

1957 NEBRASKA
FISHING REGULATIONS



1957 REGULATIONS ON FISH

AREA OPEN: The entire state is open to fishing except those areas closed by Federal or State law or city ordinance.

SEASON: Open the entire year on all species.

SIZE LIMITS: No size limits on fish caught with hook and line.

SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
TROUT: Exception 1: In Gavins Point reservoir and the Missouri river in Boyd, Cedar and Knox counties where the limit is	7	7
	10	10
BLACK BASS:	10	10
WHITE BASS: Exception 1: In Gavins Point reservoir and the Missouri river in Boyd, Cedar and Knox counties where the limit is	15	15
	50	50
CRAPPIE: Exception 1: In Gavins Point reservoir and the Missouri river in Boyd, Cedar and Knox counties where the limit is	30	30
	50	50
ROCK BASS: Exception 1: In Gavins Point reservoir and the Missouri river in Boyd, Cedar and Knox counties where the limit is	15	15
	50	50

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SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
BULLHEADS: Exception 1: In Gavins Point reservoir and the Missouri river in Boyd, Cedar and Knox counties, AND in Antelope, Arthur, Banner, Blaine, Brown, Box Butte, Boyd, Cherry, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Garfield, Grant, Holt, Hooker, Keya Paha, Kimball, Loup, McPherson, Morrill, Rock, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux, Thomas and Wheeler counties where the limit is	15 50	15 50
PERCH: Exception 1: In Gavins Point reservoir and the Missouri river in Boyd, Cedar and Knox counties, AND in Arthur, Banner, Blaine, Brown, Box Butte, Boyd, Cherry, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Garfield, Grant, Holt, Hooker, Keya Paha, Kimball, Loup, McPherson, Morrill, Rock, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux, Thomas and Wheeler counties where there is no limit.	25	25
WALLEYE OR SAUGER (or both) Exception 1: In Gavins Point reservoir and the Missouri river in Boyd, Cedar and Knox counties, where the limit is	5 16	5 16
NORTHERN PIKE: Exception 1: In Gavins Point reservoir and the Missouri river in Boyd, Cedar and Knox counties, where the limit is	5 6	5 6
CATFISH: (Channel, Blue, Yellow)	10	10
BLUEGILL AND SUNFISH: (Green, Orange-spotted and Pumpkinseed)	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
FRESHWATER DRUM:	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
STURGEON AND PADDLEFISH:	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
BAIT MINNOWS:	100	100

CATFISH (Commercial Fishing)

Catfish and non-game fish may be taken from the Missouri river by nets under special permit as provided by State law.

OPEN SEASON: No closed season.

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, except that the use of seines, fish traps, hoop nets, trammel nets or similar devices is prohibited on that portion of the Missouri river lying between the Yankton bridge across said Missouri river on U. S. Highway No. 81 and State Highway No. 15, and upstream to a point three hundred (300) yards above the mouth of the Niobrara river, such described boundary to include the Nebraska portion of what is Gavins Point reservoir.

SIZE LIMITS: 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 Director 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, traps or any other device other than regular hoop nets, trammel nets, seines or trot lines made of non-metallic cord as provided by law.

DAILY BAG: 'Daily Bag' shall mean fish taken from midnight to midnight.

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POSSESSION LIMIT: 'Possession Limit' shall mean fish in the possession of any person at any time.

BORDER WATERS: Any person taking fish from Gavins Point reservoir or the Missouri river must carry a valid fishing license issued by the state from which he enters or returns from the waters.

FISHING HOUSE: It shall be unlawful for any person to place or use any fishing house, shanty or other structure upon the ice in Gavins Point reservoir or the Missouri river unless the name and address of the owner is plainly marked on the exterior, and the door constructed to permit entry at all times except when unoccupied and locked from the outside.

FLOAT LINES: The use of glass floats on float lines shall be illegal.

TRANSPORTING MINNOWS: It shall be unlawful for any person to transport minnows taken from the waters of Nebraska, out of the state in any manner, except: (A) Minnows which have been artificially propagated in man-made impoundments by licensed fish culturists, and (B) Not more than one hundred (100) minnows may be exported by a resident of Nebraska for his personal use in fishing outside the state, if these minnows are taken from waters where it is legal to catch minnows for fishing.

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 twenty 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 sixteen inches in diameter.
- (4) Landing nets, made of non-metallic mesh, used only for landing fish caught on hook and line, with a throat of eighteen inches or less, and with a handle of not over four feet in length.
- (5) Minnow and bait traps with a length not to exceed twenty-four inches and a diameter of not to exceed sixteen inches with the 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 twenty-four hours.

RESTRICTED AREAS

1. Lakes and streams or portions thereof may be closed to fishing at any time when posted with the proper notice as required by law, Section 37-405.
2. 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 Gage, Lancaster, Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee and Richardson counties shall be **CLOSED** to the taking of bait **AT ALL TIMES**. Bait seining will be permitted in the tributaries one mile above the mouth of each tributary to the source.
3. VALENTINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LAKES—Cherry county. Fishing is permitted during daylight hours on Clear, Dewey, Hackberry, Pelican, Watts and Willow lakes except during the open season for migratory waterfowl, or when closed by posting by Federal officers. Motor boats are **NOT** permitted.
4. CRESCENT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LAKES—Garden county. Fishing is permitted during daylight hours in Crane, Island or Hackberry lakes except during the migratory waterfowl open season. Smith lake will be open to fishing in that part designated by posting from July 1 to Labor Day, inclusive. Motor boat operation, seining for bait, and the use of minnows or fish or any part thereof for bait are all prohibited.
5. It shall be illegal to seine for or otherwise take minnows or 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 16 inches in diameter and having one-fourth inch mesh only of non-metallic material may be used by individuals for their own use, but no minnows or bait may be taken for commercial use.
6. The following streams are closed to the seining or taking of minnows or bait in any manner.

ANTELOPE COUNTY:

1. Verdigre creek and all tributaries

BROWN COUNTY:

1. Long Pine creek
2. Plum creek and all tributaries

3. Calamus river

4. Goose creek

BOX BUTTE COUNTY:

1. Niobrara river

CHASE COUNTY:

1. Frenchman river
Imperial Light Pt

CHERRY COUNTY:

1. North Loup river
2. Schlagel creek
3. Fairfield creek
4. Cedar creeks
5. Snake river and
6. Plum creek and
7. Bear creek
8. Goose creek

CUSTER COUNTY:

1. South Loup river

DAWES COUNTY:

1. Chadron creek
2. Big Bordeaux cre
3. Little Bordeaux c
4. White river above
5. Niobrara river f
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6. Dead Horse creek
7. White Clay creek

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2. Rock creek

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CHASE COUNTY:

1. Frenchman river from Enders lake to Imperial Light Plant lake

CHERRY COUNTY:

1. North Loup river and all tributaries
2. Schlagel creek
3. Fairfield creek
4. Cedar creeks
5. Snake river and all tributaries
6. Plum creek and all tributaries
7. Bear creek
8. Goose creek

CUSTER COUNTY:

1. South Loup river above Arnold

DAWES COUNTY:

1. Chadron creek
2. Big Bordeaux creek
3. Little Bordeaux creek
4. White river above Crawford
5. Niobrara river from Box Butte Reservoir west to the Wyoming line, and all tributaries
6. Dead Horse creek
7. White Clay creek

DUNDY COUNTY:

1. Buffalo creek
2. Rock creek

GARDEN COUNTY:

1. Blue creek

GARFIELD COUNTY:

1. Cedar river and tributaries

HITCHCOCK COUNTY:

1. Republican river from Swanson lake west to the Stratton bridge

HOLT COUNTY:

1. Steel creek
2. North branch of Verdigre
3. Middle branch of Verdigre
4. South branch of Verdigre
5. Brush creek
6. Red Bird creek
7. Eagle creek
8. Big Sandy creek
9. Cedar river and tributaries

HOOKER COUNTY:

1. Dismal river and all tributaries.

KEITH COUNTY:

1. Otter creek
2. White Tail creek
3. Lonergin creek and all tributaries

KIMBALL COUNTY:

1. Lodgepole creek and all tributaries west of the West Kimball reservoir

KNOX COUNTY

1. North, Middle and South Verdigras and all tributaries above the town of Verdigre
2. Steel creek

LINCOLN COUNTY:

- 1: Hershey Drains:
- No. 1 North Ditch
 - No. 2 Middle Ditch
 - No. 3 South Ditch

LOGAN COUNTY:

1. South Loup river

LOUP COUNTY:

1. Gracie creek

MORRILL COUNTY:

1. Cedar creek
2. Red Willow drain
3. Pumpkin creek and all tributaries.
4. Wild Horse creek
5. Lyman drain
6. Miller drain
7. Myrtle Hill drain
8. North and South drain
9. Suhr drain

ROCK COUNTY:

1. Calamus river
2. Long Pine creek

SIOUX COUNTY:

1. Sheep Creek drain
2. Dry Sheep Creek drain
3. Dry Spotted Tail drain
4. Spotted Tail drain
5. Niobrara river and all tributaries
6. White river and all tributaries
7. Monroe creek
8. Sow Belly creek
9. Hat creek
10. Squaw creek

THOMAS COUNTY:

1. Dismal river

SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY:

1. All streams and tributaries, except the main channel of the North Platte river

SHERIDAN COUNTY:

1. Snake river
2. Larabee creek
3. White Clay creek
4. Pine creek
5. Deer creek
6. Little Bordeaux creek

WEBSTER COUNTY:

1. Elm creek

WHEELER COUNTY:

1. Cedar river and tributaries

The following regulations

1. DESTROYING OR DAMAGING: It shall be unlawful to destroy or damage flowers or ferns, to be owned and controlled
2. STRUCTURES: It shall be unlawful to
3. BAIT: Digging or setting
4. MOTOR BOATS: Motor boats on State Lake at Kearney; providing purposes on Long county; and Smith lake
5. STATE LAKE NO. 1 of Fremont in Sec. 13, from January 1 to June
6. SWIMMING is prohibited
7. FIREARMS: The use of firearms is prohibited inclusive. The use of firearms
8. SPEED LIMITS shall be

STATE AREAS

The following regulations are in effect on all state-owned and controlled areas:

1. 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 and controlled area.
2. STRUCTURES: It shall be unlawful to erect or maintain any shack, fence or other structure.
3. BAIT: Digging or seining for bait is prohibited.
4. MOTOR BOATS: Motor boats are not permitted except on Victory lake at Fremont and Cottonmill lake at Kearney; **provided, however, outboard motors of not over 6 (six) H. P. may be used for fishing purposes on Long lake, Brown county; Rat and Beaver lakes, Cherry county; Shell lake, Cherry county; and Smith lake, Sheridan county.**
5. STATE LAKE NO. 1 of the Fremont sandpits located along State Highway #30 about four miles west of Fremont in Sec. 13, T. 17N, R. 7E, Dodge county, shall be restricted to the use of artificial lures from January 1 to June 30.
6. SWIMMING is prohibited at Memphis State lake in Saunders county.
7. FIREARMS: The use of firearms is prohibited on state recreation areas from April 1 to September 30, inclusive. **The use of firearms is prohibited at all times on state parks, hatcheries and reserves.**
8. SPEED LIMITS shall be 20 miles per hour, **unless otherwise posted.**

NOTES

JUG FISHING and float lines (except jugs or floats made of glass) and throw lines, trot lines and bank lines are legal, unless otherwise posted. Hook and line limits as listed below also apply to this type of fishing.

HOOKS AND LINES: It is unlawful for any person to use, while fishing in this state in any lake, pond or reservoir or in their inlets, outlets and canals within one-half mile of such lake, pond or reservoir, more than two lines with two hooks on each line. One hook shall mean a single, double, or treble pointed hook, and all hooks attached as a part of an artificial bait or lure shall be counted as one hook. **THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO ICE FISHING.**

ICE FISHING: Stream fishing regulations of 15 hooks apply to ice fishing.

STREAM FISHING: In stream fishing, it is unlawful for anyone to fish with a line having more than five hooks thereon, or more than 15 hooks in the aggregate or with artificial bait having more than three triple-ganghooks.

SPEARING: Carp, buffalo, suckers and other non-game fish may be speared between sunrise and sunset from April 1 to December 1.

SNAGGING: Snagging any fish externally with hook and line is unlawful, whether game or non-game fish.

AGE: All persons sixteen years of age or older must have a fishing permit for the current year. All non-residents must have a fishing permit for the current year, regardless of age.

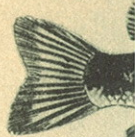
SHORT TERM PERMITS: Short-term non-resident permits are available. They are reciprocal with other states with a minimum of \$3.00 for a 10-day permit.

TRANSFER OF PERMIT: It is unlawful for any person to borrow or use the permit of another or to lend or transfer his permit to another.

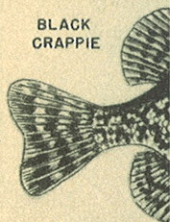
ANISE OIL and other scents that do not stun, kill or harm fish are legal to use.

GAME FISH AS BAIT: Any game fish, taken by a legal method, may be used for bait. No seining of game fish of any size is legal.

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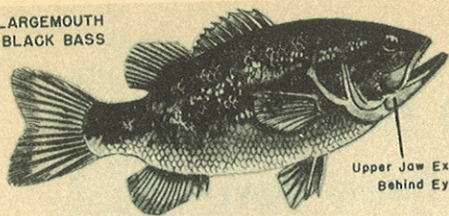
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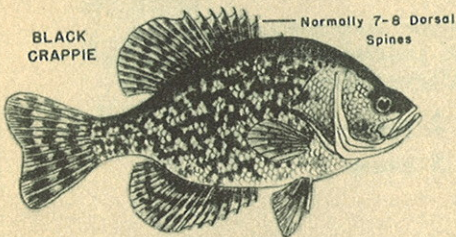
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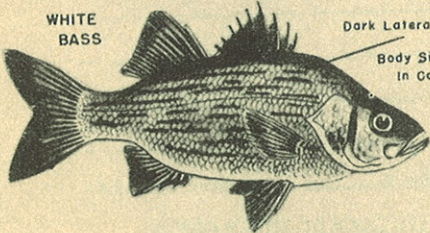
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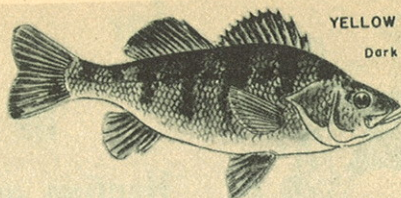
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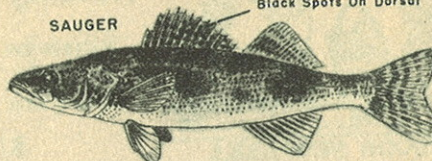
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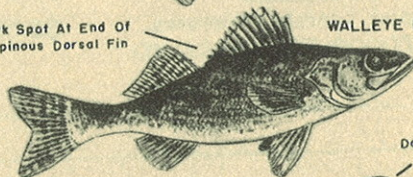
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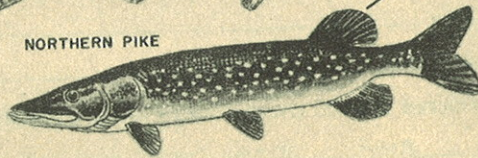
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WALLEYE PIKE



Dorsal Fin
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