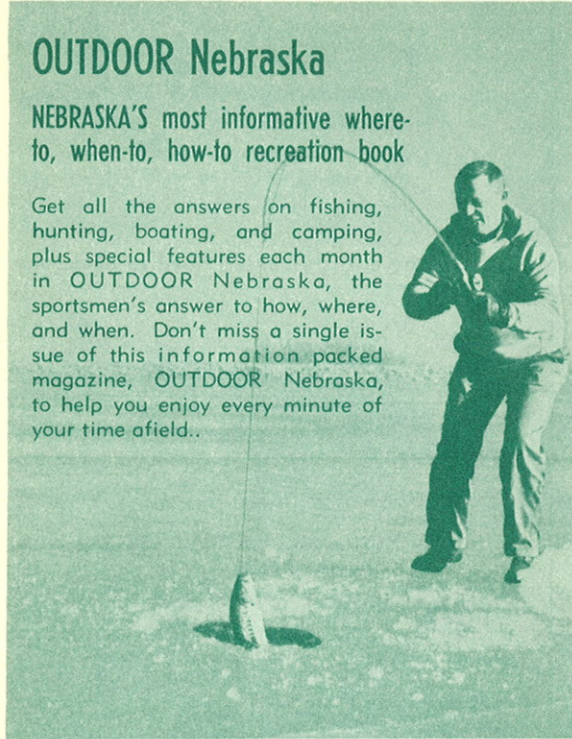


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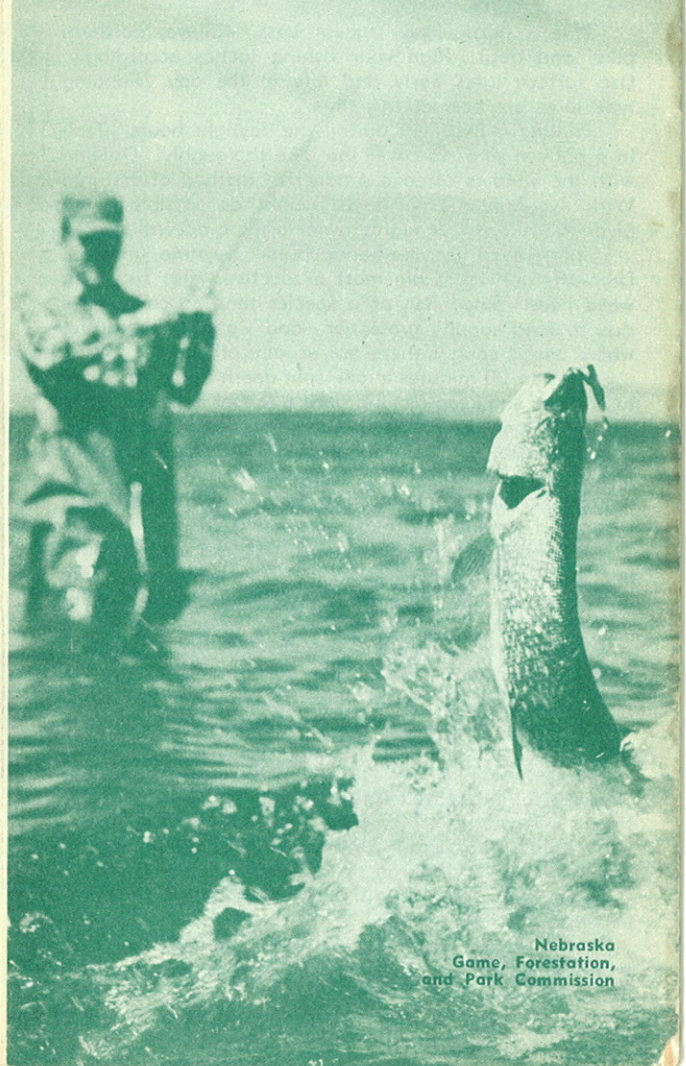
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## SPORT FISHING

SPECIES Season: Open entire year.	DAILY BAG Size Limits: None	POSSESSION LIMIT
*TROUT	7	7
BLACK BASS	10	10
CATFISH	10	10
SAUGER	10	10
WALLEYE	6	12
NORTHERN PIKE	6	6
WHITE BASS	50	50
PADDLEFISH	2	4
CRAPPIE	50	50
*BULLHEADS	50	50
BAIT MINNOWS	100	100
ROCK BASS, BLUE- GILL, SUNFISH	NO LIMIT	
PERCH	NO LIMIT	
FRESH-WATER DRUM	NO LIMIT	
STURGEON	NO LIMIT	
*NON-GAME FISH	NO LIMIT	

\* See SPECIAL AREAS Section

**BULLFROGS** 12 12  
Bullfrog season: July 1 to November 1.

*I envy not him that eats better meat than I do; nor him that is richer, or that wears better clothes than I do: I envy him, and him only, that catches more fish than I do.*

Izaak Walton

The Compleat Angler, 1653

## PERMITS

RESIDENT COMBINATION HUNTING-FISHING.....	\$4
RESIDENT ANNUAL .....	\$2
NONRESIDENT ANNUAL .....	\$5
NONRESIDENT, FIVE DAYS.....	\$2

RESIDENT FISHING PERMIT: Required of all residents 16 years of age or older.

NONRESIDENT FISHING PERMIT: Required of all persons who are not legal residents of the State of Nebraska, except those under 16 years of age accompanied by a parent or guardian possessing a current nonresident permit.

RESIDENT: No person, except a resident and citizen of the United States who has resided in the State of Nebraska continuously for a period of 90 days before making an application for a permit and who has a bona fide intention of becoming a legal resident of the State of Nebraska, supported by documentary proof, shall be deemed to be a resident or issued a permit.

Members of the armed forces on active duty and officially stationed in Nebraska for 30 consecutive days or more are entitled to resident fishing and hunting permit regardless of the state of legal residence.

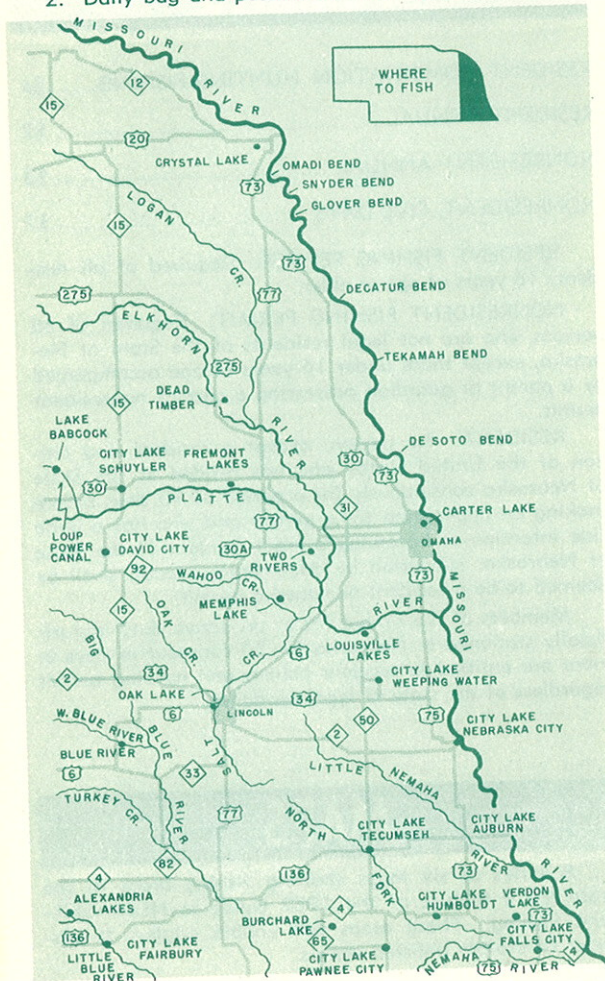
## MAPS

A series of six maps showing fishing areas in the state are a feature of the 1962 Guide to NEBRASKA-land Fishing. These maps will enable anglers to discover heretofore unlisted waters.

## SPECIAL AREAS

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

1. A daily trout fishing tag costing \$1.50 is required in addition to a regular Nebraska fishing permit.
2. Daily bag and possession limit—five trout.



3. 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.

4. Each fisherman shall wear the daily trout tag on his person in a conspicuous place while fishing.

5. Minnows, or fish of any species, alive or dead, are prohibited as bait.

6. Spearing, gigging, snaring, baiting or snagging is prohibited.

7. Fishing is permitted only with one pole or rod with line attached, per person. Not more than two hooks are permitted per line.

8. Each fisherman shall keep his fish on a separate stringer, or container, and under his control.

9. Each fisherman shall report his catch and return his tag each day when finished.

10. Each fisherman's resident or nonresident fishing permit will be held until his tag and catch report are returned.

11. Boats of all kinds are prohibited.

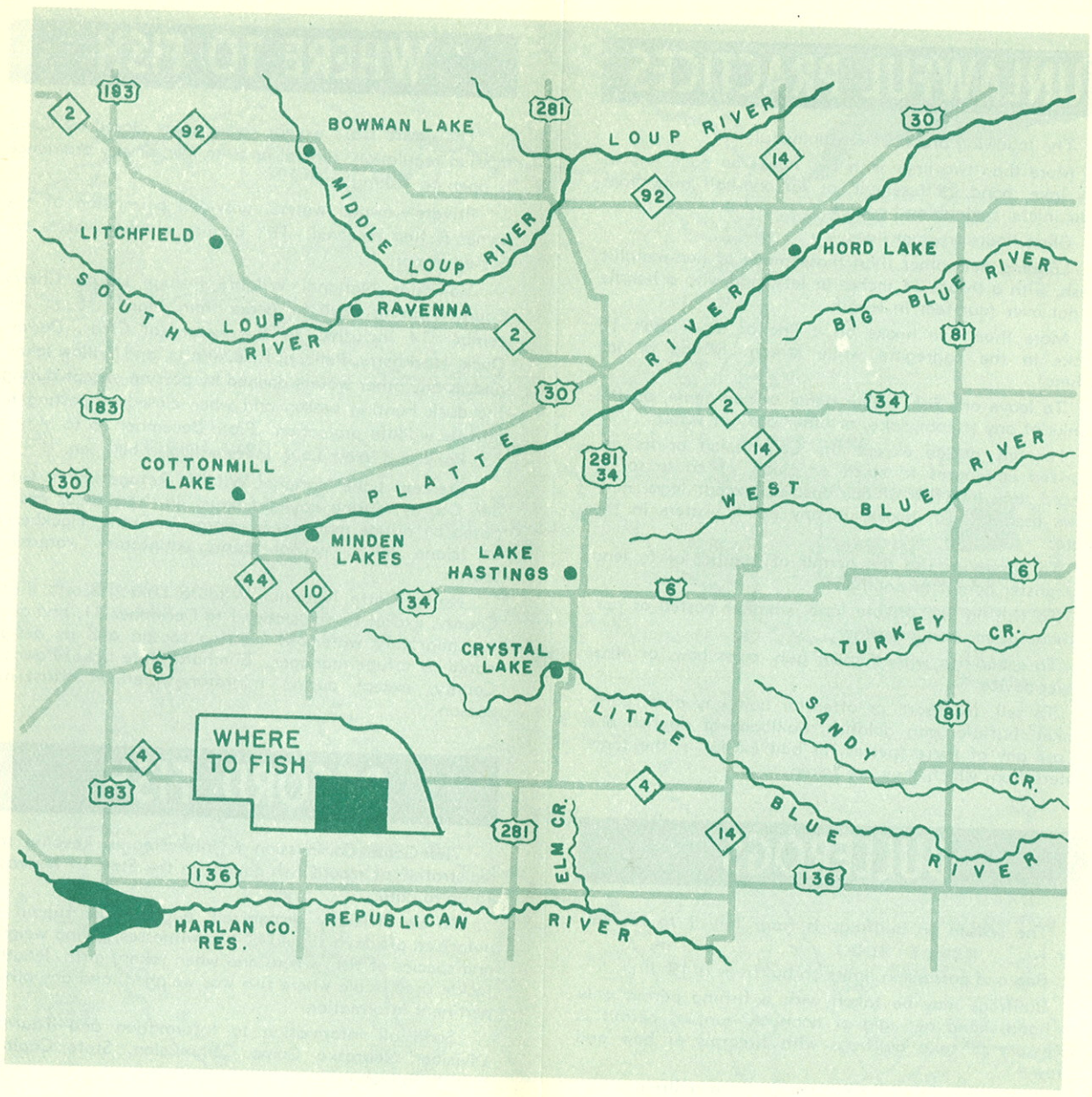
**BULLHEADS:** In the following state-owned lakes the daily bag and possession limit is 10 (ten)—Two Rivers Lake, Douglas County; Niobrara Park Lake, Knox County; Lake No. 1A (NE) Louisville, Cass County; Dead Timber Lake, Dodge County; State Lakes, Jefferson County; Hord Lake, Merrick County; Lake No. 3, Fremont, Dodge County; Crystal Lake, Ayr, Adams County; Memphis Lake, Saunders County.

**CARP:** In the following state-owned lakes the daily bag and possession limit is 10 (ten)—Two Rivers Carp Lake, Douglas County; Litchfield Lake, Sherman County; Fremont No. 6 Lake, Dodge County, (East of state residence); Fremont Carp Lake, Dodge County, (East U.P. Lake, east of Victory); Louisville No. 1A (NE) Lake, Cass County.

Any person taking fish from Gavins Point Reservoir or the Missouri River must carry a valid fishing permit issued by the state from which he enters or returns from the waters. (Note: On the training dike below Gavins Point Dam and powerhouse, either a Nebraska or South Dakota fishing permit is valid.)

Within the area covered by the Lewis and Clark Lake it is unlawful for any person to use more than two lines with more than two 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.

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## UNLAWFUL PRACTICES

The following practices are unlawful:

More than two lines with two hooks on each line in any lake, pond, or reservoir, or for one-half mile from their inlets, outlets, and canals.

Glass floats on float lines.

Landing nets other than those made of non-metallic mesh, with a throat 24 inches or less, and with a handle of not over four feet in length.

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 in the state.

To borrow or use the permit of another or to lend or transfer permit to another.

To fish on any private land, whether posted or not, without permission of owner.

To spear fish with a spear gun, cross bow, or other power device.

To sell, transport, or offer for bait any carp, carp-sucker, buffalo, gar, goldfish, quillback or dogfish and to use any of these species for bait except in the same waters from which they are taken.

## BULLFROGS

The season on bullfrogs is from July 1 to November 1.

Bag and possession limits on bullfrogs is 12.

Bullfrogs may be taken with a fishing permit only by hand, hand net, gig or hook. A hunting permit is necessary to take bullfrogs with firearms or bow and arrow.

Artificial light may be used in taking bullfrogs.

## WHERE TO FISH

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

Privately-owned waters, provided permission of the owner is first received. This applies whether waters are posted or not.

Valentine National Wildlife Refuge Lakes, Cherry County, during daylight hours from March 16 to December 14 inclusive, in the waters of Clear, Dewey, Duck, Hackberry, Pelican, Rice, Watts, and Willow lakes, and in any other waters opened by posting except during the duck 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.

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

North Platte National Wildlife Lakes, Scotts Bluff County, except from October 1 to December 31, and during migratory waterfowl hunting season and as designated by refuge manager. Burchard State Lake, Pawnee County, except during migratory-waterfowl hunting season.

## RECORD FISH

The Game Commission is interested in keeping its registration of record fish caught in the State of Nebraska up to date.

To be officially recognized, angler must submit a notarized affidavit signed by two witnesses, giving weight and species of fish, where and when taken, girth, length, tackle used, scale where fish was weighed, and any other pertinent information.

Send all information to Information and Tourism Division, Nebraska Game Commission, State Capitol, Lincoln 9, Nebraska.

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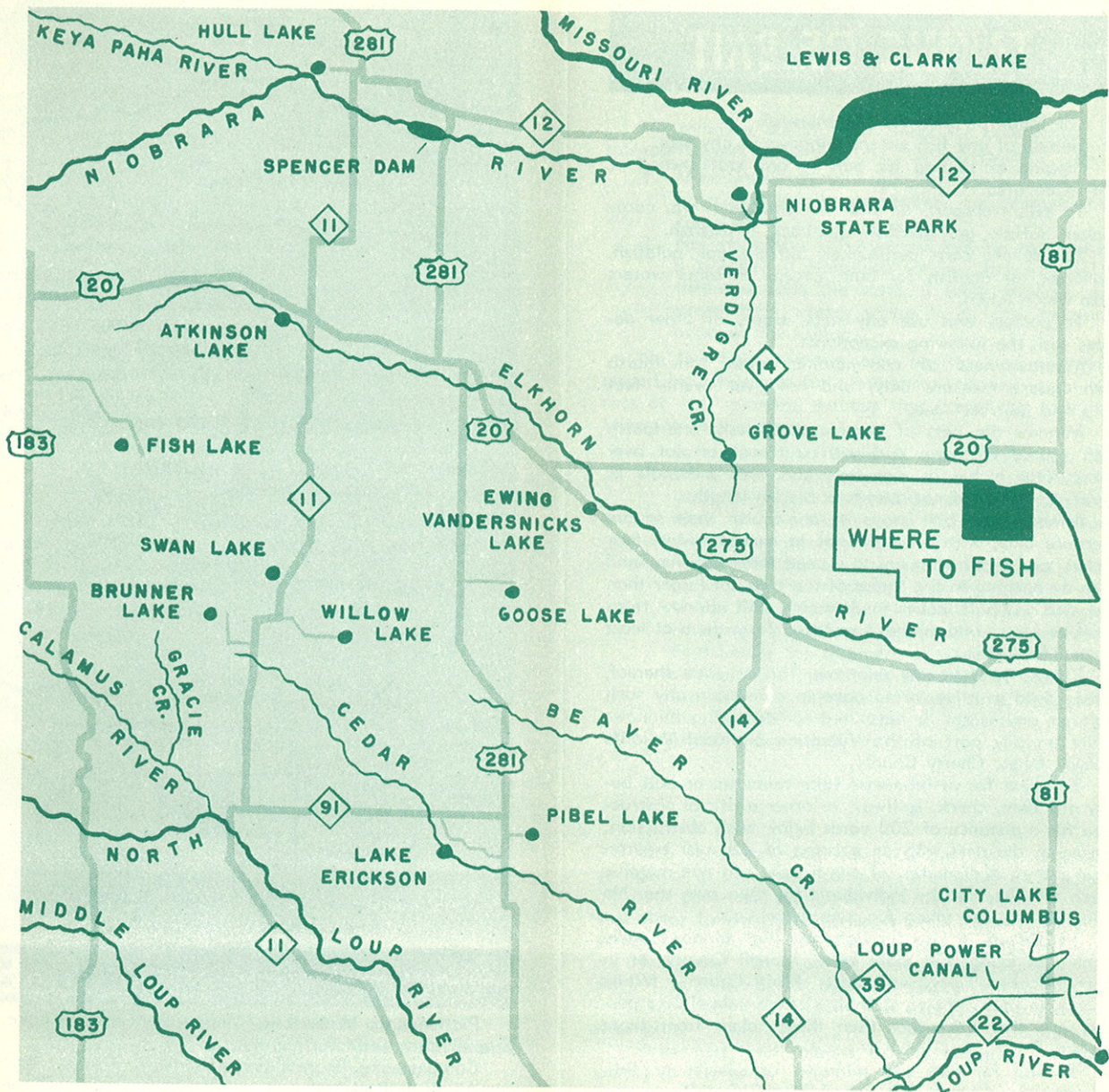
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## TAKING OF BAIT

The following practices are unlawful:

Seining of any fish except minnows of any size.

Digging or seining for bait in any state-owned or controlled area.

To sell, transport, or offer for bait any carp, carp-sucker, buffalo, gar, goldfish, quillback, or dogfish.

To use any carp, carpsucker, buffalo, gar, goldfish, quillback, or dogfish for bait, except in same waters from which taken.

To possess and use any nets, traps, or other devices with the following exceptions:

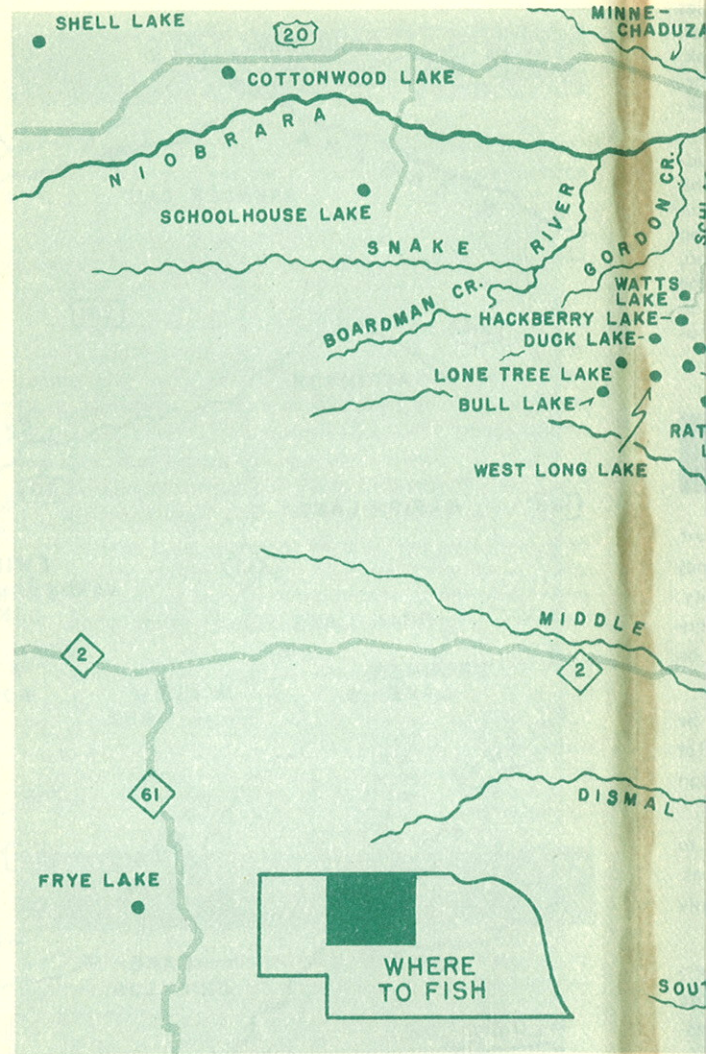
1. Minnow nets of non-metallic mesh, one-fourth inch square measure only, and not over twenty feet long and four feet deep.
2. Minnow dip nets of non-metallic mesh, one-fourth inch square measure, and with a throat of not over twenty-four inches in diameter, and with a handle or handling device of not over four feet in length.
3. Minnow and bait traps of one-fourth inch square measure only, with a length not to exceed twenty-four inches, and a diameter not to exceed sixteen inches, and 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.

To use for bait any minnows, fish or parts thereof, either dead or alive, or to have in 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 twenty-four 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 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 these waters.

To use for bait any minnows or species of fish, alive or dead, in the lakes of Two Rivers Recreation Area, Douglas County.

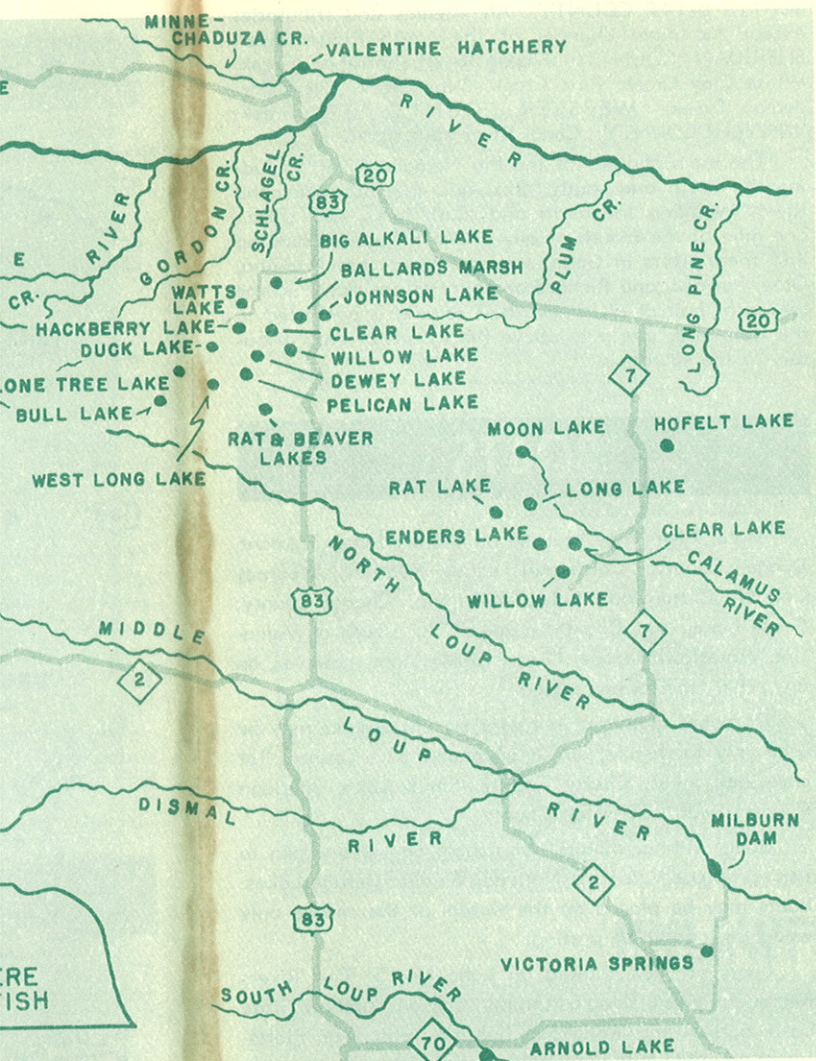


## CLOSED WA

Plattsmouth Waterfowl Management Area Lake, Cass County, until further notice.

Georges Lake, Grant County.

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



## CLOSED WATERS

Two Rivers Recreation Area Lake,  
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Two Rivers Recreation Area lakes to ice fishing.  
 The Platte River bordering Two Rivers Recreation Area during migratory-waterfowl hunting season.  
 Any lakes or streams or portions thereof closed by the Commission by posting as required by law.

## 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 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 Department 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.

Each fisherman shall keep his fish on a separate stringer or in a separate container and under his control.  
 Both game and non-game fish may be taken by bow and arrow from April 1 to December 1, from sunrise to sunset.  
 Non-game fish may be taken by spearing from April 1 to December 1, between sunrise and sunset.  
 'Daily bag' means fish taken between midnight and midnight.  
 'Possession limit' means fish in possession of any person at any time.  
 Anise oil or other scents that do not stun, kill, or harm fish are legal.



## RESTRICTED AREAS

The following streams are closed to snagging of fish, and the seining or taking of bait or minnows 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, Loner-gin Creek and all tributaries. KIMBALL COUNTY: Lodgepole Creek and all tributaries west of the 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: All streams and tributaries except the main channel of North Platte River.

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.

## BOATS

Motor boats may be used on Victory Lake, Fremont, Dodge County; Cottonmill Lake, Kearney, Kearney County; Cottonwood Lake, Merriman, Cherry County; Goose Lake, Holt County; Beaver Lake, south of Valentine Waterfowl Refuge, Cherry County, not, however, on any other state-owned waters.

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

Boats without motors, for fishing on waters open to fishing on the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge Lakes. Boats may be placed on the waters of the refuge only where designated by posting.

Boats are not allowed on Lake No. 5, Two Rivers Recreation Area, Douglas County, and on Burchard State Lake during any waterfowl hunting season or Plattsmouth Waterfowl Management Area Lake.

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When bait casting with artificial surface plugs in the evening or morning, don't begin retrieve for about a minute after casting.

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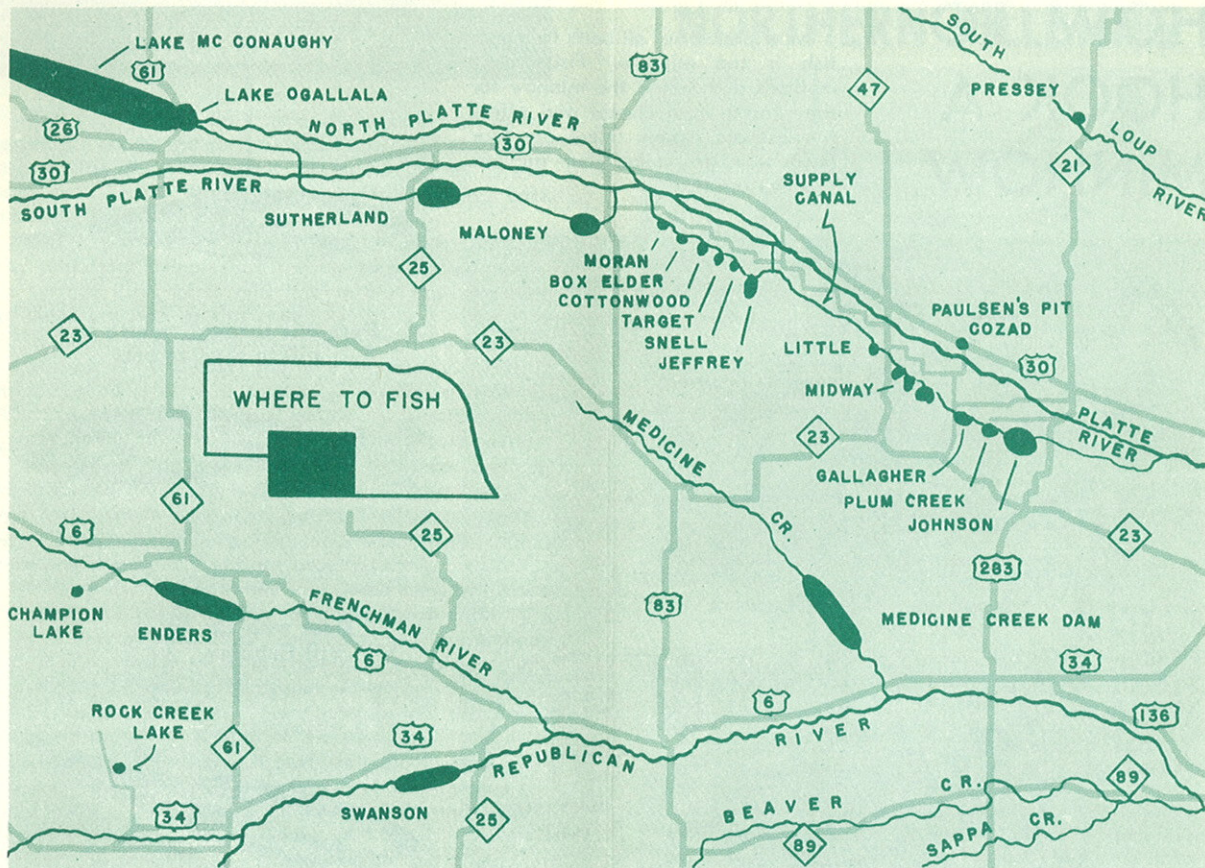
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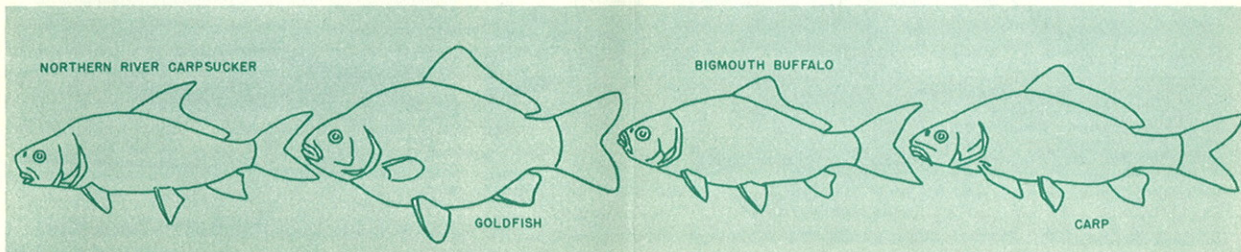
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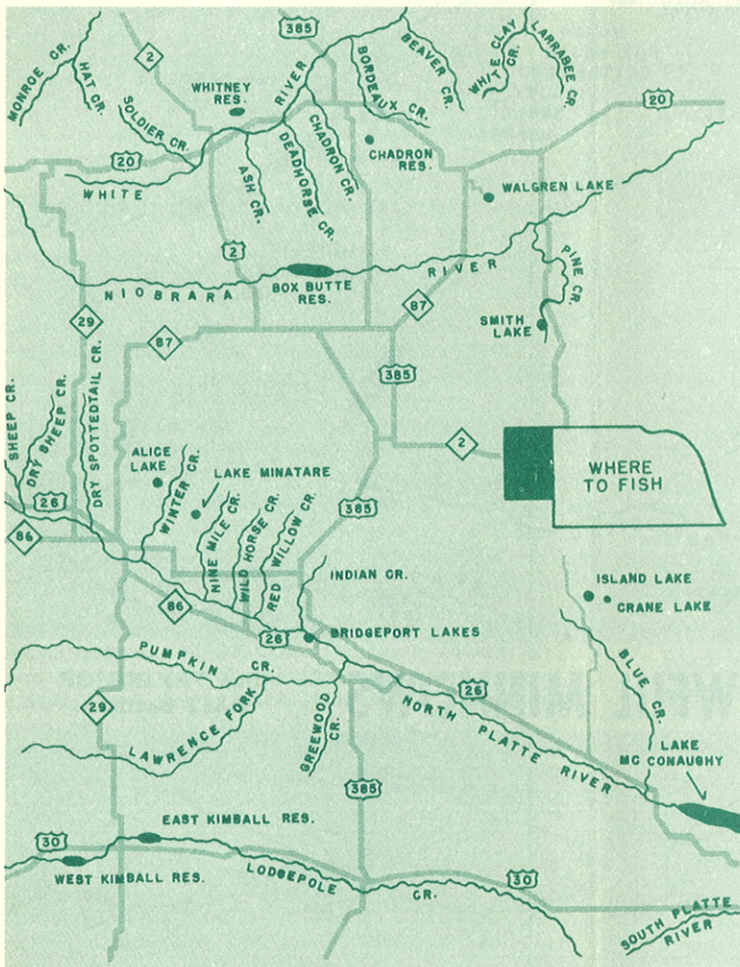
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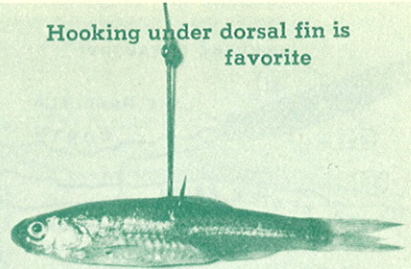


# HOW TO HOOK A MINNOW

Most popular of all baits for game fish is the minnow. Fishermen's methods of hooking the minnow for the utmost in liveliness and effectiveness are legion. Here are four good ways to make your minnow produce results.



Hooking under dorsal fin is favorite



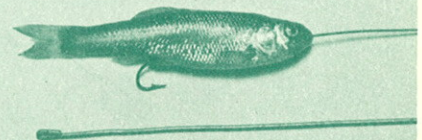
Pass line through mouth and gill to revolve bait



Does well for still-fishing



Line is drawn through body by wire needle



## TACKLE TIPS

Most fish follow a daily cycle, starting the early morning hours close to the surface and retreating into deeper water as the day (and water) warms up. Then as evening comes on, it is reversed with fish moving back into the shallows for food.

This is particularly true of bass, walleye, northern pike, and trout. Plan your fishing tactics accordingly. Use surface lures early and late in the day. Popping type lures are best at this time.

Trolling is excellent during the daylight hours. Trolling in a pattern so as to cover the lake thoroughly. Drifting with the wind is often a productive method of trolling. With live baits use as little weight as possible. This gives the minnow or nightcrawler a more natural action.

Still-fishing is another popular daytime method. Drop-offs and holes are most productive. Also fish near weed beds. Since fish of a species tend to congregate due to food supply, protection, and water temperature, where one is caught there are usually others.

If 15 to 20 minutes in one spot doesn't pay off, move to another and keep moving until a school is found.

In stream fishing, trout (and bass, too) prefer deep holes close to the bank. Water speed is less close to the bank and it is cooler in the deeper water.

Catfish and bullheads are found in all the major rivers and streams and most of the lakes.

Worms, blood baits, and beef melt are favorite bullhead baits. Minnows, grasshoppers, and salamanders are also popular. Lightly weighted lines are best and becoming more popular.

Catfish and bullheads are most often found in quiet areas, around rocks, brush piles, and drop-offs.

Use small, light hooks when fishing with live baits. They don't damage the bait and are harder for the fish to see.

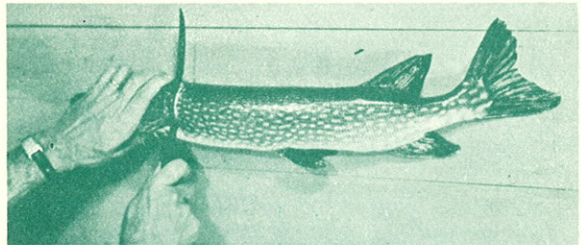
A discarded dessert spoon is an excellent tool for cleaning the blood that collects along the backbone of a fish.

In playing a heavy fish, lift the rod tip almost to the vertical then drop rod tip and reel in slack line.

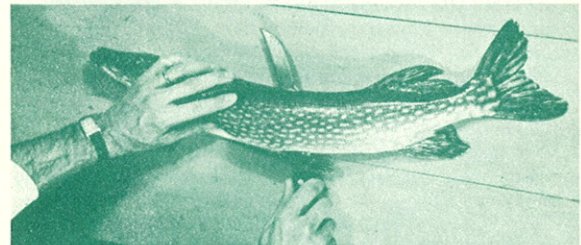
A teaspoon of olive oil will keep a hole from freezing over when ice fishing.

An over-hanging tree is a favorite hideout for fish. It provides welcome shade and food from bugs that fall from the branches.

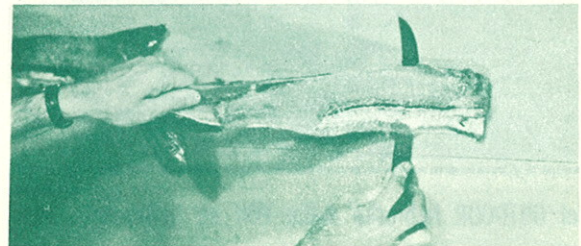
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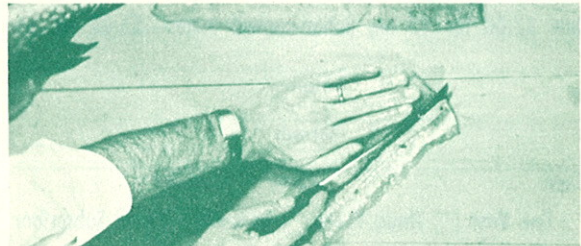
Begin filleting by cutting behind head to backbone



Then carefully cut along backbone to tail with even stroke



Turn fillet over, and cut skin away from meat



Cut backbone away from fillet. Repeat for other fillet