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1982 Nebraska Fishing Guide

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
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Sport fishing is permited year-round on all Nebraska waters, except for those areas closed by the Game and Parks Commission by posting or by Commission regulation, federal or state law, or city ordinance.

Bag and possession limits may vary between "Inland Waters" and "Waters of the Missouri River". *For this purpose only,* **"Inland Waters"** include all waters of the state except the waters of the Missouri River, and **"Waters of the Missouri River"** include all of the river within Nebraska and all reservoirs, oxbows, sloughs, chutes, backwaters, and marshes that have annual surface water connection to the river, and the first 300 yards upstream from the mouth of all tributary streams.

Limits

	Bag	Possession
Statewide		
Trout (all species)	7	7
Striped Bass	~~2~~	~~2~~
White Bass/Striped Bass Hybrids	*25*	*50*
(no more than 3 fish over 20 inches long)		
Blue Catfish	1	1
Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie	1	1
Paddlefish	2	2
Bait Minnows/Tiger Salamander	100	100
Shovelnose Sturgeon	10	20
All other fish, mussels, and clams	–No Limit–	
Bullfrogs	8	8
Snapping Turtles	10	10
Inland Waters		
Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted Bass	8	8
Channel Catfish	10	20
Flathead Catfish	4	4
Northern Pike		
West of U.S. 281	6	6
East of U.S. 281	3	6
Walleye/Sauger (in combination)	6	*12*
Waters of Missouri River		
Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted Bass	10	10
Channel Catfish	–No Limit–	
Flathead Catfish	–No Limit–	
Northern Pike	6	6
Walleye/Sauger (in combination)	*8*	*16*

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.

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

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.

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.

Size Limits

Where size limits apply, fish may not be fileted prior to transport. Only the gills, guts, and scales may be removed. For bullfrogs, only the guts may be removed before transport.

Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted)

15-inch limit: Elwood Reservoir in Gosper County; Wagon Train, Stagecoach, Conestoga, Yankee Hill, and Wildwood (Oak Creek 1A) lakes, all in Lancaster County, Summit Lake

12-inch limit: all inland 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, Merritt, and Carter P. Johnson. Size limit does not apply to waters of the Missouri River, *except for the 12-inch limit at Cottonwood Lake (Lake Yankton).*

Walleye - Lake Minatare 15 inch

Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie: 30 inches minimum, statewide.

Northern Pike: 24 inches minimum in all inland waters east of U.S. 281.

Bullfrog: 4½ inches from snout to vent.

All Other Species: None.

Bag 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.

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.

Underwater 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 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 1 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
16. Sherman Reservoir, Sherman County
17. Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County
18. Merritt Reservoir, Cherry County

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/Surface Spearfishing

Game fish may be taken by bow and arrow ~~or surface spear~~ from July 1 through December 31 from sunrise to sunset, statewide; except the Missouri River, which is open year-round. *Nongame fish may be taken by archery or surface spear year-round, sunrise to sunset, except nongame fish may be taken 24 hours a day from April 1 through August 31.* The following areas 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).

With archery, 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. For surface spearing, only hand spears are legal. Any spearing device must be barbed.

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. *Only the entrails may be removed prior to transport.*

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.

Mussels (Clams)

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

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.

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. *Mouths of streams are not included.* 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.

DESOTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE — Sport fishing by hook-and-line and archery is permitted as designated by area regulations. The use of trout lines and float lines is unlawful. All fishermen shall conform with the regulations of the state in which they are licensed, either Nebraska or Iowa, and federal refuge regulations as posted.

MISSOURI RIVER (South Dakota) — Nebraska or South Dakota residents, holding a valid sport fishing permit from their home state, may fish that part of the Missouri River that constitutes the legal boundary between the two states. This includes Lewis and Clark Lake, Gavins Point Dam, and its tailwaters. However, anglers must conform to the regulations of the state in which they are fishing, unless the regulations of their home state are more restrictive. Then, the angler must conform to the more restrictive regulations. At Lewis and Clark Lake, it is unlawful for any person to use more than two lines with more than two hooks on each line; this restriction applies to all water area from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Santee boat ramp in Knox County, Nebraska. In no case may an angler licensed in only one state fish in tributaries in the other state. *Fishing is permitted from boat or bank.*

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

When ice fishing, no more than 5 hooks on a line or 15 hooks in the aggregate are allowed, except that only 5 lines with no more than 2 hooks on each line are permitted east of U.S. 281. Holes made for ice fishing may not exceed 10 inches in diameter on any Game and Parks Commission controlled area.

A special $5 permit is required to place a permanent ice shelter on all state recreation area and wildlife management area lakes. 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.

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 — It is unlawful to import or transport carp, carpsucker, buffalo, goldfish, quillback, gar, 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. $150 nonres Bait Vendor

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, *electrical gear capable of stunning fish,* 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 from 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.

TWIN LAKES (Seward County) — This wildlife management area is closed to all public use from October 15 until the end of the waterfowl hunting seasons.

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

VALENTINE NATIONAL REFUGE — Fishing is permitted year-round during daylight hours, unless otherwise posted. Electric-type outboard motors are permitted on lakes open to fishing; internal combustion motors are prohibited. It is unlawful to use or have in possesion any live or dead minnows or whole fish for bait or any seine or net for capturing live minnows. Parts of dead fish or minnows may be used as bait. Overnight camping is not permitted. Largemouth bass and muskellunge caught from West Long and Watts lakes must be returned immediately to the water with as little injury as possible. Possession of largemouth bass and muskellunge on West Long and Watts lakes is prohibited.

CRESCENT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE — Fishing is permitted during daylight hours in Island and Hackberry lakes from January 1 through April 15 and from July 16 through December 31 and in the designated portion of Island Lake from April 16 through July 15 as per refuge regulations. Electric-type outboard

motors are permitted on lakes open to fishing; internal combustion motors are prohibited. It is unlawful to use or have in possession any live or dead minnows or whole fish for bait or any seine or net for capturing live minnows. Parts of dead fish or minnows may be used as bait. Overnight camping is not permitted.

CLEAR LAKE (Brown County) and OVERTON 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 season. 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. Lake No. 5 at Two Rivers is designated as a put-and-take trout fishing lake and is subject to the special regulations. Check at area office.

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, Schlagel 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~~

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~~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.

Master Angler

If you take an outstanding catch, it may qualify for a Game and Parks Commission Master Angler Award. Application forms are available from any Commission office, conservation officer, or permit vendor. Rules include:

- All fish must be taken from Nebraska waters.
- Fish must be taken by hook and line. Fish caught on banklines are not eligible. Fish must be hooked, played, and landed by the applicant.
- The catch must be verified by a Commission employee or a hunting-fishing permit vendor.
- Minimum weights to qualify for an award include:

American Eel	1	Drum	5
Largemouth Bass	5	Goldeye	1½
Kentucky Spotted Bass	3	Muskie/Tiger Muskie	10
Rock Bass	1	Paddlefish	30
Smallmouth Bass	3	Sacramento Perch	1
Striped Bass 14 lb x 115	10	Yellow Perch	1
White Bass	2½	White Perch	1
Bluegill	1	Northern Pike	10
Buffalo	10	Sauger	3
Bullhead	2	Shovelnose Sturgeon	~~2½~~ 1½
Burbot	1	Sucker	2
Carp	15	Sunfish	1
Blue Catfish	30	Brook Trout	1
Channel Catfish	12	Brown Trout	4
Flathead Catfish	15	Rainbow Trout	5
Crappie	2	Walleye	8

Suggested

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 Reservior, 5/17/78
STRIPED BASS.....31 lbs. 5 oz.
Chuck Wiley, Lexington, Johnson Lake, 4/20/81
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
BIGMOUTH BUFFALO.....44 lbs. 8 oz.
Kevin Messman, Omaha, Carter Lake, 4/27/78
BLACK BUFFALO.....34 lbs. 35.0 aug 30, 81
Gilbert W. Ackerman, Omaha, Carter Lake, 6/22/80
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. 10 oz.
Perry J. Dalrymple, Grand Island, Kuester's Lake, 4/29/80
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. 4 3/10 5/30/81
Delmer Butler, Sidney, Lake McConaughy, 4/29/62
WHITE CRAPPIE.....4 lbs. 1 oz.
Elsie M. Jensen, Broken Bow, Red Willow Reservoir, 5/18/80
FRESHWATER DRUM.....28 lbs. 4 oz.
Vincent Prazak, Clarkson, Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam, 10/1/71
AMERICAN EEL.....4 lbs. 7 oz. 38 3/4"
Ed Foral, Plattsmouth, Bow Creek in Cedar County, 6/11/80
LONGNOSE GAR.....19 lbs.
Ronald B. Hardin, Omaha, sandpit near Plattsmouth, 6/29/74
GOLDEYE.....2 lbs. 4 oz. P 2-7 5/8/81
Estel Thomas, O'Neill, Missouri River in Boyd County, 6/20/80, and Dale McCain, Ewing, Missouri River in Boyd County, 6/21/80
MUSKELLUNGE/TIGER MUSKIE.....18 lbs. 9 oz.
Harold Kennedy, Lincoln, Merritt Reservoir, 2/2/80
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. 10 oz.
Doyle Steggs, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 4/11/81
NORTHERN PIKE.....29 lbs. 3 oz.
Robert Philbrick, Ord, Sherman Reservoir, 3/21/76
PUMPKINSEED.....8½ oz.
Chris Rerucha, Grand Island, Douglas County farm pond, 6/10/81
QUILLBACK.....10 lbs. 2 oz.
Richard L. Hardin, Omaha, Lake in Cass County, 7/17/76

COHO 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 C-8 4/16/81
SUCKER.....9 lbs.
Ron Reutzel, Lincoln, Pawnee Lake, 7/21/79
GREEN SUNFISH.....1 lb. 4 oz. 1-7 8/30/81
Jeff Knajdl, Riverdale, Buffalo County sandpit, 7/13/80
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 Aloi, 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

Check with Tom
Joan sent to him

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
FRESH-WATER 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.....1 lb.
Tim Makovicka, Columbus, Platte River in Platte County, 7/1/81
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, Lemoyne, Lake Ogallala, 7/28/79
CARP.....**33 lbs. 6 oz.**
Aldin Kasten, Benkelman, sandpit in Hitchcock County, 7/20/81
CHANNEL CATFISH.....**9 lbs. 5½ oz.**
Ronald D. Johns, Kearney, lake in Kearney County, 11/14/71
BLACK CRAPPIE.....**5⅜ oz.**
Don Walker, Keystone, Lake McConaughy, 7/6/81
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. 14 oz.**
Jerry Sack, North Platte, Lake McConaughy, 7/8/79
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
Blue Catfish

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.

Boating

For information on boat regulations; registrations; open, closed and restricted waters; safety and equipment requirements, consult the Nebraska Boating Guide, available from Game and Parks Commission offices, county treasurers, marinas, and most boat dealers.

Notice

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

Seasons

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

ARCHERY/SURFACE SPEARING — Game fish may be taken from July 1 through December 31 from sunrise to sunset. Nongame fish may be taken year-round from sunrise to sunset and 24 hours per day April 1 through August 31. See section on Archery/Surface Spearing for exceptions.

UNDERWATER SPEARING — Game fish may be taken from sunrise to sunset from July 1 through December 31. Nongame fish may be taken year-round, sunrise to sunset. See Underwater Spearing section for open waters.

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

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 attach limb lines with nails or more than 12 inches above the water to trees on any lake or reservoir.
...to possess live grass carp (Ctenopharyngodon idella), also known as white amur.

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.

Permits

RESIDENT ANNUAL FISH	$ 9.50
RESIDENT COMBINATION FISH-HUNT	17.50
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.

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.

- 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.
- A fish will sustain brain damage if kept out of water more than 3 or 4 minutes.

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