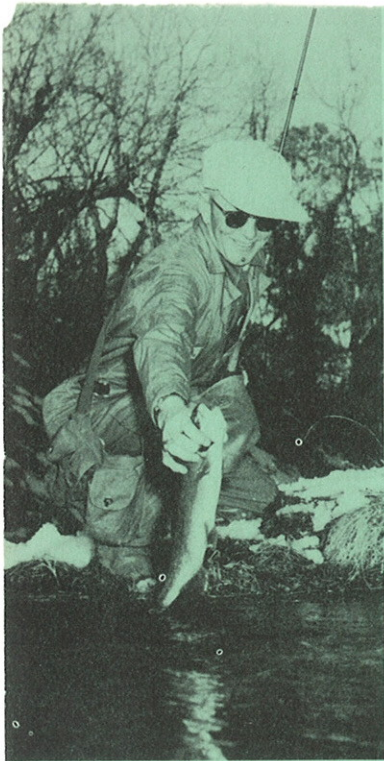




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### SPORT FISHING

**OPEN AREA:** The entire state is open to fishing, except those areas closed by Commission regulation, federal or state law, or city ordinance.

**SIZE LIMITS:** None.

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	BAG POSSESSION	
		LIMIT	LIMIT
TROUT (Exception: See Cowles Lake Area below.)	Entire Year	7	7
BLACK BASS	Entire Year	10	10
CATFISH (Includes channel, blue and yellow)	Entire Year	10	10
SAUGER	Entire Year	10	10
WALLEYE	Entire Year	6	12
NORTHERN PIKE	Entire Year	6	6
PADDLEFISH (Spoonbill Catfish)	Entire Year	2	4
WHITE BASS	Entire Year	50	50
CRAPPIE	Entire Year	50	50
PERCH	Entire Year	No limit	No limit
FRESH-WATER DRUM	Entire Year	No limit	No limit
STURGEON	Entire Year	No limit	No limit
BAIT MINNOWS	Entire Year	100	100
BULLFROGS	July 1 to Nov. 1	12	12
ROCK BASS, BLUEGILL, AND SUNFISH (Green, Orange-spotted, Pumpkinseed and Redear)	Entire Year	No limit	No limit

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	BAG POSSESSION	
		LIMIT	LIMIT
BULLHEADS	Entire Year	50	50

Except in the following state-owned lakes—Niobrara Park Lake (Knox County); Lake No. 3, Louisville (Cass County); Dead Timber Lake (Dodge County); State Lakes (Jefferson County); Hord Lake (Merrick County); Lake No. 3, Fremont (Dodge County); Crystal Lake, Ayr (Adams County); Memphis Lake (Saunders County), where bullhead limits are:

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NON-GAME FISH Entire Year | No limit | No limit

Except in the following state-owned carp lakes—Litchfield Lake (Sherman County); Lake No. 6, Fremont, east of state residence (Dodge County); Fremont Carp Lake, east of Victory (Dodge County); Lake No. 3, Louisville (Cass County); where limits on carp are:

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### BOW-AND-ARROW FISHING

Both game and non-game fish may be taken by bow and arrow from April 1 to December 1, from sunrise to sunset.

The long bow only, drawn by hand, is legal. The use of the cross bow or similar device is unlawful.

### GENERAL REGULATIONS

**WASTE OF FISH:** It is unlawful for any person to leave any fish, either game or non-game on the banks of any stream, lake, or other body of water in this state.

**DAILY BAG** shall mean fish taken from midnight to midnight.

**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 said waters. On the training dike area below the Gavins Point Dam and powerhouse, either a Nebraska or South Dakota fishing license is valid.

Within the area covered by the Lewis and Clark Lake (Gavins Point Reservoir) it is unlawful for any person to use more than two (2) lines with more than two (2) hooks on each line. For the purpose of clarification to fishermen, and due to fluctuation in the reservoir, the Lewis and Clark Lake shall include all the area covered by water from the Gavins Point Dam upstream to the mouth of Bazile Creek in Knox County.

**FLOAT LINES:** The use of glass floats on float lines is unlawful.

### LEGAL NETS, TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES

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

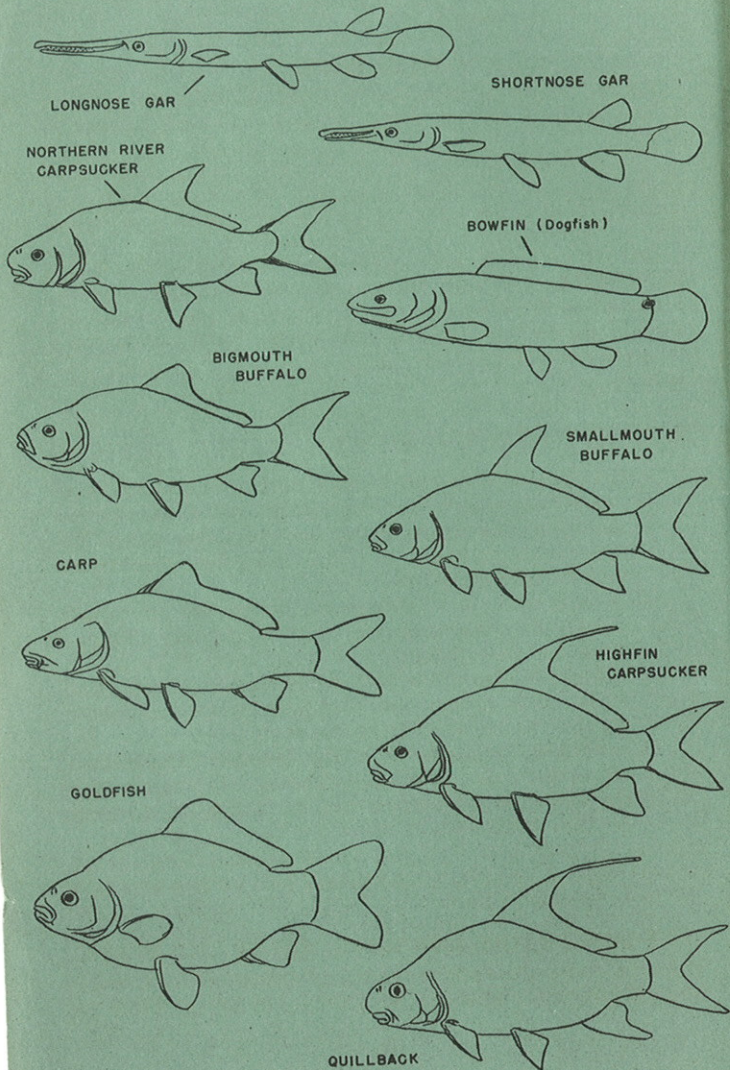
(1) Commercial nets used in the Missouri River under special provisions of Section 37-502. (See commercial fishing regulations).

(2) Minnow nets of non-metallic mesh, one-fourth (1/4) inch square measure, and not over twenty (20) feet long and four (4) feet deep.

(3) Minnow dip nets of non-metallic mesh, one-fourth (1/4) inch square measure, and with a throat of not over sixteen (16) 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 (18) inches or less, and with a handle of not over four (4) feet in length.

(5) Minnow and bait traps with a length not to exceed twenty-four (24) inches, and a diameter of not to exceed sixteen (16) inches, with the opening in the throat of the trap not larger than one and one-half (1 1/2) inches in diameter. All minnow traps shall be raised and minnows removed from them at least every twenty-four (24) hours.



## MINNOWS

**BAIT:** It shall be unlawful to use for bait, or to sell or transport or offer for bait, any carp, carpsucker, buffalo, gar, goldfish, quillback, or dogfish, and any minnows or fish of any of these species taken shall not be returned to any waters of the state, but shall be destroyed.

**IMPORTATION OF LIVE BAIT MINNOWS INTO NEBRASKA:** (1) Bait minnows shall include all live species of the minnow family (Cyprinidae), and all other fishes used as bait, and (2) No person shall import or transport in any manner live bait minnows into the State of Nebraska for commercial purposes, or in excess of one hundred (100) minnows without first complying with the following requirements:

- (a) Before any bait minnows, as defined above, are brought into the state the shipper shall supply a "certificate of inspection" from his State Game and Fish Commission which certifies that the fish to be brought into this state are free from disease and parasites,
- (b) A copy of the "certificate of inspection" shall accompany the shipment of fish and the original sent to the Director of the Nebraska Game, Forestation and Parks Commission not less than three days before the shipment of fish is made. At the time the "certificate of inspection" is submitted the shipper shall also furnish information as to the time, date, and place the fish will enter the state so inspection can be made, if desired, by the state,

and (3) It is illegal to import or transport carp, carpsucker, buffalo, goldfish, quillback, gar, or dogfish into the state for use as bait.

### TRANSPORTING MINNOWS OUT OF THE STATE:

It is 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.

### 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 Big Nemaha River, including the north and south forks, and the Little Nemaha River, including the north and south forks, and within one mile of the mouth of any of the tributaries running into said rivers in Gage, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson counties are **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 from March 16 to December 14, inclusive, in the waters of Clear, Dewey, Hackberry, Pelican, Watts, and Willow lakes, and in any other waters opened by posting. Provided, that fishing is prohibited during the open season for hunting migratory waterfowl and when closed by posting to provide protection for wildlife. Motor boats are not permitted. No person, while on any part of the refuge, shall use for bait any minnows, fish or parts thereof, either alive or dead, or have in his possession any such bait, or any seine or net that may be used for capturing minnows.

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 post-

ing from July 1 to Labor Day, inclusive. Motor boat operations, seining for bait, and the use of minnows or fish or any part thereof for bait are all prohibited. Preserved baits are permitted.

5. It is unlawful to seine for or otherwise take minnows or bait below any dam, check, spillway, or other artificial obstruction and for a distance of two hundred (200) yards below such obstruction; provided, however, dip nets with an opening of not over sixteen (16) inches in diameter and having one-fourth (¼) 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:** Verdigre Creek and all tributaries. **BROWN COUNTY:** Long Pine Creek, Plum Creek and all tributaries, Calamus River, Goose Creek. **BOX BUTTE COUNTY:** Niobrara River. **CHASE COUNTY:** Frenchman River from Enders Lake to Imperial Light Plant Lake. **CHERRY COUNTY:** North Loup River and all tributaries, Schlagel Creek, Fairfield Creek, Cedar Creeks, Snake River and all tributaries, Bear Creek, Plum Creek and all tributaries, Goose Creek. **CUSTER COUNTY:** South Loup River above Arnold.

**DAWES COUNTY:** Chadron Creek, Big Bordeaux Creek, Little Bordeaux Creek, White River above Crawford, Niobrara River from Box Butte Reservoir west to the Wyoming line, and all tributaries, Dead Horse Creek, White Clay Creek. **DUNDY COUNTY:** Buffalo Creek, Rock Creek. **GARDEN COUNTY:** Blue Creek. **GARFIELD COUNTY:** Cedar River and tributaries. **HITCHCOCK COUNTY:** Republican River from Swanson Lake west to Stratton Bridge. **HOLT COUNTY:** Steel Creek, North branch of Verdigre, Middle branch of Verdigre, South branch of Verdigre, Brush Creek, Redbird Creek, Eagle Creek, Big Sandy Creek, Cedar River and tributaries. **HOOKER COUNTY:** Dismal River and all tributaries.

**KEITH COUNTY:** Otter Creek, White Tail Creek, Lonergin Creek and all tributaries. **KIMBALL COUNTY:** Lodgepole Creek and all tributaries west of West Kimball Reservoir. **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. **LOUP COUNTY:** Gracie Creek. **MORRILL COUNTY:** Cedar

Creek, Red Willow Drain, Pumpkin Creek and all tributaries, Wild Horse Creek, Lyman Drain, Miller Drain, Myrtle Hill Drain, North and South Drain, Suhr Drain.

**ROCK COUNTY:** Calamus River, Long Pine 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, Sowell Creek, Hat Creek, Squaw Creek. **THOMAS COUNTY:** Dismal River. **SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY:** All streams and tributaries except the main channel of the North Platte River. **SHERIDAN COUNTY:** Snake River, Larrabee Creek, White Clay Creek, Pine Creek, Deer Creek, Little Bordeaux Creek. **WEBSTER COUNTY:** Elm Creek. **WHEELER COUNTY:** Cedar River and tributaries.

## 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 is 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, Cottonmill Lake at Kearney, and Cottonwood Lake at Merriman; Provided, however, outboard motors of not over six (6) h.p. may be used for fishing purposes only on Long Lake, Brown County; Rat and Beaver lakes, Cherry County; Shell Lake, Cherry County; Smith Lake, Sheridan County; and Swan Lake, Holt County.

5. **COWLES LAKES, Douglas County:** Lake No. 5 is designated as a special trout lake subject to the following regulations:

- a. A daily trout fishing tag is required for any person fishing this lake, in addition to a regular Nebraska fishing permit.
- b. Daily tag fee—\$1.00.

- c. Daily bag and possession limit—five (5) trout.
- d. Trout fishing will be permitted from April 1 to July 31, inclusive, between sunrise, and one-half hour after sunset.
- e. Each fisherman shall wear the daily trout tag on his person in a conspicuous place while fishing.
- f. Live minnows or fish of any species are prohibited as bait.
- g. Spearing, gigging, snaring, baiting, or snagging are prohibited.
- h. Fishing is permitted only with one pole or rod with line attached, per person.
- i. Each fisherman shall keep his fish on a separate stringer, or container, and under his control.
- j. Each fisherman shall report his catch and return his tag each day when finished.
- k. Each fisherman's resident or non-resident fishing permit will be held until his tag and catch report are returned.

(NOTE: Trout tags and fishing permits may be secured from the Administration Building located on the area.)

6. **BURCHARD STATE LAKE, Pawnee County:** It shall be unlawful to fish or operate a boat on the Burchard State Lake during any waterfowl hunting season.

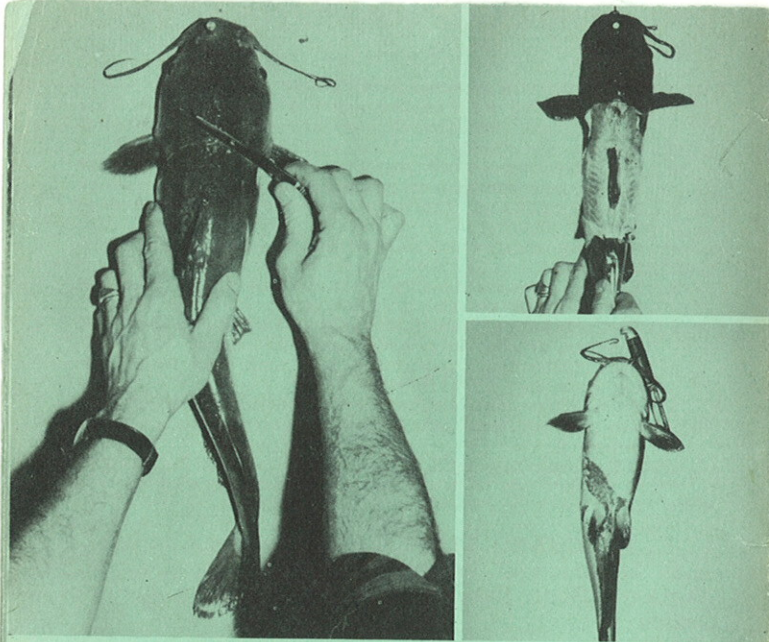
7. **PLATTSMOUTH WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA, Cass County:** It shall be unlawful to fish in the Plattsouth Waterfowl Management Area Lake except from 6:00 A.M., to 8:00 P.M., from April 15 through September 15, annually.

It shall be unlawful to boat on or swim in the Plattsouth Waterfowl Management Area Lake.

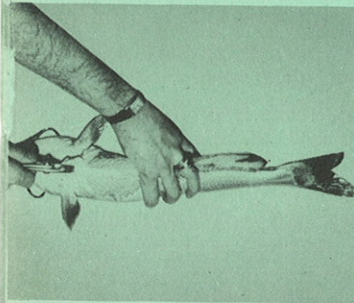
8. **SWIMMING** is prohibited at Memphis State Lake in Saunders County.

9. **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.

10. **SPEED LIMIT** is twenty (20) miles per hour, unless otherwise posted.



## CATFISH SKINNING



Kill your catfish and place on a paper-covered board, driving a nail through its head to hold it in place. Slit skin from one pectoral fin across the head to other pectoral fin. Work enough skin loose with pliers so that it will peel back toward tail in one piece.

Flop catfish over and remove remaining "V" of skin by pulling with pliers toward head. Last step is to cut off head and clean.