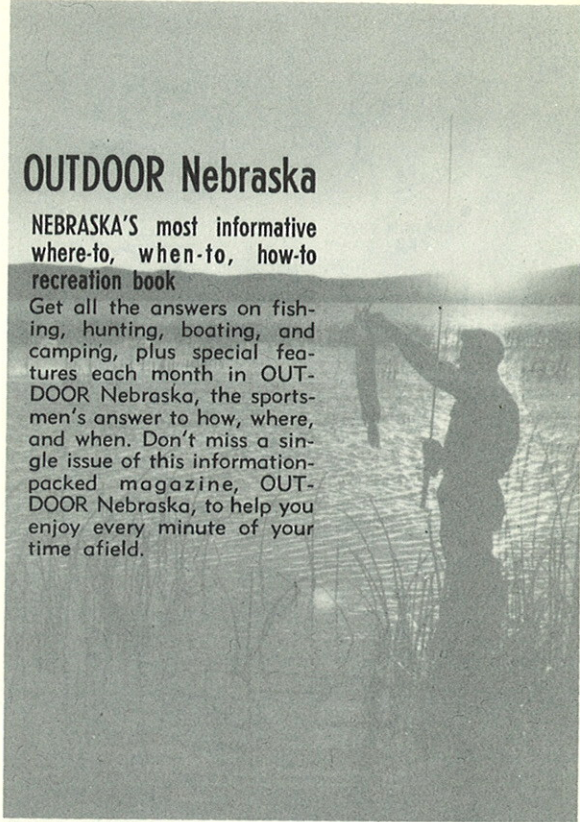


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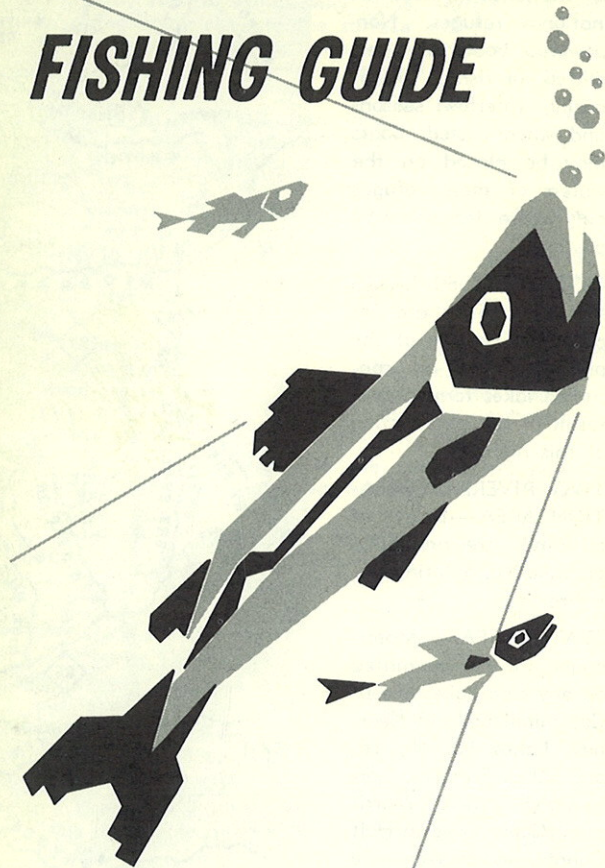
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SPORT FISHING



SEASONS—Hook and line and snagging: Open entire year. (Note exceptions in "Special Areas")
 Archery (game and non-game fish): April 1 to December 1, sunrise to sunset. (See "Special Areas")
 Spearing (non-game only): April 1 to December 1, sunrise to sunset.

SIZE LIMITS—None.

Species	Limits	
	Daily Bag**	Possession Limit***
Trout	7	7
Black Bass (largemouth and smallmouth)	10	10
Catfish (channel, blue, and flathead)	10	10
Walleye and Sauger (in combination)	8	8
Northern Pike	6	6
Paddlefish	2	4
Bait Minnows	100	100
All Others (crappie, white bass, bullheads, perch, freshwater drum, sand sturgeon, gizzard shad, rock bass, bluegill, sunfish, and all non-game fish)	No Limit	No Limit

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS—Any fish caught that is not to be counted in the bag limit must be immediately released into the water with as little injury as possible. Any fish placed on a stringer, or in a container, or not returned immediately to the water, must be counted in the bag, except in Two Rivers Recreation Area Lake #5, every fish caught must be counted in the angler's bag limit.

SPECIAL LIMITS—In the following lakes the daily bag and possession limit is 10 fish, either game, non-game, or both: Two Rivers Lakes, Douglas County; Niobrara Park Lake, Knox County; Lake #1A (NE) Louisville, Cass County; State Lakes, Jefferson County; Dead Timber Lake, Dodge County; Hord Lake, Merrick County; Crystal Lake, Adams County; Memphis Lake, Saunders County; Litchfield Lake, Sherman County; Fremont Carp Lake, Dodge County; and all "put and take" lakes stocked by the Game Commission unless otherwise provided by special regulations.

****DAILY BAG**—Fish taken from midnight to midnight.

*****POSSESSION LIMIT**—Fish in a person's portable cooler, home freezer, registered in his name in a commercial cold storage locker, or in any other way under his control.

NOTICE: This publication is meant as a guide only. For official law see Nebraska code.

PERMITS

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

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

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

RESIDENT: A person who has resided in Nebraska continuously for at least 90 days before purchasing a permit. Members of the armed forces on active duty and officially stationed in Nebraska may purchase a resident fishing permit after residing 30 consecutive days in the state.

BOUNDARY WATERS: Persons fishing in Lewis and Clark Lake and anywhere in the Missouri River must carry a valid license issued by the state from which he enters the water and to which he returns.



WHERE TO FISH

A series of six maps showing fishing areas in the state are a feature of the 1963 Guide to NEBRASKA-land fishing. These maps will enable anglers to discover heretofore unlisted waters.

BAIT MINNOWS



RESTRICTED SPECIES—It is unlawful to sell, transport, or offer for bait any carp, carpsucker, buffalo, gar, goldfish, quillback, or dogfish; and it is unlawful to use any of these fish for bait except in the water from which they are taken.

EXPORTING—No minnows taken from Nebraska waters may be transported out of the state in any manner, except: (a) Minnows artificially propagated in man-made

impoundments by licensed fish culturists, and (b) No more than 100 legally captured minnows exported by a resident for his personal use in fishing outside the state.

IMPORTING—No person may import live bait minnows for commercial purposes, or in excess of 100 minnows for any purpose, without first obtaining a "certificate of inspection" from his State Game and Fish Department which certifies the fish are free from disease and parasites. A copy of the certificate must accompany the shipment and the original must be sent to the Nebraska Game Commission not less than three days before the shipment is made, along with the time, date, and place the fish will enter Nebraska.

GIZZARD SHAD—May be taken for use as bait by legal minnow dip nets or landing nets in lakes, reservoirs, and below dams and other artificial obstructions for a distance of 200 feet in all streams and rivers except those closed to the taking of bait by these methods. Shad may be taken by legal minnow seine, dip net or landing net.

STATE AREAS—Digging and seining for bait on all state-owned and controlled areas is prohibited.

NEMAHA RIVERS—The main channels of the Big and Little Nemaha rivers, including the north and south forks of both, and within one mile of the mouth of all tributaries, in Gage, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson counties, are closed to the taking of bait at all times.

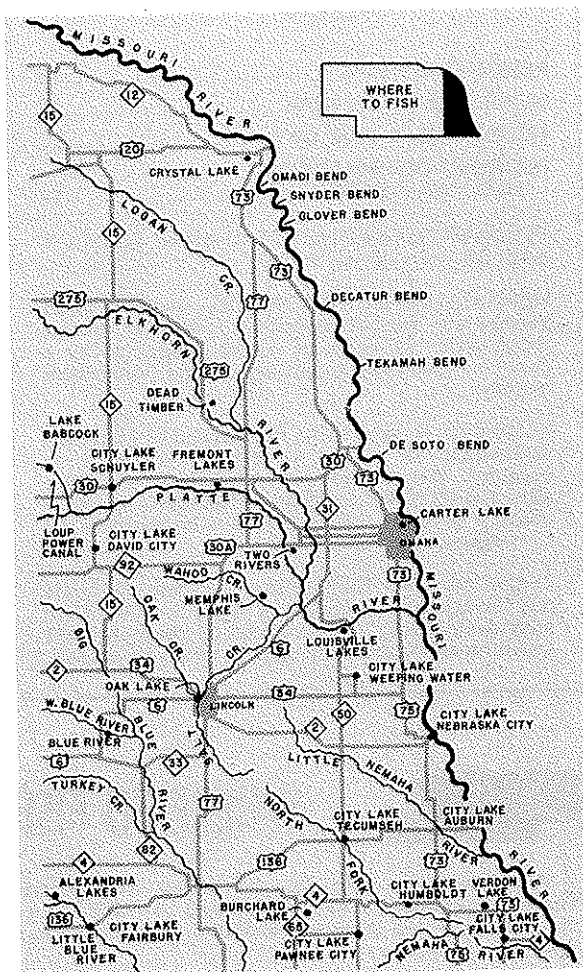
TERRY'S AND CLEAR LAKES—The possession or use of live minnows and the possession of any fish not taken from these waters is unlawful in Terry's Lake in Scotts Bluff County and Clear Lake in Brown County.

BELOW DAMS—The seining or capturing of minnows for commercial purposes for a distance of 200 yards below any dam, check, spillway, or other artificial obstruction is unlawful. This does not restrict individuals from using legal minnow dip nets in these areas to capture minnows for their own personal use.

CLOSED WATERS—Trout streams are closed to the taking of minnows for any purpose (see "Special Areas" section).

VALENTINE AND CRESCENT LAKE WILDLIFE REFUGES—Use of any live or dead fish and possession of any seine or net for capturing minnows is prohibited.

TWO RIVERS RECREATION AREA—Live or dead fish of any species are prohibited as bait in this area (see "Special Areas" section).



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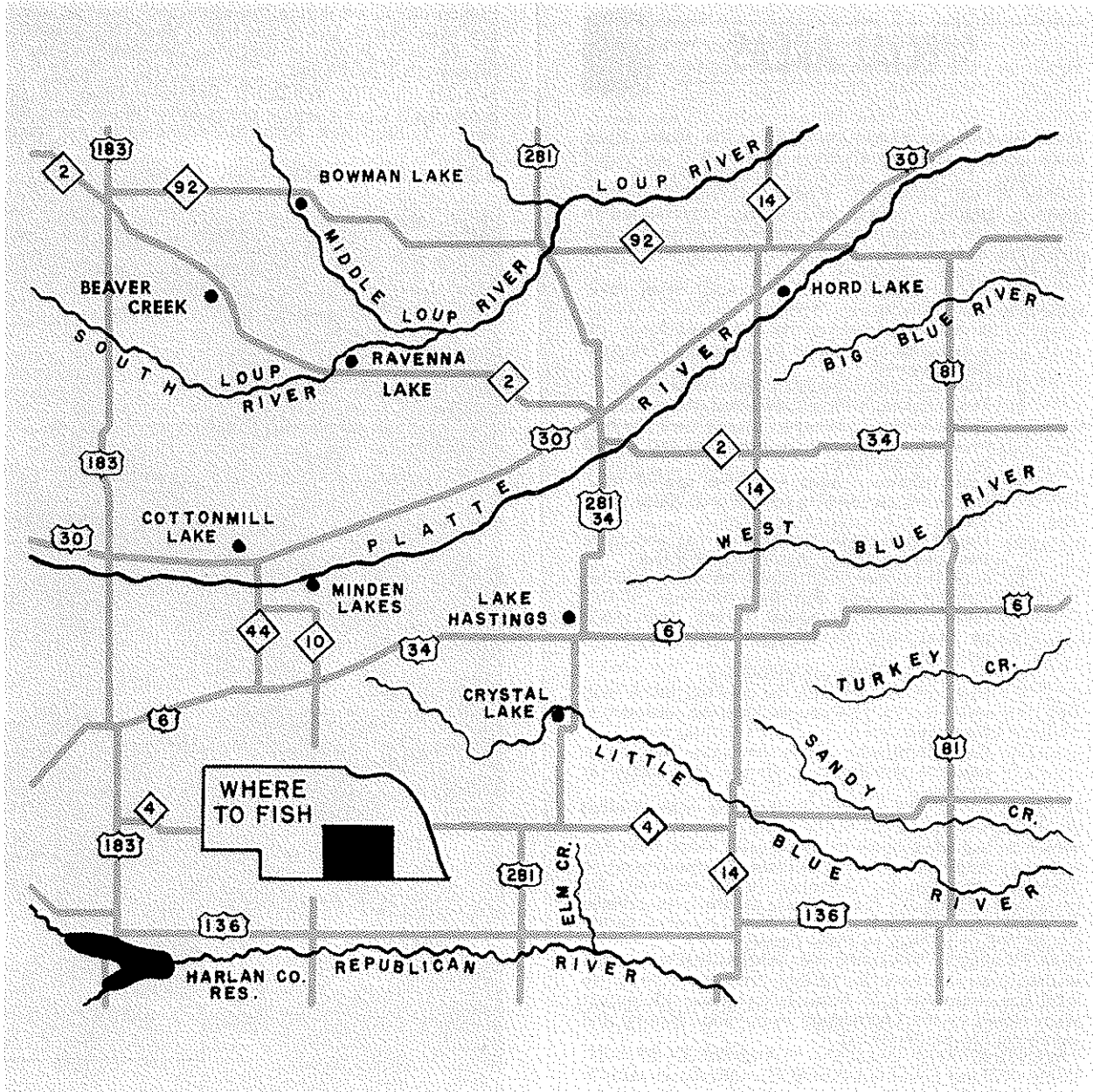
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SPECIAL AREAS

TWO RIVERS RECREATION AREA—The Platte River bordering this area and all lakes (except #5) are closed to fishing during the waterfowl hunting season. Ice fishing is not permitted. Archery fishing, snagging, spearing, gigging, snaring, and baiting is prohibited in all lakes. Live or dead minnows or fish of any species are prohibited as bait. Bag and possession limit is ten (10) fish, either game, non-game, or both.

Lake #5 is designated as a special trout lake, subject to the following regulations:

1. A daily trout fishing tag purchased for \$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 must wear the special trout tag on his person in a conspicuous place while fishing.
5. Use of more than one pole or rod and more than two hooks per person is prohibited.
6. Each fisherman shall report his catch and return his tag each day when finished.
7. Each fisherman's regular fishing permit will be held until his tag and catch report are returned.
8. Boats of all kinds are prohibited.
9. Each fish caught shall be counted in the bag limit and no fish caught shall be returned to the water.
10. Each fisherman shall keep his fish on a separate stringer or container and under his control.

LEWIS AND CLARK LAKE—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.

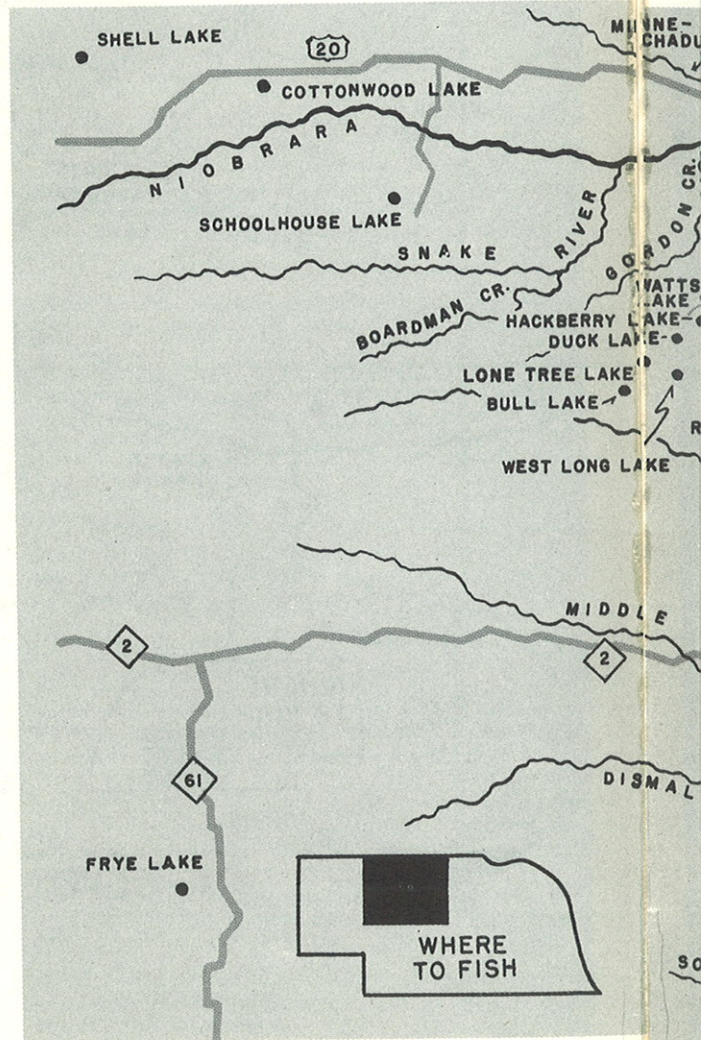
PLATTSMOUTH WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA—This area is open to fishing from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. from April 15 through September 15, except when closed by the Commission by posting. Boating and swimming are not permitted.

VALENTINE AND CRESCENT LAKE WILDLIFE REFUGES—Fishing permitted during daylight hours only in areas designated by the refuge manager or by posting.

Fishing prohibited during migratory duck hunting season and when posted. Use of any live or dead fish, possession of any seine or net for capturing minnows, and use of motorboats is prohibited.

NORTH PLATTE WILDLIFE REFUGE—Lakes in this Scotts Bluff County refuge are open to fishing from January 1 to September 30 or as designated by the refuge manager.

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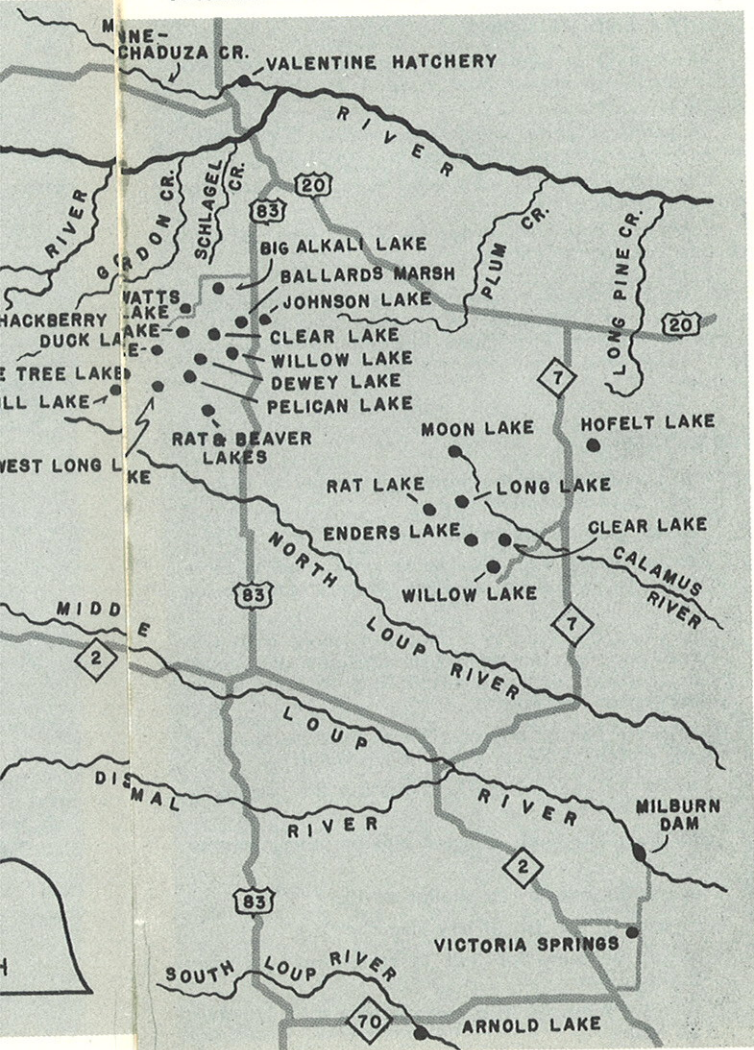
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through February 28, and from May 1 through September 30. Use of more than two lines, more than one hook per line, trot lines, spears, and bow and arrows are not permitted. Motorboats are allowed while the lake is open to fishing.

GEORGE'S LAKE—This Grant County lake is closed to all fishing.

SHERMAN RESERVOIR—This Sherman County lake is closed until further notice.



TROUT WATERS—Snagging and bow and arrow fishing for game or non-game fish and the seining or taking of bait or minnows in any manner is prohibited in the following trout streams: **ANTELOPE COUNTY**, Verdigre Creek and all tributaries. **BROWN COUNTY**, Long Pine Creek, Plum Creek and all tributaries, Calamus River, and 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, and 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, and White Clay Creek. **DUNDY COUNTY**, Buffalo Creek, and 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, Middle, and South branches of Verdigre Creek, Brush Creek, Redbird Creek, Eagle Creek, Big Sandy Creek, and Cedar River and tributaries. **HOOKER COUNTY**, Dismal River and all tributaries. **KEITH COUNTY**, Otter Creek, White Tail Creek, and Lonergin 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, and Steel Creek. **LINCOLN COUNTY**, Hershey Drains. **LOGAN COUNTY**, South Loup River. **LOUP COUNTY**, Gracie Creek. **MORRILL COUNTY**, all streams and tributaries except the main channel of the North Platte River. **ROCK COUNTY**, Calamus River, and 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, and 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, and Little Bordeaux Creek. **WEBSTER COUNTY**, Elm Creek. **WHEELER COUNTY**, Cedar River and its tributaries.



POINTS TO REMEMBER

BAIT—Digging or seining for bait is prohibited on all state lands.

STRINGERS—Each fisherman shall keep his fish on a separate stringer or in a separate container and under his control.

OPEN AREA—The entire state except those areas closed by Commission regulations, federal, or state law, or city ordinance is open to fishing. Privately-owned waters are open to fishing, provided permission of the owner is first received, even if the area is not posted.

FISH STOCKING—It is unlawful for any person, except authorized Game Commission employees, to stock in any manner any live fish in any public waters except legal minnows used on fish hooks for fishing.

HOOK AND LINE LIMITATIONS—No more than two lines with two hooks each are permitted in any lake, pond, or reservoir, or for one-half mile in their inlets, outlets, and canals. In stream and ice fishing no more than five hooks on a line or 15 hooks in the aggregate are allowed. One hook means a single, double, or treble-pointed hook, and all hooks attached to an artificial lure are counted as one hook.

SCENTS—Anise oil or other scents that do not stun, kill, or harm fish are permitted.

FISH NETS AND TRAPS:

The possession or use of any nets, traps, or other devices except the following is unlawful:

1. Minnow seines of one-fourth inch non-metallic square mesh, and not over 20 feet long and 4 feet deep.
2. Minnow dip nets of one-fourth inch non-metallic square mesh, with a throat of not over 24 inches in diameter and a handle or handling device not over 4 feet long.
3. Minnow and bait traps of one-fourth inch square mesh material with a length of 24 inches or less, a diameter 16 inches or less, and a throat 1½ inches or less in diameter. All minnow traps shall be raised and the minnows removed at least every 24 hours.
4. Landing nets, made of non-metallic mesh, used only for landing fish caught on hook and line, with a throat of twenty-four inches or less, and with a handle of not over four feet in length.

BULLFROGS:

Season on bullfrogs is from July 1 to November 1. Bag and possession limit is 12 bullfrogs per person. 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 for taking bullfrogs.

ARCHERY AND SNAGGING:

The taking of game and non-game fish with bow and arrow is permitted from April 1 to December 1, sunrise to sunset.

Snagging of game and non-game fish is permitted the entire year, the same as hook and line fishing.

Bag and possession limits are the same as those for hook and line anglers.

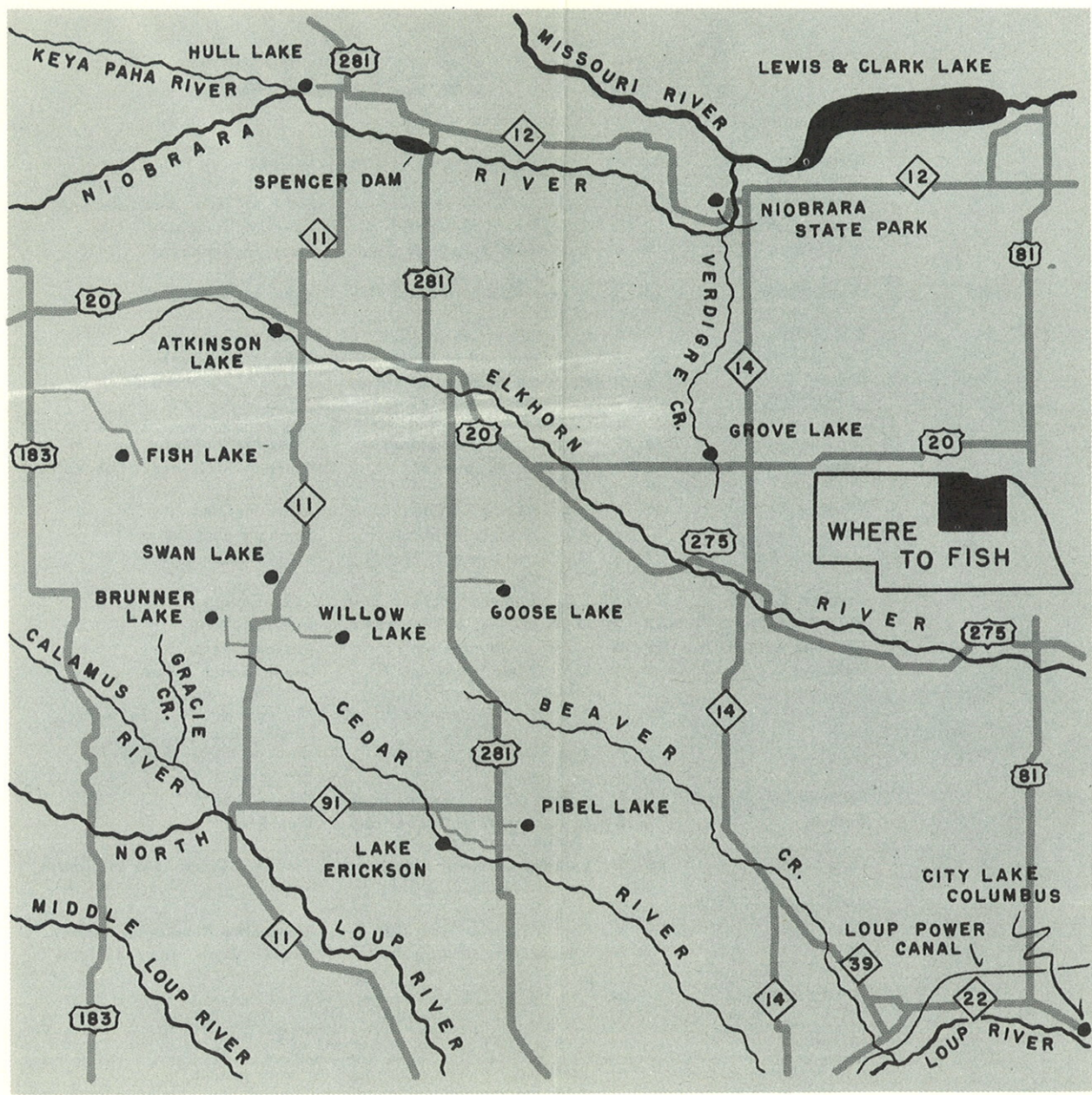
Only the long bow, drawn by hand, may be used for bow and arrow fishing.

CLOSED WATER—Bow and arrow fishing and snagging is unlawful in "put and take" lakes stocked by the Game Commission, Two Rivers Recreation Area, DeSoto Bend Lake, and trout streams (see "Special Areas" section).

IT'S UNLAWFUL . . .

- . . . to borrow or use the permit of another or to lend your permit to another.
- . . . to use glass floats on float lines.
- . . . to use more than five hooks on a line or more than 15 hooks on all lines while stream or ice fishing.
- . . . to use more than two lines with more than two hooks on each line while fishing in any lake, pond, or reservoir, or for one-half mile in their inlets, outlets, and canals.
- . . . to leave fish or any part thereof on the banks of any stream, lake, or other body of water.
- . . . to fish on any private land without the permission of the owner.
- . . . to spear fish with a spear gun or other powered device.
- . . . to use a cross bow or similar device.
- . . . to seine game fish of any size.
- . . . to dig or seine for bait in state-owned or controlled areas.
- . . . to leave minnows in a minnow trap for more than 24 hours.

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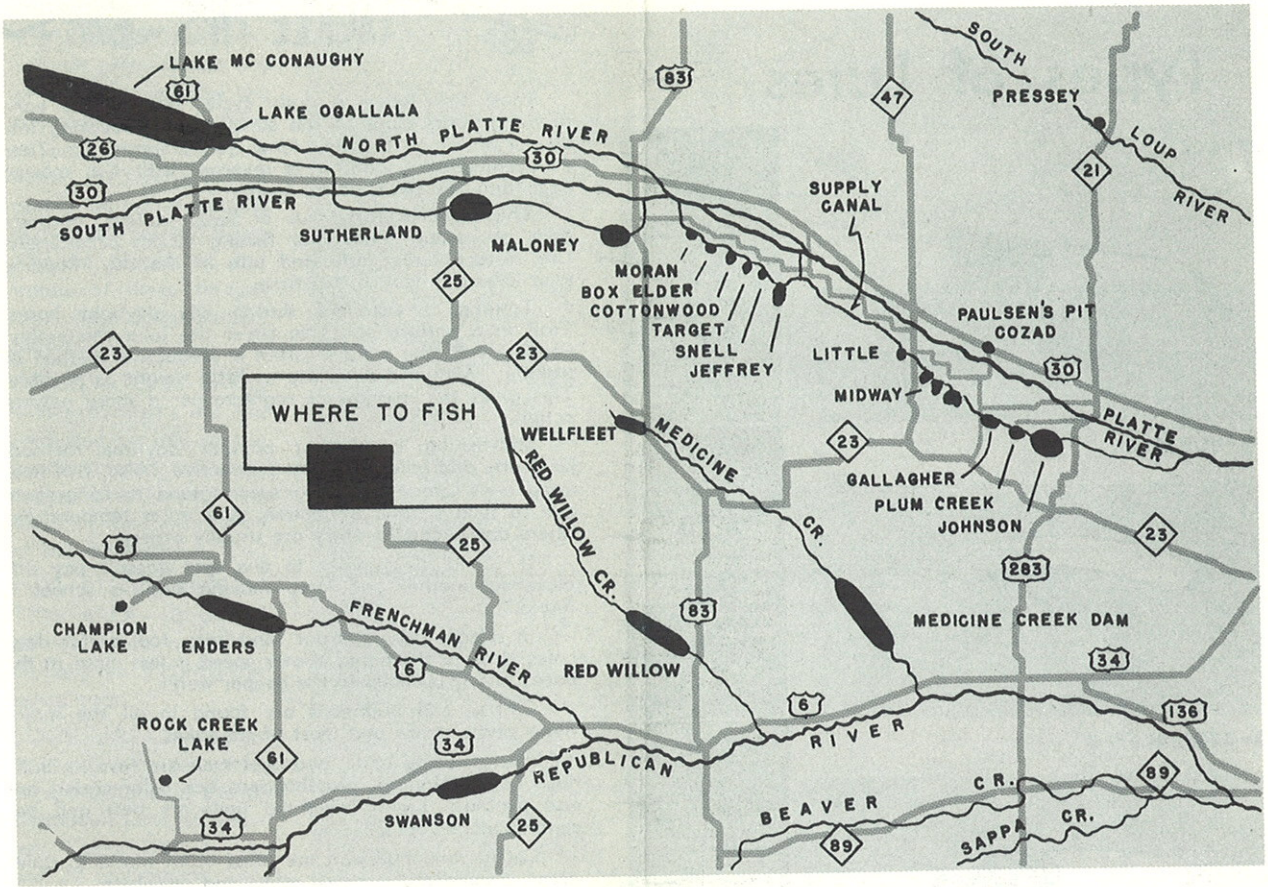


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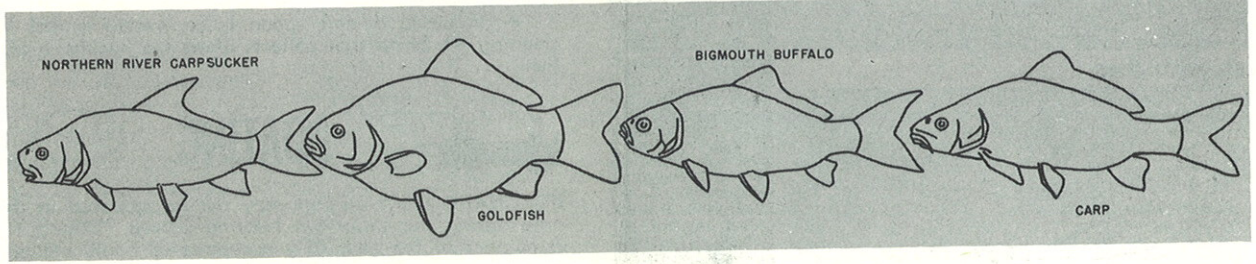
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Largemouth Bass	9-14	Phil Cornish of Lincoln	Sand pit near Louisville
Smallmouth Bass	3-15	George Ford of Madrid	Lake McConaughy
White Bass	4- 8	Barbara Hombach of Grand Island	Lake McConaughy
Brook Trout	4- 8	Vernon Zimmerman of Ovid, Colo.	Lake McConaughy
Brown Trout	11- 4	L. B. Eby of Sidney	Lake McConaughy
Rainbow Trout	12- 4	J. D. Wickard of Brule	Lake McConaughy
Bluegill	2- 8	Party of Walter Beckman, Carl Buck, Bill Adams, and Ervin Krueger, all of Garland	Monroe power canal
Crappie	3-15	Delmer Butler of Sidney	Lake McConaughy
Sauger	8- 5 (world record)	Mrs. Betty Tepner of Plainview	Missouri River near Niobrara
Walleye	16- 1	Don Hein of McCook	Lake McConaughy
Yellow Perch	1-12	Richard Scott of Mitchell	Sand pit near Mitchell
Northern Pike	27- 8	Cletus Jacobsen of Big Springs	Lake McConaughy
Channel Catfish	31-12	Bob Nuquist of Broken Bow	Lake Ericson
Blue Catfish	58- 0	O. P. Nielson of Bloomfield	Missouri River
Flathead Catfish	59- 0	Ralph Adair of Macy	Missouri River
Bullhead	3- 3	Mrs. Garnet Fanning of Alliance	Spade Ranch Lake
Sturgeon	26- 0	Richard L. Jobman of Norfolk	Missouri River at Gavins Point Dam
Paddlefish	72- 0	Lyle Sawatzke of Crofton	Missouri River at Gavins Point Dam
Fresh-water Drum	19- 0	Barton L. Andrews of Omaha	Carter Lake
Buffalo	32- 0	L. Ashbaugh of Wilber and Morris Sweet of Crete	Blue River
Carp	25- 2	Bernard Carter of Lincoln	East Oak Creek Lake in Lincoln
BOW AND ARROW			
Carp	29- 0	Ron Meyers of Lincoln	Alexandria Recreation Area
Gar	15- 8	Ron Meyers of Lincoln	Linoma Beach near Ashland

IF YOU CATCH A RECORD FISH: Have the fish checked and weighed by a conservation officer or other Game Commission official, obtain his signature, and submit this statement and other pertinent information to the Information and Tourism Division, Nebraska Game Commission, State Capitol, Lincoln 9, Nebraska. If this is not possible the angler may submit a notarized affidavit signed by two witnesses, giving weight of the fish, where and when it was taken, girth, length and other information to the agency mentioned previously. Photographs of the fish should be made where and when possible.

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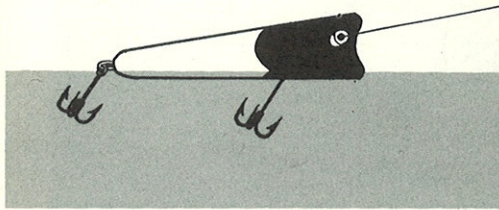


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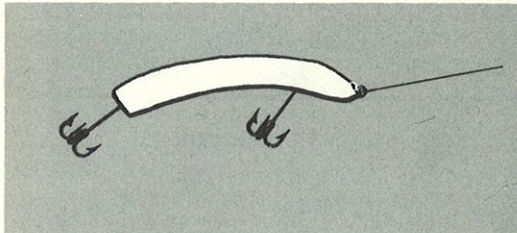
Types of Lures

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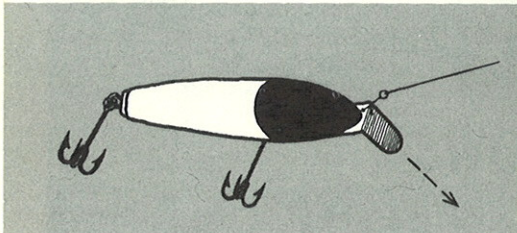
BEST FOR: Summer fishing in shallow water—bass, bluegill, crappie, northern, and also larger trout.

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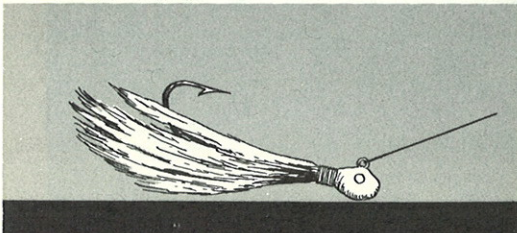
BEST FOR: Spring and fall fishing in bays, Sand Hills Lakes—walleye, black bass, northern, crappie, white bass, big trout.

GO-DEEPER



BEST FOR: year-round fishing for walleye, black and white bass, northern. Also good for trolling in big reservoirs.

DEEP-RUNNING



BEST FOR: warm weather fishing for crappie, bass, sauger, walleye, and some channel cat. Necessary in deep water.



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. Troll 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 bullhead 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.

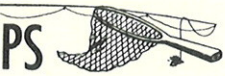
A discarded dessert spoon is an excellent tool for cleaning the blood that collects along the backbone of a fish.



BOATING



BURCHARD LAKE—Boats may not be operated in this area during the waterfowl hunting season. During the remainder of the year only non-powered boats are permitted.



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VALENTINE AND CRESCENT LAKE WILDLIFE REFUGES—Motorboats are not permitted on any of the lakes in these two national refuges. Non-powered boats are permitted for fishing except during waterfowl seasons and when posted. Boats may be placed on the waters of these refuges only where designated by posting.

INTERSTATE 80 LAKES—Motorboats are not permitted on any of the public owned or controlled lakes formed as a result of the construction of this highway.

TWO RIVERS RECREATION AREA—Boats of all kinds are prohibited on Lake No. 5 during the entire year.

STATE AREAS—Motorboats are not permitted on any state lakes except Cottonmill Lake at Kearney, Lakes 10, 15, 16, and 20 at Fremont, Cottonwood Lake at Merriman, Goose Lake in Holt County, and Beaver Lake in Cherry County. Outboard motors of not more than six (6) horsepower may be used for fishing on Long Lake in Brown County, Rat and Shell lakes in Cherry County, Smith Lake in Sheridan County, and Swan Lake in Holt County.

