

Seasons

HOOK AND LINE — Open year-round throughout the state, except as noted or as posted.

ARCHERY — Game fish may be taken with bow and arrow from July 1 through November 30, sunrise to sunset. Nongame fish may be taken the year-round from sunrise to sunset.

HAND SPEARING — Nongame fish may be taken from sunrise to sunset the year-round.

UNDERWATER-POWERED SPEARFISHING — Game fish may be taken from sunrise to sunset July 15 through December 31 in specified waters. Nongame fish may be taken year-round, sunrise to sunset.

SNAGGING — October 1 through April 30 only in the Missouri River. All other waters of the state are closed to snagging at all times.

It Is Unlawful

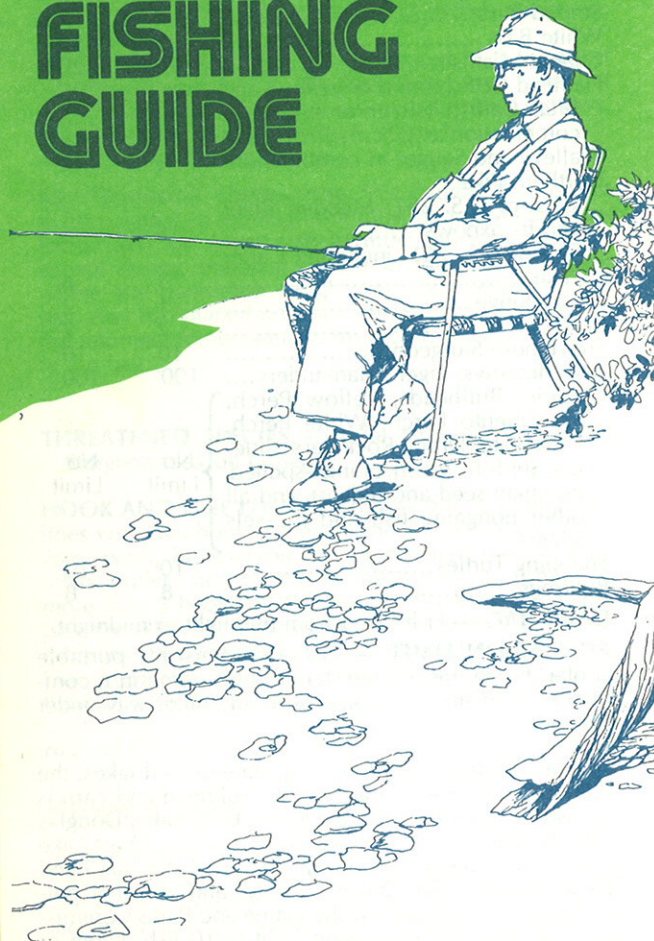
- ...to borrow or use the permit of another or lend your permit to another.
- ...to leave fish or any part thereof on the banks of any stream, lake, or other body of water.
- ...to fish on any private land without permission of the owner.
- ...to use crossbow or similar device.
- ...to seine game fish of any size.
- ...to dig or seine for bait or for any other purpose in state-owned or controlled areas.
- ...to leave minnows in a minnow trap for more than 24 hours.
- ...to use float lines, except on rivers, streams, and Lewis and Clark Lake. They must be personally attended, and name and address must be attached.
- ...to use glass floats on float lines.
- ...to use limb lines (lines attached to trees) in any lake or reservoir.
- ...to possess grass carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*), also known as white amur, alive or dead, except when legally taken and killed at the time of taking.

Notice

This is a guide only. For sources, consult Nebraska statutes and official regulations.

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NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION
Eugene T. Mahoney, Director

Bag Limits

Species	Daily Bag	Possession
Trout (Brook, Brown, Rainbow in combination)	7	7
Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth and Kentucky Spotted Bass in combination), except Missouri River where bag and possession limit is 10	8	8
Striped Bass	2	2
White Bass	25	50
Channel Catfish	10	20
Flathead Catfish (mud or yellow) and Blue Catfish (silver or white) in combination	4	4
Walleye and Sauger in combination	6	12
Northern Pike		
West of U.S. 281; Missouri River and its oxbows	6	6
East of U.S. 281, including Carter Lake	3	6
Muskellunge	1	2
Paddlefish	2	2
Shovelnose Sturgeon	10	10
Bait Minnows, Tiger Salamanders	100	100
Crappie, Bullheads, Yellow Perch, Sacramento Perch, White Perch, Freshwater Drum, Rock Bass, Bluegill, Sunfish, (green, orange-spotted, pumpkin-seed and redear), and all other nongame fish and mussels (clams)	No Limit	No Limit
Snapping Turtles	10	10
Bullfrogs	8	8

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.

Special Limits—In the following state-owned lakes, the daily bag and possession limit on bullhead and carp is 10 fish in combination: Two Rivers Carp Lake, Douglas County; Niobrara Park Lake, Knox County; West Lake No. 3, Louisville, Cass County; Fremont Lake No. 5 and Dead Timber Lake, Dodge County; and all other put-and-take lakes stocked by the Game and Parks Commission the bag and possession limit is 10 fish, game or nongame, unless otherwise provided by special regulation. Note: Many cities limit the take to less than 10.

Size Limits

BASS (largemouth, smallmouth, spotted): 12-inch size limit applies to Nebraska waters east and south of a line from the South Dakota border along U.S. 83, U.S. 30, and U.S. 138 to the Colorado line, plus the following lakes: McConaughy, Bridgeport SRA, Walgren Lake, Merritt, Carter Lake on the Missouri River, and Carter P. Johnson Lake. Size limit does not apply to the Missouri River or its oxbows.

BULLFROG: 4½ inch from snout to vent.

MUSKELLUNGE/TIGER MUSKIE: 30 inches minimum, statewide.

NORTHERN PIKE: 24 inches minimum in that part of Nebraska east of U.S. 281, including Carter Lake, but excluding the Missouri River and its other oxbows.

WALLEYE: 15 inches minimum, statewide.

ALL OTHER SPECIES: None.

Bag 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, except during snagging season in the Missouri River where any paddlefish caught must be counted in the bag. Any fish placed on a stringer, or in a container, or not returned immediately to the water, must be counted in the bag.

THREATENED SPECIES — Lake Sturgeon and Pallid Sturgeon. Season closed.

HOOK AND LINE LIMITATIONS — No more than two lines with two hooks on each line 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 5 hooks on a line or 15 hooks in the aggregate are allowed, except only 5 lines with 2 hooks on each line are permitted when ice fishing east of U.S. 281. One hook means a single, double, or treble-pointed hook. All hooks attached to an artificial bait or lure are counted as one hook. **These limits apply to fishing with rod and reel, poles, floats, bank lines, or other type lines.**

Float Lines

Float lines may be used only on streams, rivers, and Lewis and Clark Lake, and must be personally attended. The name and address of the owner shall be on or attached to all floats when in use. The use of glass floats on float lines is unlawful. Bag and possession limits are the same as for hook and line fishing.

Spearfishing

All individuals spearfishing in any manner must have a valid Nebraska fishing permit. Only hand spears are legal and only nongame fish may be taken when spearing on the surface. Any spearing device must be barbed. Area restrictions that apply to archery also apply to surface hand spearing. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

Underwater-Powered Spearfishing

Lawful spear guns include hand spears, rubberband-powered spear guns, and spring-loaded spear guns. All spears used on powered spear guns must be attached to a lanyard with a maximum length of 20 feet.

Underwater-powered spearfishing is not permitted within 100 yards of any designated swimming or water ski jump area, boat dock, boat ramp, or spillway.

Upon written approval of the director of the Game Commission, specified game species and specified waters may be opened for a limited time to underwater-powered spearfishing for special events and for fish management purposes.

SEASONS

Game fish — July 15 through December 31 in waters listed below. Bag and possession limits are the same as for hook and line. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

Nongame fish — Open year-round in waters listed below.

There are no size, bag or possession limits. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

OPEN WATERS

1. Privately-owned lakes with permission of the lake owner.
2. Lake McConaughy, Keith County
3. Lake Ogallala, Keith County
4. Lake Minatare, Scotts Bluff County
5. Box Butte Reservoir, Dawes County
6. Lewis and Clark Lake
7. Harlan County Reservoir
8. Enders Reservoir, Chase County
9. Swanson Reservoir, Hitchcock County
10. Hugh Butler (Red Willow) Reservoir, Frontier County
11. Harry Strunk (Medicine Creek) Reservoir, Frontier County
12. Sutherland Reservoir, Lincoln County
13. Maloney Reservoir, Lincoln County
14. Jeffrey Canyon Reservoir, Lincoln County
15. Johnson Reservoir, Gosper and Dawson counties

DIVERS' FLAG

The International Divers' Flag must be displayed on the water on a float or buoy when diving or underwater-powered spearfishing. A diver and underwater spearfisherman must remain within 150 feet of his flag.

The flag must be at least 12 inches square, with a red background and white diagonal stripe that is one-fifth the width of the flag. The white stripe must run from the top of the hoist to the bottom of the flag. It is unlawful to display this flag when diving or spearfishing is not in progress.

Archery

Game fish may be taken by bow and arrow from July 1 through November 30, from sunrise to sunset, except the Missouri River proper, which is open year around. Nongame fish may be taken from sunrise to sunset the year-round. The entire state is open, except for the following areas which are closed year-round — all put-and-take lakes stocked by the Game Commission; Two Rivers, Louisville, Kearney County, and Fremont state recreation areas; Mormon Island and Windmill state wayside areas, and trout streams (see Special Areas section).

Only long bows, drawn by hand, are legal. Arrows must be attached by a line to the bow and must have only one point, which must be barbed. Arrows with more than one point are prohibited.

Snagging

Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish only is permitted in the Missouri River from October 1 through April 30, except the season shall be November 1 through March 31 in that portion of the Gavins Point Dam discharge channel and outlet works, including the tailrace, stilling basin, and discharge channel from the toe of the dam downstream to the sounding cable, a distance of 3,500 feet. All other waters of the state are closed to snagging for all species at all times.

Any paddlefish caught must be counted in the bag, and may not be cut up except for field dressing (removal of intestines, head, and tail) until arrival at the angler's residence or commercial preservation facility. Snagging for any fish is prohibited after the limit of paddlefish is reached.

Mussels (Clams)

Mussels may be taken year-round by hand, hand net or hook and line. There is no limit.

Bullfrogs

Bullfrog season runs from July 15 through October 31. Bag and possession limit is 8 bullfrogs per person. They may be taken only on a fishing permit by hand, hand net, and hook and line. Artificial light may be used when taking bullfrogs. Bullfrogs must measure 4½" from snout to vent or be released.

Snapping Turtles

Snapping turtles may be taken year-round, and limits are 10 in the daily bag and in possession. They may be taken only by hand, hand net, hook and line, bow and arrow, or gaff hook.

Fish Stocking

It is unlawful to release any non-native fish, reptile, or amphibian in any waters of the state or to release any fish in any public waters in the state except those taken therefrom without written authorization from the Game and Parks Commission.

Boundary Waters

MISSOURI RIVER (Iowa) — Anglers holding a valid sport fishing permit from either Nebraska or Iowa may fish in the waters of the Missouri River lying between the two states. "Waters of the Missouri River" are defined to include all oxbows, sloughs, chutes, and backwaters that draw water from the Missouri River proper. Oxbows, chutes, and backwaters separated from the Missouri River by land are included only if the state boundary line passes through some part of such waters. Fishing may be from boats or from the bank. **All fishermen shall conform with the regulations of the state in which they are fishing, unless the regulations of the licensee's state are more restrictive. Then, the licensee must conform with the more restrictive regulations.** Anglers may transport fish taken from the waters of the Missouri River through the neighboring state, provided they return to their home state by the most direct route.

DE SOTO REFUGE LAKE—Fishing is permitted as posted from January 4 through February 29, depending on ice conditions, and from April 15 through September 30 during daylight hours unless otherwise posted. Only two lines with no more than two hooks on each line are permitted at any time. A sports fishing license from

either Nebraska or Iowa is required when fishing in this lake. All fishermen shall conform with the regulations of the state in which they are licensed. Archery fishing for nongame fish is permitted as posted from May 1 through June 15. The use of trot and float lines is unlawful.

MISSOURI RIVER (Missouri)—Anglers holding a valid sport fishing permit from either Nebraska or Missouri may fish with hook and line, including personally attended jugs or floats, on the flowing portion of the Missouri River lying within the boundary of Nebraska or Missouri. In no case may the angler licensed in only one state fish in the tributaries, bayous, or backwaters of the Missouri River in the other state. Fishermen may not fish from nor attach any device or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of the state in which they are not licensed. Creel limits and methods of the state licensing the sport fisherman shall apply.

Ice Fishing Shelters

A special \$5 permit is required to place an ice shelter on the following lakes under the jurisdiction of the Game and Parks Commission: Bluestem, Box Butte, Branched Oak, Bridgeport, Conestoga, Cottonwood, Enders, Fremont Lakes, Gallagher Canyon, Johnson, Kearney County, Lewis and Clark, Louisville, Maloney, McConaughy, Medicine Creek, Merritt, Minatare, Ogallala, Olive Creek, Pawnee, Pibel, Red Willow, Rockford, Sherman, Stagecoach, Swanson, Wagon Train, and Walgren.

Application forms and shelter regulations are available from conservation officers, Commission offices, or by mail from the Parks Division, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503.

This does not apply to temporary, portable shelters used and removed each day. Holes made for ice fishing may not exceed 10 inches in diameter on any Game and Parks Commission controlled area.

Boating

For complete information about boat registration, open waters, closed waters, restricted waters, safety regulations, required lighting, navigation rules, and special regulations for regattas, races, and water shows, consult the 1980 Nebraska Boating Guide, available from most boat dealers, marinas, and all Game and Parks Commission offices.

Bait and Minnows

It is unlawful to take minnows from any lake, reservoir, or bayou, and digging or seining for bait or any other purpose is prohibited on all state-owned or controlled areas. All game fish of whatever size taken while netting or seining for bait must immediately be returned to the waters from which taken.

RESTRICTED SPECIES—It is unlawful to sell, transport, or offer for bait any carp, carpsucker, buffalo, gar, goldfish, quillback, or bowfin, 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 minnows artificially propagated in man-made impoundments by licensed fish culturists. No more than 100 legally captured minnows or tiger salamanders may be exported by a resident for his personal use in fishing outside the state.

IMPORTING—No person may import live bait minnows or live bait, including crayfish and leopard or striped frogs for commercial purposes, or in excess of 100 minnows for any purpose, without first notifying the Game and Parks Commission at least three days before the shipment is made, giving the time, date, and place the bait will enter Nebraska, so inspection may be made by the state if desired. It is unlawful to import or transport carp, carpsucker, buffalo, goldfish, quillback, gar, salamanders, or bowfin into the state for use as bait. A \$25 resident bait vendor's permit or \$100 nonresident fish dealer's permit is required for a person to import and sell bait or bait minnows.

SCENTS—Anise oil and 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 only, and not over 20 feet long and 4 feet deep.
2. Minnow dip nets of one-fourth inch non-metallic square mesh. Neither length or width may exceed 36 inches.
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.

GIZZARD SHAD—Except at Lake McConaughy, which is closed, shad may be taken for use as bait by legal minnow dip nets in any number of lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and below dams and other artificial obstructions for a distance of 200 yards below such obstructions. Shad may be taken by legal minnow seine landing net, or dip net in any number in streams except those streams closed to the taking of minnows or bait by such method.

BELOW DAMS—The seining or capturing of minnows for commercial or private purposes for a distance of 200 yards below any dam, check, spillway, or other artificial obstruction is unlawful, provided, however, that legal minnow dip nets may be used to take minnows for bait.

CLOSED WATERS—See Special Areas section.

Special Areas

PLATTSMOUTH WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA—This area is open to fishing from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from April 15 through September 15 except when closed by the Commission by posting.

BURCHARD STATE LAKE—It is unlawful to fish in this Pawnee County lake during any waterfowl hunting season, except bank fishing from the face of the dam is permitted during this closed period as posted by signs on the area.

NINE MILE CREEK (Scotts Bluff County)—Upper portions closed to all fishing from October 1 through December 31, as posted.

VALENTINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE—Hook-and-line, bow-and-arrow, and hand-spear fishing is permitted year-round during daylight hours unless otherwise posted. It is unlawful to use or possess any live or dead minnows or whole fish for bait. Parts of dead fish or minnows may be used for bait. Possession of any seine or net for capturing minnows is prohibited. No overnight camping is allowed on the refuge. Fishing through the ice is permitted as posted. Electric motors may be used on lakes open to fishing. Internal combustion-type motors are prohibited.

CRESCENT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE—Fishing is permitted during daylight hours only in areas designated by posting in Crane or Hackberry lakes from January 1 through December 31. It is unlawful to use or possess any live or dead minnows or whole fish for bait. Parts of dead fish or minnows may be used for bait.

Possession of any seine or net for capturing minnows is prohibited. Electric motors may be used on lakes open to fishing. Internal combustion-type motors are prohibited.

CLEAR LAKE (Brown County) and OVERTONE LAKE (Holt County) — The possession or use of live or dead minnows and the possession of any fish not taken from these waters is unlawful.

NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE — This Scotts Bluff County refuge is open to fishing from January 15 through September 30 or as posted.

FREMONT STATE RECREATION AREA (Dodge County) — Lake No. 20 is closed to fishing from a boat from 10 a.m. to 1 hour before sunset year-round.

TWO RIVERS STATE RECREATION AREA (Douglas County) — The Platte River bordering this area and all lakes, except Nos. 3, 4, and 5, are closed to fishing during the waterfowl hunting seasons. Archery fishing, snagging, spearing, gigging, snaring, and baiting are prohibited in all lakes. Live or dead minnows or fish of any species are prohibited as bait.

Fee Fishing

Lake No. 5 at Two Rivers is designated as a put-and-take trout fishing lake and is subject to the following regulations:

1. A \$2 trout fishing tag is required.
2. The number of trout tags allowed per person and fish permitted per tag are posted on the area.
3. The trout lake is open to fishing from sunrise to one-half-hour after sunset April 1 through October 31, unless otherwise posted by the Commission.
4. Each angler must wear the trout tag in a conspicuous place while fishing.
5. Only one pole and attached line, with not more than two hooks, is permitted per person.
6. Bow-and-arrow fishing, snagging, spearing, gigging, snaring, and baiting are prohibited.
7. Minnows or other fish, alive or dead, are prohibited as bait.
8. Each angler must keep his fish on a separate stringer or container under his control.
9. Each fish caught must be counted in the bag limit, and no fish may be returned to the water.
10. Each fisherman shall report his catch at the Administration and return his tag(s) each day when finished fishing.
11. Each angler's fishing permit will be held until his tag(s) and catch report are returned.

TROUT WATERS — It is unlawful to take or attempt to take game or nongame fish by bow and arrow or spearing and to take or attempt to take by seine or trap any bait or minnows in any of the following trout streams: ANTELOPE COUNTY, Verdigre Creek and all tributaries. BROWN COUNTY, Long Pine Creek, Plum Creek and all tributaries; Fairfield Creek, BOX BUTTE COUNTY, Niobrara River. CHERRY COUNTY, Middle Loup River and all tributaries, North Loup River and all tributaries, Schlager Creek, Fairfield Creek, Snake River and all tributaries, Plum Creek and all tributaries. 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, Squaw Creek, and White Clay Creek. GARDEN COUNTY, Blue Creek, HOLT COUNTY, Steel Creek and North, Middle, and South branches of Verdigre Creek. HOOKER COUNTY, Dismal River and all tributaries. KEITH COUNTY, Otter Creek, White Tail Creek, and Lonergan Creek and all tributaries. KIMBALL COUNTY, Lodgepole Creek and all tributaries west of the West Kimball Reservoir. KNOX COUNTY, North, Middle, and South Verdigre and all tributaries above the town of Verdigre, and Steel Creek. LOUP COUNTY, Gracie Creek. MORRILL COUNTY, all streams and tributaries except the channel or channels of the North Platte River. ROCK COUNTY, Long Pine Creek. SIOUX COUNTY, Sheep Creek Drain, Dry Sheep Creek Drain, Dry Spotted Tail Drain, Spotted Tail Drain, Niobrara River and all tributaries, Monroe Creek, Sowbelly Creek, and Hat Creek. SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, all streams and tributaries except the channel or channels 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.

It is unlawful to possess a net or seine of any type on trout spawning streams in Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden, and Keith counties that are tributary to the North Platte River and Lake McConaughy, including: Pumpkin, Red Willow, Wildhorse, Stuckenhole, Nine Mile, Tub Springs, Winter, Sheep, Dry Sheep, Spotted Tail, Dry Spotted Tail, Otter, Clear, Lonergan, Upper Dugout, Indian, Silvernail Drain, and Cedar Creeks.

Help Wanted

You can help fisheries managers by returning the tags from any tagged fish you may catch. The tag will be returned to you, along with data on where the fish was tagged.

STATE RECORDS

HOOK AND LINE

KENTUCKY SPOTTED BASS.....3 lbs. 11 oz.
Tom Pappas, North Platte, Lincoln County sandpit, 3/24/68

LARGEMOUTH BASS.....10 lbs. 11 oz.
Paul Abegglen, Sr., Columbus, sandpit near Columbus, 10/2/65

ROCK BASS.....2 lbs. 4 oz.
Edna Zuege, Haigler, Dundy County farm pond, 5/6/72

SMALLMOUTH BASS.....6 lbs. 1½ oz.
Wally Allison, North Platte, Merritt Reservoir, 5/17/78

STRIPED BASS.....31 lbs. 1 oz.
Robert Shafto, Amherst, Johnson Lake, 5/29/79

WHITE BASS.....4 lbs. 15 oz.
Frederick Baldwin, Grand Island, sandpit near Grand Island, 1962

BLUEGILL.....2 lbs. 13 oz.
Gary Ralston, Creighton, Grove Lake, 4/26/77

BUFFALO.....44 lbs. 8 oz.
Kevin Messman, Omaha, Carter Lake, 4/27/78

BULLHEAD.....3 lbs. 14 oz.
Dick Dunn, Beatrice, Pawnee County Farm pond, 7/22/74

BURBOT.....5 lbs. 13 oz.
Terry Freeman, Omaha, Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters, 4/28/79

CARP.....28 lbs. 2 oz.
Harry Lassen, Grand Island, Hall County lake, 5/18/67

BLUE CATFISH.....100 lbs. 8 oz.
Raynold Promes, Wynot, Missouri River near Wynot, 11/29/70

CHANNEL CATFISH.....37 lbs.
James E. Millin, Council Bluffs, Ia., Fremont State Recreation Area, 6/10/72

FLATHEAD CATFISH.....76 lbs.
Orville Sudbeck, Hartington, Missouri River near Wynot, 3/10/71

BLACK CRAPPIE.....3 lbs. 15 oz.
Delmer Butler, Sidney, Lake McConaughy, 4/29/62

WHITE CRAPPIE.....3 lbs. 13 oz.
Robert Berglund, McCook, Red Willow Reservoir, 5/15/73

FRESHWATER DRUM.....28 lbs. 4 oz.
Vincent Prazak, Clarkson, Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam, 10/1/71

LONGNOSE GAR.....19 lbs.
Ronald B. Hardin, Omaha, sandpit near Plattsmouth, 6/29/74

GOLDEYE.....1 lb. 8 oz.
Gene Parke, Lincoln, Salt Creek, 8/28/78

MUSKELLUNGE.....18 lbs. 4 oz.
Kenneth Cook, Norfolk, Merritt Reservoir, 4/20/69

PADDLEFISH.....91 lb. 8 oz.
Warren Yelkin, Lincoln, Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters, 11/18/78

SACRAMENTO PERCH.....2 lbs. 8 oz.
John A. Bush, Valentine, Clear Lake on Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, 6/20/71

WHITE PERCH.....1 lb. 6 oz.
Curtis Kadlick, Lincoln, Wagon Train Lake, 5/16/72

YELLOW PERCH.....2 lbs. 3 oz.
Cork Thornton, Valentine, Merritt Reservoir, 3/8/78

NORTHERN PIKE.....29 lbs. 3 oz.
Robert Philbrick, Ord, Sherman Reservoir, 3/21/76

QUILLBACK.....10 lbs. 2 oz.
Richard L. Hardin, Omaha, Lake in Cass County, 7/17/76

COCO SALMON.....5 lbs. 12 oz.
Lyle Fry, Gering, Lake McConaughy, 7/3/71

KOKANEE SALMON.....4 lbs. 2 oz.
Neal Dunbar, North Platte, Lake McConaughy, 7/11/71

SAUGER.....8 lbs. 5 oz.
Mrs. Betty Tepner, Plainview, Missouri River near Niobrara, 10/22/61

SHOVELNOSE STURGEON.....No current record

SUCKER.....5 lbs. 8 oz.
David Fox, Nebraska City, Missouri River in Otoe County, 5/5/76

GREEN SUNFISH.....1 lb. 1¼ oz.
William Fattig, Kearney, Buffalo County farm pond, 5/23/68

REDEAR SUNFISH.....1 lb. 6 oz.
Gary K. Reagan, Lincoln, Conestoga Lake, 5/4/70

BROOK TROUT.....5 lbs. 1 oz.
Joe Gray, North Platte, Pawnee Springs near North Platte, 11/3/65

BROWN TROUT.....20 lbs. 1 oz.
Denney Doolittle, Valentine, Snake River, 7/26/73

RAINBOW TROUT.....14 lbs. 2 oz.
Frank Aloï, North Platte, canal in Keith County, 3/18/75

WALLEYE.....16 lbs. 2 oz.
Herbert J. Cutshall, Ogallala, Lake McConaughy, 7/5/71

BOW AND ARROW

LARGEMOUTH BASS.....8 lbs. 14 oz.
Jerry Grasmick, Scottsbluff, sandpit near Scottsbluff, 6/18/66

ROCK BASS.....1 lb. 6 oz.
Harlan L. Worden, North Platte, Interstate 80 lake in Lincoln County, 5/8/72

SMALLMOUTH BASS.....3 lbs.
Michael Lange, Gibbon, Interstate 80 lake in Buffalo County, 6/5/71

STRIPED BASS.....8 lbs. 5 oz.
Michael Dorris, Arthur, Lake McConaughy, 4/14/73

WHITE BASS.....3 lbs.
Lonnie Miller, Hastings, Harlan County Reservoir, 4/14/73

BLUEGILL.....14 oz.
Michael J. Christiansen, North Platte, Thomas County farm pond, 6/13/75

BUFFALO.....43 lbs.
Ronald Meyers, Columbus, Linoma Beach near Ashland, 6/17/67

BULLHEAD.....1 lb. 11 oz.
Cory Hardin, Rushville, Smith Lake, 7/13/78

CARP.....36 lbs.
Mike Agosta, Omaha, Linoma Beach near Ashland, 6/13/65

CHANNEL CATFISH.....16 lbs. 14 oz.
Thomas Braun, Chadron, Box Butte Reservoir, 7/29/73

FLATHEAD CATFISH.....36 lbs. 4 oz.
Rich Christensen, Genoa, drainage ditch near Genoa, 8/17/66

BLACK CRAPPIE.....1 lb. 14 oz.
Tim McQuade, North Platte, Cherry County Lake, 6/1/74

WHITE CRAPPIE.....2 lbs. 13 oz.
David Medinger, Bellwood, sandpit in Butler County, 6/2/73

FRESHWATER DRUM.....10 lbs. 8 oz.
David Zeleski, Lexington, Tri-County Canal, 4/14/75

GAR.....22 lbs.
Gary Trofholz, Columbus, Polk County sandpit, 6/13/74

GOLDEYE.....10 oz.
Jim Foral, Lincoln, Platte River in Buffalo County, 7/4/77

PADDLEFISH.....86 lbs.
Gene R. Haswell, Omaha, sandpit on Cass County, 4/16/72

YELLOW PERCH.....1 lb. 2 oz.
Tim McQuade, North Platte, Cody Lake, 4/19/75

NORTHERN PIKE.....21 lbs. 4 oz.
Allen Splichal, Scottsbluff, Lake Minatare, 5/2/70

QUILLBACK.....7 lbs. 5 oz.
Michael E. Dorris, Arthur, Lake McConaughy, 6/12/76

GIZZARD SHAD.....2 lbs. 6 oz.
Michael Dorris, Arthur, Lake Ogallala, 3/6/76

SUCKER.....3 lbs. 3 oz.
 Mike Lauby, Lexington, Platte River in Dawson County, 7/4/74
GREEN SUNFISH.....8 oz.
 Marty Guthrie, McCook, sandpit near Bartley, 7/22/76
BROWN TROUT.....5 lbs. 4 oz.
 Richard Thompson, Lincoln, Lake McConaughy, 4/11/70
RAINBOW TROUT.....9 lbs. 13 oz.
 Mike Dorris, Arthur, canal in Keith County, 8/22/76
WALLEYE.....11 lbs. 1 oz.
 Bradley M. Heck, Brady, Jeffrey Reservoir, 4/11/70

UNDERWATER-POWERED SPEARFISHING

KENTUCKY SPOTTED BASS.....2 lbs. 7 oz.
 William Thompson, North Platte, Lincoln County sandpit, 8/17/73
LARGEMOUTH BASS.....5 lbs. 12 oz.
 Tom Bockman, Omaha, sandpit near Silver Creek, 7/27/77
SMALLMOUTH BASS.....3 lbs. 8 oz.
 Rick Patrick, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 7/16/78
STRIPED BASS.....6 lbs. 15 oz.
 Brett Babish, Lemoine, Lake Ogallala, 7/28/79
CARP.....32 lbs. 4 oz.
 Ronald G. Hunt, Trenton, sandpit in Hitchcock County, 8/22/71
CHANNEL CATFISH.....9 lbs. 5½ oz.
 Ronald D. Johns, Kearney, lake in Kearney County, 11/14/71
NORTHERN PIKE.....13 lbs. 12 oz.
 Albert Cherry, St. Edward, Lake McConaughy, 8/8/75
QUILLBACK.....6 lbs. 6 oz.
 Michael Dorris, Arthur, Lake McConaughy, 6/17/78
KOKANEE SALMON.....4 lbs. 2 oz.
 John Williams, Omaha, Lake McConaughy, 8/26/73
GIZZARD SHAD.....2 lbs. 9 oz.
 Dab DeForest, Aurora, Colo, Lake McConaughy, 7/4/76
SUCKER.....3 lbs. 1 oz.
 Jack Miettinen, North Platte, Lake Ogallala, 9/11/76
BROWN TROUT.....4 lbs. 8 oz.
 Richard B. Roy, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 8/29/74
RAINBOW TROUT.....3 lbs. 8 oz.
 Harry F. Miles, North Platte, Lake McConaughy, 9/1/76
WALLEYE.....13 lbs. 11 oz.
 Richard Fish, Kearney, Lake McConaughy, 6/7/70

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 Education Division, Nebraska Game Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, Nebraska 68503. 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.

Put Them Back Alive

- When size limits are in effect, it's important to release a fish so it has the best chance to survive.
- Don't play the fish to total exhaustion.
 - Wet hands and keep fish in water as much as possible when handling and removing the hook.
 - Remove hook gently. Don't squeeze fish or put fingers into the gills.
 - If deeply hooked, cut line. Don't pull hook out.
 - Release fish only after its equilibrium is maintained. If necessary, hold fish gently upright and move it slowly back and forth.

Permits

RESIDENT ANNUAL FISH\$ 7.50
 RESIDENT COMBINATION FISH-HUNT..... 13.50
 NONRESIDENT ANNUAL 20.00
 NONRESIDENT 3-DAY 6.00

A fishing permit is required to take any fish, including minnows, by any method, except the owner or invitee of any body of water which (1) is located entirely on private land, (2) is entirely privately stocked, (3) does not connect by inflow or outflow with any outside water, and (4) when such water is not operated on a commercial basis.

WHAT PERMIT IS REQUIRED?

A resident fishing permit is required for all Nebraskans 16 years of age or older. A "resident" is a person who has resided in Nebraska continuously for at least 90 days and who has a bona fide intention of becoming a legal resident of this state.

Others who may obtain a resident permit include: (1) servicemen officially stationed in Nebraska and on active duty here for at least 30 consecutive days; (2) nonresident students upon proof they have attended classes full-time for at least 30 consecutive days at any Nebraska college, university, junior college, or vocational school, and (3) any person duly enrolled in and attending a civilian conservation center or similar government work or training facility for 30 consecutive days.

A nonresident fishing permit is required of all persons who are not residents of Nebraska, except those listed and those under 16 years of age who are accompanied by a person possessing a valid permit.

See the section on "Boundary Waters" for permit requirements for persons fishing the waters of the Missouri River.

Fishing Tournaments

Notification must be provided to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission of all fishing tournaments or contests to be held on state-owned or controlled waters at least 30 days prior to the tournament or contest date. The notification must include a list of the contest rules, location, and the dates. Mail to: Fisheries Division, Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503.

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