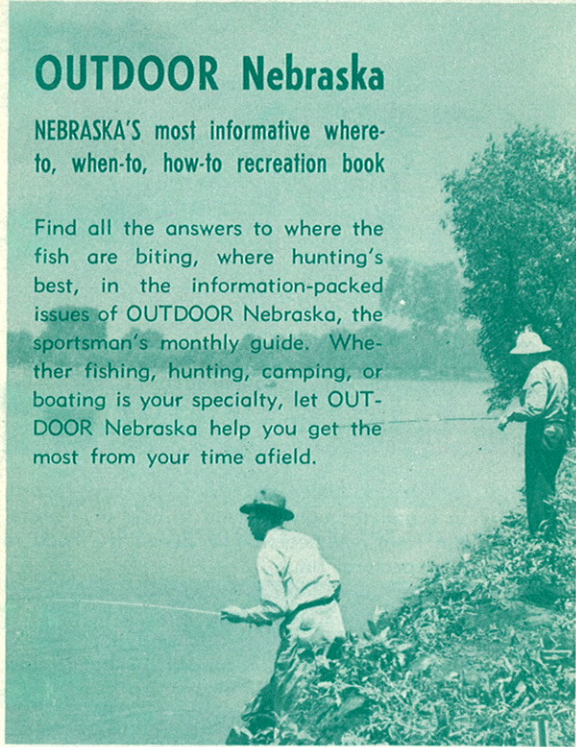


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# SPORT FISHING

SEASON: Open the entire year. (See BULL FROG section and SPECIAL AREAS section.) SIZE LIMITS: None.

SPECIES	BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
<b>TROUT</b> (Exception: See Two Rivers Area.)	7	7
<b>BLACK BASS</b> (largemouth and smallmouth)	10	10
<b>CATFISH</b> (channel, blue, and yellow)	10	10
<b>SAUGER</b>	10	10
<b>WALLEYE</b>	6	12
<b>NORTHERN PIKE</b>	6	6
<b>PADDLEFISH</b> (spoonbill catfish)	2	4
<b>WHITE BASS</b>	50	50
<b>CRAPPIE</b>	50	50
<b>BULLHEADS</b> (Exception: In the following state-owned lakes the daily bag and possession limit on bullheads is 10: Two Rivers Lakes, Douglas County; Niobrara Park Lake, Knox County; Dead Timber Lake, Dodge County; Lake No. 1A (NE), Louisville, Cass County; Alexandria State Lakes, Jefferson County; Hord Lake, Merrick County; Lake No. 3, Fremont, Dodge County; Crystal Lake, Ayr, Adams County; Memphis Lake, Saunders County.)	50	50
<b>ROCK BASS, BLUEGILL, AND SUNFISH</b> (green, orange-spotted, pumpkinseed, and redear)	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
<b>PERCH</b>	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
<b>FRESH-WATER DRUM</b>	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
<b>STURGEON</b>	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT
<b>NON-GAME FISH</b> (Exception: In the following state-owned carp lakes, the daily bag and possession limit is 10: Two Rivers Carp Lake, Douglas County; Litchfield Lake, Sherman County; Fremont No. 6 Lake, Dodge County; Fremont Carp Lake, Dodge County; Louisville 1A (NE) Lake, Cass County.)	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT

## PERMITS

### WHO NEEDS PERMIT?

- . . . All residents 16 years of age or older. Cost of the permit is \$2.
- . . . Nonresidents, except those anglers under 16 years of age who are accompanied by a parent or guardian possessing a nonresident permit. Cost of the nonresident permit is \$5 per year or \$2 for five days.

### UNLAWFUL PRACTICES

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

### SPECIAL AREAS

- . . . Any person taking fish from Gavins Point Reservoir or the Missouri River must carry a valid permit issued by the state from which he enters or returns from the waters. (Note: On the Training Dike area below the Gavins Point Dam and powerhouse, either a Nebraska or South Dakota permit is valid.)
- . . . While trout fishing in Lake No. 5, Two Rivers Recreation Area, Douglas County, a special \$1.50 trout tag is required in addition to a regular Nebraska permit.

## HOW TO FISH

### LAWFUL PRACTICES

- . . . No more than two lines with two hooks on each line in any lake, pond, or reservoir, or for one-half mile in their inlets, outlets, and canals.
- . . . In stream fishing, no more than five hooks on a line or 15 hooks in the aggregate.
- . . . In ice fishing, the stream fishing regulations apply—not more than five hooks on a line or 15 hooks in the aggregate.

- . . . Bull frogs can be taken by hand, hand net, gig, or hook from July 1 to November 1.
- . . . Both game and non-game fish by bow and arrow from April 1 to December 1, from sunrise to sunset. Only the long bow, drawn by hand is legal. UNLAWFUL—the cross bow or similar device.
- . . . Non-game fish by spearing from April 1 to December 1, between sunrise and sunset. UNLAWFUL—the spear gun or other device.
- . . . Landing nets, made of non-metallic mesh, for landing fish caught on hook and line, with a throat 18 inches or less, and with a handle of not over four feet in length.
- . . . Anise oil or other scents that do not stun, kill, or harm fish.

### UNLAWFUL PRACTICES

- . . . Glass floats on float lines.
- . . . Landing nets **other than those** made of non-metallic mesh, with a throat 18 inches or less, and with a handle of not over four feet in length.
- . . . More than two lines with two hooks on each line in any lake, pond, or reservoir, or for one-half mile in their inlets, outlets, and canals.
- . . . More than five hooks on a line or more than 15 hooks in the aggregate while stream fishing or ice fishing.
- . . . To leave any fish, either game or non-game, on the banks of any stream, lake, or other body of water.
- . . . For any person except the Commission or its authorized employees to stock or place, or cause to be placed any live fish of any species except legal minnows used on fish hooks in any public waters of the state.
- . . . To borrow or use the permit of another or to lend or transfer your permit to another.
- . . . To fish on any private land, whether posted or not, without the permission of the owner.
- . . . To spear fish with a spear gun or other device.
- . . . To use a cross bow or similar device.

### HOOK AND LINE LIMITATIONS

- . . . No more than two lines with two hooks on each line may be used in any lake, pond, or reservoir,

or for one-half mile in their inlets, outlets, and canals. One hook means a single, double, or treble-pointed hook, and all hooks attached as a part of an artificial bait or lure are counted as one hook.

In stream fishing, it shall be unlawful to angle with a line having more than five hooks or to angle in any inland waters with more than 15 hooks in the aggregate.

In ice fishing, the stream fishing regulations of not more than 15 hooks in the aggregate, and not more than five hooks on one line apply.

Within the area covered by the Lewis and Clark Lake (Gavins Point Reservoir) it is unlawful for any person to use more than two lines with more than two hooks on each line. Lewis and Clark Lake includes all the area covered by water from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the mouth of Bazile Creek in Knox County.

## BULL FROGS

The season for bull frogs is from July 1 to November 1.

Bag limit on bull frogs is 12.

Possession limit on bull frogs is 12.

The holder of a fishing permit may take bull frogs only by hand, hand net, gig, or hook.

In taking bull frogs, an artificial light may be used.

## BOATS

### WHERE PERMITTED

Exclusive of motor boats, for fishing on waters open to fishing on the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge lakes, Cherry County. Boats may be placed on the waters of the refuge only where designated by posting.

Motor boats may be used on Victory Lake at Fremont, Dodge County; Cottonmill Lake at Kearney, Kearney County; Cottonwood Lake at Merriman, Cherry County; and Goose Lake, Holt County; not, however, on any other state-owned waters.

Outboard motors of not over six h.p. may be used only for fishing on Long Lake, Brown County; Rat and Beaver Lakes, Cherry County; Smith Lake, Sheridan County; Swan Lake, Holt County; Shell Lake, Cherry County.

### WHERE NOT PERMITTED

On Lake No. 5, Two Rivers Recreation Area, Douglas County.

On Burchard State Lake during any waterfowl hunting season.

Motor boats on any state-owned waters except on Victory Lake at Fremont, Cottonmill Lake at Kearney, Cottonwood Lake at Merriman, and Goose Lake, Holt County; and in Long Lake, Brown County; Rat and Beaver Lakes, Cherry County; Smith Lake, Sheridan County; Swan Lake, Holt County; Shell Lake, Cherry County.

## WHERE TO FISH

The entire state except those areas closed by Commission regulation, federal or state law, or city ordinance.

Privately-owned waters, provided you first request and receive permission of the owner. This applies whether the waters are posted or not.

In Burchard State Lake, except during migratory-waterfowl hunting season.

On Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Garden County, during daylight hours, in those areas designated by the refuge manager-in-charge, in Crane, Island, and Hackberry lakes, except during the migratory-waterfowl hunting season.

North Platte National Wildlife Refuge Lakes, Scotts Bluff County, except from October 1 through December 31, and during the migratory-waterfowl hunting season, and as designated by the refuge manager.

Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, Cherry County, during daylight hours in Clear, Dewey, Hackberry, Pelican, Watts, Willow, Duck, and Rice lakes, and in any other waters opened by posting, except during the migratory waterfowl-hunting season, and when closed by posting to provide wildlife protection. From December 15 to March 15, Pony and West Long lakes will also be open.



# WHERE AND WHEN

SPECIES	BEST SEASON	BEST TIME	BEST PLACE
Channel catfish	Late spring, summer, fall	Dusk, night, dawn	Holes, riffles
Largemouth bass	Spring, fall	Dusk, night, dawn	Near snags or vegetation
Smallmouth bass	Late spring, late summer	Morning, evening	Rock beds
White bass	Spring, summer, fall	All hours	Open water
Crappie**	Spring, fall	Late afternoon	Near snags, open water
Perch**	Fall, winter	Daylight hours	Open water, near bottom
Bluegill**	Summer	Evening	Quiet, vegetated waters
Trout**	All year (stream) Spring, fall (lake)	All hours (stream) Morning, evening (lake)	Small pools, riffles Near surface (cool hours) 5 to 12 feet (warm hours)
Bullhead	Late spring, summer, fall	Dusk, night, dawn	Quiet stream, pools, windy side of lake
Walleye**	Mid-May to July, September to February	Dusk, night, dawn	Open water, near bottom
Sauger**	Fall, winter, spring	Daylight hours	Open water, near bottom
Northern pike**	Fall, winter, spring	Daylight hours	Near snags, vegetation
Paddlefish	Spring, summer, fall	Daylight hours	Open water, near bottom (snagging)
Fresh-water drum	Late spring, summer, early fall	Daylight hours	Open water, near bottom

\*If "open water" is noted for a certain species of fish, it is, at least to some degree, a wanderer. For these fish move frequently until they are located.  
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... The following state waters throughout the year:  
Alexandria Lakes RA (4 miles east of Alexandria—U.S. 81, 136 or Nebr. 4).

Arnold Lake RA (1 mile south of Arnold—Nebr. 40 or 92).

Atkinson Lake RA (½ mile west of Atkinson—U.S. 20 or Nebr. 11).

Big Alkali Lake SU (12 miles south, 4 miles west of Valentine—U.S. 83, Nebr. 483).

Blue River WA (5 miles north of Dorchester—U.S. 6).

Bowman Lake RA (1 mile west of Loup City—Nebr. 92 or 10).

Bridgeport RA (Bridgeport—U.S. 26).

Chadron SP (9 miles south of Chadron—U.S. 20 or Nebr. 385).

Champion Lake RA (½ mile west of Champion—U.S. 6 or Nebr. 48).

Cottonmill Lake RA (3 miles west, ½ mile north of Kearney—U.S. 30 or Nebr. 44 and 10).

Cottonwood Lake RA (1 mile southeast of Merrimqn—U.S. 20).

Crystal Lake WA (3 miles west of South Sioux City—U.S. 20).

Crystal Lake RA (1 mile north of Ayr—U.S. 281 or Nebr. 74).

Dead Timber RA (1 mile east, ½ mile south of Crowell—U.S. 275).

Enders Reservoir SU (8 miles southeast of Imperial—U.S. 6 or Nebr. 61).

Fort Robinson SP (3 miles west of Crawford—U.S. 20).

Fremont Lakes RA (3 miles west of Fremont—U.S. 30).

Gallagher Canyon RA (9 miles south of Cozad—U.S. 30 or Nebr. 21).

Gilbert-Baker SU (4½ miles north of Harrison—U.S. 20).

Goose Lake SU (25 miles south of O'Neill—U.S. 281).

Grove Lake SU (2 miles north of Royal—U.S. 20).

Harlan County Reservoir (Alma—Nebr. 3).

Hayes Center SU (12 miles northeast of Hayes Center—Nebr. 17).

Hord Lake RA (1 mile south, 2 miles east of Central City—U.S. 30 or Nebr. 14).

Hull Lake SU (3 miles south, 2 miles west of Butte—U.S. 281 or Nebr. 11).

Johnson Lake RA (7 miles southwest of Lexington—U.S. 30 or Nebr. 283).

Lake Ogallala RA (9 miles northeast of Ogallala—Nebr. 61).

Lewis and Clark Lake RA (5 miles southwest of Yankton, S.D.—U.S. 81).

Litchfield WA (1½ miles northwest of Hazard—Nebr. 2).  
Long Lake RA (34 miles southwest of Ainsworth—Nebr. 7).

Louisville Lakes RA (½ mile northwest of Louisville—U.S. 34, 6, or Nebr. 50).

Maloney RA (6 miles south of North Platte—U.S. 83).  
Medicine Creek Reservoir SU (2 miles west, 7 miles north of Cambridge—U.S. 6 or 34).

Memphis Lake RA (Memphis—U.S. 6, 77, or Nebr. 63).

McConaughy SU (8 miles north of Ogallala—Nebr. 61).

Midway SU (5 miles southwest of Cozad—U.S. 30).

Milburn Diversion Dam SU (20 miles north of Broken Bow—Nebr. 2).

Minatare Lake (7 miles north of Minatare).

Niobrara SP (½ mile south, 1 mile west of Niobrara—Nebr. 12).

Pibel Lake RA (9 miles south of Bartlett—U.S. 281).

Ponca SP (2 miles north of Ponca—Nebr. 9).

Pressey SU (5 miles north of Oconto—Nebr. 21).

Rat and Beaver Lakes SU (30 miles southwest of Valentine—U.S. 83).

Ravenna RA (1 mile southeast of Ravenna—Nebr. 2).

Rock Creek RA (5 miles north of Parks—U.S. 34).

Shell Lake RA (15 miles northeast of Gordon—U.S. 20, Nebr. 27).

Smith Lake SU (22 miles north of Lakeside—Nebr. 2).

Sutherland SU (6 miles southwest of Sutherland—U.S. 30).

Swanson Reservoir SU (3 miles west of Trenton—U.S. 34).

Verdon RA (1 mile west of Verdon—U.S. 73).

Victoria Springs RA (7 miles east of Anselmo—Nebr. 2 and 302).

Walgren RA (5 miles southeast of Hay Springs—U.S. 20 or Nebr. 87).

Wellfleet SU (Wellfleet—U.S. 83 or Nebr. 23).

Willow Lake SU (20 miles south of Valentine—U.S. 83).

... The following lakes are closed during migratory-waterfowl hunting season:

Burchard State Lake SU (3½ miles northeast of Burchard—Nebr. 65).

Two Rivers RA (Exception: Lake No. 5). (1 mile south, 1 mile west of Venice—Nebr. 92 or U.S. 30-A).

SP—State Park  
WA—Wayside Area

RA—Recreation Area  
SU—Special-use Area

## SPECIAL AREAS

Two Rivers Recreation Area, Douglas County, Lake No. 5 is designated as a special trout lake, subject to the following regulations:

1. A daily trout fishing tag is required in addition to a regular Nebraska fishing permit.
2. Daily tag fee—\$1.50.
3. Daily bag and possession limit—five trout.
4. Trout fishing will be permitted from April 1 to December 1, between sunrise and one-half hour after sunset, or as prescribed and posted by the Commission.
5. Each fisherman shall wear the daily trout tag on his person in a conspicuous place while fishing.
6. Minnows or fish of any species are prohibited as bait.
7. Spearing, gigging, snaring, baiting, or snagging is prohibited.
8. Fishing is permitted only with one pole or rod with line attached, per person. Not more than two hooks per line are permitted.
9. Each fisherman shall keep his fish on a separate stringer, or container, and under his control.
10. Each fisherman shall report his catch and return his tag each day when finished.
11. Each fisherman's resident or nonresident fishing permit will be held until his tag and catch report are returned.
12. Boats of all kinds are prohibited.

## CLOSED WATERS

- ... Burchard State Lake, Pawnee County, during migratory-waterfowl hunting season.
- ... Plattsmouth Waterfowl Management Area Lake, Cass County, until further notice.
- ... Georges Lake, Grant County.
- ... Valentine National Wildlife Refuge lakes, Cherry County, during migratory-waterfowl hunting season.
- ... North Platte National Wildlife Refuge lakes, Scotts Bluff County, from October 1 to December 31 and during the migratory-waterfowl hunting season.
- ... Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge lakes, Garden County, during the migratory-waterfowl hunting season.
- ... Two Rivers Recreation Area, Lake No. 5, Douglas County, from December 1 through March 31.

... All Two Rivers Recreation Area lakes during the migratory-waterfowl hunting season, except Lake No. 5.

... Two Rivers Recreation Area lakes to ice fishing. The Platte River bordering the Two Rivers Recreation Area during the waterfowl hunting season.

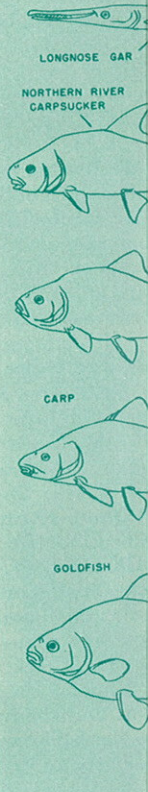
## STATE AREAS

- ... Open fires are permitted in fireplaces, stoves, ovens, or fire rings where those facilities are provided. All others are prohibited. All fires must be extinguished before leaving area.
- ... The speed limit is 20 miles per hour unless otherwise posted.
- ... The following are prohibited:
  1. The consumption of alcoholic liquor.
  2. Operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, or barbiturates.
  3. Operating a motor vehicle in such a manner as to endanger life and property.
  4. To disturb the public peace.
  5. To engage in disorderly conduct or indecent exposure of the person.
  6. To engage in any act prejudicial to the reasonable enjoyment or use of a state park area by other persons.
  7. Cutting, picking, defacing, injuring, or carrying away any flowers, trees, shrubs, or other plants.
  8. Defacing, altering, disturbing, removing, or carrying away any works, remains, or artifacts of archeological, historical, or geological value, or fossils, or fossil material.
  9. To dig or seine for bait.
  10. All littering is prohibited.

## TAKING OF BAIT

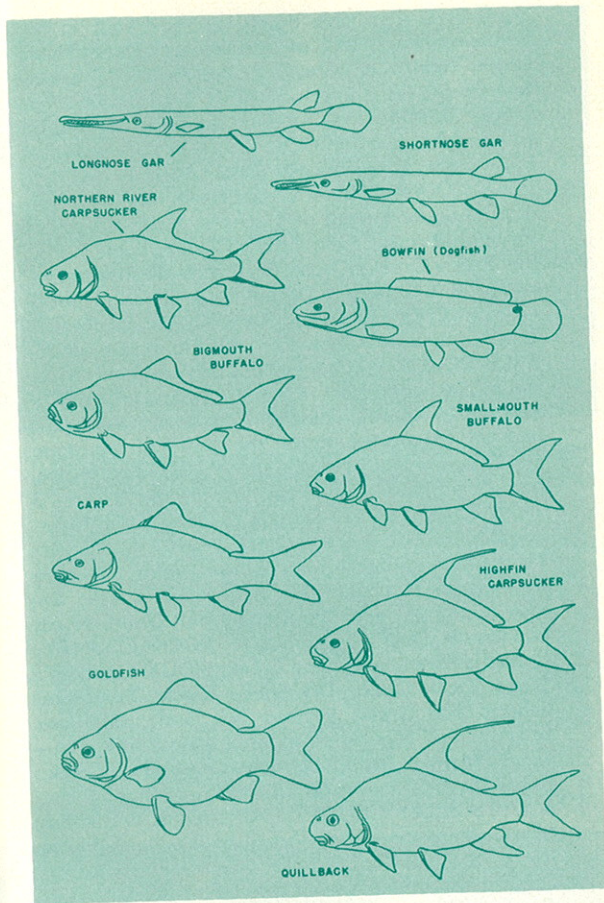
### Lawful Practices

- ... Only the following nets, and traps:
  1. Minnow nets of non-metallic mesh, one-fourth inch square measure only, and not over 20 feet long and four feet deep.
  2. Minnow dip nets made of non-metallic mesh,



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one-fourth inch square measure and with a throat of not over 16 inches in diameter.

3. Minnow and bait traps of one-fourth inch square measure only with a length not to exceed 24 inches and with a diameter not to exceed 16 inches, and with the opening in the throat of the trap not larger than 1½ inches in diameter. All minnow traps shall be raised and minnows removed from them at least every 24 hours.

## UNLAWFUL PRACTICES

- ... Seining of game fish of any size.
- ... Digging or seining for bait in any state-owned or controlled area.
- ... To sell, transport, or offer for bait any carp, carpsucker, buffalo, gar, goldfish, quillback, or dogfish.
- ... To use any carp, carpsucker, buffalo, gar, goldfish, quillback, or dogfish for bait, except in some waters from which taken.
- ... To use for bait any minnows, fish or parts thereof, either alive or dead, or have in your possession any such bait, or any seines or nets used for capturing minnows while on any part of the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge lakes, Cherry County.
- ... To seine for or otherwise take minnows or bait below any dam, check, spillway, or other artificial obstruction for a distance of 200 yards below such obstruction. However, dip nets with an opening of not over 16 inches in diameter of one-fourth inch non-metallic mesh may be used by individuals for their own use. No minnows may be taken for commercial use.
- ... To possess and use any nets, traps, or other devices with the following exceptions:
  1. Minnow nets of non-metallic mesh, one-fourth inch square measure only, and not over 20 feet long and four feet deep.
  2. Minnow dip nets of non-metallic mesh, one-fourth inch square measure, and with a throat of not over 16 inches in diameter.
  3. Minnow and bait traps of one-fourth square measure only with a length not to exceed 24 inches, and with a diameter not to exceed 16 inches, and with the opening in the throat of the trap not larger than 1½ inches in diameter. All minnow traps shall be raised and minnows removed from them at least every 24 hours.
- ... To possess or use for bait any live minnows while fishing at Bridgeport State Lake, Morrill County, or in Terry's Lake, Terrytown, Scotts Bluff County. While fishing in these waters, it shall also be unlawful to possess any live fish other than those taken from those waters.
- ... To use as bait any minnows or species of fish, alive or dead, in the lakes of Two Rivers Recreation Area, Douglas County.



## SI IMPORTING AND TRANSPORTING

No minnows taken from Nebraska waters may be transported out of state in any manner, except:

1. Minnows which have been artificially propagated in man-made impoundments by licensed fish culturists.
2. Not more than 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 the waters where it is legal to catch minnows for fishing.

No live bait minnows may be imported or transported into the state for commercial purposes or in excess of 100 minnows without first complying with the following regulations:

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

## C RESTRICTED AREAS

The following streams are closed to 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 all 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 all 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 Verdigras, 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; Sowbelly 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.

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 these rivers in Gage, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson counties are closed to the taking of bait at all times. Bait seining is permitted in the tributaries one mile above the mouth of each tributary to the source.



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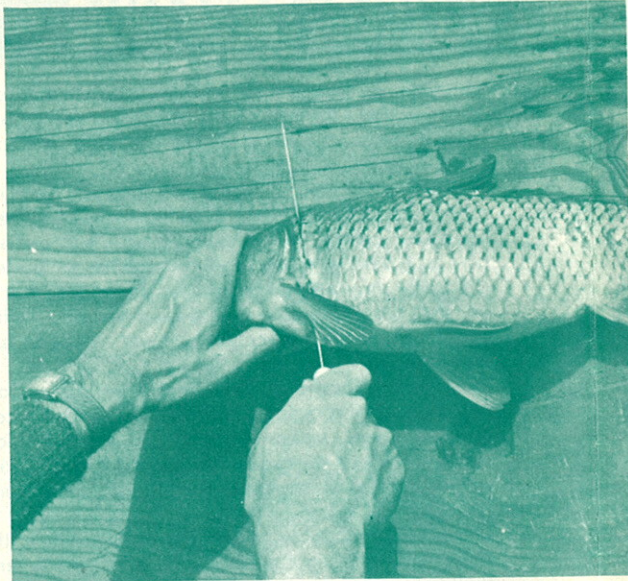
## FIELD DRESSING

The right time to dress a fish is when you pull him out of the water. Field-dressed fish taste better and retain their fresh appearance longer. Here are three methods of field-dressing:

- . . . A grass-lined creel, opposite, will help the fish cool properly and taste better. Line the creel with fresh leaves or grass. Split the belly of the fish, pull gills out with entrails, and the job is completed. Dip creel in water occasionally, but never put it on the ground and risk crawling insects. After every use, wash the creel to avoid fly eggs and maggots.
- . . . Fish, especially trout, deteriorate and decompose rapidly, so, if possible, kill the fish immediately and put them, unwashed and ungutted, into ice. If they are put on a slab of ice and covered with an insulation of sawdust, they'll last for several weeks.
- . . . If ice isn't available, clean the fish, sprinkle the flesh with salt and pepper, and wrap in several thicknesses of dampened woolen cloth or brown paper. Place in cold, damp earth, and the fish will last up to 48 hours.

## GENERAL HINTS

- . . . The lighter the tackle, the more thrilling it is to catch a fish, and it is usually more productive on panfishes.
- . . . Always use a leader of some type when plugging or bait fishing with the nylon type of line.
- . . . When using corks while fishing, try to ease them into the water whenever possible.
- . . . A slow but frequent movement of the bait will catch more fish.
- . . . Take as many different baits with you fishing as possible.
- . . . On windy days, fish the lee side of the lake or in calm water or in deeper-than-usual water on windy days.
- . . . On lakes where there are lots of boats during the day, fish early in the morning, late in the evening, or at night.

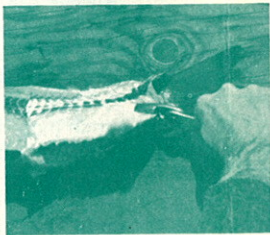


1. Using sharp knife, cut the head off the fish

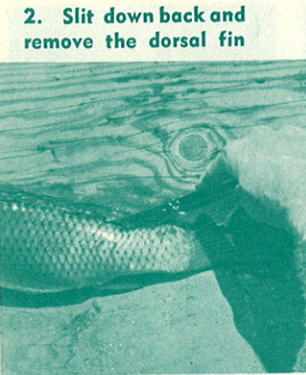
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6. Using pliers, pull off the remaining fins



7. Loosen skin with pliers; peel toward tail



2. Slit down back and remove the dorsal fin



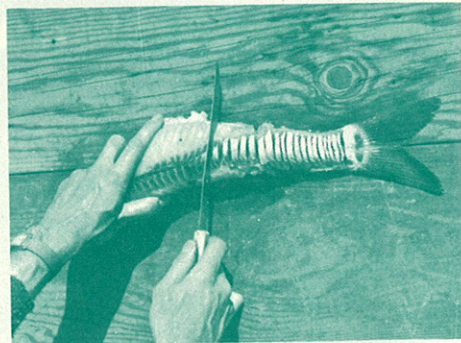
4. Spread the skin to remove the entrails



3. Carefully cut skin from anal fin to neck



5. Next, cut from anal fin to base of tail



8. With knife, cut to backbone every 1/4 inch

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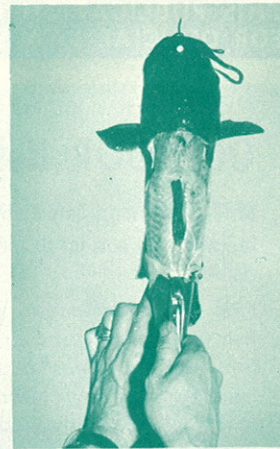
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## ANGLING TIPS

- ... Troll deep and slow for walleye. Lure should not be more than 18 inches off the bottom. Stop boat after strike and plug back into the school. In some cases, it's best to have a trail lure of a different type from 18 inches to three feet behind the first lure.
- ... Trolling for white bass is very effective in May and June, and again in July and August. This fish schools and feeds in a zig-zag line. Live minnows on light spinning rigs, spoons, and spinners of the seton and white colors are very effective, just where the shallow water breaks over into the deep water. When casting with minnows, leads should not be used. Lead should be used with minnows when trolling.
- ... Black crappie usually prefer cold, quiet water with a hard bottom with some aquatic vegetation. White crappie like slow, sluggish, warm, or cold water with soft mud bottom. When using minnows, corks and leads should be of the lightest, smallest type since crappie are usually light biters. Crappie can be taken on small size lures with little or no action. A slow retrieve is usually most productive.
- ... In baiting worms, hook the worm through the middle and thread for about one inch, allowing both ends to be free to wiggle.
- ... When fishing with live minnows, where holes are deep and no casting is to be done, hook the minnow through the lips or just in front of the top (dorsal) fin. If hooking the lips, be careful not to set the hook too far back into the lips or it will pierce the brain of the minnow.
- ... To place a grasshopper on a hook, turn the hopper belly up and insert the hook under the breast armor. Bring the hook over so the point faces the belly, then push it through and out the back. The point of the hook should just protrude from the back between the wings. The weight of the hook on the underside keeps the hopper right side up. To make hoppers more attractive, pinch off their outer wings, leaving their bright yellow or red wings showing.



## CATFISH SKINNING

- ... Kill 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 the other pectoral fin.
- ... Work enough skin loose with pliers so that it will peel back toward the tail in one piece.
- ... Flop catfish over and remove remaining "v" of skin by pulling with pliers toward the head. Last step is to cut off head and clean.

