, the buyer may seek possession of the property through the court system after payment of the full purchase price. The Master Commissioner does not have ability to grant access or possession of the property. The Plaintiff, the Court, and the Master Commissioner shall not be deemed to have warranted title to any purchaser. Said property is sold subject to the Judgment and Order of Sale in these cases which shall be reviewed carefully prior to purchase. Bidders shall be prepared to promptly comply with the above terms. For updates and information on sale cancellations, please refer to the Master Commissioner information located at www.hartcountytymastercommissioner.com.

This the 20th day of December, 2026.

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