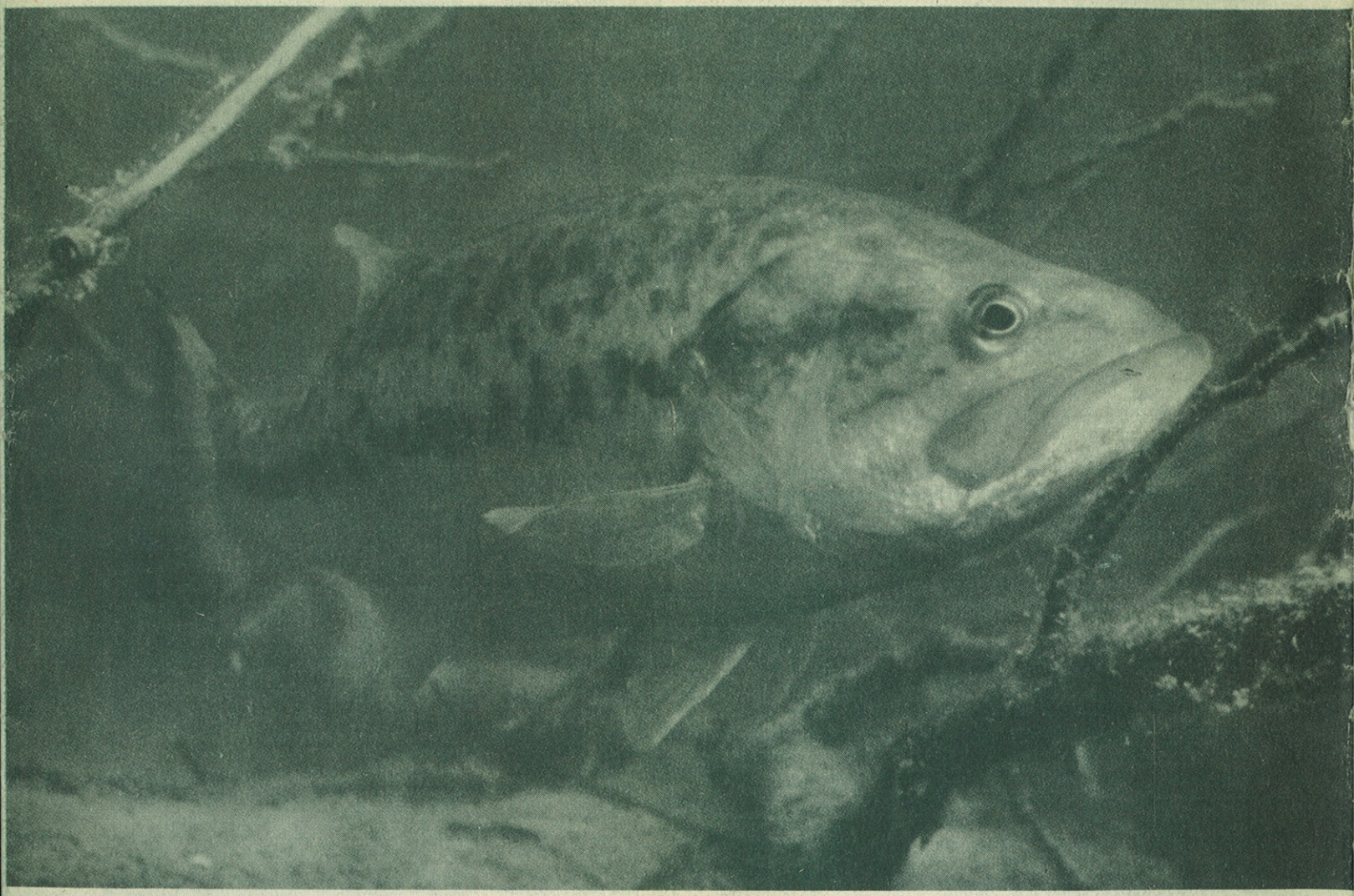
1993 NEBRASKA FISHING GUIDE



Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Permits

RESIDENT ANNUAL FISH	$11.50
RESIDENT COMBINATION FISH-HUNT	19.50
NONRESIDENT ANNUAL	25.00
NONRESIDENT 3-DAY	7.50
RESIDENT 3-DAY	7.50
TROUT STAMP	5.00

A fishing permit is required to take or attempt to take any fish, frogs, turtles, amphibians, and mussels, 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.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO HAVE PERMIT?

A resident fishing permit is required for all Nebraskans 16 years of age and older. However, fee-exempt permits are available to veterans 65 years of age and older, and all residents 70 years of age and 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.

Information and application forms for fee-exempt fishing permits are available only from the Game and Parks Commission office in Lincoln.

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

LIFETIME PERMITS

Nebraska residents can now enjoy a lifetime of fishing or hunting on a single permit and support outdoor recreation at the same time. Fees are: Lifetime Fish, $230; Lifetime Hunt, $200, or Lifetime Fish and Hunt, $400. Funds from these permits go into a special fund, with the interest each year going to help support fisheries and wildlife management in Nebraska. For an application or more information, write to: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503.

Trout Stamp

Everyone, 16 years of age or older, resident and nonresident alike, is required to have a $5 Nebraska Trout Stamp, if they have trout taken in Nebraska in their possession. Holders of free permits are exempted, as are those who fish for trout in the put-and-take lake at Two Rivers State Recreation Area near Valley.

Funds derived from the sale of this stamp are dedicated to the support of Nebraska's trout management programs. For more information, write to: Fisheries Division, Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503.

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

Synopsis of Changes for 1993

NEW SIZE LIMITS

Walleye

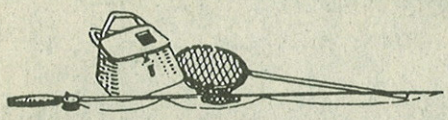
- 15-inch minimum at Enders Reservoir, Medicine Creek Reservoir, Red Willow Reservoir, Johnson Lake, Lake Maloney and the Tri-County canal system and associated impoundments.

Largemouth Bass

- Adding a 15-inch minimum limit at the following lakes: East and West Hord Lakes, Chappell Lake and Grove Lake.
- 21-inch minimum at Wehrspann Lake, Burchard Lake and Wildwood Lake.

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 a crossbow or similar device, with the exception of handicapped person who has a medical certificate on file.
...to seine game fish of any size.
...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 diploid grass carp (Ctenopharyngodon idella), also known as white amur.



For More Information

If you need additional information on fishing, write to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503, or call one of our offices at: Alliance, 308-762-5605; Bassett, 402-684-2921; Lincoln, 402-471-0641; Norfolk, 402-370-3374; North Platte, 308-535-8025, and Omaha, 402-595-2144.

This agency receives federal funds. Under federal law, discrimination is prohibited on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the Equal Opportunity Officer, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503, or the Office of Human Resources, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

STOP POACHING
Call toll-free Operation Game Thief
800-742-SNAP

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Seasons

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

ARCHERY — 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 in Inland Waters. See section on Archery/Surface Spearing for exceptions. Hook & Line limits apply.

SNAGGING — Missouri River only . . . downstream from Gavins Point Dam stilling basin and powerhouse discharge canal markers to the mouth of the Big Sioux River (Mile marker 734) beginning Oct. 10 and ending Nov. 10 or when an estimated 1,600 paddlefish have been harvested, whichever comes first. All other waters of the state are closed to snagging at all times. See section on Snagging for details.

SURFACE SPEARING — Only nongame fish may be taken from sunrise to sunset year-round and 24 hours a day from April 1 through August 31.

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.

Bag & Possession Limits

Sport fishing is permitted 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.

	Bag	Possession
Inland Waters		
Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted Bass *(combined)* *(only one fish in daily bag may exceed 21 inches in length)*	4	8
Channel/Blue Catfish *(combined)*	10	20
Flathead Catfish	4	4
Paddlefish	1	2
Waters of Missouri River		
Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted Bass *(combined)*	5	10
Blue Catfish	1	1
Channel/Flathead Catfish *(combined)*	10	20
Paddlefish Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux	1	1
Walleye/Sauger *(combined)*	4	8
Statewide		
Trout (all species)	7	14
Striped Bass/White Bass/Striped Bass Hybrid *(no more than 1 fish over 20 inches long; 3-fish daily bag at Branched Oak, Conestoga and Bluestem reservoirs)*	25	50
Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie *(combined)*	1	2
Bait Minnows/Tiger Salamander	100	100
Shovelnose Sturgeon	10	20
Walleye/Sauger *(in combination)*	5	10
Northern Pike	3	6
Bluegill, Crappie, Yellow Perch, Rock Bass *(each)*	30	60
Mussels and clams	10	20
All other fish	—No Limit—	
Bullfrogs	8	16
Snapping Turtles	10	20

DAILY BAG — Fish taken from midnight to midnight. No person may possess more than one day's limit of fish while on the water or actively engaged in fishing.

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. If caught, return to the water immediately.

SPECIAL LIMITS — In the following state-owned lakes, the daily bag and possession limit 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. Note: many cities limit the take to less than 10. In Papio Lake No. 18, there is a daily bag limit of 10 panfish (bluegill and crappie) in combination.

Hook and Line Limits

Anglers are limited to 2 lines with 2 hooks on each line in any pond, lake, or reservoir, and for one-half mile in their inlets, outlets, and canals.

In stream fishing, the limits are 5 hooks on a line or 15 hooks in the aggregate. Only 5 lines with 2 hooks on each line are permitted when ice fishing. Only 1 hook may be used when snagging.

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 all fishing, including rod and reel, poles, float lines, bank lines, setlines, and all other types. The name, address and fishing permit number of the angler shall be attached to floats of all float lines, and to all limb lines and set lines.

Float lines may be used only on streams, rivers, and Lewis and Clark Lake. They must be personally attended. The use of glass floats is unlawful. Bag and possession limits are the same as for hook and line.

Note limitations listed in Special Areas.

Size Limits

Where size and bag limits apply, fish may not be filleted until fishing is completed for the day. Fillets must be kept in one piece until cooked, so bag and possession limits can be determined. Fish placed in public storage must be labeled with the owner's name, address, fishing license number, species and number of fish, and the date placed in storage.

Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth, Spotted): 21-inch minimum: Buckskin Hills Lake, Dixon County; Papio Lake #18 (Zorinsky Lake), Douglas County and Skyview Lake, Madison County; Wildwood Lake, Lancaster County; Burchard Lake, Pawnee County; Wehrspann Lake, Sarpy County.

15-inch minimum: Summit Lake, Burt County; Timber Point, Butler County, Grove Lake, Antelope County; Chappell Lake, Deuel County; Lake Yankton and Chalkrock Lake, Cedar County; Wolf Wildcat, Gage County; Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County; Alexandria Lakes No. 1, 2 and 3, Jefferson County; Conestoga, Cottontail, Stagecoach, Wagon Train, Wild Plum, and Yankee Hill, all in Lancaster County; Calamus Reservoir, Loup County; Iron Horse Trail Lake, Pawnee County; Kirkman's Cove, Richardson County; Walnut Creek 2A and Swan Creek 5A, Saline County; East Hord Lake, West Hord Lake, Merrick County; Czechland Lake, Saunders County; Meadowlark and East Twin lakes, Seward County; Maskenthine Reservoir, Stanton County; Liberty Creek Reservoir, Webster County; Recharge Lake, York County; DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge lakes and all lakes on the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge.

12-inch minimum: Statewide except those waters where other limits apply and the Missouri River where there is no size limit.

Bluegill: 8-inch minimum: Stagecoach Reservoir, Lancaster County; Mormon Island Lakes No. 1, 2 and 3, Hall County.

Crappie: 10-inch minimum: Branched Oak and Pawnee reservoirs, Lancaster County.

Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie: 30-inch minimum statewide.

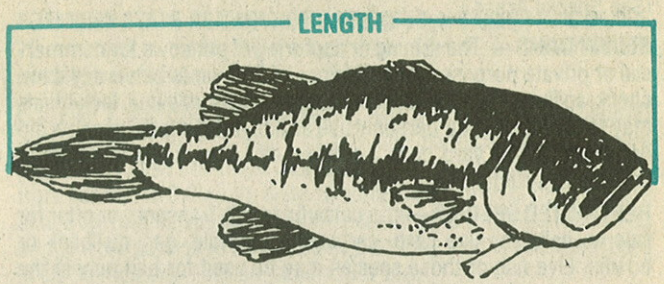
Northern Pike: 24-inch minimum in all inland waters east of U.S. Highway 281.

Walleye: 15-inch minimum: Swanson Reservoir, Hitchcock County; Oliver Reservoir, Kimball County; Lake McConaughy, Keith County; Sutherland Reservoir, Lincoln County; Lake Minatare and Lake Winters Creek, Scotts Bluff County; Maloney Reservoir; Enders Reservoir, Chase County; Medicine Creek Reservoir and Red Willow Reservoir in Frontier County; Johnson Lake, Gosper County; and the Tri-County canal system and associated impoundments from the North Platte Diversion to the J-2 return in Lincoln and Dawson counties including Jeffrey, Midway, Gallagher and Plum Creek reservoirs and all other system waters. 18-inch minimum: Merritt Reservoir, Cherry County; Elwood Reservoir, Dawson County; Harlan County Reservoir, Harlan County; Branched Oak Reservoir, Lancaster County; Sherman and Calamus reservoirs, Loup County.
25-inch bag limit (only one fish longer than 25 inches allowed in bag): Merritt Reservoir, Cherry County, Sherman and Calamus reservoirs, Loup County.

Bullfrog: 4½ inches from snout to vent.

All Other Species: None.

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.



How To Measure Length Of Fish

Lay the fish on a flat surface with the mouth closed and tail lobes pressed together. Measure the length from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail.

Archery

Game fish may be taken by bow and arrow from July 1 through Dec. 31 from sunrise to sunset, statewide. Game fish may not be taken with surface spears. *Nongame fish may be taken by archery or surface spear year-round from inland waters, sunrise to sunset, and may be taken 24 hours a day from April 1 through Aug. 31.*

Surface Spearfishing

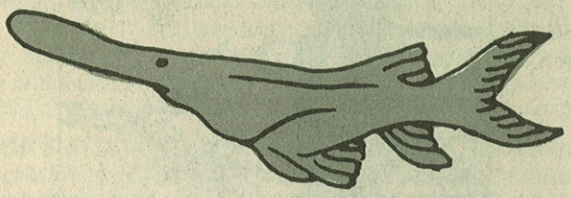
Nongame fish only may be taken by surface spear year-round from inland waters, sunrise to sunset, and may be taken 24 hours a day from April 1 through Aug. 31.

The following areas are closed year-round — all put-and-take lakes stocked by the Game Commission; Two Rivers, Louisville, Fort Kearny, Fremont, Mormon Island and Windmill state recreation areas, Platte River State Park & Mahoney State Park, and trout streams (see Special Areas).

With archery, only long bows (including compound bows), drawn by hand, are legal. A crossbow may be used by a handicapped person who has a medical certificate on file with the Game and Parks Commission Fisheries Division. 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.

Snagging

Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish only is permitted in the Missouri River under season dates and limits specified in the Paddlefish and Snagging of Nongame Fish section of this guide, which follows. All other waters of the state are closed to snagging for all species at all times. Any game fish that are snagged accidentally or otherwise foul hooked must be returned to the water immediately.



Paddlefish and Snagging of Nongame Fish

Missouri River

Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish is permitted in the Missouri River from the Gavins Point Dam stilling basin and powerhouse canal markers downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River (Mile Marker 734) from sunrise to sunset beginning Oct. 10 and ending Nov. 10, or when an estimate of 1,600 paddlefish have been harvested, whichever comes first. The quota shall be determined by creel survey estimates, and the season shall be closed when the quota is reached. Signs will be posted, and media outlets will be contacted to notify anglers of the season closure. Only one hook may be used when snagging, and the gap between the point of the hook to the shank may not exceed ½-inch. The daily bag limit is one paddlefish. All paddlefish between 35 and 45 inches long (measured eye to fork in the tail), must be returned to the water immediately. The slot limit is aimed at protecting the majority of spawning size fish.

Paddlefish may be taken by bow and arrow in the Missouri River only on July 11-19 from the Gavins Point Dam stilling basin and powerhouse discharge canal markers downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River (Mile Marker 734).

Inland Waters

Paddlefish may be taken by hook-and-line methods other than snagging year-round in all inland waters. The bag limit is one paddlefish and the possession limit is two paddlefish.

Paddlefish may be taken by archery in all inland waters per regulations governing archery and surface spearing stated below.

Bullfrogs

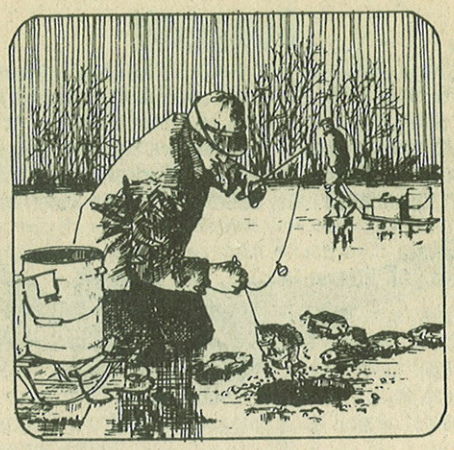
Bullfrog season runs from August 15 through October 31. The bag limit is 8 bullfrogs per person. They may be taken only on a fishing permit by hand, hand net, and hook-and-line. Artificial light may be used when taking bullfrogs. Bullfrogs must measure 4½" from snout to vent or be released. *Only the 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 20 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. The limit is 10 daily and 20 in possession.



Ice Fishing

When ice fishing, only 5 lines with no more than 2 hooks on each line are permitted. 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.

Game/Nongame Fish

Nebraska law defines game fish as all species of fish except buffalo, carp, gar, quillback, sucker, and gizzard shad.

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.

SEASONS

Game fish — July 1 through December 31 in waters listed below. Bag and possession limits are the same as for hook and line, except that there is a daily bag of two walleye in effect on all lakes. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

Nongame fish — Open year-round in waters listed below. There are no size, bag or posession limits. Hours are sunrise to sunset.

OPEN WATERS

1. Privately-owned lakes with permission of the lake owner
2. Lake McConaughy, Keith County (closed to taking of walleye)
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
19. Calamus Reservoir, Loup County

DIVER'S FLAG

The Diver's 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.

Bait and Minnows

Bait fish may not be sold except by permit. For commerical purposes (bait vendors, private fish culturists, and nonresident fish dealers), please refer to the official regulations supplied with your permit. The following regulation guidelines apply only to bait obtained for personal use.

It is unlawful to take minnows from any lake, reservoir, or bayou. Digging, seining and trapping 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. The bag limit of minnows for personal use is 100. Possession limit is 100.

GIZZARD SHAD — 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. (See Special Areas.)

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. Individuals may take minnows for personal use as bait using a legal minnow dip net within a 200 yard distance below any dam, spillway, or other artificial obstruction.

RESTRICTED SPECIES — It is unlawful to sell, transport, or offer for sale as bait, any live carp, carpsucker, buffalo, gar, quillback or bowfin. Live fish of those species may be used for bait only in the same waters from which they are legally taken. Dead carp, carpsucker, buffalo, gar, quillback or bowfin may be transported for use as bait.

EXPORTING — No more than 100 legally captured minnows may be exported by a resident for his personal use in fishing outside the state. No other 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.

IMPORTING — It is unlawful to import or transport carp, carpsucker, buffalo, quillback, gar, or bowfin into the state for use as bait. Special permits are 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, *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 nor 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.

CLOSED WATERS — See Special Areas section.

Special Area Regulations

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.

BUCKSKIN HILLS LAKE, SKYVIEW LAKE, PAPIO LAKE NO. 18 (Zorinsky Lake), WILDWOOD LAKE, BURCHARD LAKE AND WEHRSPANN LAKE — These lakes are designated as catch-and-release lakes for largemouth bass. All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish that is MORE THAN 21 inches long may be kept in the daily bag.

TWIN LAKES (Seward County) — This wildlife management area is closed to all public use from October 15 until the end of the dark goose season. East Twin Lake has a 15-inch minimum size limit on largemouth bass.

BUFFALO CREEK WMA (Scotts Bluff and Banner counties) — It is unlawful to use more than two lines with two hooks per line when fishing in Buffalo Creek Pond, including ice fishing.

FORT ROBINSON STATE PARK (Dawes County) — It is unlawful to use more than 2 lines with 2 hooks on each line when fishing in Cherry Creek, Icehouse and Grabel ponds, and Carter P. Johnson Lake. This includes ice fishing.

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.

EUGENE T. MAHONEY STATE PARK, MARINA LAKE, (Cass County) — Children under 16 years of age and handicapped adults are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area, from sunrise to 9:00 a.m. daily. In addition, children under 16 years of age and handicapped adults are permitted to fish from the fishing bridge from sunrise to sunset daily. Daily bag limit is two fish. There is an 18-inch size limit on largemouth bass.

EUGENE T. MAHONEY STATE PARK, US WEST LAKE, (Cass County) — Fishing is permitted daily. Largemouth bass and bluegill fishing is limited to catch and release. See park regulations for other species.

CLEAR LAKE (Brown County) — It is unlawful to have in possession or use for bait any minnows, alive or dead while fishing this lake. Further, it is unlawful to have in possession any live fish other than those taken from this lake.

SHERMAN RESERVOIR (Sherman County) — Sherman Dam and the area paralleling the shoreline at the dam extending 150 feet lakeward shall be closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise April 1 thorugh April 20.

NIOBRARA STATE PARK (Knox County) — Largemouth bass fishing is limited to catch and release on two park lakes; possession is prohibited.

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. Lake No. 5 is designated as a put-and-take trout fishing lake and is subject to special regulations. A daily trout tag is required to possess trout on the entire Two Rivers area. Check at area office.

CRESCENT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE — Fishing is permitted during daylight hours in Island Lake from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. Electric-type outboard motors are permitted on lakes open to fishing; the use of internal combustion motors is prohibited. The possession or use of live or dead minnows and the possession of any fish not taken from refuge waters are unlawful. However, frozen or dead smelt may be used for bait. Overnight camping is not permitted.

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NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE — Lake Minatare and Lake Winters Creek are open to fishing from January 15 through September 30 or as posted. Waters within 150 feet of the dam at Lake Minatare are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise from March 1 through April 30. There is a 15-inch minimum size limit on walleye in Lake Minatare and Lake Winters Creek.

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, Bone Creek and all tributaries, Long Pine creek and all tributaries, 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. CHEYENNE COUNTY, Lodgepole Creek west of Brownson. 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. 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 Creek, Spotted Tail Creek, Niobrara River and all tributaries, White River, Soldiers Creek and all tributaries, Monroe Creek, Sowbelly Creek, and Hat Creek. SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, Nine Mile Creek, Winters Creek, Tub Springs, Wet spotted Tail Creek, Dry Spotted Tail creek, Sheep Creek, Dry Sheep Creek, Stuckenhole Creek, Akers Draw, Mitchell Drain, Moffett Drain, Alliance Drain, and Bayard Drain. 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.

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 to 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 trot 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.

Fish Stocking

It is unlawful to release any non-native fish, reptile, or amphibian in 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.

NOTICE — Do NOT transfer any minnows or other fish from one lake or stream to another. You may be destroying your own fishing!

Tournaments/Contests/Derbies

When they involve tagged or otherwise marked fish, fishing tournaments, derbies, or contests are prohibited on (1) waters owned or controlled by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and (2) waters stocked by the Game and Parks Commission during the preceding 24 months, excluding private lakes not owned by the state or other governmental entity.

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.

Fish Kill Reports

Reports of dying fish populations may be made by notifying your local conservation officer, district Game and Parks Commission office, or the 24-hour State Patrol pollution complaint number (402) 471-4545, as soon as possible. Prompt notification will make it easier to determine the cause.

Grass Carp

The triploid grass carp is approved for use in private waters for aquatic weed control by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. These fish are available from licensed fish culturists, but they must be certified as 100% triploid by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service inspection.

Ethical Anglers

- Know and obey fishing regulations that are in place to protect our aquatic resources, and to spread the harvest among all anglers.
- Understand the need for a personal code of behavior since laws cannot cover all situations.
- Learn techniques to handle fish that will ensure survival if released to spawn and be caught again.
- Respect the rights of other anglers as well as the rights of property owners when access to water requires crossing private land.
- Ensure good fishing for future generations by limiting their catch, rather than focusing on catching the limit.
- Cooperate and act courteously with all resource users, including other anglers, swimmers and boaters.
- Respect the environment and leave the fishing site in the same or better condition.
- Know that putting bait fish or plants into lakes, reservoirs and other waterways can destroy the ecological balance of the aquatic environment.

Put Them Back Alive

When size limits are in effect, it's important to release a fish so that 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.
- Do not play fish to exhaustion.

Fish Consumption Advisories In Nebraska

In Nebraska, fish consumption advisories are issued by the State Department of Health. The purpose is to alert people that eating fish from certain bodies of water may affect human health. This does not mean that fish taken from these waters should not be eaten, or that they pose an immediate threat to human health. However, it is recommended that people limit consumption of fish from these areas to five ounces (one average serving) per week.

The Department of Environmental Quality, in cooperation with the Game and Parks monitors fish tissue from waters across the state. Since 1977, approximately 100 water bodies have been sampled. From these samples, the concentrations of various chemicals in the fish flesh are measured. Then, using a series of calculations known as "Risk Assesment Methodology," the risk of eating fish is estimated.

The procedures used to obtain these estimates are considered to be conservative. This means that the risk would tend to be overrated rather than underrated. If the estimated risk to humans is greater than one death in 10,000 for two consecutive years, a health advisory is issued.

All of the calculations used in the risk assessment are based on a person of 155 pounds consuming 5 ounces of fish per week for a lifetime (70 years). As you can see, your size and personal eating habits will affect your level of risk. In addition, the size and preparation of the fish will also affect the levels of chemicals consumed by humans (see "How to prepare" below)

It is important to understand that there is risk associated with almost everything we do in life. Too much of anything can sometimes be a problem. Being aware of areas that are under a fish consumption advisory, and understanding what that means, you can make reasonable decisions on consumption of fish from Nebraska waters.

Areas Under A Fish Consumption Advisory

As of January 1, 1993, there are two areas under a fish consumption advisory in Nebraska. They are as follows:

Papillion Creek downstream from the Highway 370 bridge to it's confluence with the Missouri River (Omaha area).

Missouri River between the South Omaha Bridge of Highway 92 and the Highway 34 Bridge at Plattsmouth.

In addition, mercury levels may be a concern for pregnant or nursing mothers and small children in fish taken from Oliver Reservoir near Kimball.

To reduce your risk, keep in mind these facts:

—Larger, older fish tend to collect more contaminants.
—Fish that eat other fish tend to collect more contaminants (such as bass, walleye and pike).
—Fatty fish (such as carp and catfish) tend to collect PCB's and similar chemicals.

Proper preparation will also reduce your risks. Follow these guidelines:

—Trim fatty areas. The belly, top of the back and lateral line are often fatty.
—Puncture or remove skin before cooking. This allows fats to drain off.
—Cook so fats drain away. Bake, broil, grill or poach, and discard the liquid. Avoid pan frying in butter or animal fat, or, making fish soups or chowders.
—Deep fry trimmed fillets in vegetable oil. After frying, drain and discard the oil from fillets.

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Why Catch and Release Bass?

Much has been written and discussed concerning catch and release bass fishing in recent years. Does this practice have a niche in our management of lake fishery systems? Will it be accepted by the anglers? What effects will it have on fish species composition and abundance in Nebraska's small lakes? These are just a few questions which hope to be answered by evaluating one of Nebraska's newest fishing regulations — a 21″ minimum size limit on largemouth bass.

DOMINANT PREDATOR

Largemouth bass are the dominant predator in the fish community in Nebraska's small lakes and ponds. They are viewed not only as an excellent sport fish but also as the control over the panfish populations (ie. bluegill and crappie). Over the years, a combination of size and bag limit restrictions have been implemented to allow enough bass to remain in a lake to effectively control panfish and, as a side benefit, to allow adequate sport fishing and harvest for bass anglers.

What would happen if the bass population were nearly totally protected from harvest? The results should be two-fold — better control of panfish which would lead to better growth rates and ultimately quality fishing for these species, and, an opportunity for anglers to enjoy the recreational aspect of bass fishing with the opportunity to potentially catch larger bass — even though they would have to be released.

21″ SIZE LIMIT

Nebraska has embarked on a program to answer some questions concerning catch and release bass fishing with the implementation of a regulation allowing for harvest of one bass daily over 21″ in length at Buckskin Hills, Skyview Lake, Zorinsky Lake, Wehrspan Lake, Wildwood Lake and Burchard Lake. In effect, a 21″ size limit —essentially catch and release!

The catch and release bass fishing at Skyview and Buckskin Hills is designed to increase bass numbers to control small, slow-growing bluegill. At the other lakes, the theory is to maintain high bass numbers in the face of extremely heavy fishing pressure.

It should be noted that bass harvest regulations can have an impact only in those lakes suitable for bass (i. correct combination of water quality and habitat) and if the anglers comply with the regulation.

Intensive fish sampling at Buckskin Hills Lake was the first water in the state to have this special regulation, which has shown changes and benefits from the 21 inch bass size limit since its implementation in 1990. Bass numbers increased by 25% within one year after the size limit took effect from an estimated 1,770 bass in 1990 to 2,357 bass in 1991. The 1992 sampling indicated a population level similar to the 1991 numbers. The higher bass numbers mean higher fishing success for anglers, although nearly all of the fish caught must be released.

CREEL SURVEY

A creel survey conducted May-September 1991 showed anglers caught an estimated 13,068 bass during this period and released 98% of them. If this number is compared to the population estimate of bass, each fish was caught an average of 5.4 times! Obviously some fish were caught more than others, but however many times individual bass were caught, the point is they are still present in the lake to control bluegill and offer future angling opportunity.

Without catch and release fishing (large size limit) this catch would not be possible. The 21 inch size limit, and the anglers who comply with it, has shown a benefit in the form of quality recreational fishing. Of the anglers contacted in the 1991 creel, 72% supported the 21 inch bass size limit. In addition about 60% of the anglers said the size limit had a positive effect on their decision to fish at Buckskin.

EFFECT ON BLUEGILL

The higher bass density is reflected in changes in the bluegill numbers. The bluegill numbers have decreased by approximately 50% each year from 1989-1991. This decrease in bluegill numbers should be reflected in better bluegill growth rates allowing bluegill to reach a larger size to benefit the panfish angler. This was one of the original goals.

In our fishery samples, the proportion of the bluegill over six inches in length has increased from 9.2% in 1989 to 53.8% in 1991. This does not necessarily mean increased numbers of bigger bluegill but it strongly indicates the smaller fish are declining dramatically. As anglers target harvest toward these larger bluegill the numbers will probably drop and the percentage of larger bluegill present will decline.

QUESTIONS REMAIN

What remains is a numbers crunch. Will there be enough bluegill to feed a high density bass population? Will enough bluegill survive bass predation to grow to a size desired by anglers? Can a high density of bass in good body condition be supported over the long term to sustain a high-catch recreational fishery? These questions need to be answered in the near future through our continuing studies.

Quality fishing and high catch rates can be an obtainable goal through wise use of length limits and angler acceptance and compliance.

REMEMBER . . .

- To distinguish white bass from striped bass and hybrid bass, check center tooth patches on tongue.
- Stripes on white bass are faint with 1st stripe below the lateral line not distinct or complete to the tail.
- First stripe below the lateral line is distinct and complete to the tail on the striped bass and hybrids.

Broken lines on the side do not necessarily mean it's a hybrid. Some striped bass have broken lines.

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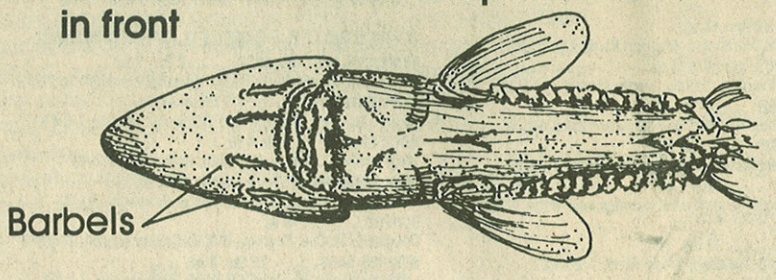
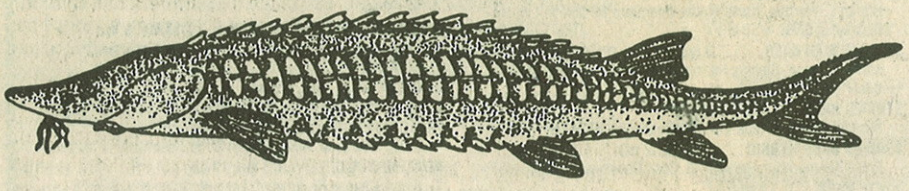
Pallid Sturgeon — An Endangered Species

- Illegal to possess
- Outer barbels twice as long as inner barbels
- Base of barbels "U" shaped inner two set out in front



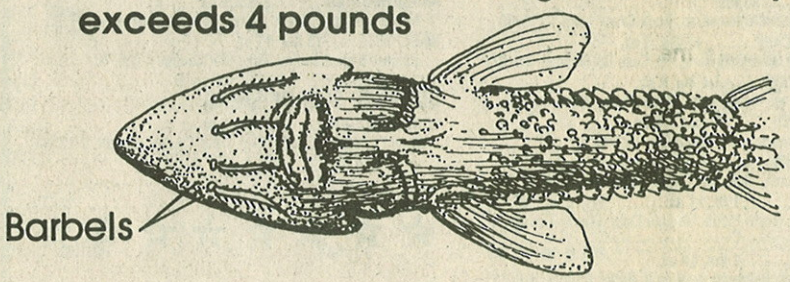
Lake Sturgeon — A Threatened Species

- Illegal to possess
- Short snout turns up at end
- Barbels are not fringed



Shovelnose Sturgeon

- Nebraska's most common sturgeon
- Barbels all the same length
- Barbels straight across
- Smallest of Nebraska Sturgeon — rarely exceeds 4 pounds



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NEBRASKA RECORD FISH

HOOK AND LINE

KENTUCKY SPOTTED BASS.....3 lbs. 12 oz.
Jerry R. Miller, North Platte, Lincoln Co. I-80 Sandpit, 3/12/90

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.....44 lbs. 10 oz.
Dave Hilferty, Grant, Lake McConaughy, 8/27/86

STRIPED BASS HYBRID.....13 lbs. 9 oz.
Mike Howard, North Platte, Lake Maloney, 10/13/88

WHITE BASS.....5 lbs.
Jim Kilcoin, Aurora, Gavins Point Tailwaters, 11/12/83

YELLOW BASS.....15 oz.
John Coogle, Omaha, Louisville Lake #2, 6/21/92

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

BIGMOUTH BUFFALO.....44 lbs. 14½ oz.
Shayne Miller, Kearney, Johnson Lake, 5/17/91

BLACK BUFFALO.....41 lbs.
Bob Eaton, Omaha, Carter Lake, 4/29/82

SMALLMOUTH BUFFALO.....45 lbs.
Bruce F. Baete, Beatrice, Big Blue River, 6/15/84

BOWFIN.....8 lbs.
Ronald Evenson, Omaha, Dead Timber Lake, 8/7/82

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.....33 lbs. 12 oz.
Toni C. Baete, Beatrice, Gage County farm pond, 5/12/83

GRASS CARP.....33 lbs. 8 oz.
Leslie J. Nelson, Jr., Omaha, Private lake, 5/4/90

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

CHANNEL CATFISH.....41 lbs. 8 oz.
John Cunning, Valentine, Merritt Reservoir, 7/26/85

FLATHEAD CATFISH.....80 lbs.
William Swanson, Silver Creek, Loup Power Canal near Genoa, 6/14/88

BLACK CRAPPIE.....4 lbs. 2 oz.
Joe L. Citta, Hershey, Red Willow Reservoir, 5/30/81

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.....5 lbs.
George Sweisberger, South Sioux City, Missouri River, 8/2/83

LONGNOSE GAR.....20 lbs. 7 oz.
John Ernst, Columbus, Wagner's Lake (Platte County), 7/14/91

SHORTNOSE GAR.....19 lbs.
Ronald Hardin, Omaha, lake in Cass County, 6/29/74

GOLDEYE.....3 lbs. 15½ oz.
Gary Kumm, Bloomfield, Lewis & Clark, 8/13/88

SKIPJACK HERRING.....1 lb. 10 oz.
Scott Wessel, Wayne, Gavins Point tailwaters, 8/23/87

MUSKELLUNGE.....35 lbs. 8 oz.
Wayne Porath, Valentine, Merritt Reservoir, 8/17/90

SKIPJACK HERRING.....2 lbs.
Daniel Kaup, Norfolk, Gavins Point Dam, 9/20/92

MUSKELLUNGE.....41 lbs. 8 oz.
Jared Haddix, Sidney, Merritt Reservoir, 8/9/92

TIGER MUSKIE.....24 lbs. 4 oz.
Roy Barnhart, Lodgepole, Lake McConaughy, 10/28/90

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. 7 oz.
Howard Jensen, Lincoln, Branched Oak, 9/22/92

YELLOW PERCH.....2 lb. 10¾ oz.
John D. Skrdla, Stuart, Hackberry Lake, 2/11/84

NORTHERN PIKE.....29 lbs. 12 oz.
Gary Jones, Royal, Grove Lake, 7/6/84

PUMPKINSEED.....10¾ oz.
Jim Johnson, Minatare, Box Butte Reservoir, 9/23/87

QUILLBACK.....12 lbs.
Norman Grabenstein, North Platte, Lake Maloney, 5/3/87

CHINOOK SALMON.....2 lbs. 8 oz.
Rick Heppner, Norfolk, Lewis and Clark Lake, 9/14/85

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

KOKANEE SALMON.....4 lbs. 2oz.
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

GIZZARD SHAD.....4 lbs. 7¾ oz.
Joe Ringbauer, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 3/26/89

SHOVELNOSE STURGEON.....3 lbs. 14½ oz.
Wayne Williams, Shubert, Missouri River (Richardson County) 4/29/91

SUCKER.....18 lbs. 14 oz.
Bob J. Thoene, Hartington, Missouri River, 11/16/86

GREEN SUNFISH.....1 lb. 4 oz.
Jeff Knajdl, Riverdale, Buffalo County sandpit, 7/13/80

REDEAR SUNFISH.....1 lb. 10 oz.
Charles I. Jones, Eckley, CO, Rock Creek Lake, 6/8/90

HYBRID SUNFISH.....1 lb. 5 oz.
Walt Hoyle, Beatrice, Pawnee Co. farm pond, 4/30/92

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

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

CUTTHROAT TROUT.....5 lbs.
Larry Davison, Lincoln, Sutherland Supply Canal 5/24/92

RAINBOW TROUT.....14 lbs. 2 oz.
Frank Aloy, 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

STRIPED BASS HYBRID.....3 lbs. 2 oz.
Philip Zimmerman, Springfield, Cass County sandpit, 8/1/92

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.....46 lbs.
Ronald Meyers, Columbus, Stiers Lake, 5/15/91

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

CARP.....38 lbs. 8 oz.
Ronald A. Meyers, Columbus, Platte County lake, 5/9/85

BIGHEAD CARP.....34 lbs. 8 oz.
Marlyn Wiebelhaus, Wynot, Missouri River, 6/2/91

GRASS CARP.....33 lbs.
Trampis R. Kasten, Benkleman, Rock Creek Lake, 7/15/90

HYBRID GRASS CARP.....43 lbs. 3 oz.
Gary Martin Jr, Overland Park, KS, Cass Co. sandpit 6/13/92

RIVER CARPSUCKER.....7 lbs. 4 oz.
Quinton Wagoner, Broadwater, North Platte River, 6/1/89

CHANNEL CATFISH.....21 lbs. 12 oz.
Mike Lacey, Gering, Lake Minatare, 7/23/82

FLATHEAD CATFISH.....46 lbs. 2 oz.
Jim Foral, Lincoln, Bluestem Creek, Sprague, 10/13/84

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

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

FRESHWATER DRUM.....20 lbs.
Gerald Tramp, Crofton, Gavins Point Tailwaters, 6/15/82

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

GOLDEYE.....2 lbs. 1 oz.
Bill Schwarting, Fremont, Platte River, Dodge County, 5/17/85

TIGER MUSKIE.....13 lbs. 14 oz.
Brent J. Wesemann, Pierce, Willow Creek Reservoir, 7/3/88

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

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

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

QUILLBACK.....11 lbs. 2 oz.
Tim Smith, Benkelman, Dundy County sandpit, 7/14/84

GIZZARD SHAD.....3 lbs. 11 oz.
Roger DeKok, Kearney, Phelps County sandpt, 6/4/92

SUCKER.....3 lbs. 3 oz.
Mike Lauby, Lexington, Platte River, Dawson County, 7/14/74

GREEN SUNFISH.....8 oz.
Marty Guthrie, McCook, sandpit near Bartley, 7/22/76

CUTTHROAT TROUT.....2 lbs. 3 oz.
Todd Burnham, Hastings, Platte River (Keith Co.), 8/24/91

BROWN TROUT.....9 lbs. 13 oz.
John Whittle, Dalton, Klein Fish Hatchery Lake, 7/1/90

RAINBOW TROUT.....11 lbs.
Kevin Pierce, Ogallala, NPPD Canal in Keith County, 10/19/86

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 Co. sandpit, 8/17/73

LARGEMOUTH BASS.....7 lbs. 4 oz.
Richard Buckley, McCook, Red Willow Co. sandpit, 7/6/88

ROCK BASS.....1 lb. 4 oz.
Terry Robbins, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 7/10/82

SMALLMOUTH BASS.....3 lbs. 14¾ oz.
Fred Bartling, Hay Springs, Box Butte Reservoir, 7/1/84

BLUEGILL.....10 oz.
Douglas L. McCue, Kearney, Buffalo County sandpit, 7/4/87

STRIPED BASS.....25 lbs. 8 oz.
Mark Picker, Loveland, CO, Lake McConaughy, 7/1/89

BLACK BUFFALO.....27 lbs.
Matthew B. Donelan, Omaha, Saunders County sandpit, 5/22/82

CARP.....35 lbs.
Steven Bixenman, Colby, KS, Hitchcock County sandpit, 6/7/88

CHANNEL CATFISH.....23 lbs. 9½ oz.
Anthony Nason, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 7/6/91

BLACK CRAPPIE.....2 lbs. 2 oz.
Hershel D. Smith, Lexington, Dawson County sandpit, 12/19/82

MUSKELLUNGE/TIGER MUSKIE.....13 lbs. 9 oz.
Delbert Babitzke, Garden City, KS, Lake McConaughy, 8/18/90

GOLDEYE.....1 lb. 5½ oz.
Geo Fritton, Silver Creek, Merrick Co. sandpit, 7/5/82

YELLOW PERCH.....1 lb. 11½ oz.
Leroy Adamson, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 7/15/80

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, 8/26/72

GIZZARD SHAD.....2 lbs. 14 oz.
Jerry Sack, North Platte, Lake McConaughy, 7/8/89

WHITE SUCKER.....3 lbs. 13 oz.
Bill Klimek, Burwell, Loup County sandpit, 10/4/86

RIVER CARPSUCKER.....6 lbs. 13 oz.
Marlyn Erickson, Rapid City, SD, Lake McConaughy, 7/16/89

BROWN TROUT.....4 lbs. 8 oz.
Richard B. Roy, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 8/29/74

RAINBOW TROUT.....3 lbs. 9 oz.
Michael Bansall, Grand Island, Lake McConaughy, 7/7/83

WALLEYE.....13 lbs. 11 oz.
Richard Fish, Kearney, Lake McConaughy, 7/6/70

SURFACE SPEARFISHING

LONGNOSE GAR.....17 lbs. 6 oz.
David L. Werth, South Bend, Cass County sandpit, 6/13/84

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Record Fish Display

If you take a game fish by hook-and-line that breaks a state record, you may wish to donate it to the Game and Parks Commission for display at the Commission's Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium at Schramm Park State Recreation Area near Gretna. The Commission will mount the trophy, complete with engraved plate with your name, species of fish, weight, when and where it was taken. To make such a donation, contact the Aquarium within 24 hours at (402) 332-3901. Aquarium hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Any current hook-and-line record-holder who would like to donate their trophy game fish should also contact the Aquarium.

State Record Rules

- Fish must exceed current record by at least one ounce or it will be considered as a tie.
- Fish must be taken from Nebraska waters.
- It must be legally taken by hook-and-line, underwater spearfishing, surface spearing, or archery. Fish must be caught, played, and landed by the applicant.
- Fish must be weighed on a certified scale and witnessed by a Game and Parks Commission employee. If not witnessed by a Commission employee, a notarized affidavit, signed by two witnesses and giving the requested information, may be substituted.
- Species of fish must be verified by a Commission fisheries official. The fish may be gutted and frozen, but the head, fins, and skin must remain intact until the species has been verified.
- Angler must display fishing permit to the individual verifying the application.
- Application forms are available from any Commission office or permit vendor.

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 for the award.
- The catch must be verified. This may be done by an employee of the Game and Parks Commission, a permit vendor, a witness or a photograph.
- Anglers 16 years of age or older must possess a current Nebraska fishing permit and enter the permit number on the application.
- Only fish immediately released are eligible for an award based on length. Any fish kept in a livewell or on a stringer must meet the minimum weight requirement to receive an award.
- Anglers may receive only one award based on weight, per year for each species. There is no limit on the number of awards per year based on length.
- Anglers who release a Master Angler fish will receive a "Catch and Release Master Angler" pin in addition to the Master Angler certificate.
- Minimum weight for a length Master Angler Award include:

American Eel	24 in. or 1 lb.	Crappie	15 in. or 2 lbs.
Largemouth Bass	20 in. or 5 lbs.	Drum	22 in. or 5 lbs.
Kentucky Spotted Bass	18 in. or 3 lbs.	Goldeye	16 in. or 1½ lbs.
Rock Bass	11 in. or 1 lb.	Musky/Tiger Musky	35 in. or 10 lbs.
Smallmouth Bass	18 in. or 3 lbs.	Paddlefish	45 in. or 50 lbs.
Striped Bass	32 in. or 10 lbs.	Yellow Perch	13 in. or 1¼ lbs.
Striper Hybrid	20 in. or 5 lbs.	White Perch	12 in. or 1 lb.
White Bass	17 in. or 2½ lbs.	Northern Pike	36 in. or 10 lbs.
Bluegill	10 in. or 1 lb.	Sauger	21 in. or 3 lbs.
Buffalo	26 in. or 10 lbs.	Shovelnose Sturgeon	28 in. or 2½ lbs.
Bullhead	15 in. or 2 lbs.	Sucker	18 in. or 2 lbs.
Burbot	16 in. or 1 lb.	Sunfish	10 in. or 1 lb.
Carp	32 in. or 15 lbs.	Brook Trout	14 in. or 1 lb.
Blue Catfish	40 in. or 30 lbs.	Brown Trout	22 in. or 4 lbs.
Channel Catfish	30 in. or 12 lbs.	Rainbow Trout	23 in. or 5 lbs.
Flathead Catfish	32 in. or 15 lbs.	Walleye	28 in. or 8 lbs.

Master Angler / State Record Application

Please print legibly. See rules on reverse side.

Name_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Fishing Permit No._____ Under 16_____

Species of fish_____

Weight: _____lbs. _____oz. Length: _____in.

Date caught_____ Released: Yes____ No____

Name of lake or stream_____

County where located_____

Method of fishing: ____Hook & Line ____Archery

____Surface spearfishing ____Underwater spearfishing

Type of bait or lure_____

Where weighed or measured_____

Address_____

City_____ Phone_____

Weight or length witnessed by:

1. _____
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2. _____
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3. _____
   Notary Public (for State Record only)
4. _____
   Game & Parks Comm. Official species verification for State Record only

Species may be verified after State Record application is received by the Game and Parks Commission. See State Record Rule 4.

Mail to: Fisheries Division
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
P.O. Box 30370
Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

Catch and Release Works

Minimum lengths listed for Master Angler Awards are designed to promote catch-and-release fishing. While fish populations are renewable resources and keeping some fish for your table is good, big fish are rare. By releasing large fish, you help maintain our future fishery resources.

However, catch-and-release fishing only works when the fish you release survive. When you use the proper techniques, you give fish the best chance of survival. Here are a few simple guidelines:

- Wet hands and keep fish in water as much as possible, when handling and removing the hook.
- Remove hook gently. Do not squeeze the fish or put your fingers into the gills.
- Consider using barbless hooks.
- If deeply hooked, cut the line. Do not pull the hook out.
- Release only after a fish has regained its equilibrium. If necessary, hold gently upright; move slowly back and forth.
- Do not play the fish to exhaustion.

Management Of Walleye Resources

A boom in walleye fishing developed during the 1980's, reminiscent of the explosion in angling demand for largemouth bass during the late 1960's. Angling seminars, magazine articles and television coverage first generated, then fed an accelerating interest in walleye fishing. Competitive fishing spawned improved techniques for catching walleye.

The growth of angling clubs and tournaments and concurrent increases in the number of anglers who fish only for walleyes have placed great pressure on walleye resources. At the same time, however, habitat changes with aging and siltation of reservoirs may reduce the capacity to produce quality sport fishing. Growing demand for walleye angling, combined with declining habitat, has given walleye management a sense of urgency.

PRINCIPAL FACTORS

Two principal factors have governed the quality of walleye fishing in Nebraska—habitat (quality and quantity) and angler harvest. The aquatic resources were able to provide long-term, sustainable yields or harvest with wise management until the mid-1980's. Nebraska anglers are blessed with a number of high plains reservoirs that are very unique. Waters are generally clearer than large reservoirs to the south, perhaps improving the survival of naturally produced walleye. In addition, the lakes are productive, and coupled with the long growing season for walleyes compared to waters to the north, Nebraska lakes have the characteristics to produce high sustainable populations and quality walleye fishing.

THE ROLE OF THE SHAD

Gizzard shad are an important link between basic productivity and the walleye at the end of your line. Walleye populations increased after gizzard shad were introduced at lakes in other states. Nebraska is the northwest range for shad which helps to prevent the buildup of adults and increase the production of good numbers of young shad as food for sport fish. We are located at a latitude and elevation ideal for production of gizzard shad (warm water prey) with superior long growing season for walleyes (cool water predator). For example, Branched Oak Lake walleyes currently grow as fast as the highest reported rate for walleyes.

Even though fertile lakes are located at a favorable growing season for production of young shad and walleyes, the quality of habitat is far superior in natural lakes where walleyes evolved over thousands of years. Furthermore, the quantity of habitat or surface area of aquatic resources certainly limits the number of walleye Nebraska anglers may harvest. The area of walleye lakes is 5 and 20 times greater in South Dakota and Minnesota. The largest lake in either state exceeds all surface area of lakes in Nebraska. Even with intensive management, there is a limit to the sustainable walleye yield and recent harvest exceeded this limit on a number of Nebraska lakes.

TAGGING STUDY

Thanks to angler cooperation in returning tags, information that was needed to better manage for quality walleye fishing was obtained.

Tag returns showed that anglers harvested up to 20 to 30% of the harvestable walleye population during the early 1980's. Several years later, increased knowledge and technology for catching walleye contributed significantly to rising angler harvest. On several lakes harvest exceeded the sustainable yield of walleye by the mid to late 1980's. For example, annual harvest rates approached 45 to 50% at Branched Oak Lake with small, young fish dominating the population and few large walleyes present for anglers to enjoy. The level of harvest is one of the highest reported for walleye populations.

CREEL STUDY

Based on a creel survey at Branched Oak Lake from April through June 1991, anglers kept more 13 inch and longer walleyes than they released and all fish were kept longer than 15 inches. Walleye 15 inches long were the most abundant size kept; 42% of all walleyes taken were less than 15 inches long; 54% were 15 to 20 inches long; and only 4% exceeded 20 inches. Considering the growth potential of walleye and other sport fishes, the average length of walleyes taken would be equal to harvest of 6 inch bluegill and 9 inch white bass. If walleyes were harvested like panfish, 20 inches would be the most frequent size of walleye in the creel. The size of fillet from a small walleye compared to bluegill or perch and the high flavor in the skillet made it worth the effort to clean the fish.

SIZE LIMITS

Minimum length limits are particularly attractive as a tool to manage sport fish with fast growth, low natural mortality, and high angling mortality. The regulation should not be used as a broad management technique for walleyes like a statewide size limit. Life history characteristics of walleye vary between lakes as well as anglers and fishery managers may provide a variety of fishing opportunities for walleyes.

Low walleye densities in lakes with unsuitable habitat would not benefit from length limits and anglers would not experience improved fishing. It is unwise to implement regulations at lakes with little opportunity for biological benefits. Anglers and fishery managers must join together to tailor regulations to the 50 walleye lakes in the state. We must couple the dynamics of the fish communities with angler values to provide a diversity of fishing opportunities.

LAKE SELECTION

It was with this goal in mind that minimum length limits were implemented on nine additional lakes in 1992 to evaluate the effects of the regulation. Lakes were selected across the state with a diversity of walleye reproduction, growth, and survival. There is interest by some anglers in the opportunity to catch a trophy walleye. Merritt and Sherman reservoirs offered the best match of habitat coupled with dynamics of the walleye population to provide this type of fishery. The fishery at Calamus Reservoir may mature to produce large walleyes in the future. The daily limit of one walleye over 25 inches was implemented at these three lakes and may develop angler awareness as well as increase voluntary release of large walleyes to improve the survival of this limited, precious resource and insure trophy angling opportunities in the future.

The master angler program provides the option for anglers to record the length of a trophy fish and practice proper release techniques.

The fish populations will need a minimum of three years to adjust to the new regulations and several more years to evaluate the results on angler catch and characteristics of the fish communities. We must all be patient to allow time for the fish populations to shift with length limit regulations — increased walleye harvest did not change the populations to smaller fish in a single year but over a period of several years — and we must invest in the resource over the next several years to enjoy the rewards of quality walleye fishing.

BENEFITS OF SIZE LIMITS

Although the results of angler catch at the study lakes last spring is highly premature at best, there are indications that the length limits provided some benefits the first year. Walleyes may be recycled to the angler even within the same season. For example, it was predicted that 14 inch and longer walleyes may have been caught an average of 1.7 times at Branched Oak Lake from April through June 1992. Sublegal walleyes caught early in the season were released and caught by anglers again in May or June.

ANGLER COMPLIANCE

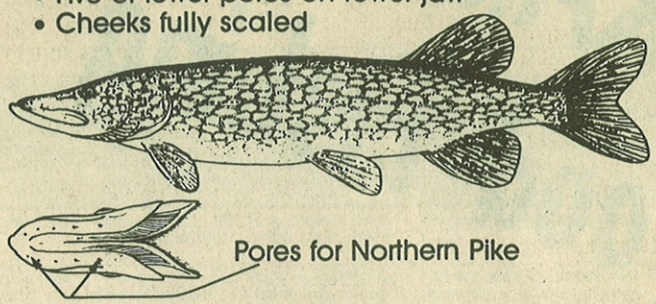
The exciting results point to the value of your compliance with the length limit regulation and proper release techniques. Catch rates were exceptionally high at several lakes without a decline in yield. More walleyes were released, fewer but larger walleyes were taken home for the skillet, and the weight harvested remained about the same.

Nebraska anglers can take pride in the fact that you are leaders in demonstrating the use of size limit regulations towards wise management and conservation of walleye resources. Nebraska sportsmen expressed similar leadership qualities with the use of steel shot for waterfowl hunting. By informing anglers of the importance of conservation and compliance with regulations, you serve a secondary role to insure quality fishing in future years. If length limits prove successful in the next several years, the regulation may be useful at other walleye lakes as well. By continuing to join together, we increase the opportunities of quality fishing in Nebraska's future.

KNOW WHAT YOU CAUGHT

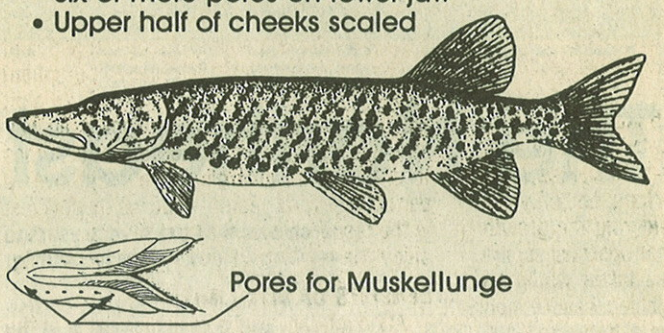
Northern Pike

- Five or fewer pores on lower jaw
- Cheeks fully scaled



Muskellunge

- Six or more pores on lower jaw
- Upper half of cheeks scaled

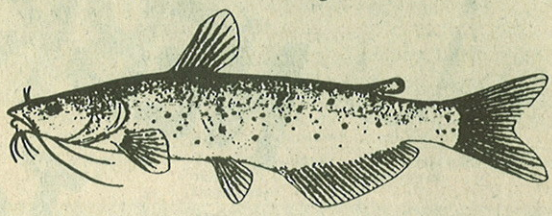


Tiger Muskie

- Being a cross between northern pike and muskellunge, it has characteristics of both
- Vertical stripe pattern on side
- Usually, but not always, has an unequal number of pores on each side of lower jaw

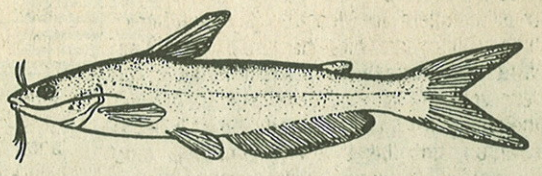
Channel Catfish

- Anal fin has 24-29 rays with outer margin rounded
- Spots not present on larger fish



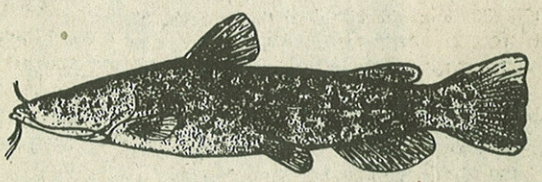
Blue Catfish

- Anal fin has 30 rays with outer margin straight



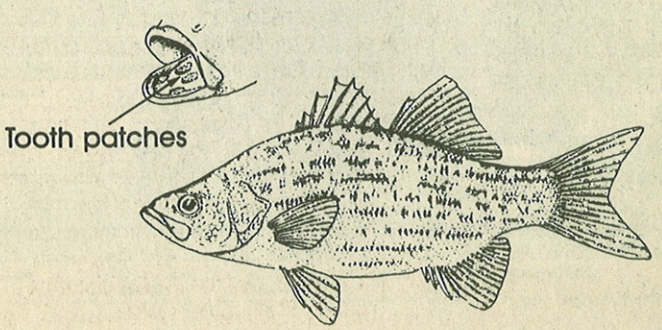
Flathead Catfish

- Lower jaw extends past upper jaw
- Square, unforked tail



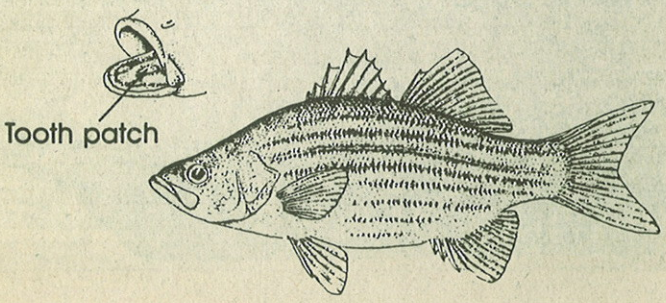
Wiper

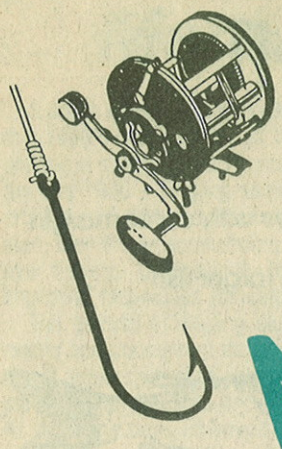
- Usually two tooth patches on tongue
- Broken horizontal lines



White Bass

- Anal fin spines stair-stepped
- Broken lateral stripes
- One tooth patch on base of tongue





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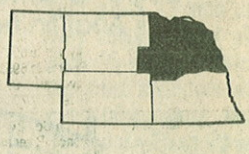
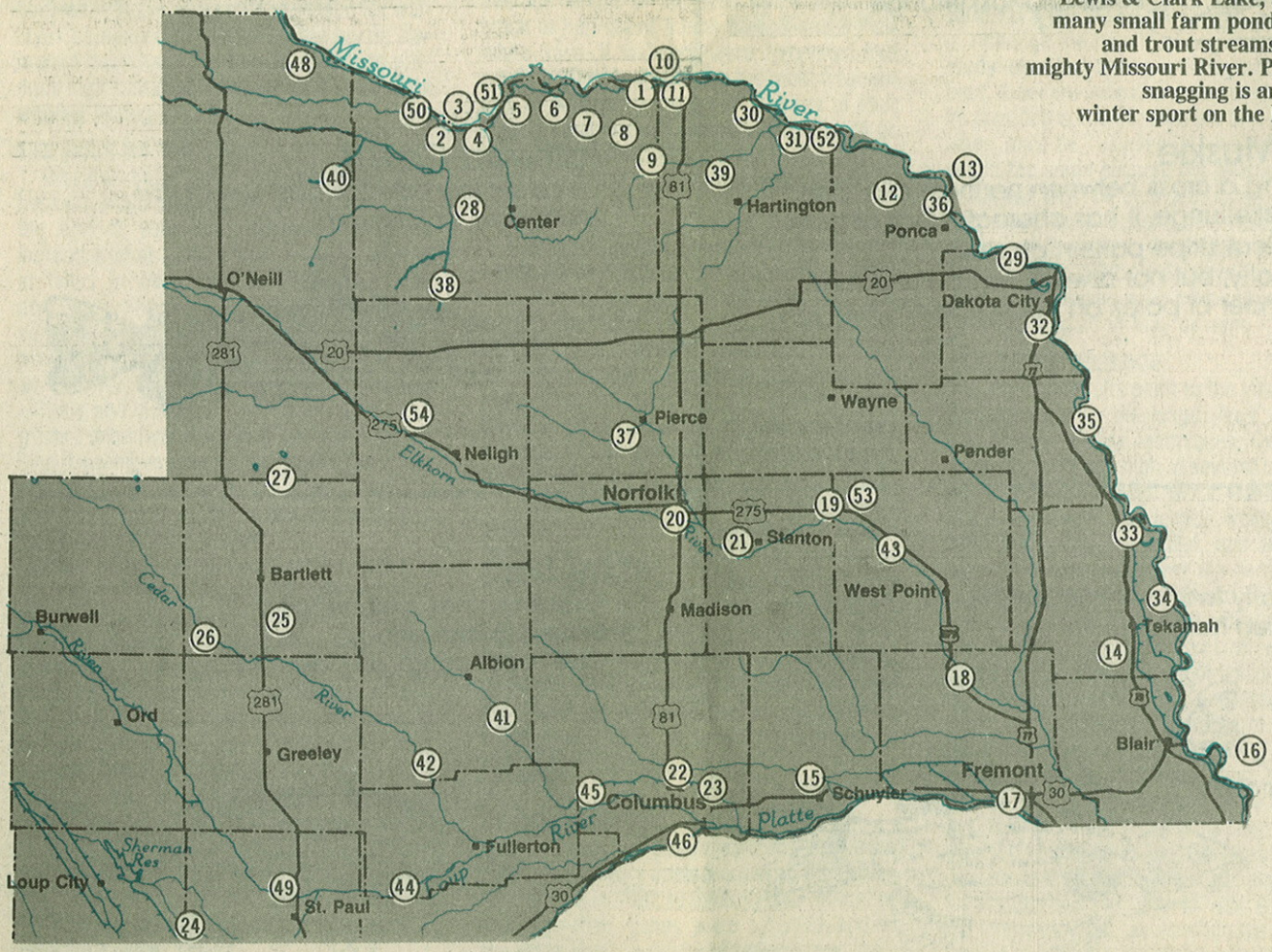


The Northeast

Fishermen in the Northeast find exciting fishing action at popular Lewis & Clark Lake, as well as many small farm ponds, catfish and trout streams, and the mighty Missouri River. Paddlefish snagging is an exciting winter sport on the Missouri.



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1	Lewis & Clark Lake SRA	Knox Co., 15N of Crofton	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	30,000 acres, modern and primitive camping on state and federal areas, all boats allowed
2	Niobrara Townsite Boat Ramp	Knox Co., N of old Niobrara townsite on county road, NE River mile 844.0	Buffalo, carp, crappie, pike, sauger, smallmouth bass, walleye	Double-wide concrete ramps, ample parking
3	Ferry Landing SRA	Knox Co., 2½E, 11½N of Niobrara, NE River mile 841.0	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger, walleye	Boat ramp, access to Missouri River
4	Bazile Creek WMA	Knox Co., 4E, 11½N of Niobrara, NE River mile 838.8	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger, walleye	Gravel road to ramp gets muddy with heavy rains, ramp subject to flooding
5	Miller Creek Area	Knox Co., 10W, 6N of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 821.0	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	Concrete ramp
6	Bloomfield Area	Knox Co., 8W, 7N of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 819.5	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	Concrete ramp
7	Weigand Area	Knox Co., 4W, 7N of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 816.0	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	Concrete ramp, modern fish cleaning station
8	Hideaway Acres Marina	Knox Co., 7N, ½W of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 812.5	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	Concrete ramp
9	South Shore Area	Knox Co., 8N of Crofton, on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 811.5	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass	Concrete ramp
10	Cottonwood Lake (Lake Yankton)	Cedar Co., Below Gavins Point Dam, north side of river	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye	250 acres, portions under South Dakota jurisdiction, signs mark areas open to Nebraska permit holders, electric fishing motors only
11	Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters	Cedar Co., 1S, 4W of Yankton, SD	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, eel, paddlefish, smallmouth bass, sauger, white bass, walleye	All boats allowed, life jackets must be worn at all times in tailwaters area, handicapped access
12	Buckskin Hills Lake	Dixon Co., 2W, 3S, ½W of Newcastle	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike, walleye	75 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph
13	Crystal Cove Lake	Dakota Co., NE of Hwy. 20 & 77 intersection in S. Sioux City	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, pike	30 acres, no power boats allowed
14	Summit Lake SRA	Burt Co., 4½W, ½S of Tekamah	Bass, bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, wipers	190 acres, motorboats limited to 5 mph, fish cleaning station
15	Schuyler City Lake	Colfax Co., In city park	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie	18 acres, aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing
16	DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge	Washington Co., 6E of Blair on Hwy. 30	bluegill, buffalo, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	760 acres, 5 mph speed limit for boats, open from early January through late February for ice fishing, mid-April through late September for open-water fishing
17	Fremont Lakes SRA	Dodge Co., 3W of Fremont	Bluegill, bullheads, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike	280 acres in 20 lakes, camping available, gas-powered boating on Victory Lake and Lake 20 only, all others electric fishing motors only, Park Entry Permit required
18	Dead Timber SRA	Dodge Co., 5NW of Scribner, 1½E	Bullheads, carp, channel & flathead catfish	20 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, Park Entry sticker required
19	Red Fox Lake WMA	Stanton Co., 1¼S of Pilger on Hwy. 15	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	25 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, primitive ramp
20	Skyview Lake	Madison Co., Norfolk	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye	50 acres, electric fishing motors only
21	Maskenthine Reservoir	Stanton Co., 2NW of Stanton	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye	98 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph
22	Lake North	Platte Co., 3N of Columbus	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye	200 acres, camping
23	Lake Babcock	Platte Co., 1W, 3N of Columbus	Bullheads, carp, channel & flathead catfish	600 acres, power boats not allowed
24	Farwell South Reservoir	Howard Co., 4W, 3S of Farwell	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie	40 acres, power boats not allowed
25	Pibel Lake SRA	Wheeler Co., 9S, 1E of Bartlett	Bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike	25 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only
26	Lake Ericson	Wheeler Co., ½S of Ericson	Bass, bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, pike	70 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
27	Goose Lake	Holt Co., 18NW, 5E of Bartlett	Bass, bluegill, pike, yellow perch	200 acres, renovated 1990

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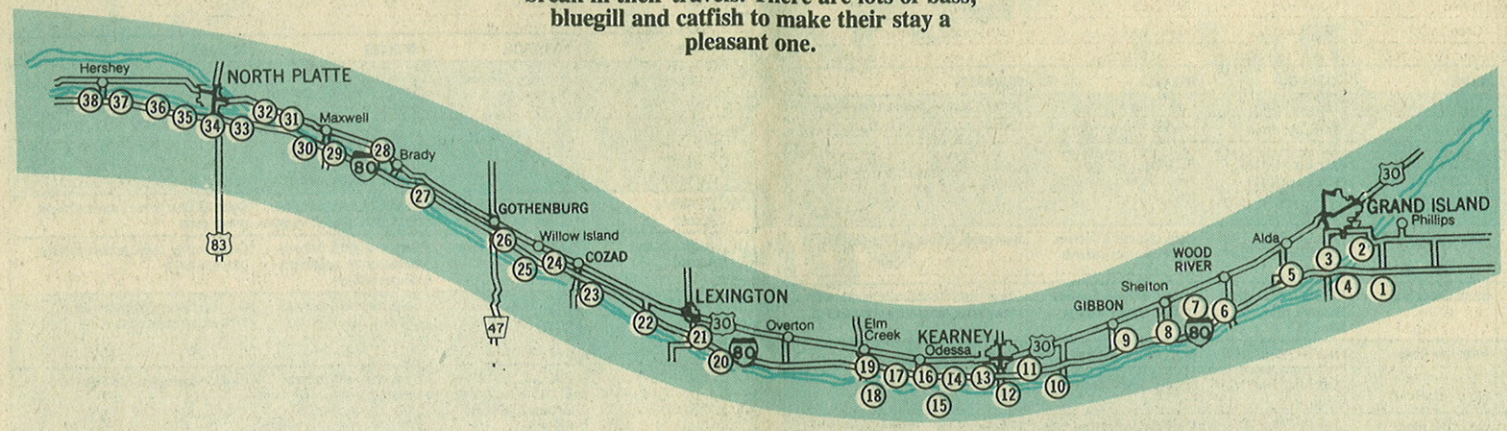
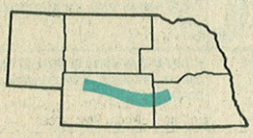
28	Grove Lake	Antelope Co., 2N of Royal	Bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike	50 acres, primitive camping, power boats limited to 5 mph
29	Missouri River	N and E border of NE District	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, paddlefish, pike, sauger, walleye, white bass	
30	St. Helena Access	Cedar Co., 6½E, 1N of Hwy. 81 & 121 Jct.	Channel & flathead catfish, paddlefish, sauger, walleye	Cedar County public access allowed, gravel ramp
31	Cedar County Access	4NE of Wynot, River mile 784.9	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye	Cedar county, public access allowed, concrete ramp
32	Scenic Park Access	Dakota Co., ½E of Hwy. 77 bridge near S. Sioux City, River mile 732.0	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum	City of S. Sioux City, public access allowed, concrete ramp
33	Hightree Marina	Burt Co., ½N of Hwy. 51 bridge, east side of Decatur, River mile 691.4	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum	Private access, fee, concrete ramp
34	Pelican Point SRA	Burt Co., 5E, 4N of Tekamah, River mile 672.8	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, sauger, walleye	Public access ramp, primitive camping
35	Missouri River (Federal access areas)	Nebraska shoreline, River mile 691.3-691.9, River mile 693.0-693.4; River mile 694.5-695.3, River mile 695.2-697.4, River mile 697.7-699.6, River mile 701.1-701.5	Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, sauger, walleye	Public access points to Missouri River, camping available, area boundaries posted
36	Ponca State Park	Dixon Co., 2½N of Ponca, River mile 753.5	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, sauger, walleye	Public access, concrete ramp
37	Willow Creek SRA	Pierce Co., 2SW of Pierce	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike, tiger muskie, walleye	700 acres, camping, motorboats limited to 5 mph on west half of lake, limited handicapped access
38	Verdigre Creek	Antelope Co., East Branch, NE of Royal above Grove Lake	Brown & rainbow trout	Public access available as posted
39	Chalkrock Lake WMA	Cedar Co., 5N, 11½E of Hwy. 81 & 12 Jct.	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, tiger muskie, walleye	44 acres, boats limited to 5 mph
40	Steel Creek	NE Holt County	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
41	Beaver Creek	Loretto to Genoa	Carp, channel catfish	Private access, permission required
42	Cedar River	Ericson to Fullerton	Carp, channel catfish	Private access, permission required
43	Elkhorn River	O'Neill to mouth, WMA public access: Yellowbanks, 3N of Battle Creek; Powder Horn, 4NW of Scribner on Hwy. 275; Red Wing, 5SW of Neligh; Red Fox, 1S of Pilger on Hwy. 15; Wood Duck, 3SW of Stanton	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Private access, permission required, carp spearing/archery in 47-acre oxbow lake at Wood Duck WMA
44	Loup River	St. Paul to Columbus, WMA public access: Prairie Wolf, 1S of Genoa; Loup Junction, 2½N, 2E, ½N of St. Paul; George Syas, 2S, 1½E of Genoa	Carp, channel catfish	Private access, permission required
45	Loup Canal	Genoa to Columbus	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum	Tailrace at Columbus, stilling basin W of Genoa, and tailwaters below Monroe and Columbus powerhouses most productive
46	Platte River	Columbus to mouth	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger	Private access, permission required, public access at Whitetail WMA
47	Farm Ponds	Entire district	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	Private access, permission required
48	Sunshine Bottoms Ramp (Boyd County)	3E, 4N of Lynch	Carp, channel catfish, drum, goldeye, sauger, smallmouth bass, walleye	Public access to Missouri River
49	North Loup SRA	Howard Co., 3N of St. Paul	Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie	7 acres, just north of the Loup River on Hwy. 281
50	Verdel Boat Ramp, Missouri River	Knox Co., 2E, 2N of Verdel	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, pike	Concrete ramp
51	Niobrara SP	Knox Co., 1W of Niobrara	Bass & bluegill in lagoon; Channel & flathead catfish in river	Park Entry sticker required
52	Mulberry Bend Access, Missouri River	Dixon Co., 1E of Maskell on Hwy. 12 and 2½N	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, pike	Ramp to be completed in 93
53	Black Island WMA, Elkhorn River	Cuming Co., 2½E of Pilger on county road	Carp, channel catfish	Elkhorn River access
54	Hackberry Creek WMA, Elkhorn River	Antelope Co., 1½E, ½N of Clearwater	Carp, channel catfish	Elkhorn River access

I-80 Lakes

The I-80 Lakes between Grand Island and Hershey offer weary travelers a chance to stop, stretch, fish a little and camp overnight as a break in their travels. There are lots of bass, bluegill and catfish to make their stay a pleasant one.





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1	Grand Island East-bound rest area	Hall Co., 3E, S of I-80	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	6 acres
2	Grand Island Interchange	Hall Co., N of I-80, 1½E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	17 acres, access on foot from Mormon Island
3	Grand Island Interchange	Hall Co., N of I-80, 1E	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	20 acres, access on foot from Mormon Island
4	Grand Island Interchange	Hall Co., NE quadrant, Mormon Island SRA	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, large-mouth bass, walleye	40 acres, modern camping, electric motors only
5	Alda Interchange	Hall Co., NE quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass, wiper	10 acres
6	Wood River Interchange	Hall Co., NW quadrant, Cheyenne SRA	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	17 acres, primitive camping, electric motors only
7	Wood River Interchange	Hall Co., ½S, 1W, N across overpass, ¼W	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	15 acres
8	Shelton Interchange	Buffalo Co., NE quadrant, War Axe SRA	Carp, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	12 acres, primitive camping, electric motors only
9	Gibbon Interchange	Buffalo Co., NE quadrant, Windmill SRA	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout in winter	Four 2-acre lakes, one 12-acre lake; modern camping, power boats not allowed
10	Minden Interchange	Buffalo Co., Bassway Strip WMA, ¼S on Hwy. 10, left on county road back-tracking toward I-80	Bluegill, bullheads, carp, channel catfish, large-mouth bass	Four lakes 8 to 20 acres
11	Kearney Interchange	Buffalo Co., Bufflehead WMA, 1N to 11th St., 3E, 1S, ½E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass	12 acres
12	Kearney Interchange	Buffalo Co., SW quadrant	Channel catfish, large-mouth bass, perch	16 acres
13	Kearney Interchange	Buffalo Co., 1N of inter-change to 11th St., 1¼W, 1S to overpass approach, turn left	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	15 acres
14	Kearney Interchange	Buffalo Co., 1¾W of interchange on I-80 to rest stop	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	7 acres
15	Odessa Interchange	Buffalo Co., 4E of inter-change on S side	Bullheads, carp, large-mouth bass	7 acres
16	Odessa Interchange	Buffalo Co., Union Pacific SRA, NE quadrant	Bluegill, carp, channel cat-fish, largemouth bass	15 acres, primitive camping, electric motors only
17	Odessa Interchange	Buffalo Co., Coot Shal-lows WMA, ¾N, 1¾W	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, large-mouth bass	12 acres
18	Elm Creek Interchange	Buffalo Co., Blue Hole WMA, 1½S, 1½E on canal road	Carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	30 acres
19	Elm Creek Interchange	Buffalo Co., SW quad-rant	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	30 acres

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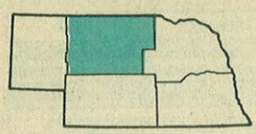
20	Lexington Interchange	Dawson Co., Dogwood WMA, 5½E, 2½S over overpass, ¼E	Channel catfish, large-mouth bass, rock bass	7 acres
21	Lexington Interchange	Dawson Co., NE quad-rant	Bullheads, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	13 acres
22	Darr Interchange	Dawson Co., NW quad-rant	Channel catfish, smallmouth & rock bass	18 acres
23	Cozad Interchange	Dawson Co., SE quad-rant	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	16 acres
24	Cozad Interchange	Dawson Co., 1N of in-terchange to Hwy. 30, 1¾W, ¾S over over-pass, ¼N and E	Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	18 acres
25	Cozad Interchange	Dawson Co., Willow Island WMA, 5¼W of Cozad on Hwy. 30, ¾S across overpass	Carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	16 acres
26	Gothenburg Interchange	Dawson Co., ½S, ½E, 3½NE & E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	13 acres
27	Brady Interchange	Lincoln Co., 3½E of Brady on Hwy. 30, ¼S across tracks	Channel catfish, large-mouth & rock bass	15 acres
28	Brady Interchange	Lincoln Co., ¾N, 3W across overpass	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass	5½ acres
29	Maxwell Interchange	Lincoln Co., SE quad-rant formerly Ft. McPherson WMA	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	30 acres, primitive camping
30	Maxwell Interchange	Lincoln Co., ¼W	Flooded 1984	4 acres, private access
31	Maxwell Interchange	Lincoln Co., ¾N, ¾W, ¼S	Bullheads, green sunfish	7 acres
32	Maxwell Interchange	Lincoln Co., ¾N, 2W, ½N, 3½W, ½S across overpass	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	6½ acres
33	North Platte Interchange	Lincoln Co., Fremont Slough WMA, 1½S, 4¾E, ¼N, right turn across canal, ¼N under overpass, ¼E	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	30 acres
34	North Platte Interchange	Lincoln Co., SE quadrant	Channel catfish, large-mouth & rock bass, walleye	26 acres
35	North Platte Interchange	Lincoln Co., ½S, 3½W, 1N	Channel catfish, large-mouth & rock bass, perch	20 acres NW of overpass
36	North Platte Interchange	Lincoln Co., ½S, 7¾W, 1½N	Channel catfish, large-mouth bass, smallmouth & rock bass, perch	20 acres NE of overpass
37	Hershey Interchange	Lincoln Co., SE quadrant	Channel catfish, large-mouth, smallmouth & rock bass, perch, pike, walleye	53 acres
38	Hershey Interchange	Lincoln Co., ¼S, 3W, ½N	Bullheads, channel catfish, perch, largemouth & rock bass	27 acres NE of overpass



The Sandhills

There are many fine trout streams and lakes in the Sandhills. The new Calamus Reservoir is quickly overtaking Merritt as the area's most popular lake. Both are likely spots for bass, walleye and panfish.

NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Coon Creek	NE of Bassett	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
2	Long Pine Creek	W and N of Long Pine	Brown & rainbow trout	Public access at Long Pine SRA and Long Pine WMA on Hwy. 20 and Pine Glen WMA, 2E, 8¼N of Long Pine; rest private access, permission required
3	Plum Creek	W of Johnstown	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
4	Fairfield Creek	8N, 2E of Wood Lake to forks or 2½W of Norden Road on S side of Niobrara River to mouth of creek	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required, vehicle access difficult, most areas accessible by long hike
5	Schlagel Creek	13S, 4W of Valentine	Brown trout	Private access, permission required except on Schlagel Creek WMA
6	Boardman Creek	40N, 7 to 19W of Mullen	Brown and rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
7	Snake River (Upper Reach)	Near Gordon	Brown and rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
8	Niobrara River	N part of District	Channel catfish, sauger	Private access, permission required
9	Spencer SRA (Niobrara River)	Holt Co., 18N of O'Neill	Channel catfish, sauger	Primitive camping
10	Calamus River	Brown County	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, pike	Private access, permission required, canoe sites/camping
11	Calamus Reservoir SRA	Loup Co., 7NW of Burwell	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye, wiper, yellow perch	5,200 acres, modern/primitive camping, 5 mph boating on upper lake
12	North Loup River	North-central Nebraska	Upper river - brown & rainbow trout, Lower - carp, channel catfish	Private access, permission required
13	Middle Loup River	NE Hooker County	Upper river - rainbow trout, Lower - channel catfish, carp	Public access at Milburn & Arcadia diversions; rest private access, permission required
14	Dismal River	S. Hooker Co., Thomas, Blaine Co.	Brown and rainbow trout, channel catfish	Private access, permission required
15	Cottonwood Lake SRA	Cherry Co., ½E of Merriman	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike	34 acres, Primitive camping, vegetation hampers summer fishing, all boats allowed
16	Schoolhouse Lake	Cherry Co., 18S of Cody	Black crappie, bluegill, largemouth bass	105 acres, private access, permission required
17	Merritt Reservoir SRA	Cherry Co., 26SW of Valentine	Bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, muskie, walleye, white bass, yellow perch	2,900 acres, camping available, all boats allowed

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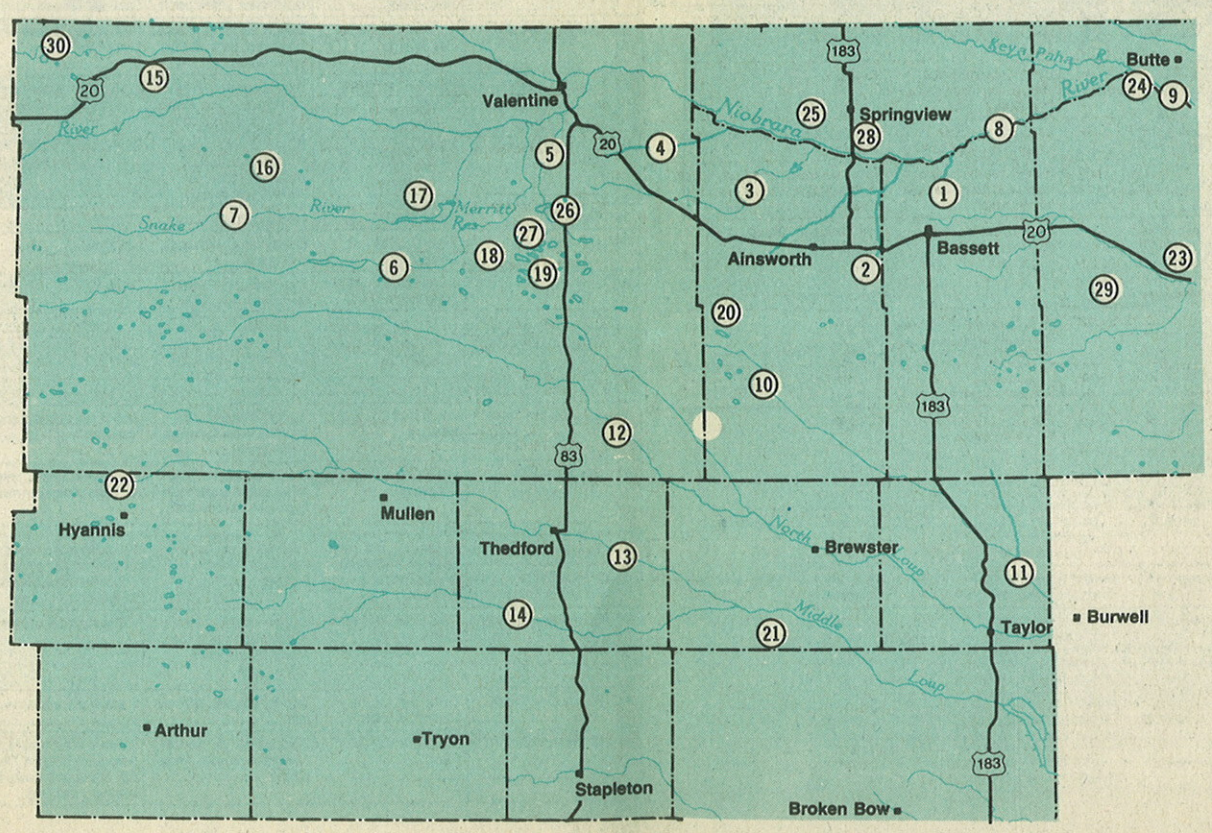
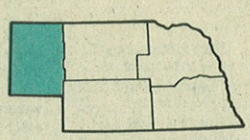
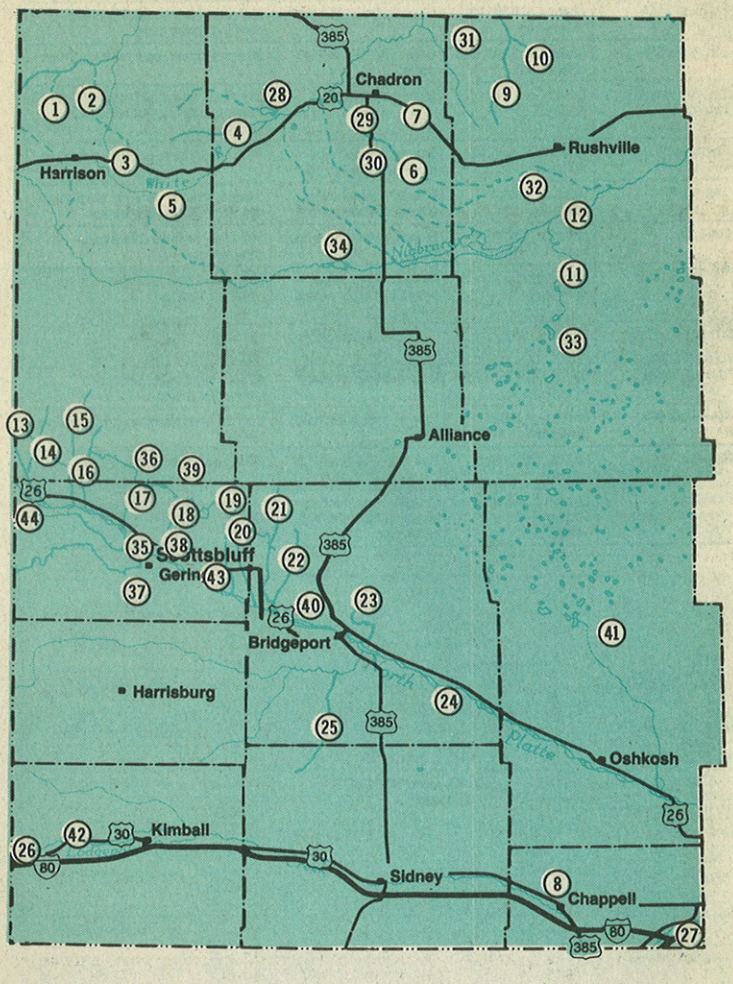
18	Valentine Refuge	Cherry Co., 13S, 12W of Valentine		Minnows prohibited; dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping, electric motors only. All refuge lakes subject to summer aquatic weed growth. Possession of largemouth bass and muskellunge are prohibited on Watts Lake. Size limits on some species; check current Nebraska Fishing Guide.
	Clear Lake (425 acres)		Black bullhead, bluegill, pike, yellow perch	
	Dewey Lake (550 acres)		Bluegill, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	
	Duck Lake (66 acres)		Bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass, yellow perch	
	Hackberry Lake (680 acres)		Bluegill, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	
	Pelican Lake (798 acres)		Black bullhead, bluegill, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	
	Watts Lake (230 acres)		Bluegill, largemouth bass, muskie, yellow perch	
	West Long Lake (62 acres)		Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	
19	Big Alkali WMA	Cherry Co., 13S, 4W of Valentine	Bluegill, pike, yellow perch	842 acres, all boats allowed, ramp, camping, fishing camp
20	Long Lake SRA	Brown Co., 8½W, 20S of Ainsworth	Bullheads, pike, yellow perch	50 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph.
21	Victoria Springs Lake SRA	Custer Co., 7E of Anselmo	Bluegill, rainbow trout	5½ acres, cabins and camping, electric fishing motors only, scheduled for renovation
22	Frye Lake	Grant Co., 1N, 1½E of Hyannis	Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch	101 acres, private, permission required
23	Atkinson SRA	Holt Co., ½W of Atkinson	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike	5 acres, primitive camping, electrical hookups, Elkhorn River access
24	Hull Lake	Boyd Co., 3W, 2S of Butte	Bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass	5½ acres, primitive camping, no drinking water
25	Cub Creek Lake	Keya Paha Co., 9W of Springview	Bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch	33 acres, electric fishing motors only, primitive camping
26	Willow Lake WMA	Cherry Co., 22S of Valentine	Carp, pike, yellow perch	354 acres
27	Rat and Beaver WMA	Cherry Co., 30S, 7W of Valentine	Carp, pike, yellow perch	450 acres in 2 lakes, permission required for access
28	Keller Park SRA	Brown Co., 11S of Springview	Bluegill, largemouth bass, trout	5 ponds, pond No. 5 has catchable trout, camping
29	Swan Lake	Holt Co., 25S, 3W of Atkinson	Bullhead, pike, perch	235 acres, no camping available
30	Shell Lake	Cherry Co., 15NE of Gordon	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch	160 acres, aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing



The Panhandle



The Panhandle is a haven for trout fishermen. Rainbows and browns abound in the many Pine Ridge and North Platte Valley cold-water streams.



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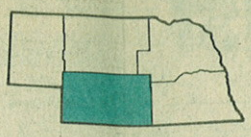
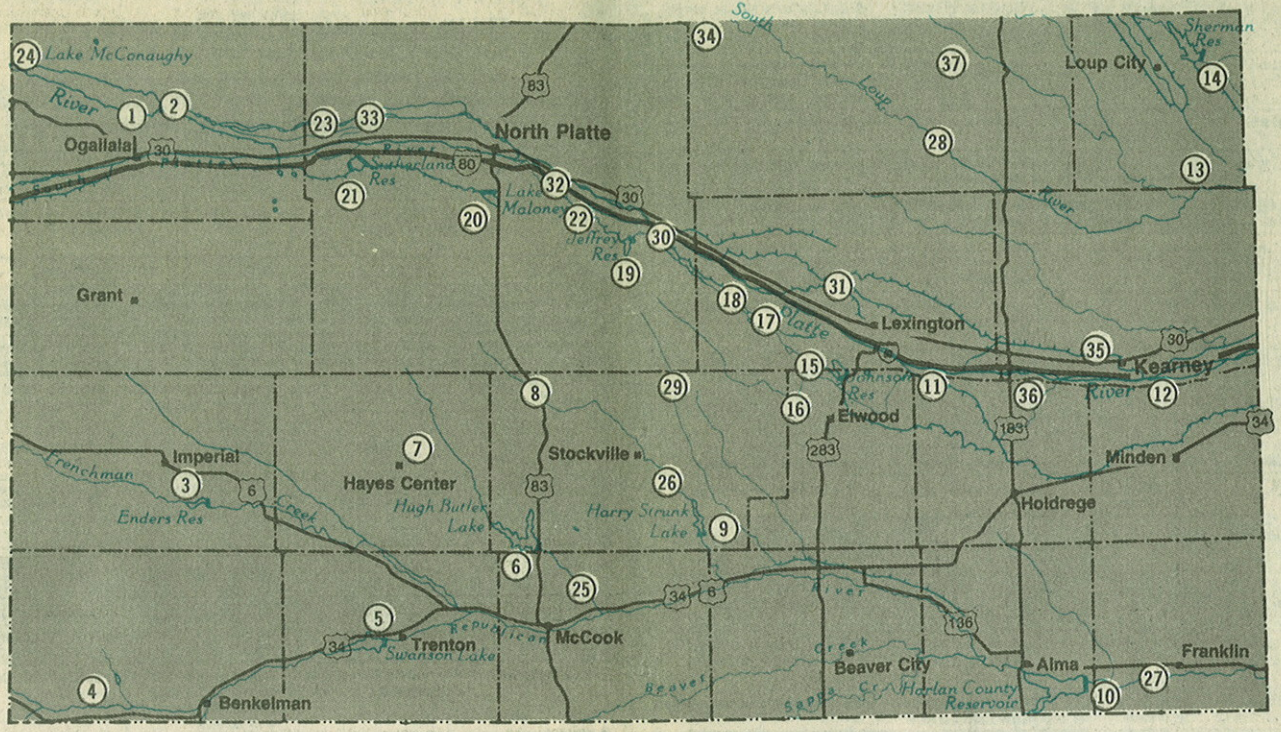
1	Monroe Creek	4½N of Harrison	Brook & brown trout	Public access on Gilbert-Baker WMA; also private access, permission required
2	Sowbelly Creek	NE of Harrison	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
3	Hat Creek	NE of Harrison	Brook & brown trout	Private access; permission required
4	Soldier Creek	3W of Crawford	Brown & rainbow trout	Public access of Fort Robinson State Park and Fort Robinson Wood Reserve
5	White River	W of Fort Robinson	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required; public access on Ft. Robinson SP
6	Chadron Creek	S of Chadron	Brook & brown trout	Private access, permission required; public access on Chadron SP
7	Bourdeaux Creek	SE of Chadron	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
8	Chappell Interstate Lake	½S of Chappell	Black crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	30 acres
9	White Clay Creek	NW of Rushville	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
10	Larabie Creek	N of Rushville	Brown trout	Private property, permission required
11	Pine Creek	20S of Rushville	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
12	Niobrara River	N part of Panhandle District	Brown & rainbow trout	Extremely low water in summer, private/permission required
13	Sheep Creek	NW of Morrill	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
14	Dry Sheep Creek	NW of Morrill	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
15	Dry Spotted Tail Creek	NW of Mitchell	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
16	Spotted Tail Creek	NW of Mitchell	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
17	Tub Springs	NE of Mitchell	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
18	Winters Creek	NE of Scottsbluff	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
19	Nine Mile Creek	E of Minatare	Brown & rainbow trout	Portions closed to fishing Oct. 1-Dec. 31, as posted
20	Stuckenhole Creek	W of Bayard	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
21	Wildhorse Creek	N of Bayard	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
22	Red Willow Creek	E of Bayard	Brown & rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
23	Silvernail Drain	E of Northport	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
24	North Platte River	Central part of Panhandle District	Channel catfish, rainbow trout, walleye, white bass	Private access, permission required
25	Greenwood Creek	SE of Bridgeport	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
26	Lodgepole Creek	Kimball to Wyoming border	Brown trout	Private access, permission required
27	Goldeneye WMA	Deuel Co., 3W of Big Springs	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch	17 acres
28	Whitney Lake	Dawes Co., 1½W of Whitney	Channel catfish, crappie, perch, walleye, white bass	900 acres, private irrigation reservoir, access limited
29	Chadron City Reservoirs	Dawes Co., 5½S of Chadron	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, trout	22 acres, no boats allowed, public access
30	Chadron State Park Pond	Dawes Co., 9S of Chadron	Trout	2 acres, boats not allowed, limited handicapped access
31	Isham Dam	Sheridan Co., NW of Hay Springs	Bluegill, bullheads, largemouth bass, yellow perch	26 acres, private/permission required, all boats allowed
32	Walgren Lake SRA	Sheridan Co., 5SE of Hay Springs	Bluegill, bullheads, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	100 acres, primitive camping, boat speed limit
33	Smith Lake WMA	Sheridan Co., 23S of Rushville	Bluegill, largemouth bass, northern pike, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch	265 acres, primitive camping, power boats limited to 5 mph
34	Box Butte Reservoir SRA	Dawes Co., 10N of Hemingford	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, pike, walleye, yellow perch	1,600 acres, subject to severe summer drawdown; primitive camping, all boats
35	Terry's Pit	Scotts Bluff Co., Gering	Largemouth bass, trout	7 acres
36	University Lake	Sioux Co., 7NW of Scottsbluff	Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch	30 acres
37	Cochran Lake	Scotts Bluff Co., 2SW of Melbeta	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, yellow perch	45 acres
38	Lake Minatare SRA	Scotts Bluff Co., 12NE of Scottsbluff	Channel catfish, crappie, smallmouth bass, white bass, walleye, wipers, yellow perch	2,300 acres, camping, all boats allowed; closed Oct. 1-Jan. 15
39	Lake Winters Creek	Scotts Bluff Co., N of Minatare	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	235 acres, closed during waterfowl seasons
40	Bridgeport SRA	Morrill Co., NW edge of Bridgeport	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass, pike, rainbow trout, walleye	78 acres in 5 lakes, primitive camping, all boats allowed on middle pit
41	Island Lake	Garden Co., Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh	Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch, walleye	711 acres, no minnows, dead smelt allowed, no camping, electric motors only, other refuge lakes closed or insignificant for fishing
42	Oliver Reservoir SRA	Kimball Co., 10W of Kimball	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch	270 acres, all boats, primitive camping
43	Buffalo Creek WMA	Scotts Bluff Co., 5S, 11½W of Melbeta	Largemouth bass, rainbow trout	7 acres lake; access via 1-mile foot trail
44	Morrill Sandpits	Scotts Bluff Co., 3S of Morrill	Black crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, yellow perch	25 acres in three lakes. County owned, permission required. Check with Morrill City Manager or Scotts Bluff County. No boating or camping.

The Southwest



Southwest Nebraska offers large reservoirs, rivers, canals and smaller lakes for the enjoyment of anglers and campers. Anglers can try for many species, including channel catfish, bluegill, walleye, crappie, perch and bass. Most areas have both modern and primitive camping facilities available.



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1	Lake McConaughy SRA	Keith Co., 10N of Ogallala	Channel catfish, perch, rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, striped bass, tiger muskie, white bass, walleye	30,000 acres, modern and primitive camping, all boats allowed
2	Lake Ogallala SRA	Keith Co., 10N of Ogallala	Rainbow trout, yellow perch	320 acres, modern/primitive camping, all boats allowed
3	Enders Reservoir SRA	Chase Co., 5E, 4½S of Imperial	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass	1700 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, severe summer drawdown
4	Rock Creek Lake SRA	Dundy Co., 4N, 1W of Parks	Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout	50 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only
5	Swanson Reservoir SRA	Hitchcock Co., 2W of Trenton	Channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	3,000 acres, severe summer drawdown
6	Red Willow SRA (Hugh Butler Lake)	Frontier Co., 11N of McCook	Channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, white bass	1,630 acres, modern camping, all boats allowed
7	Hayes Center Lake WMA	Hayes Co., 12NE of Hayes Center	Bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, pike	50 acres, electric fishing motors only
8	Wellfleet Lake	Lincoln Co., ½SW of Wellfleet	Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	50 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only
9	Medicine Creek SRA (Harry Strunk Lake)	Frontier Co., 2W, 7N of Cambridge	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, hybrid striper, walleye, white bass	1,850 acres, primitive and modern camping, all boats allowed
10	Harlan County Reservoir/Corps of Engineers	Harlan Co., S of Alma and Republican City	Channel & flathead catfish, pike, striped bass, walleye, white bass	13,500 acres, modern and primitive camping, all boats allowed
11	Sandy Channel WMA	Buffalo Co., 2S of Elm Creek, I-80 Interchange	Channel catfish, largemouth bass, rock bass	52 acres, electric fishing motors only
12	Ft. Kearny SRA	Kearney Co., ¾E, 1N of Ft. Kearny SHP	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	6 gravel pit lakes, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, handicapped access
13	Ravenna Lake SRA	Buffalo Co., 1SE of Ravenna	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish	30 acres, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only
14	Sherman Reservoir SRA	Sherman Co., 4E, 1N of Loup City	Channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, white bass	2,600 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, extreme summer drawdowns
15	Johnson Lake SRA	Gosper Co., 7S of Lexington	Channel & flathead catfish, drum, walleye, white bass	2,800 acres, primitive and modern camping, all boats allowed, handicapped access
16	Elwood Reservoir WMA	Gosper Co., 3N of Elwood	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye, yellow perch	1,200 acres, bank fishing limited except at entrance, power boats limited to 5 mph
17	Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA	Dawson Co., 8S of Cozad	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	400 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed

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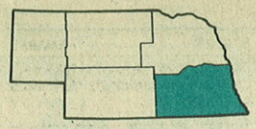
18	Midway Canyon Reservoir	Dawson Co., 6S, 2W of Cozad	Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass	All boats allowed
19	Jeffrey Reservoir	Lincoln Co., 5S, 3W of Brady	Channel catfish, walleye, white bass	900 acres, all boats allowed
20	Lake Maloney SRA	Lincoln Co., 6S of North Platte	Channel & flathead catfish, drum, hybrid striper, walleye, white bass	1,600 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed
21	Sutherland Reservoir SRA	Lincoln Co., 2S of Sutherland	Channel catfish, hybrid stripers, walleye, white bass, yellow perch	3,000 acres, ice fishermen use caution due to heated discharge from power plant, primitive camping, all boats allowed
22	Tri-County Canal	North Platte to Gothenburg	Channel & flathead catfish, walleye, white bass	Power boats limited to 5 mph, no access
23	North Platte River	Keystone to Paxton	Rainbow trout	Private access, permission required
24	Otter Creek	12E of Lewellen	Brown & rainbow trout	Private property, permission required
25	Red Willow Creek	N of McCook	Channel catfish	Private access, permission required
26	Medicine Creek	NW of Cambridge	Channel catfish	Private access, permission required
27	Republican River	S part of SW District	Channel & flathead catfish, white bass	Private access, permission required
28	South Loup River	NE part of SW District	Channel catfish, largemouth bass	Private access, permission required
29	Platte River	E part of SW District	Bass, carp, channel & flathead catfish	Private access, permission required
30	Chester Island WMA	Lincoln Co., 2S, ½W of Brady	Bluegill/sunfish hybrid, channel catfish, largemouth bass	4 sandpits, all renovated and restocked in 1987
31	Buffalo Creek	Dawson Co., 6E, 7N of Cozad	Bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike	Central Platte NRD area
32	Pawnee Slough WMA	Lincoln Co., 2W of Maxwell	Bluegill/sunfish hybrid, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	30 acres
33	North River WMA	Lincoln Co., 2½N of Hershey	Carp, channel & flathead catfish, pike, white bass	Encompasses 2 miles of North Platte River
34	Arnold Lake	Custer Co., ½S Arnold	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	Very weedy in summer
35	Cottonmill Lake	Buffalo Co., 1W, ½N Kearney on Hwy. 30	Bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	No power boating
36	Sandy Channel Lakes	Buffalo Co., From Elm Creek, Interchange 2S	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rock bass	6 lakes
37	Ansley Lake	Custer Co., W of Ansley	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	No power boating

The Southeast



Fishing opportunity is increasing in the Southeast. NRD lakes are adding hundreds of acres of fishing water to the area. Farm ponds, streams and rivers are important, but under-used fisheries. A large and growing population places heavy demand on existing public areas, and more water is needed to meet their demands.

NO	NAME	LOCATION	SPECIES	REMARKS
1	Verdon Lake	Richardson Co., ½W of Verdon	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	30 acres, electric motors only, primitive camping
2	Iron Horse Trail Lake	Pawnee Co., ½N, 2W of DuBois	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	85 acres, all boats allowed, camping, picnicking, Nemaha NRD
3	Burchard Lake	Pawnee Co., 3E, ½N of Burchard	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch	150 acres, boating limited to 5 mph; primitive camping, area closed during waterfowl season, except face of dam
4	Pawnee Prairie WMA	Pawnee Co., 6S, 2E, 2S of Burchard	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	1-3 acres (7 ponds)
5	Twin Oaks WMA	Johnson Co., 2E, 4S of Tecumseh	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	1½ acres (2 ponds)
6	Osage Lakes Nos. 1 & 2 WMA	Johnson Co., 3N, 2W, ¾N of Tecumseh	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	1 acre lake (3 ponds)
7	Rockford Lake SRA	Gage Co., 7E, 2S of Beatrice	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, saugeye, walleye	150 acres, all boats allowed, primitive camping
8	Swan Creek 2A WMA	Saline Co., 14W, 3N of Wilber	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	16 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
9	Wolf Wildcat #12	Gage Co., 7S of Virginia	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike	42 acres, Lower Big Blue NRD, limited access
10	Cub Creek Watershed 12A	Jefferson Co., 3W, 4½S of Plymouth	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	27 acres, all boats allowed, turbid, Lower Big Blue NRD
11	Cub Creek 9B (Leisure Lake)	Jefferson Co., 1E, 4S of Plymouth	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass	25 acres, boating limited to 5 mph, Lower Big Blue NRD, turbid
12	Bruning Pit	Fillmore Co., 2½E, 1N of Bruning	Bullhead, carp, channel catfish	258 acres, Little Blue NRD, very turbid
13	Big Indian 11A	Gage Co., 3S, 3W of Wymore	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	76 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, turbid, Lower Big Blue NRD
14	Arrowhead (Big Indian 16C) WMA	Gage Co., 3E, ½S of Diller	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	77 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, turbid & shallow
15	Diamond Lakes WMA	Gage Co., 3½W of Odell	Bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass	43 acres in 2 lakes, electric fishing motors only, turbid
16	Crystal Springs Lakes	Jefferson Co., 1S, 1W of Fairbury	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie	18 acres in 3 lakes, no boats allowed
17	Buckley 3F	Jefferson Co., 7W, 4½S of Fairbury	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	22 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Little Blue NRD, turbid
18	Alexandria SRA	Jefferson Co., 2S, 3E of Alexandria	Bluegill, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	43 acres, electric fishing motors only, primitive camping
19	32-Mile D (Roseland)	Adams Co., 4½W, 1½S of Juniata	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish	66 acres, Little Blue NRD, boats limited to 5 mph, very turbid

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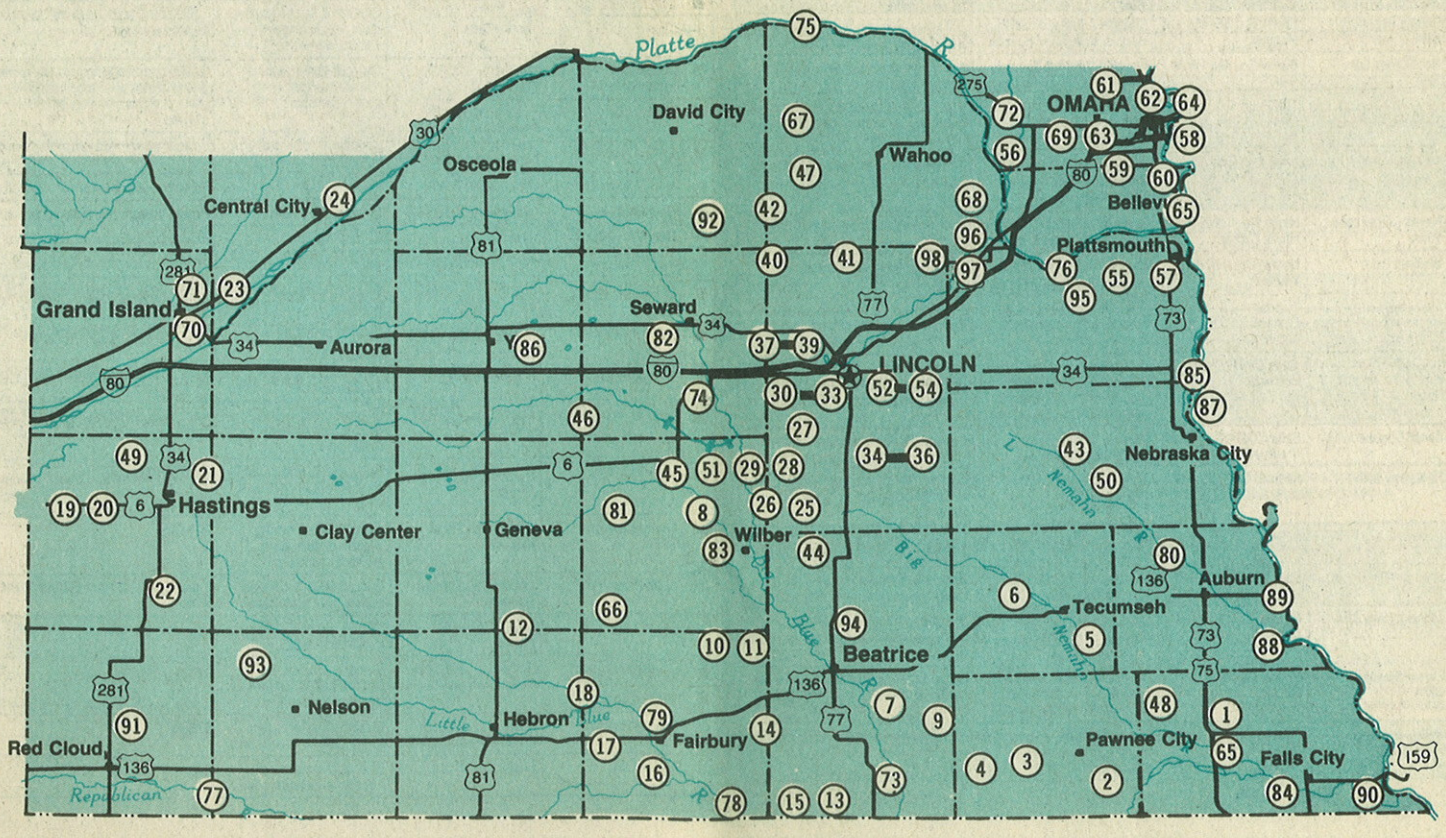
20	32-Mile H, Prairie Lake	Adams Co., 1½E, 4½S of Juniata	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	65 acres, Little Blue NRD, boats limited to 5 mph, renovated 1988
21	Lake Hastings	Adams Co., N edge of Hastings	Bullhead, channel catfish, crappie	63 acres, all boats allowed
22	Crystal Lake SRA	Adams Co., 2N, 1W of Ayr	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	10 acres, electric fishing motors only, renovated 1990
23	Bader Memorial County Park	Merrick Co., 1½S of Chapman	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass	12 acres in 7 lakes, primitive camping, electric motors only
24	Hord Lake SRA	Merrick Co., 2E of Central City	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	23 acres in 2 lakes, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only
25	Olive Creek Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2E, 1S of Kramer	Bluegill, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	175 acres, primitive camping, power boats limited to 5 mph, very shallow
26	Teal Lake WMA	Lancaster Co., 4½E, 4N of Wilber	Bluegill, bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass	29 acres, subject to severe drawdowns during drought periods, electric fishing motors only
27	Bluestem Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2½W of Sprague	Bluegill, crappie, flathead & channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike, saugeye, walleye, wiper	326 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed
28	Merganser (Salt Valley 25A)	Lancaster Co., 6E, 2S, ¼E of Crete	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass	41 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, renovated in 1992
29	Wild Plum (Salt Valley 26A)	Lancaster Co., 4½E, 2S, ½W of Crete	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	16 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, dam repair 1988, summerkill 1992
30	Cottontail (Salt Valley 17A)	Lancaster Co., 1N of Martell	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike	29 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph, summerkill 1992



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31	Yankee Hill Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2½E, 1S of Denton	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	208 acres, electric fishing motors only, 15-inch bass size limit
32	Killdeer Lake WMA	Lancaster Co., 2½N of Martell	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	20 acres, electric fishing motors only
33	Conestoga Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 1½N of Denton	Bluegill, channel & blue catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye, wiper	230 acres, primitive camping, all boats allowed, 15-inch bass size limit
34	Stagecoach Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 1½S, ½W of Hickman	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike	195 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph, 15-inch bass size limit, renovated 1991
35	Wagon Train Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2E of Hickman	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye	315 acres, primitive camping, boats limited to 5 mph, 15-inch bass size limit
36	Hedgefield Lake WMA	Lancaster Co., 2W, ½N of Panama	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye	44 acres, electric fishing motors only, summerkill 1992
37	Pawnee Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., 2N, 1½W of Emerald	Bluegill, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, largemouth & white bass, walleye	740 acres, modern camping, primitive camping, all boats allowed
38	Branched Oak Lake SRA	Lancaster Co., ½E, 4N of Malcolm	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, white perch, wiper	1,800 acres, modern & primitive camping, 5 mph boating (no wake) 750 ft. from dam & 600 ft. from all shores, handicapped access
39	Twin Lakes WMA	Seward Co., 2½N, ½W of Pleasant Dale	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, tiger muskie, walleye	210 acres in east lake, 60 acres in west lake, electric fishing motors only, area closed during waterfowl seasons
40	Meadowlark (Salt Valley 57A)	Seward Co., 6½W, 1N of Agnew	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike	55 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD, renovated 1988
41	Wildwood (Oak Creek 1A)	Lancaster Co., 1W, 1½N of Agnew	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	103 acres, electric fishing motors only, Lower Platte South NRD
42	Timber Point (Oak Creek 6C)	Butler Co., 1S, 2E of Brainard	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie	28 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD
43	Wilson Creek 2X WMA	Otoe Co., 3E, 1½S of Otoe	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	15 acres, electric motors only, Lower Big Blue NRD
44	Clatonia 3A	Gage Co., 1N of Clatonia	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	46 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Big Blue NRD, renovated 1987, turbid
45	Walnut Creek 2A	Saline Co., ½E, 3½N of Crete	Bluegill, bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass	26 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Big Blue NRD
46	Smith Creek	Seward Co., 2N, 2W, ¼N of Beaver Crossing	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	21 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Upper Big Blue NRD, turbid
47	Red Cedar (Oak Creek 4A)	Saunders Co., 6N, 2½W of Hwy. 79 and 66 Junction	Bass, bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, pike, saugeye	50 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Lower Platte South NRD
48	Kirkman's Cove	Richardson Co., 1N, 2W of Humboldt	Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	160 acres, Nemaha NRD, first stocked 1987
49	Hastings NW Dam	Adams Co., 1N of Hastings Airport	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	63 acres, power boats limited to 5 mph
50	Wilson Creek 4F	Otoe Co., 2S, 1W of Dunbar	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	38 acres, electric fishing motors only, Nemaha NRD
51	Tanglewood (Salt Valley 27C)	Lancaster Co., 3½E, 2½S of Crete	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	33 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, subject to severe drawdowns during drought periods; Lower Platte South NRD
52	Holmes Lake	Lancaster Co., 70th & Normal Blvd. in Lincoln	Bluegill, carp, channel, blue and flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, saugeye, trout (seasonal) walleye	100 acres, non-powered boats only, city of Lincoln lake
53	Bowling Lake	Lancaster Co., 3rd & Baker, NW Airpark, Lincoln	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	12 acres, non-powered boats only, city of Lincoln lake, shallow
54	Oak Lake	Lancaster Co., I-180 & Sun Valley Blvd., NW Lincoln	Bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish	47-acre, city of Lincoln lake, shallow, subject to winter kill
55	Louisville SRA	Cass Co., ½NW of Louisville	Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; tiger muskie and yellow perch in Lake #2	40 acres, lake 1A renovated 1989, lake #1 renovated 1990, primitive camping, electric fishing motors only, access point Platte River
56	Two Rivers SRA	Douglas Co., 3½E, 1S, 1W of Yutan	Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, tiger muskie in lakes #1, 2, 3, 4 & 6; trout in lake #5; carp & bullhead in carp lake	15 acres in 6 lakes, primitive and modern camping, non-powered boats only, no boats on lake #5, access point to Platte River, handicapped access
57	Schilling WMA	Cass Co., 1NE of Plattsmouth	Carp, channel catfish in Platte & Missouri Rivers; bluegill, bullhead, crappie in ponds	25 acres, open April 15-Sept. 30, hours posted, no boats on lake, access to Missouri and Platte rivers
58	Standing Bear Lake, Papio Dam Site #16	Douglas Co., 132nd & Military in Omaha	Bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, drum, saugeye, trout (seasonal), walleye, yellow perch	135 acres, electric fishing motors only, city of Omaha lake
59	Glenn Cunningham Lake, Papio Dam Site #11	Douglas Co., 96th & State in Omaha	Bluegill, blue & channel catfish, bullhead, largemouth & white bass, pike	390 acres, no-wake power boating, camping, city of Omaha lake
60	Carter Lake	Douglas Co., Abbott Drive & Carter Blvd. in Omaha	Bluegill, buffalo, bullhead, carp, catfish, crappie, drum, largemouth bass, pike, walleye	300 acres, all boats allowed, city of Omaha lake

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61	Papio D-4	Douglas Co., ¼N of NE 36 & 98th St., northwest Omaha	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	30½ acres, Papio/Missouri NRD, first stocked in 1987
62	Zorinsky Lake, Papio Dam Site #18	Douglas Co., 156th & F Sts. in Omaha	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye	255 acres, open January 1, 1993, city of Omaha lake
63	Wehrspann Lake, Papio Dam Site #20	Douglas Co., 1N, 1W I-80 & Hwy. 50 Junction	Bluegill, bullhead, channel & blue catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye	245 acres, boats limited to 5 mph, Papio/Missouri NRD
64	Dodge Park	Douglas Co., 11000 N River Rd. in Omaha	Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie	Access point to Missouri River
65	Haworth Park	Douglas Co., Bellevue	Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie	Access point to Missouri River
66	Swan Creek 5A	Saline Co., 3E, 2N of Tobias	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	95 acres, area development planned in next few years, Lower Big Blue NRD
67	Czechland Lake	Saunders Co., 1N, ¼W of Prague	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike	85-acres, Lower Platte North NRD
68	Memphis Lake SRA	Saunders Co., ½W of Memphis	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass	45 acres, row boats and electric motors only, shallow
69	Elkhorn Crossing	Douglas Co., 1S, ¾E of Hwy. 36 & County Rd. 92 Junction	River species	23 acres, access point to Elkhorn River, Papio/Missouri NRD
70	Grand Island city lakes	Hall Co.		
	Such's	Harrison St., S of Burlington RR	All have bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	4.3 acres
	L.E. Ray	N of Husker Hwy. & East Blaine	Tiger muskie	30.1 acres
	Pier	Ashton Ave. & Bismarck Rd.		8.3 acres
	Wastewater Pond	Swift Rd., E of Stuhr Rd.	Tiger muskie	7½ acres
71	Detention Cell	Hall Co., 1N of Grand Island	Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass	35 acres; Dept. of Roads area
72	Platte River Access	Douglas Co., 4W of Valley, SE corner of Hwy. 14 bridge	River species	1.9 acres, access to Platte River
73	Big Blue River	Milford to Kansas border	Carp, channel catfish	Private access, permission required
74	Blue Bluffs	Seward Co., ½N, 1E, 2S of Milford	Carp, channel catfish	Access point to Big Blue River
75	Platte River	North portion of SE District	Carp, channel, flathead & blue catfish, sauger, walleye	Private access, permission required, public boat access at Louisville
76	Schramm Park SRA	Sarpy Co., 6S I-80 & Hwy. 31 Junction	Carp, channel, flathead & blue catfish, sauger, walleye	Access point to Platte River aquarium
77	Republican River	SW portion of SE District	Carp, catfish, drum, white bass	Private access, permission required
78	Little Blue River	Hebron to Kansas border	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Private access, permission required
79	Fairbury	Jefferson Co., S edge of Fairbury	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Access point to Little Blue River
80	Little Nemaha River	SE portion of SE District	Carp, catfish	Private access, permission required
81	Blue River SRA	Saline Co., 5N of Dorchester	Carp, channel catfish	Access point to Big Blue River
82	Blue Valley	Seward Co., ½S of Seward	Carp, channel catfish	Access point to Big Blue River
83	Shady Trail	Saline Co., 1W, 4N, ½W, ½N of Crete	Carp, channel catfish	Access point to Big Blue River
84	Big Nemaha River	SE portion of SE District	Carp, channel & flathead catfish	Private access, permission required, public access at Kinter's Ford WMA, south of Humboldt
85	Missouri River	E border of SE District	Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie	Private access, permission required, public boat access at Peru
86	Waco Basin WMA	York Co., 1W, ½N of Waco	Black bullhead, pike	15 acres, pike first stocked in 1988
87	River View Marina SRA	Otoe Co., E of Nebraska City	Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie	Access to Missouri River, ramp, primitive camping
88	Indian Cave SP	Richardson Co., 4E of Barada	Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie	Access point to Missouri River
89	Brownville SRA	Nemaha Co., 1E of Brownville	Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie	Access to Missouri River, ramp, primitive camping
90	Rulo	Richardson Co., S Hwy. 159 Bridge near Rulo, River mile 497.8	Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie	Concrete ramp, access to Missouri River
91	Elm Creek	Webster Co., 4E, 2N of Red Cloud	Brown & rainbow trout	½ mile of stream on public land, rest on private land, permission required, trout stocked three times during year
92	Redtail WMA	Butler Co., 1E of Dwight	Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass	26 acres, walk-in access only
93	Liberty Cove	Webster Co., 2S, 2½W of Lawrence	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike	36 acres, Little Blue NRD
94	Bear Pierce Cedar 2A	Gage Co., 2N, 2E of Hwy. 77 & Hwy. 136 Junction	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass	24 acres, turbid & shallow, Lower Big Blue NRD
95	Highway 50 Bridge	Cass Co., Louisville	River species	Access point to Platte River
96	US West Lake	Cass Co., ET Mahoney State Park	Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, trout (seasonal)	10 acres, catch & release only for bass & bluegill, check Park Regs. for other species
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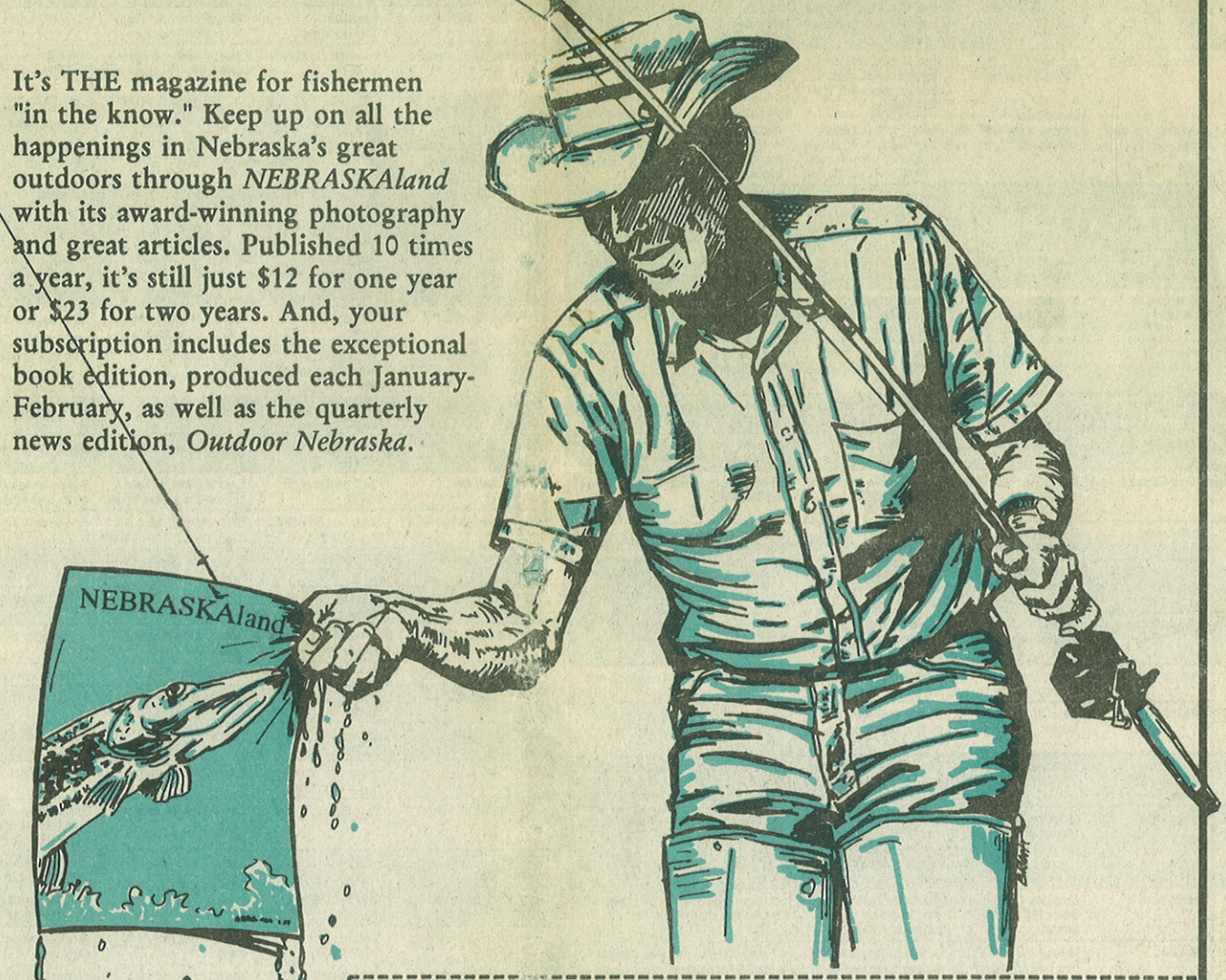

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