GENERAL INFORMATION ON FISHING

TOTAL BAG LIMIT: It shall be unlawful, except in the Missouri River under proper commercial permit, to take a daily bag limit of more than twenty-five game fish or to have more than twenty-five game fish of all species combined in possession at any one time.

Where **"entire state"** is open this does not include private lakes closed to the public or areas closed by any Federal or State Law or city ordinance.

"Daily Limit" means fish taken from midnight to midnight.

"Possession Limit" means number of fish in the possession of any person at any time.

All fish caught that are under the legal size limits specified must be returned to the water at once with as little injury as possible. Always wet your hands before removing fish from hooks.

The **"Total Length"** of a fish shall be used when determining the size limits. Total length shall be found by measuring from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail.

The only legal method of taking fish is with hook and line with the following exceptions:

> Carp, buffalo, suckers and other non-game fish may be speared between sunrise and sunset from April 1 to December 1. Catfish of legal size may be taken from the Missouri River with seines, hoop nets, or trammel nets under special regulations with proper commercial permit.

All persons holding a **commercial fishing permit** or a **fish vendor's permit** shall keep an accurate record of the number, species and weight of all fish caught and a separate report of all fish sold during the calendar year. A record shall be kept for each month separately. Each person shall send this information to the Secretary of the State Game, Forestation and Parks Commission on or before the 15th day of January of the following year. Forms for this purpose shall be furnished by the State.

It is unlawful for anyone to angle with a line having more than five hooks thereon or to angle in any inland stream with more than fifteen hooks in the aggregate or with artificial bait having thereon more than three triple gang hooks.

Snagging any fish externally with hook and line is unlawful whether game fish or non-game fish.

All persons sixteen years of age or older must have a fishing permit for the current year.

It is unlawful for any person to borrow or use the permit of another or to lend or transfer his permit to another.

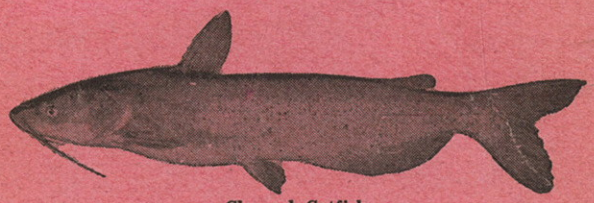
All **reservoirs** and **lakes** within the State not closed or restricted because of war regulations or otherwise closed or posted are declared open to the public for fishing subject to the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Restricted areas are designated on varoius lakes during the spawning season. Fishing is not permitted in these areas.

No species of fish may be sold from **private fish hatcheries** in Nebraska, except **trout**, for purposes other than propagation, and where sold for propagation invoices furnished by the Commission must be used and a report made to the Commission covering all sales at the end of each quarter of the year.

IT IS UNLAWFUL to take the legal bag limit of fish and return to fishing waters and take another bag limit the same day.

NEBRASKA FISHING LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR 1944



Channel Catfish
(Ictalurus punctatus)
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The following fishing regulations are prescribed by the Game, Forestation and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska, in accordance with Section 37-301, Compiled Statutes, State of Nebraska, 1929, as amended by Session Laws, State of Nebraska, 1937, L.B. No. 312, and 1943, L.B. 174; and in accordance with Section 81-6505, Compiled Statutes, State of Nebraska, 1929, as amended by Session Laws, State of Nebraska, C. S. Supp. 1941, page 864, and are effective from March 1, 1944 until further change by the Commission. These regulations supersede all other regulations published heretofore.

Game, Forestation & Parks Commission
PAUL T. GILBERT, Secretary

FISHING REGULATIONS

SPECIES	Open Season (Both Dates Inclusive) 1944	Area Open	Size Limits	Daily Limit and Possession Limit
Trout (all species)	March 1 to Nov. 30	Entire State	No size limit	10
Black Bass (Large and Small Mouth)	March 1 to Nov. 30	Entire State	10 inches	10
Crappie [Black, (calico bass) and white]	March 1 to Nov. 30	Entire State	No size limit	15
Sunfish (Bluegill, Green and Pumpkinseed)	March 1 to Nov. 30	Entire State	No size limit	15
Rock Bass	March 1 to Nov. 30	Entire State	No size limit	15
Bullheads	March 1 to Nov. 30	Entire State	6 inches	15
Catfish [Channel, Blue and Mud (or Yellow)]	March 1 to Nov. 30	Entire State	12 inches	10
Catfish [Channel, Blue and Mud (or Yellow)]	Jan. 1 to March 15 May 1 to Dec. 31	Missouri River only by Commercial permit	13 inches	None
Perch	No closed season	Entire State	No size limit	25
Pike [Walleye and Sauger (Sand)]	March 1 to Nov. 30	Entire State	12 inches	5
Pike (Northern)	March 1 to Nov. 30	Entire State	12 inches	5
Freshwater Drum (Sheepshead)	March 1 to Nov. 30	Entire State	No size limit	10
Total Bag and Possession Limit				25

Special Fishing Regulations are in Effect at the Following State-Owned Lakes:

Arnold Lake, Custer County
Blue River Recreation Grounds, Seward Co.
Champion Lake, Chase County
Cotton Mill Lake, Buffalo County
Cottonwood Lake, Cherry County
Crystal Lake, Adams County
Duke Alexis, Hayes County
Dead Timber Recreation Grounds, Dodge Co.
Fremont Sand Pits, Dodge County
Jefferson County Recreation Grounds
Loup City Lake, Sherman County
Memphis Lake, Saunders County
Niobrara Park Lake, Knox County
Pawnee Lake, Webster County
Pibel Lake, Wheeler County
Platteview Lakes (Louisville) Cass County
Rat and Beaver Lake, Cherry County
Ravenna Lake, Buffalo County
Verdon Lake, Richardson County
Rock Creek Lake, Dundy County
Shell Lake, Cherry County
Walgren Lake, Sheridan County
Wellfleet Lake, Lincoln County

The Following Regulations are in Effect on State-Owned Lakes Only:

Fishing devices other than regular lines attached to poles are prohibited.
Each person is permitted to use not more than two lines with two hooks per line.
Throw lines or floats are prohibited.
Motorboats are not permitted.
Digging or seining for bait on grounds is prohibited.
It is unlawful to injure trees or shrubs, to pick flowers or ferns, to mar, deface, or remove any of the natural or structural features in any State-owned or controlled area.