

"Daily Bag Limit" means fish taken from midnight to midnight.

"Possession Limit" means fish in the possession of any person at any time.

Weight in these regulations means undressed weight with head, tail and fins attached.

**LENGTH OF FISH:** The "Total Length" of a fish shall be used when determining the size limits. Total length shall be found by measuring from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail.

**RETURNING FISH TO WATER:** All fish caught that are under the legal size limits as specified herein, and all fish legally taken that are not to be counted in the bag limit, must be returned immediately to the water with as little injury as possible.

**SALE OF FISH:** No species of fish may be sold from private fish hatcheries in Nebraska, except trout, for purposes other than propagation, and where sold for propagation, invoices furnished by the Commission must be used and a report made to the Commission covering all sales at the end of each quarter of the year.

**TRANSPORTING MINNOWS:** It shall be unlawful for any person to transport live minnows in any manner out of the State.

**DESTROYING OR DAMAGING STATE PROPERTY:** It is unlawful to injure trees or shrubs, to pick flowers or ferns, to mar, deface, or remove any of the natural or structural features in any State-Owned or controlled area.

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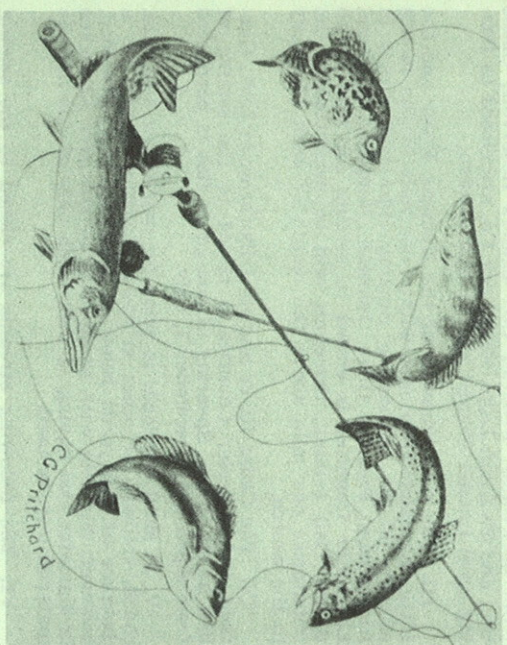
No more than 25 game fish of all kinds combined may be taken in any one day, nor more than 25 game fish of all kinds combined be had in possession at any one time.

**TOTAL BAG AND POSSESSION LIMIT**

| KIND OF FISH     | Open Season | Size Limit | Daily Bag Limit                                | Possession Limit                               |
|------------------|-------------|------------|--|--|
| TROUT            | Continuous  | None       | 5  | 5  |
| BLACK BASS       | Continuous  | 10 in.     | 10   | 10   |
| WHITE BASS       | Continuous  | None       | 10   | 10   |
| ROCK BASS        | Continuous  | None       | 15   | 15   |
| CRAPPIE          | Continuous  | None       | 10   | 10   |
| BLUEGILL         | Continuous  | None       | 15   | 15   |
| BULLHEADS        | Continuous  | None       | 15—Except 25 in<br>Cherry, Brown &<br>Rock Co. | 15—Except 25 in<br>Cherry, Brown &<br>Rock Co. |
| WALLEYE & SAUGER | Continuous  | 12 in.     | 5  | 5  |
| PERCH            | Continuous  | None       | 25   | 25   |
| NORTHERN PIKE    | Continuous  | 16 in.     | 5  | 5  |
| DRUM             | Continuous  | None       | 10   | 10   |
| CATFISH          | Continuous  | 12 in.     | 10   | 10   |

**NEBRASKA FISHING REGULATIONS**

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**STATE-OWNED LAKES**

Arnold Lake, Custer Co.; Blue River Lake, Seward Co.; Bowman Lake, Sherman Co.; Chamion Lake, Chase Co.; Cottonmill Lake, Buffalo Co.; Cottonwood Lake, Cherry Co.; Crystal Lake, Adams Co.; Camp Hayes Lake, Hayes Co.; Dead Timber Lake & Fremont, Sand Pits, Dodge Co.; Goose Lake, Holt Co.; Hord Lake, Merrick Co.; Jefferson Co. Lakes; Long Lake, Brown Co.; Memphis Lake, Saunders Co.; Niobrara Park Lake, Knox Co.; Pawnee Lake, Webster Co.; Pibel Lake, Wheeler Co.; Platteview Lakes (Louisville), Cass Co.; State Part of Rat and Beaver Lake, Cherry Co. (ONLY A SMALL PART OF THIS LAKE IS STATE-OWNED); Ravenna Lake, Buffalo Co.; Verdon Lake, Richardson Co.; Victoria Springs Park Lake, Custer Co.; Rock Creek Lake, Dundy Co.; Shell Lake, Cherry Co.; Walgren Lake, Sheridan Co.; Wellfleet Lake, Lincoln Co.; Willow Lake, Cherry Co.

The following regulations are in effect on State-Owned Lakes only:

1. Fishing devices other than regular lines attached to poles are prohibited.
2. Each person is permitted to use not more than two lines with two hooks per line.
3. Throw lines or floats are prohibited.
4. Digging or seining for bait on grounds is prohibited.
5. Motorboats are not permitted, except on Victory Lake at Fremont, and Cottonmill Lake at Kearney.
6. State Lake No. 4 of the Fremont Sand Pits on State Highway No. 30 four miles w. of Fremont in Sec. 13, T17N, R7E, Dodge Co. is restricted to the use of artificial lures.
7. Smith Lake, Sheridan Co.; Atkinson Lake, Holt Co.; and Hull Lake, Boyd Co. are closed to fishing until further change.

## RESTRICTED AREAS

I. Restricted areas shall be designated on various lakes during the spawning season in which areas fishing is not permitted.

II. Medicine Creek Reservoir and three miles upstream from backwater, Frontier Co.; Enders Reservoir, Chase Co.; and Swanson Lake, Hitchcock Co. are closed to fishing until further change by the Commission.

III. The main channel of the Nemaha River and the Little Nemaha River and within one mile of the mouth of any of the tributaries running into said rivers in Richardson, Pawnee, Gage, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe and Lancaster Counties is closed to seining for bait at all times. Bait seining, therefore, will be permitted in the tributaries one mile above the mouth of each tributary to the source.

IV. The Cedar River and its tributaries in Holt, Garfield and Wheeler Counties is closed to the seining of bait at all times. Spearing of non-game fish is permitted from April 1, to December 1, only.

V. It shall be illegal to seine for bait below any dam, check, spillway or other artificial obstruction and for a distance of 200 yards below such obstruction; provided, however, dip nets with an opening of not over 12 inches in diameter and having  $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch mesh only of non-metallic material may be used.

VI. The following streams are closed to the seining for bait, at all times.

Antelope County: Verdigre Creek and all tributaries.

Banner County: Pumpkin Creek and all tributaries.

Box Butte County: Niobrara River.

Brown County: Long Pine Creek, Plum Creek and all tributaries, Calamus River, Goose Creek.

Cherry County: North Loup River and all tributaries, Schlagerl Creek, Fairfield Creek, Cedar Creeks, Snake River and all tributaries, Plum Creek and all tributaries, Bear Creek, Goose Creek.

Cheyenne County: Cedar Creek.

Custer County: South Loup River above Arnold.

Dawes County: Chadron Creek, Big Bordeaux Creek, Little Bordeaux, Squaw Creek, White River above Crawford, Niobrara River, above Mirage Flats diversion dam at Old Dunlap and all tributaries, Dead Horse Creek, Deep Creek, White Clay Creek, West Ash Creek, Deadman Creek.

Dundy County: Buffalo Creek, Rock Creek.

Garden County: Blue Creek.

Holt County: Steel Creek, North Branch of Verdigre, Middle Branch of Verdigre, South Branch of Verdigre, Brush Creek, Red Bird Creek, Eagle Creek, Big Sandy Creek.

Hooker County: Dismal River and all tributaries.

Keith County: Otter Creek, White Tail Creek, Lonerain Creek and tributaries.

Kimball County: Lodgepole Creek and all tributaries—west of Owasco Irrigation Canal Dam located in Sec. 29, T15, R55W and approximately 100 feet east of State Highway No. 29.

Knox County: North, Middle, and South Verdigre and all tributaries above the town of Verdigre, Steel Creek. Lincoln County: Hershey Drains—No. 1, North Ditch; No. 2, Middle Ditch; No. 3, South Ditch.

Logan County: South Loup River.

Morrill County: Cedar Creek, Red Willow Drain, Pumpkin Creek and all tributaries, Plum Creek, Wild Horse Creek, Lyman Drain, Miller Drain, Myrtle Hill Drain, North and South Drain, Suhr Drain, Silverhill Drain.

Rock County: Calamus River, Long Pine Creek.

Scotts Bluff County: Winter Creek Drain, Nine Mile Drain, Sheep Creek Drains, Dry Sheep Creek, Spotted Tail Drains and all tributaries, Dry Spotted Tail Drains and all tributaries, Tub Springs Drains, Minatare Drain, Stuckenhole (Leavitt's) Drain, Ackers Draw.

Sheridan County: Snake River, Larrabee Creek, Pine Creek, White Clay Creek, Deer Creek, Little Bordeaux Creek.

Sioux County: Sheep Creek Drain, Dry Sheep Creek Drain, Dry Spotted Tail Drain, Spotted Tail Drain, Niobrara River and all tributaries, White River and all tributaries, Monroe Creek, Sow Belly Creek, Hat Creek, Dead Man Creek, Deep Creek, Squaw Creek.

Thomas County: Dismal River.

## COMMERCIAL FISHING

Under proper commercial permit issued by the Commission, catfish may be taken from the Missouri River by nets, the meshes of which are not less than one and one-half inches square.

OPEN SEASON: Continuous.

AREA OPEN: Missouri River—South and west of the middle of the Channel and not less than 300 yards in any direction from the mouth of any stream emptying into the River.

SIZE LIMIT: 13 inches.

POSSESSION LIMIT: None.

ANNUAL REPORT: All persons holding a commercial Seining-Vendor Permit shall keep an accurate record of the number, species and weight of all fish caught and a separate report of all fish sold during the calendar year. A record shall be kept for each month separately. Such records shall be open at all reasonable times to inspection by Commission Agents. Each person shall send this information to the Secretary of the State Game, Forestation and Parks Commission on or before the 15th day of January of the following year. Forms for this purpose shall be furnished by the State. Failure to make such report shall be cause of refusal to issue a new permit.

COMMERCIAL NETS: It shall be illegal for any person holding a Seining-Vendor Permit to use or have in possession wing nets, dip nets, basket traps, gill nets, trammel nets, seines, or trot lines made of non-metallic cord as provided for by law.

## LEGAL NETS, TRAPS, AND OTHER DEVICES

The possession or use of any and all nets, traps or other devices is illegal with the following exceptions:

1. Commercial nets used in the Missouri River under special provisions of Section 37-502.

2. Minnow nets of non-metallic mesh, one-fourth inch square measure and not over 20 feet long and four feet deep.

3. Minnow dip nets of non-metallic mesh, one-fourth inch square measure and with a throat of not over 12 inches in diameter.

4. Landing nets used only for landing fish caught on hook and line, with a throat of 16 inches or less and non-metallic mesh of not less than one inch square measure, and with a handle of not over four feet in length.

5. Minnow and bait traps with a length not to exceed 24 inches and a diameter of not to exceed 16 inches with an opening in the throat of the trap not larger than one and one-half inches in diameter. All minnow traps shall be raised and minnows removed from them at least every 24 hours.

## NOTES

The only legal method of taking fish is with hook and line with the following exceptions:

1. Spearing from sunrise to sunset of carp, buffalo, and other non-game fish is legal from April 1 to December 1 except in restricted areas mentioned above.

2. Commercial fishing in the Missouri River under special regulations.

Non-Game Fish such as carp and buffalo may be taken on hook and line at any time without limit on size, bag or possession.

Winter fishing is permitted through the ice. Regulations are the same as for other fishing. Shelters are legal.

Floats and Throw Lines are legal except in state-owned lakes and other restricted areas.

All Persons 16 years of age or older must have a fishing permit for the current year.

All Non-Residents must have a non-resident fishing permit for the current year regardless of age.

Short Term Non-Resident Permits are available. Cost is reciprocal with other states with a minimum of \$3.00 for a 10 day permit.

### It Is Unlawful:

For any person to borrow or use the permit of another or to lend or transfer his permit to another person.

To snag any fish externally with hook and line whether game or non-game fish.

For any one to angle with a line having more than five hooks thereon or to angle in any inland waters with more than fifteen hooks in the aggregate or with artificial bait having thereon more than three triple gang hooks.

For any person to use in any lake, pond or reservoir and their inlets and outlets within the state more than two lines in still fishing or trolling between the hours of 7 A.M. and 7 P.M.

For any person 16 years or older to sell minnows commercially without a bait vendor's permit.