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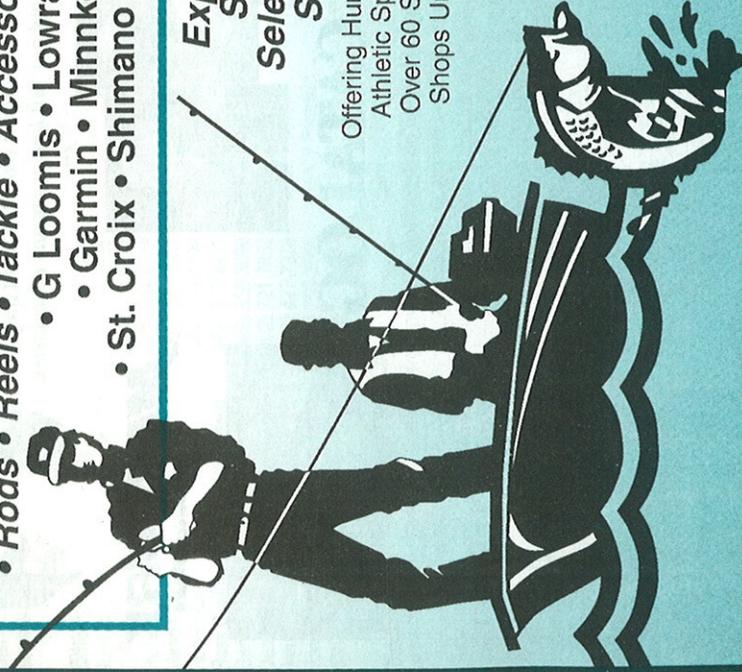
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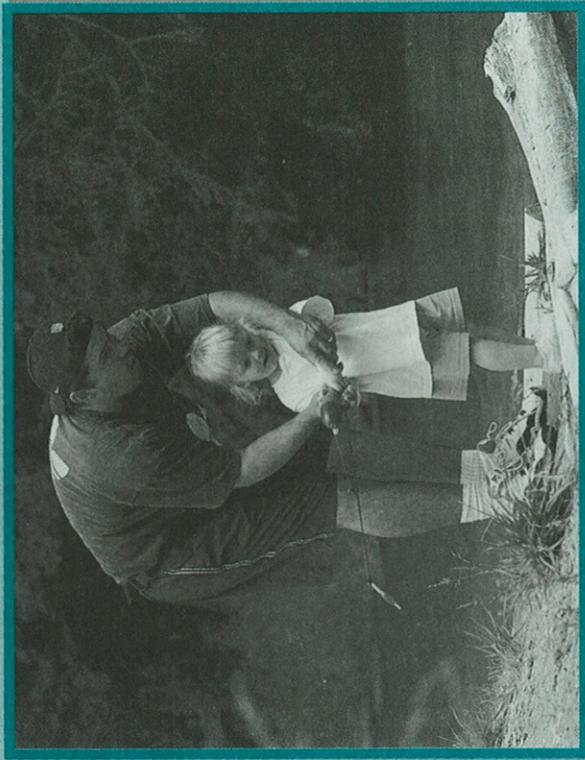
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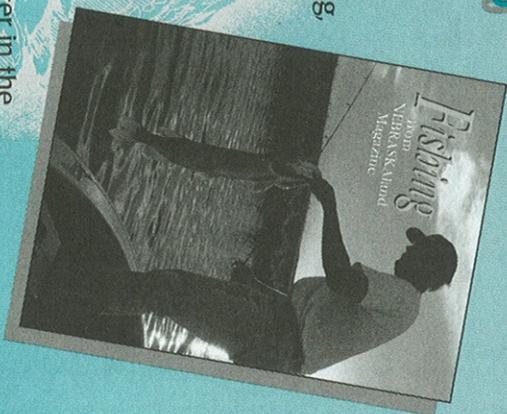
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**WHO IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A PERMIT?**

A fishing permit is required to take or attempt to take any fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles, tiger salamanders or musseles by any method, except for the owner or the guest of the owner of any totally protected water body 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) is not operated commercially. A vehicle Park Entry Permit is required to enter state park and state recreation areas to fish. A resident fishing permit is required for all Nebraskans 16 years of age and older. However, fee-exempt permits are avail-

able to veterans 65 years of age and older, and all residents 70 years of age and older. The fishing permit must be carried by the holder while he/she is actively fishing. A resident is a person who has resided in Nebraska continuously for at least 30 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) military personnel 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, vocational school or any foreign exchange high school student; 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 people who are not residents of Nebraska, except those listed and those under 16 years of age who are accompanied by someone possessing a valid permit.

A "Special Fishing Permit" is available for severely physically disabled or developmentally disabled persons who cannot cast or retrieve without assistance. This permit entitles the disabled person and one person assisting him or her to take, hunt, fish, catch, harvest or possess any aquatic organism in compliance with state law. An Aquatic

Habitat Stamp is not required with this special permit. The annual permit is issued on a calendar year basis and costs \$5 regardless of the age of the applicant. A "disabled person" means a person certified by a physician to have a permanent physical impairment or developmental disability that results in the inability to use fishing equipment unassisted. Applications are available from the Game and Parks Commission headquarters in Lincoln or Commission offices in Alliance, Bassett, Kearney, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, and Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium at Gretna. The application must be verified by a physician before a permit can be issued.

Information and application forms for fee-exempt fishing permits are available only from the Game and Parks Commission office in Lincoln. See Boundary Waters section for permit requirements for fishing the waters of the Missouri River.

**LIFETIME PERMITS**

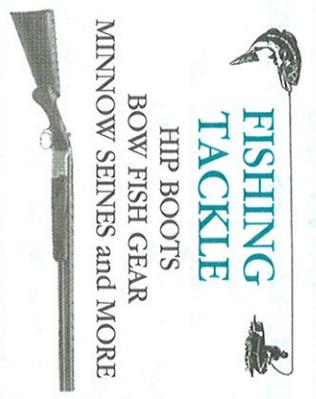
A Nebraska lifetime hunting or fishing permit, representing a lifetime of exciting outdoor experiences, is the most valuable gift you can give yourself or a special friend or relative.

Three types of lifetime permits are available to Nebraska residents: Fishing, \$300.00; Hunting, \$260.00; and the Combination Hunting and Fishing, \$520.00

The permit is valid for the life of the person to whom it is issued, even if the holder moves from the state. Only Nebraska residents may purchase a lifetime permit, and only for themselves or for another Nebraska resident.

Not included in the cost are some special stamps which must be purchased annually. Permits do not cover fees for big-game hunting.

Lifetime permits are available at Commission offices, Chadron State Park, Fort Robinson State Park, Wildcat Hills State Recreation Area (SRA) and the Calamus Fish Hatchery. Applications are also available from about 1,000 permit agents across the state.



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**AQUATIC HABITAT STAMP**

An Aquatic Habitat Stamp is required of all residents and nonresidents, 18 years of age and older, who participate in activities that require a fishing permit. This includes three-day permits; however, an angler who buys more than one three-day fishing permit is required to purchase only one Aquatic Habitat Stamp per year.

Veterans 65 years and older and residents 70 and older who have a fee-exempt permit are exempt from purchasing an Aquatic Habitat Stamp. Anglers who have a Lifetime Fishing Permit also are exempt from the Aquatic stamp requirement. Although they are required to purchase an annual Nebraska Fishing Permit, anglers ages 16 and 17 are not required to have the Aquatic Habitat Stamp.

Revenue from the sale of these stamps is used solely to enhance and restore aquatic habitat and quality fishing in Nebraska's reservoirs, lakes and streams.



# SYNOPSIS OF CHANGES FOR 2002

## Species Length and Bag Limit Changes

**Trout:** The daily bag limit for trout at U.S. West Lake increased from 3 to the statewide limit of 7.

**Channel catfish:** No harvest of channel catfish at Wildwood Lake.

**Panfish:** Pawnee Lake now has a 10 daily bag limit on panfish.

**Largemouth bass:** No harvest of largemouth bass at Wildwood Lake and Prairie View Lake Recreation Area (Dam Site 6).

**Crappie:** There is no longer a minimum length size limit of 10" for crappie at Pawnee Lake.

**Bluegill:** Wildwood Lake now has a 8" minimum length limit for bluegill.

**Baitfish:** No live baitfish may be used or possessed on Wildwood Lake

Seining for baitfish will be allowed on streams located on SFA's and WMA's unless stream is listed as closed.

It is illegal to transport or possess live white perch away from the waterbody from which they were caught. This is to eliminate the transportation of white perch to surrounding waterbodies.

**Fremont #1:** The catch and release designation on Fremont Lake #1 has been removed. Area fishing regulations now apply.

**Urban Fishing Areas:** Three additional lakes have been added to the Urban Fishing Program. They are: David City Pond, Lincoln Park Pond (Superior) and Melham Park Lake (Broken Bow). Check the Urban Fishing Section for special regulations that cover these areas.

## IT IS UNLAWFUL....

- to borrow or use the permit of another or land your permit to another.
- to leave fish or any part thereof on the banks or in the water of any stream, lake or other body of water.

- to fish on any private land without landowner permission.
- to use a crossbow or similar device, except a handicapped person who has a medical certificate on file.
- to seine sport fish of any size.
- to leave fish in a trap for more than 24 hours.
- to use float lines.
- to attach limb lines with nails, or attach them more than 12 inches above the water to trees on any lake or reservoir.
- to release in public waters of the state any fish that did not originate in that body of water.
- to attempt to snag fish, except in areas designated. See section on Snagging for details.
- to keep an externally foul-hooked fish.
- to purchase or attempt to purchase a permit while under suspension or evocation in any state.
- to consume and/or have an open container of alcohol at any state park, state recreation area or wildlife management area.

## SEASONS

**Hook-and-Line:** Open year-round throughout the state, except as noted or as posted at the area.

**Archery:** Sport fish may be taken from sunrise to sunset from July 1 through Dec. 31 statewide, except paddlefish in the Missouri River. Nongame fish may be taken year-round, sunrise to sunset and from Apr. 1 through Aug. 31, 24 hours a day, statewide. Paddlefish archery season begins on the 2nd Saturday of July and runs for 16 consecutive days. A valid Paddlefish Tag is required (see section on Paddlefish, (pgs. 20-21)). See section on Archery/Surface Spearing (pg. 18) for other exceptions. Hook and line length and bag limits apply for archery.

**Snagging:** The paddlefish snagging season runs from Oct. 1 through Oct. 30. A valid paddlefish tag is required. Please see section on Paddlefish Tags (pgs. 60-61). All other waters of the state are closed to snagging at all times. See section on Snagging (pgs 20-21).

## SPORT FISH

The following fish species are designated as sport fish:

- |                    |                         |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • American eel     | • green sunfish         | • skipjack herring            |
| • black crappie    | • largemouth bass       | • smallmouth bass             |
| • blue catfish     | • muskellunge           | • spotted bass                |
| • bluegill         | • northern pike         | • striped bass                |
| • brown trout      | • orangespotted sunfish | • striped bass hybrid (wiper) |
| • brook trout      | • paddlefish            | • tiger muskellunge           |
| • burbot           | • pumpkinseed           | • walleye                     |
| • channel catfish  | • rainbow trout         | • white bass                  |
| • chinook salmon   | • redear sunfish        | • white crappie               |
| • cutthroat trout  | • Sacramento perch      | • yellow perch                |
| • flathead catfish | • sauger                |                               |
| • goldeye          | • saugeye               |                               |
| • grass pickerel   | • shovelnose sturgeon   |                               |

## PANFISH

The following fish species are designated as panfish:

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|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| • black crappie | • bluegill               | • redear sunfish      |
| • white crappie | • green sunfish          | • all sunfish hybrids |
| • yellow perch  | • pumpkinseed            |                       |
| • rock bass     | • orange-spotted sunfish |                       |

## COMMERCIAL FISH

The following fish species are designated as commercial fish:

- |                  |                   |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| • black bullhead | • yellow bullhead | • freshwater drum |
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## BAITFISH

The following fish species are designated as baitfish:

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|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| • bigmouth shiner | • gizzard shad     | • river shiner       |
| • brassy minnow   | • golden shiner    | • sand shiner        |
| • common shiner   | • goldfish         | • stoneroller        |
| • creek chub      | • longnose dace    | • suckermouth minnow |
| • emerald shiner  | • plains killifish | • white sucker       |
| • fathead minnow  | • red shiner       |                      |

## THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

The following fish species are designated as Threatened and Endangered in Nebraska and are not legal to possess:

- |                    |                          |                   |
|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| • blacknose shiner | • northern redbelly dace | • pallid sturgeon |
| • finescale dace   | • pearl dace             | • lake sturgeon   |

## NON-GAME FISH

All species that do not appear on any of the above lists are considered non-game.

## BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS STATEWIDE

	Bag	Poss.
TROUT (ALL SPECIES) .....	7	14
<i>Except the following bag limits:</i>		
Lake McConaughy and Lake Ogallala .....	4	8
Big Bourdeaux Creek (Big Bourdeaux Creek WMA) ..	<b>No Harvest Allowed</b>	
STRIPED BASS & HYBRIDS/WHITE BASS (COMBINED) ...	15	30
(no more than 1 fish over 18 inches on all waters)		
<i>Except the following bag limits:</i>		
Conestoga, Summit, Willow Creek and Elwood reservoirs ..	3	
Branched Oak Reservoir .....	<b>Total catch and release</b>	
WALLEYE/SAUGER/SAUGEYE (IN COMBINATION) .....	4	8
<i>Except the following bag limits:</i>		
Branched Oak Reservoir (22 inches or longer) .....	1	2
MUSKELLUNGE/TIGER MUSKIE .....	100	100
BAIT FISH/TIGER SALAMANDER .....	10	20
SHOVELNOSE STURGEON .....	<b>No Harvest Allowed</b>	
PALLID AND LAKE STURGEON .....	3	
NORTHERN PIKE .....	6	
<i>Except the following bag limits:</i>		
Cottonmill Lake (Kearney), Humphrey Pond (Ogallala), North Platte I-80 Lake .....	1	2
PANFISH (see list on page 7) .....	30	60
<i>Except the following bag limits:</i>		
Louisville SRA, Fort Kearny SRA, Windmill SRA, Mormon Island SRA, Walnut Creek Recreation Area (Sarpy County), Zorinsky Lake, Wehrs <span style="font-size: small;">pan</span> Lake, Fremont SRA, Pibel Lake, Ansley City Lake, Auburn Rotary Club Lake, Cottonmill Lake and Yanney Park Lake (Kearney), Crystal Cove (South Sioux City), Eagle Scout Lake, (Grand Island), Grand Island Pier Lake, Holdrege City Lake, Lexington City Lake, Pawnee Park, East and West (Columbus), Melham Park Lake (Broken Bow), Pawnee Lake and Ravenna Lake (Buffalo County) .....	10	
U.S. West Lake, Adams Park Pond (Omaha), Benson Park Pond (Omaha), Fontenelle Park Pond (Omaha), Hanscom Park Pond (Omaha), Hitchcock Park Pond (Omaha), Humboldt City Park Pond, Miller Park Pond (Omaha), Towl Park Pond (Omaha), Walnut Grove Park Pond (Omaha), David City Park Pond, Plattsmouth City Lake, Lincoln Park Pond (Superior) and Steinhart Park Ponds (Nebraska City) <b>Total catch and release of bluegill.</b>		
MUSSELS AND CLAMS .....	10	20
ALL OTHER FISH .....		
BULLFROGS .....	8	16
SNAPPING TURTLES .....	10	20

## BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS INLAND WATERS

	Bag	Poss.
LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED BASS (COMBINED) .....	4	8
(only one bass 21 inches or longer allowed in the daily bag, statewide)		
<i>Except the following bag limits:</i>		
Marina Lake (Mahoney Park) .....	2	
Louisville SRA, David City Park Pond, Lincoln Park Pond ( Superior), U.S. West Lake, Adams Park Pond (Omaha), Cottonmill Lake (Kearney), Yanney Park Lake (Kearney), Grand Island Pier Lake, Hanscom Park Pond (Omaha), Hitchcock Park Pond (Omaha), Holdrege City Lake, Wildwood, Dam site 6 (Prairie View Lake), Humboldt City Park Lake, Lexington City Lake, Miller Park Pond (Omaha), Pawnee Park East and West (Columbus), Plattsmouth City Lake, Ravenna Lake (Buffalo County), Steinhart Park Ponds (Nebraska City) Towl Park Pond (Omaha), and Walnut Grove Park Pond (Omaha) .....	<b>Total catch and release</b>	
CHANNEL CATFISH/BLUE CATFISH (COMBINED) .....	10	20
<i>Except the following bag limits:</i>		
Louisville SRA, Fort Kearny SRA, Windmill SRA, Mormon Island SRA, U.S. West Lake, Fremont SRA, Yanney Park Lake (Kearney), Adam Park Pond (Omaha), Ansley City Lake, Auburn Rotary Club Lake, Benson Park Pond (Omaha), Cottonmill Lake (Kearney), Crystal Cove (South Sioux City), Grand Island Pier Lake, Hanscom Park Pond (Omaha), Hitchcock Park Pond (Omaha), Holdrege City Park Lake, Latg Lake (Alliance), Lexington City Lake, Miller Park Pond (Omaha), Pawnee Park East and West (Columbus), Plattsmouth City Lake, Ravenna Lake (Buffalo County), Steinhart Park Ponds, (Nebraska City), Humboldt City Park Lake, Towl Park Pond (Omaha), Walnut Grove Park Pond (Omaha), David City Park Ponds, Lincoln Park Pond (Superior) Melham Park Lake (Broken Bow) .....	<b>Total catch and release</b>	
Wildwood .....	4	
FLATHEAD CATFISH .....	8	
<i>Except the following bag limits:</i>		
Branched Oak Reservoir .....	<b>Total catch and release</b>	
Jenny Newman Lake (Platte River SP), Two Rivers Lake #3	<b>TOTAL CATCH AND RELEASE LAKES FOR ALL SPECIES</b>	
<b>WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER</b>		
LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED BASS (COMBINED) .....	5	10
BLUE CATFISH .....	1	1
CHANNEL CATFISH .....	5	10
FLATHEAD CATFISH .....	5	10
PADDLEFISH (tag required) .....	2	2
(Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux River)		
<i>Note exceptions listed in the Length Limit and Bag Possession section</i>		
SHOVELNOSE STURGEON .....	<b>No Harvest Allowed</b>	
(upstream from the mouth of the Big Sioux River)		

Note exceptions listed in the Length Limit and Bag Possession section  
upstream from the mouth of the Big Sioux River

**Surface Spearing:** The entire state is open to the taking of nongame fish year-round, sunrise to sunset. Spearing is allowed 24 hours a day Apr. 1 through Aug. 31.

**Underwater Spearing:** Sport fish may be taken from sunrise to sunset from July 1 through Dec. 31. Nongame fish may be taken year-round, sunrise to sunset. See Underwater Spearing section (pg 19) for open waters.

## BAG / POSSESSION

Bag and possession limits may vary between "Inland Waters" and "Waters of the Missouri River." For this purpose only, Inland Waters includes all waters of the state except the waters of the Missouri River. Waters of the Missouri River includes 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.

**Any fish that is not to be counted immediately into the water with as little injury as possible. Any fish placed on a stringer or in a container, or not returned to the water must be counted in the bag.**

**Daily Bag:** The daily bag limit is fish harvested from midnight to midnight. No person may possess more than one day's bag limit of fish while on the water or actively engaged in fishing. Fish species subject to a bag limit and possession limit, but not a length limit, can be filleted prior to transport if the fillets are kept in one piece until cooked, so the bag and possession limits can be determined. Fish species subject to a length limit can only be gilled and gutted prior to completion of that day's fishing. Once off the water, the fish can be filleted for transportation and storage.

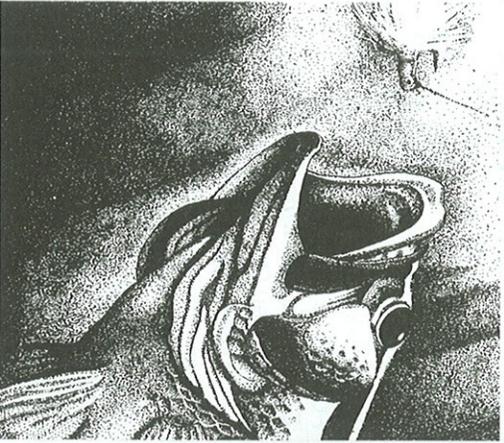
**Possession Limit:** This is the total number of a species of fish that a person may have in possession in portable coolers, home freezers, registered in his name in a commercial cold storage

locker or in any other way under his control. Fish or aquatic animals placed in public storage must be labeled with the owner's name, address, phone number, date of birth, signature, date taken, species and numbers and the name of recipient if they are transferred.

**Special Limits:** In the following state-owned lakes, Zorinsky Lake, Walnut Creek Recreation Area, Wehrspann Lake, Fremont SRA, Louisville SRA, Mormon Island SRA, Fort Kearny SRA, Windmill SRA, Pawnee Lake and Pibel Lake there is a daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination.

Note restrictions on Urban Lakes.

**Catch and Release Lakes:** Jenny Newman Lake and Two Rivers Lake No. 3 are total catch-and-release lakes. Jenny Newman Lake at Platte River State Park is open the entire year to children under the age of 16 and adults assisting children. At Jenny Newman Lake, Two Rivers Lake No. 3, and US West Lake at Mahoney State Park, all artificial lure hooks must either be barbed or have the barbs crimped.



## LENGTH LIMITS

### Bass (Largemouth)

**12-inch minimum:** There is a 12-inch minimum length limit in the section of the Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa and Nebraska and Missouri

with the exception for Missouri River lakes and oxbows regulated with a 15-inch minimum length limit. Non-public waters except for totally private waters.

**15-inch minimum:** Statewide on all government or publicly owned, controlled or managed waters, except where other limits apply and parts of the Missouri River. There is a 15-inch minimum size limit on the following Missouri River lakes and oxbows: DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Lake, Washington County; Snyder Bend Lake, Dakota and Thurston counties; and Lake Yankton, Cedar County.

**18-inch minimum:** Marina Lake (Mahoney State Park)

**21-inch minimum:** Burchard Lake, Pawnee County; Zorinsky Lake, Douglas County; Skyview Lake, Madison County; Wehrspann Lake and Walnut Creek Recreation Area (Papi No. 21), Sarp County; Wagon Train Lake, Olive Creek Lake, Lancaster County; Auburn Rotary Lake, Nemaha County; and Willow Lake, Brown County.

**Note:** The statewide bag limit only allows one bass 21 inches or longer.

**Catch and release largemouth bass lakes:** See Special Area and Urban Lake sections for those water bodies that are managed as "no kill bass lakes".

### Bass (Smallmouth and Spotted)

**12-inch minimum:** Statewide on all publicly owned, controlled or managed waters, except where other limits apply and parts of the Missouri River. There is a 12-inch minimum size limit on all black bass in the section of the Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa and Nebraska and Missouri.

### Walleye, Sauger and Saugeye

**15-inch minimum:** Pawnee Lake, Lancaster County, and all waters west of U.S. Hwy. 183 from the Kansas - Nebraska border north to its junction with U.S. Hwy. 20, west and north on Hwy. 183 to the Nebraska - South Dakota border, except for those regulated under the 18-inch size limit. That portion of the Missouri River from Nebraska - South Dakota border downstream to Gavins Point Dam.

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**18-inch minimum:** Harlan County Reservoir (including the Republican River upstream to the Highway 46 bridge), Harlan County; Sherman Reservoir, Sherman County; Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County; Calamus Reservoir, Loup and Garfield Counties.

**22-inch minimum:** Branched Oak Reservoir, Lancaster County. Bag limit is one.

**Other Walleye length limits:** At Merritt Reservoir, the daily bag limit of four may include one walleye 15 to 18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches, but only one walleye over 25 inches is allowed.

**Note:** Only one fish longer than 25 inches is allowed in the bag at Merritt Reservoir, Cherry County; Sherman Reservoir, Sherman County; Calamus Reservoir, Loup and Garfield counties; Lake McConaughy, Keith County; and Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County. Check Lake McConaughy (pg. 14) for special restrictions.

### Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie

**40-inch minimum:** Statewide.

### Shovelnose Sturgeon

No harvest is allowed on that portion of the Missouri River upstream from the mouth of the Big Sioux River.

### Northern Pike

**24-inch minimum:** All inland waters east of U.S. 281.

**30-inch minimum:** Humphrey Pond (Ogallala), Keith County; Red Willow Reservoir, Frontier County; Enders Reservoir, Chase County; Cottonmill Lake, Kearney County; North Platte I-80 Lake, Lincoln County.

### Bluegill

**8-inch minimum:** Wildwood, Stagecoach Reservoir, Wagon Train Lake, Olive Creek Lake, Lancaster



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### Redear Sunfish and their Hybrids

**8-inch minimum:** Wagon Train Lake, Lancaster County

### Striped Bass and Hybrids/ White Bass (combined)

Inland waters and waters of the Missouri River no more than one fish over 18 inches in length allowed in the daily bag. Summit, Willow Creek, Conestoga and Elwood reservoirs have a three fish daily bag limit. Total catch and release: Branched Oak Reservoir.

### Crappie

**10-inch minimum:** Branched Oak Reservoir, Lancaster Co.; Wehrspann Lake and Walnut Creek Recreation Area (Papio No. 21), Sarry Co.; Czechland Lake, Saunders Co.; Yanney Park Lake, Kearney; Cottonmill Lake, Kearney, Buffalo Co. and Zorinsky Lake, Douglas Co.; Sherman Reservoir, Sherman Co., Wehrspann and Zorinsky Lakes.

### Flathhead Catfish

Total catch and release, Branched Oak Reservoir.

### Trout

Big Bordeaux Creek on Big Bordeaux Creek WMA is total catch and release.

**20-inch minimum:** Lake Ogallala and Lake McConaughy (Keith County) on brown trout. Combination daily bag, which includes all trout species, is four with a possession limit of eight.

### All Other Species;

No length requirements.

## SPECIAL AREA REGULATIONS

**Big Bordeaux Creek WMA (Dawes County):** The portion of Big Bordeaux Creek located on the Big Bordeaux Creek WMA has been designated a "no kill stream" thus all species of trout must be released immediately. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs will be allowed.

**Burchard Lake:** All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish 21 inches in length or longer may be kept in the daily bag. Beginning Oct. 15 until the close of

dark goose season, fishing will be restricted to the shoreline or on the ice. Check the 2002 Nebraska Hunt Guide **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.

**Chalkrock Lake WMA (Cedar County):** No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

**Clear Lake (Brown County):** It is unlawful to have in possession or use for bait any minnows, alive or dead or any live fish other than those taken from this lake.

**Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge:** Fishing is permitted during daylight hours in Island Lake year-round. Smith Lake is open to fishing during daylight hours from Nov. 1st through Feb. 15th. Boats powered by electric motors or manual power are allowed only on Island Lake. No boats are allowed on Smith Lake. The use of internal combustion motors is prohibited on all refuge lakes. Possession or use of live or dead minnows and the possession of any fish not taken from refuge waters is unlawful. However, frozen or dead smelt may be used for bait. Overnight camping is not permitted.

**Desoto National Wildlife Refuge:** Sport fishing by hook-and-line and archery is permitted as designated by area regulations. The use of trot lines

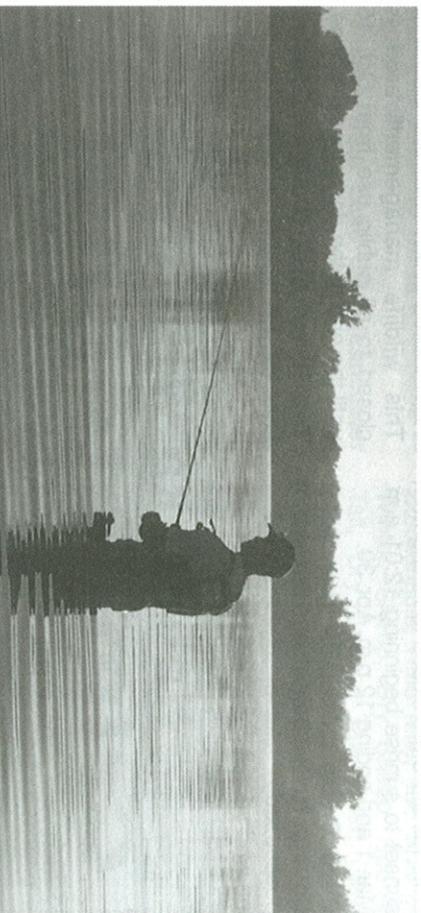
and float lines is unlawful. All anglers shall conform with the regulations of the state in which they are licensed, either Nebraska or Iowa, and federal refuge regulations as posted.

**Enders Reservoir (Chase County):** It is unlawful to fish or boat inside the Game Refuge during the waterfowl hunting season.

**Eugene T. Mahoney State Park (Cass County):** **Marina Lake:** Children under 16 years of age and handicapped adults are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area. Daily bag limit is two fish. There is an 18-inch size limit on largemouth bass. **US West Lake:** Fishing is permitted daily. Largemouth bass and bluegill fishing is limited to catch and release. The daily bag limit on channel catfish is three per angler. Only barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs may be used.

**Fort Kearny SRA (Kearney County):** The daily bag limit for channel catfish and panfish is three and 10 respectively. **Fort Robinson State Park (Dawes County):** It is unlawful to use more than two lines with two hooks on each line when fishing in Cherry Creek, Icehouse and Grabel ponds and Carter P. Johnson Lake. This includes ice fishing.

**Fremont SRA (Dodge County):** The bag limits for channel catfish is three and for panfish is 10 on all lakes. **Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters:** From Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles down-



stream a nonresident Nebraska fishing license is required of anglers who are not residents of Nebraska or South Dakota when fishing from boat or either bank.

**Lake McConaughy (Keith County):** It is unlawful to possess a walleye on that portion of Otter Creek from its junction at the lake shore of Lake McConaughy upstream to and including the culvert under Highway 92.

**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.

**Louisville SRA (Cass County):** Largemouth bass fishing is limited to catch and release on lakes on the area. The daily bag limits for channel catfish and panfish is three and 10 respectively. **Mormon Island SRA (Hall County):** The daily bag limit for channel catfish and panfish is three and 10 respectively along with an 8-inch minimum length limit for bluegill.

**Niobrara State Park (Knox County):** Largemouth bass fishing is limited to catch-and-release on two park lakes; possession is prohibited.

**North Platte National Wildlife Refuge (Scotts Bluff County):** Lake Minatare and Lake Winters Creek are open to fishing Jan. 15 through Sept. 30 or as posted. Waters within 150 feet of the dam at Lake Minatare are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise beginning 12:01 a.m. Mar. 1 and ending 12 p.m. Apr. 30.

**Olive Creek Lake SRA (Lancaster County):** No live baitfish can be used or possessed

**Pibel Lake SRA (Wheeler County):** The daily bag limit for panfish is 10 and there is an 8-inch minimum length limit on bluegill. No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

**Platte River State Park (Cass County) Jenny Newman Lake:** Children less than 16 years old and adults assisting children fishing are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area. Possession of any fish species, other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited. The lake is designated totally catch and release. All species must immediately be returned to the lake unharmed. With the exception of bait hooks, all artificial lure hooks must either be barbless or have the barbs crimped.

**Schilling Waterfowl Management Area:** This area is open to fishing from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from Apr. 15 through Sept. 15 except when closed by the Commission by posting.

**Sherman Reservoir (Sherman County):** Waters within 150 feet of the dam at Sherman Reservoir are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise beginning 12:01 a.m. Apr. 1 and ending 12 p.m. Apr. 20. Special regulations include a 10-inch minimum length limit on crappie and an 18-inch minimum length limit on walleye.

**Skyview Lake:** All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish 21 inches in length or longer may be kept in the daily bag.

**Twin Lakes WMA (Seward County):** This wildlife management area is closed to all public use from Oct. 15 until the end of the dark goose season. **Two Rivers SRA (Douglas County):** Lake No. 3 is designated as a total catch

and release (no kill) lake. Possession of any fish species except baitfish while fishing this water body is prohibited, and any fish caught must be returned unharmed to the lake immediately. Only barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs may be used. Archery fishing, spearing, jigging and chumming are prohibited in all lakes. Lake No. 5 is designated as a put-and-take trout fishing lake and is subject to special regulations. Open dates are from Apr. 1 through Oct. 15 unless otherwise posted. Fishing hours are 7 a.m. to sunset. A daily trout tag is required to attempt to take and to possess trout on the entire Two Rivers area. Cost of the tag is \$4 which allows the harvest of four trout. Check at area office.

**Valentine National Wildlife Refuge:** Fishing is permitted year-round during day/night hours, unless otherwise posted. Only electrical motors are permitted on lakes open to fishing. The use of internal combustion motors is prohibited. Possession or use of live or dead minnows and possession of any fish not taken from refuge waters is unlawful. However, frozen or dead smelt may be used for bait. There is a 15-inch minimum on black bass on all refuge lakes, except Watts Lake, which is catch-and-release only for bass and muskellunge. All northern pike over 28 inches must be released. Special fishing regulations are in effect as posted. Please take note of the special regulations. Check at refuge headquarters for specific regulation information. Overnight camping is not permitted.

**Wagon Train Lake SRA (Lancaster County):** No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

**Walnut Creek Recreation Area (Papio No. 21):** All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish 21 inches in length or longer may be kept in the daily bag. A minimum size limit of 10 inches on crappie, 8 inches on bluegill and a daily bag limit of 10 panfish (bluegill and crappie) in combination.

**Wildwood Lake WMA (Lancaster County):** No live baitfish can be used or possessed.

**Windmill SRA (Buffalo County):** The daily bag limit for channel catfish and panfish is three and 10 respectively. An 8-inch minimum length limit for bluegill is enforced on Windmill Lake #4.

**Wehrspann Lake:** All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish 21 inches in length or longer may be kept in the daily bag. A minimum size limit of 10 inches on crappie except during the month of April, and a daily bag limit of 10 panfish (bluegill and crappie) in combination.

**Willow Lake:** All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish 21 inches in length or longer may be kept in the daily bag.

**Zorinsky Lake:** All bass caught must be immediately returned to the water, except that one fish 21 inches in length or longer may be kept in the daily bag. A minimum size limit of 10 inches on crappie except during the month of April, and a daily bag limit of 10 panfish (bluegill and crappie) in combination.

### Trout Waters

It is unlawful to possess a dip/landing 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.

It is unlawful to take or attempt to take sport 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

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tributaries, Long Pine Creek and all tributaries, Plum Creek and all tributaries and 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 Lonerigan 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:** Red Willow Creek, Cedar Creek, Greenwood Creek, Wildhorse Creek, Lawrence Fork Creek, Silvernail Drain, Stuckenhole Creek, and Pumpkin Creek below Highway 88.

**Rock County:** Long Pine 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, Larabee Creek, White Clay Creek, Pine Creek, Deer Creek and Little Bordeaux Creek.

**Sioux County:** Sheep Creek Drain, Dry Sheep Creek Drain, Dry Spotted Tail Creek, Spotted Tail Creek, Niobrara River and all tributaries, White River, Soldier Creek and all tributaries, Monroe Creek, Sowbelly Creek and Hat Creek.

**Webster County:** Elm Creek.

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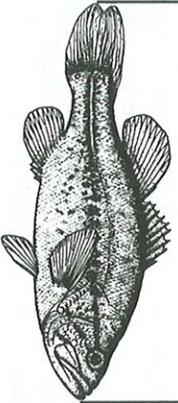
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## HOW TO MEASURE LENGTH OF A FISH

LENGTH



## HOW TO WEIGH A FISH BY LENGTH (approximate weights shown)

Black Crappie	Length (inch)	6	9	12	13	14	15	16	17	18										
	Weight (lbs.)	0.1	0.4	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.3	2.8	3.5	4.2										
Bluegill	Length (inch)	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15									
	Weight (lbs.)	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.6	2.1	2.7	3.4									
Channel Catfish	Length (inch)	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Weight (lbs.)	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.4	1.7	2.1	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.6	5.3	6.0	6.9	7.8	8.8	9.9	11.0
Largemouth Bass	Length (inch)	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24						
	Weight (lbs.)	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.8	3.3	4.0	4.7	5.5	6.4	7.4	8.5						
Northern Pike	Length (inch)	12	18	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	
	Weight (lbs.)	0.4	1.3	3.1	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.6	6.2	6.8	7.5	8.3	9.1	9.9	10.8	11.8	12.8	13.8	
Rainbow Trout	Length (inch)	6	9	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	Weight (lbs.)	0.1	0.3	0.7	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.9	3.4	4.0	4.6	5.2	6.0	6.8	7.7	8.6	
Walleye	Length (inch)	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Weight (lbs.)	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.9	2.2	2.7	3.1	3.7	4.2	4.9	5.6	6.4	7.2	8.1	9.1	10.2	11.4
White bass	Length (inch)	6	9	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20								
	Weight (lbs.)	0.1	0.4	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.7	2.1	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.1								
Wiper	Length (inch)	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Weight (lbs.)	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.8	2.1	2.6	3.1	3.7	4.3	5.0	5.8	6.7	7.7	8.7	9.9	11.1	12.4	13.9	15.4
Flathead Catfish	Length (inch)	12	18	24	26	28	30	32	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	55	
	Weight (lbs.)	0.7	2.4	5.9	7.5	9.4	11.7	14.3	17.3	20.6	24.3	28.5	33.1	38.2	43.8	50.0	56.7	63.9	76	
Yellow Perch	Length (inch)	6	8	9	10-	11	12	13	14	15	16									
	Weight (lbs.)	0.10	0.25	0.38	0.55	0.72	0.95	1.23	1.57	1.96	2.41									

## LIMITS AND FILETING

Where length and bag limits apply, fish may not be fileted until fishing is completed for the day. Fish subject to a length limit cannot be possessed with more than the gills, viscera and scales removed while on the water, waiting or engaged in fishing. Filets must be kept in one piece until cooked, so bag and possession limits can be determined. Any fish in possession while actively fishing will be subject to length and bag limits that apply to the water being fished.

## HOOK AND LINE LIMIT

**Ponds, lakes or reservoirs** - Anglers are limited to no more than two lines with a maximum of two hooks on each line with these being any type of attached line (rod and reel, bank line pole or limb line) on all lakes, ponds, or reservoirs or in their inlets, outlets and canals within one-half miles of these water bodies with the exception of ice fishing line limits.

Limb lines are allowed but must not be more than 12 inches above the water line and cannot be attached by nails or spikes. The name, address and fishing permit number or current driver's license number of the angler must be attached to all limb lines.

**Ice fishing** - A total of five lines with two hooks on each line are permitted during ice fishing, unless listed under special regulations (pg. 13). Each ice fishing line must be under the direct supervision and within the unaided observation of the angler.

**Rivers or streams** - A total of 15 hooks are allowed ranging from 15 lines with a single hook attached or three lines with a maximum total of five hooks attached. These can be rod and reels, poles, bank lines or setlines which are in some way attached to the bank and not free-floating. Float lines or trot lines are not legal in Nebraska. All lines must contain identification to include name, address and fishing permit number or current driver's license number.

**Snagging** - For snagging, only one hook which has a gap between the point of the hook to the shank of not more than one-half inch is allowed.

**Definition of a hook** - One hook means a single, double or treble-pointed hook. All hooks attached to an artificial bait or lure shall be counted as one hook. **Please note** - Upon completion of fishing, all limb lines, bank lines and set lines must be removed.

## SNAGGING

Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish is only permitted in the Missouri River under season dates and limits specified in the Paddlefish and Snagging of Nongame Fish (pgs. 20 - 21) section. All other waters of the state are closed to snagging for all species at all times. All fish that are snagged accidentally or otherwise foul-hooked must be returned to the water immediately.

## ARCHERY/SURFACE SPEARFISHING

Sport fish may be taken by bow and arrow from July 1 through Dec. 31 from sunrise to sunset, statewide. Sport fish may not be taken with surface spears. Nongame fish may be taken by archery or surface spear year-round statewide, sunrise to sunset between Sept. 1 and Mar. 30 and 24 hours a day from Apr. 1 through Aug. 31.

Only hand-drawn longbows (including compound bows) are legal. A cross-bow may be used by a handicapped person who has a medical certificate on file with the Game and Parks Commission's Fisheries Division. Arrows may have only one point, which must be barbed and must be attached by a line to the bow.

The following waters are closed year-round: Two Rivers, Louisville, Fort Kearny, Fremont, Mormon Island and Windmill SRAs areas; Platte River and E. T. Mahoney state parks, and trout streams (see Special Areas). For surface spearing, only hand spears are legal. All spearing devices must be barbed.

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### Seasons

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

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

### Waters Open to all Species

1. Privately owned lakes with permission of the lake owner
2. Lake McConaughy, Keith County
3. Lake Ogallala, Keith County
4. Lake Minatare, Scotts Bluff County
5. Box Butte Reservoir, Dawes County
6. Lewis and Clark Lake, Knox County
7. Harlan County Reservoir
8. Enders Reservoir, Chase County
9. Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County

### Waters Open to Non-game

#### Fish Species Only

1. Buffalo County - Union Pacific SRA, War Axe SRA, Bassway WMA, Buttehead WMA, Kea Lake WMA, Kea West WMA, East Odessa WMA, Blue Hole East and West WMAs, West Elm Creek WMA, and North Kearney Rest Stop.

2. Dawson County - Dogwood East and West WMAs, Cozad WMA, Cozad West WMA, Willow Island WMA, and East Gothenburg WMA
3. Hall County - Cheyenne SRA, West Wood River WMA and Alda DOR
4. Phelps County - Sandy Channel SRA

### Waters Open to Non-game

10. Hugh Butler (Red Willow) Reservoir, Frontier and Red Willow counties
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. Swanson Reservoir, Hitchcock County
18. Merritt Reservoir, Cherry County
19. Calamus Reservoir, Loup and Garfield counties

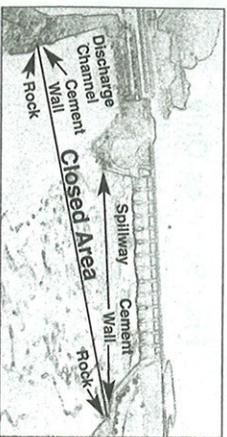
## DIVER'S FLAG

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

## PADDLEFISH - ARCHERY

### Missouri River

Paddlefish may be taken by bow and arrow and possessed on open waters of the Missouri River only during the season that begins on the 2nd Saturday of July and running for 16 consecutive days, with legal hours being sunrise to sunset. The area of the Missouri River open to archery paddlefish is from Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734, except for a closed area that extends downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the stilling basin.



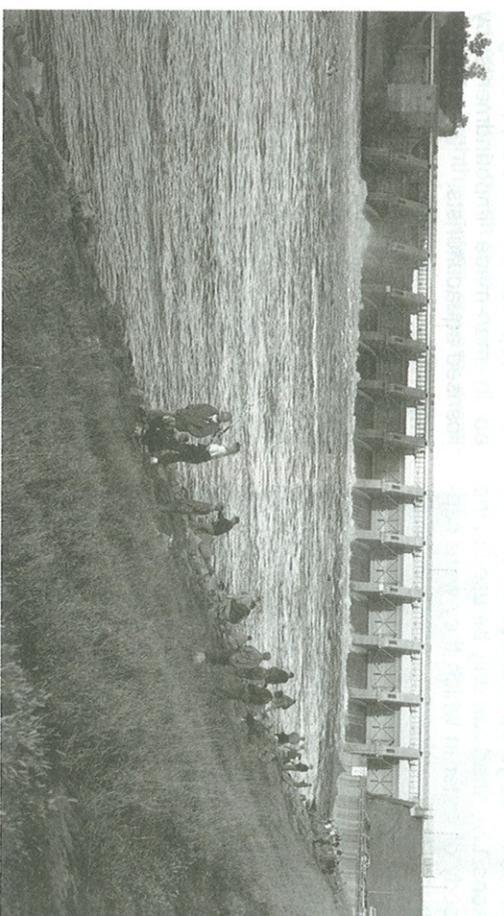
During the archery paddlefish season the portion of the Missouri River from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the Nebraska tailwaters boat ramp is closed to the taking of game and non-game fish by archers. Only archers with an open tag pursuing paddlefish are allowed in this area.

Paddlefish harvested by bow and arrow may be possessed only on the Missouri River that is open during the respective season in the area designated as open for harvest. All paddlefish archery anglers must obtain and have in their possession a paddlefish tag in addition to a fishing permit (if required). Applicants must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July to apply. See section on Paddlefish Tags on (pgs. 60-61). Any paddlefish landed must be tagged immediately in the dorsal fin with the angler's tag. Any paddlefish tag that is locked shut prior to attachment, altered or modified shall be void and will not be replaced. A harvest quota will be managed by issuing a limited number of free paddlefish tags with a limit of no more than two tags per person. Only the head, viscera and tail may be removed from archery-harvested paddlefish during transport until the place of residence is reached or the paddlefish is consumed.

## 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 downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at Mile Marker 734, except for a closed area that extends downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the stilling basin. Paddlefish harvested by snagging may be possessed only on the Missouri River during the respective open season in the area designated as open for harvest.

The snagging season runs only from Oct. 1 through Oct. 30. Legal hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. All snaggers must obtain and have in their possession an unfilled paddlefish tag in addition to a fishing permit and Aquatic Habitat Stamp (if required) to be actively snagging. Applicants must be 12 years old



by Oct. 1 in order to apply for a snagging permit. Please see section on Paddlefish Tags. A paddlefish must be tagged immediately in the dorsal fin with the angler's tag upon addition to the creel. Any paddlefish tag that is locked prior to attachment, altered or modified shall be void and will not be replaced. Only one hook may be used when snagging, and the gap between the point of the hook to the shank may not exceed one-half inch.

The daily bag and possession limits are equal to the total number of tags issued to an individual. A harvest quota will be managed by issuing a limited number of free paddlefish tags with a limit of no more than two tags per person. (Consult section on paddlefish tags pgs. 60-61). All paddlefish anglers are required to cast for and hook their own fish. All paddlefish between 35 and 45 inches long (measured along the center line of the fish, lying flat, including the entire eye to the natural fork of the tail), must be returned to the water immediately. The slot limit is designed to protect the majority of spawning-size fish.

It is unlawful to use a gaff hook or other penetrating device while landing snagged paddlefish. Immediate cleaning of a snagged paddlefish is restricted to the removal of only the snout, anterior of the eye and the viscera.

Final processing may only be completed once the angler has reached his residence or prior to consumption. Anglers should be prepared to transport a large paddlefish with only the snout removed, if they choose to harvest a fish more than 45 inches in length.

## BAITFISH

Baitfish may not be sold except by permit. For commercial purposes (bait vendors, private aquaculturists and nonresident fish dealers), 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 baitfish from any lake, reservoir or bayou unless otherwise stated below. Digging and trapping for bait or any other purpose is prohibited on all state-owned or controlled areas. Seining for baitfish is allowed on streams located on SRA's and WMA's unless the stream is listed as closed. All non-baitfish, of whatever size, taken while netting or seining for bait must immediately be returned to the waters from which taken. The bag limit of baitfish for personal use is 100. Possession limit is 100.

**Gizzard Shad:** Shad may be taken for use as bait by legal dip nets from lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and below dams and other artificial obstructions for a dis-

tance of 200 yards below such obstructions. Live shad can only be used in the body of water in which they were captured, see section on cast nets below. Shad may be taken by legal seine, or dip net in any number in streams except those streams closed to the taking of baitfish or bait by such method. Bag and possession limit is 100.

**Below Dams:** The seining of baitfish 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 baitfish for personal use as bait using a legal baitfish 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, gizzard shad 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, gizzard shad or bowfin may be transported for use as bait. Sport fish can be used for bait: (1) if they have been legally acquired from a licensed aquaculturist or a nonresident fish dealer. The angler must keep a legible receipt or invoice from the dealer listing the date, seller's name and address; and number and size of each species sold, or (2) if they are captured using hook and line and used at the body of water from which they were captured. In the latter case, the angler will be required to follow both size and bag limits that are enforced on that water body.

**Note: It is illegal to transport or possess live white perch away from the water body from which there were caught.**

**Exporting:** No more than 100 legally captured baitfish can be exported by a resident for his personal use in fishing outside the state. No other baitfish taken from Nebraska waters may be transported out of the state in any man-

ner, except baitfish artificially propagated in man-made impoundments by licensed aquaculturists.

**Importing:** It is unlawful to import or transport carp, carpsucker, buffalo, quillback, gar, gizzard shad or bowfin into the state for use as bait. Special permits are required for a person to import and sell bait or baitfish.

**Baits and Scents:** Curbait is legal if the fish used has been legally acquired and the size, bag and possession limits for that species and water body have been followed. It is also legal to chum for fish using non-harmful baits. Anise oil and other scents that do not stun, kill or harm fish are permitted.

**Crayfish:** There is no limit on the number of crayfish a person may possess. Anyone over the age of 16 must have a bait vendor's license in order to sell crayfish. Crayfish may be captured by hook and line, by hand or by legal fish nets and traps as described below.

**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. Baitfish seines of one-fourth inch non-metallic square mesh only and not over 20 feet long and four feet deep.

2. Baitfish dip nets of one-fourth inch non-metallic square mesh. Neither length nor width may exceed 36 inches.

3. Baitfish and bait traps of one-fourth inch square mesh material with a length of 24 inches or less, a diameter of 16 inches or less and a throat one inch or less in diameter. All minnow traps shall be raised and the baitfish removed at least every 24 hours.

4. Landing nets, made of non-metallic mesh, used only for landing fish caught on hook-and-line.

## CAST NETS

Cast nets can be used to collect gizzard shad for bait with the following restrictions:

1. Only cast nets up to 10 feet in diameter with a mesh size no larger than three-eighths inches square measure are legal gear.

2. Can only be used during the months of July, August and September

3. Can only be used to collect gizzard shad.

4. Live gizzard shad may only be used for bait the same day they were captured in the same water body where they were collected.

5. Cast nets can only be used on the following water bodies: Calamus Reservoir, Davis Creek Reservoir, Enders Reservoir, Farwell Reservoir, Gallagher Canyon Reservoir, Harlan County Reservoir, Jeffrey Reservoir, Johnson Lake, Lake Maloney, Lake McCaughy, Medicine Creek Reservoir, Midway Complex Reservoir, Phillips Canyon Reservoir, Red Willow Reservoir, Sherman Reservoir, Sutherland Reservoir, Swanson Reservoir, and the Tri County Canal from the diversion dam in Lincoln County to the J-2 return.

## AREAS OPEN TO THE USE OF ATV'S AND SNOWMOBILES FOR ICE FISHING

Snowmobiles, all-terrain and motorized off-highway amphibious vehicles may be operated on the frozen surface of the following designated lakes, unless otherwise posted closed: Bluestem, Branched Oak, Conestoga, Olive Creek, Pawnee, Stagecoach, Wagon Train, Enders, Medicine Creek, Red Willow, Swanson, Box Butte, Merritt, Oliver, Sherman, Elwood, Sutherland and Calamus Reservoirs; Fremont Lakes, Gallagher Canyon, Johnson Lake, Lake Maloney, Lake McCaughy, Lake Minatare, Lake Ogallala, Lewis and Clark Lake, Louisville Lakes, Rockford Lake, Summit Lake, Willow Creek Lake, Walgreen Lake, Willow Lake (Brown County), Big Alkali Lake, and Cottonwood-Steverson Lake. These



vehicles can only be operated on the state park areas between the hours of one-half hour before sunrise until 9:00 p.m. or as posted. It is recommended that these vehicles not be used unless the ice thickness is a minimum of 8 inches.

## ICE FISHING

When ice fishing, only five lines with no more than two hooks on each line are permitted. Each line or tip-up used while fishing public standing waters must be under the direct supervision and within the unaided observation of the angler. Holes made for ice fishing may not exceed 10 inches in diameter on any area controlled by the Game and Parks Commission.

A special \$5 permit is required for a permanent shelter on state recreation and wildlife management area lakes. Applications and regulations are available from conservation officers, Commission offices or by mail from the Game and Parks Commission, Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503. This does not apply to temporary shelters used and removed each day.

## BULLFROGS

Bullfrog season runs Aug. 15 through Oct. 31. The bag limit is eight bullfrogs per person. They may be captured only by hand or by the use of a hand net and hook-and-line. Artificial light may be used when taking bullfrogs. Bullfrogs must measure 4.5 inches 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.

## BORDER WATERS

**Missouri River (South Dakota, Iowa and Missouri):** Anglers holding a valid Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa or Missouri sport fishing license or permit may fish all waters of the Missouri River in the state they are licensed, as well as those of the adjacent state. Waters of the Missouri River are defined to include all flowing portions and backwaters, sloughs and chutes that draw water from the Missouri River. Oxbows and backwaters separated from the Missouri River by land are included if the state boundary line passes through some part of such waters. Mouths of tributaries may only be fished in the state that the angler is licensed. Anglers may fish from either bank or boats. Anglers fishing in the state for which they do not hold a fishing permit must abide by the more restrictive of the two states' regulations. Both Iowa and Missouri resident anglers can fish waters of the Hamburg Bend WMA and the Nebraska portion of the Missouri River from the chute entrance (adjacent to Iowa) to the chute exit (adjacent to Missouri).

## 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 from which it came, without written authorization from the Game and Parks Commission.

**NOTICE — DO NOT** transfer any fish from one lake or stream to another. **It is**

illegal to dump your baitfish in a water body. You could be destroying your own fishing!

## URBAN FISHING PROGRAM WATERS

The Urban Fishing Program was created by the Commission in 1999 to

improve fishing in and around Nebraska's urban areas. The program focuses on city park and state recreation area lakes which



are accessible to large numbers of urban residents, particularly children. Program activities include aquatic habitat improvement, fishing access development, fish stocking, fish population management, and family fishing clinics. Special fishing regulations will be used on some waters to help improve their fisheries and angler catch rates. In general, these regulations will reduce or restrict harvest of certain game species. Populations of these species should subsequently increase and provide anglers with higher catch rate opportunities. Program waters should become favorite destinations for adults wishing to teach young children how to fish. Special fishing regulations are being placed on the following waters:

**Adams Park Pond (Omaha):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Ansley City Lake:** Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Auburn Rotary Club Lake:** Daily bag limit of one largemouth bass with 21-inch minimum size limit. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Benson Park Pond (Omaha):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Cottonmill Lake (Kearney):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination with 8-inch minimum size limit for bluegill and 10-inch minimum size limit for crappie. Daily bag limit of one northern pike with 30-inch minimum size limit. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish. No live baitfish allowed.

**Crystal Cove (South Sioux City):** Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**David City Park Ponds:** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish.

**Fontenelle Park Pond (Omaha):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**GI Eagle Scout Lake:** Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination

**Grand Island Pier Lake:** Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Hanscom Park Pond (Omaha):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Hitchcock Park Pond (Omaha):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Holdrege City Lake:** Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Humboldt City Park Lake:** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Humphrey Pond (Ogallala):** Daily bag limit of one northern pike with 30-inch minimum size limit

**Lainig Lake (Allamore):** Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Lexington City Lake:** Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Lincoln Park Pond (Superior):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish.

**Melham Park Lake (Broken Bow):** Daily bag limit of 10 bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish.

**Miller Park Pond (Omaha):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**North Platte I-80 Lake:** Daily bag limit of one northern pike with 30-inch minimum size limit

**Pawnee Park East (Columbus):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of ten panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Pawnee Park West (Columbus):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

**Plattsmouth City Lake:** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish.

**Ravenna Lake (Buffalo County):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass. Daily bag limits of three channel catfish and 10 panfish.

**Steinhart Park Ponds (Nebraska City):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish.

**Towl Park Pond (Omaha):** Catch and release only for largemouth bass and bluegill. Daily bag limit of three channel catfish

## HELP WANTED

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

## FREE FISHING DAY MAY 18

Free Fishing and Park Entry Day is designed to attract those who no longer fish or who have never fished and to give them an opportunity to do so without the need to purchase a permit. It is held on the Saturday prior to Memorial Day weekend. Anglers, both resident and non-resident, can take advantage of that day, by taking a non-angler friend along to any water body in the state and show them how much fun fishing can be.

## KIDS' FISHING CLINICS

Is your club or organization interested in hosting a kids' fishing clinic? The Commission's Aquatic Education program has all the materials necessary to teach the youth in your community how much fun fishing can be. Fishing rods, bobbers, stickers and more are available from the Outdoor Education Division at the Outdoor Education Center at Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium near Gretna, phone 402-332-3901.

## FISHING TACKLE LOANER PROGRAM

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission fishing tackle loaner program continues to grow. The program is a combined effort of the Outdoor Education, Parks, and Fisheries Divisions. The Commission is hoping to introduce even more Nebraskans to the fun of fishing by making fishing tackle available at 15 State Parks across the state. Zebco 33 spincast rod and reel combos, hooks, bobbers, weights, and other tackle are available for park guests to use during their stay, at no charge. Would-be anglers of all ages

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may borrow the fishing tackle, but during periods of high demand, children are given priority. Anglers are asked to return the tackle promptly when finished fishing so others may use the equipment. Anglers should not keep the tackle at their campsite for the duration of their visit. Some parks loan the tackle out of their main office, while others have their campground hosts loan the equipment out. A few parks have bait you can use as well, but at most you will need to purchase your own at the park or bring it with you.

**The 15 participating park areas in Nebraska are:**

- Alexandria SRA (Jefferson County)
- Branched Oak SRA - Area 1 and 4 campgrounds (Lancaster County)
- Calamus Reservoir SRA (Garfield County)
- Chadron State Park (Dawes County)
- Fort Kearny SRA (Kearney County)
- Fort Robinson State Park (Sioux County)
- Fremont SRA (Dodge County)
- Lewis and Clark SRA (Knox County)
- Mahoney State Park (Sarpy County)
- Medicine Creek Reservoir SRA (Frontier County)
- Pawnee SRA (Lancaster County)
- Platte River State Park (Cass County)
- Ponca State Park (Dixon County)
- Victoria Springs SRA (Custer County)
- Willow Creek SRA (Pierce County)

## FISH KILL REPORTS

Report dead or dying fish 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. Keep the water safe and clean for future fishing. Report dumping/pollution activities to the Environmental Protection Agency at 1-800-223-0425.

## PRIVATE WATERS

Permission from the landowner is required to access any body of water, or stream, located on private property. The issue of fishing private waters raises several questions. Although a private body of water may receive fish for stocking from the Game and Parks Commission, the owner controls access to it and anyone fishing it must have a valid fishing permit. What constitutes a private pond that doesn't require anglers to have a fishing permit? The only exception to the requirement of a permit is when a body of

water is entirely on private land, has been entirely privately stocked with private hatchery-reared fish, and doesn't connect by inflow or outflow with other waters outside the pond owner's property. An unlicensed angler who catches fish from such a body of water and wants to remove them from the premises must have a written statement from the pond owner listing the pond owner's name and the number of fish taken.

On a river or stream, when can a person legally enter private property without the owner's permission? After properly accessing a flowing body of water, an angler can fish while afloat in a tube, canoe or boat. An angler or canoeist in an unpowered vessel can enter private property without permission, only if it's necessary to portage around a fence or obstruction. Landowner permission is required to operate vehicles, such as all-terrain vehicles, along or in a stream.



## TOURNAMENTS, CONTESTS AND DERBIES

**Tournament Registration** - All fishing tournaments, derbies or contests held on waters owned or controlled by the Commission, that require an entry fee to participate, must be registered with the Commission's Fisheries Division 45 days prior to the event. Voluntary information on other tournaments, such as club tournaments, are also welcome. A Fishing Tournament Approval Certificate must be present at the tournament site.

**Tournament Results** - A tournament results form will be sent to the tournament director. This form must be completed and returned to the Commission's Fisheries Division within 30 days following the completion of the fishing tournament. Failure to return the form or provide the requested information will result in denial of future fishing tournament requests for at least one year.

**Tagged fish** - The use of tagged or otherwise marked fish are prohibited in any fishing tournament, derby or contest that are held on (1) waters owned or controlled by the 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.

**Get away from the humdrum cares of everyday living, GO FISHING!** Share your enjoyment, take a youngster along.

## CATCH AND RELEASE WORKS

Minimum lengths listed for Master Angler Awards are intended to promote catch-and-release fishing. While fish populations are renewable resources and keeping some fish is good, big fish are rare. By releasing large fish, you

## FISHING TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

*Please print or type.*

Organizer (club, sponsor or individual): \_\_\_\_\_

Organizer address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### About the Tournament

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Species counted for tournament scoring:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition (please check one):

- Fish will be measured at boat and released.
- Weighed in and then released
- Weighed in and then harvested
- Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Awards will be based on (check one):

- Longest fish       Heaviest fish
- Combination of number and length of fish
- Heaviest total catch
- Other (explain) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send to:**  
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Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
PO Box 30370  
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are helping to maintain our future fishery resources. Catch-and-release fishing only works when the fish you release survive. By using proper techniques, you give fish the best chance of survival. Here are a few guidelines:

- Wet hands and keep fish in water as much as possible when handling and removing the hook.
- Remove the hook gently. Do not squeeze the fish or put your fingers into the gills.
- Barbless hooks reduce handling time and make it simpler to remove the hook, often by backing it from the fish's mouth without lifting the fish from the water.
- Release the fish only after its equilibrium is maintained. If necessary, hold fish gently upright until it can swim away.
- Do not play the fish to exhaustion.
- Removal of deeply imbedded hooks by use of a hemostat or hook removal device is presently considered the best method to ensure higher survival of released fish. Modern hooks require a longer time period to rust so their presence can result in delayed mortality.

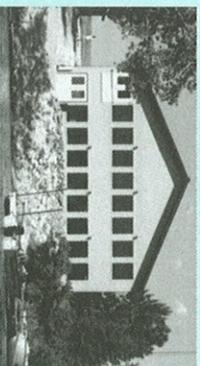


## ZEBRA MUSSEL ALERT

The zebra mussel, a small black and white-striped bivalve, mollusk, first appeared in this country in 1988. Since then it has spread throughout the Great Lakes and into the Mississippi River basin.



This barnacle-like mussel is a multi-million dollar threat to agricultural, industrial and municipal water delivery systems. It is also a threat to native mussels and maybe to sport fisheries. Public assistance is essential to help prevent its spread to other inland lakes and rivers. The primary method of transfer is from boats carrying mussels from infested waters. Inspect your boat, motor and trailers frequently for zebra mussels, especially if boating on the



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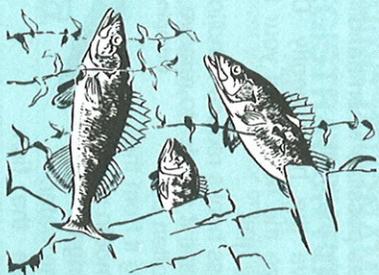
Missouri River or waters east of the Missouri. Dry your boat out or power-wash it before relaunching. Zebra mussels are tough organisms and survive extended periods out of the water if in a moist environment. If you think you have a zebra mussel, save it and send it to the nearest NGPC district office for identification.

## LEAD FISHING SINKERS

The use of lead fishing sinkers has become a controversial issue over the last several years due to the poisoning of various bird species, especially loons, due to their ingestion of lead fishing sinkers. In fact several areas of the country have restricted the use of lead fishing weights due to these problems. Most fishing sinkers used in Nebraska contain lead. Lead can be dangerous to your body if eaten or breathed. Prolonged and high levels of exposure to lead can cause brain and nerve damage, slowed growth in children and reproductive problems and high blood pressure in adults.

In order to prevent exposure to lead please handle lead sinkers with care and follow the guidelines below:

- Never put lead sinkers in your mouth. This includes biting down on or chewing lead sinkers.
- Wash hands with soap after holding or using lead sinkers.
- Never handle or eat food immediately after handling lead sinkers wash your hands first.
- Take proper precautions when melting lead and pouring sinkers at home. You may want to consider using fishing sinkers which do not contain lead if you are concerned about exposure to lead. Alternatives to lead sinkers are made out of steel, bismuth, tungsten, resin, and glass. Avoid sinkers made from zinc, as they are toxic to waterfowl.



## NEBRASKA WALLEYE MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

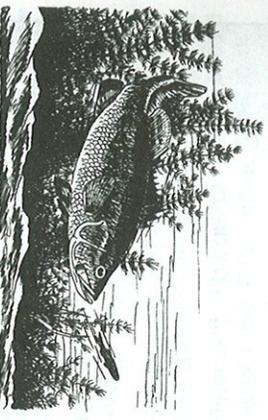
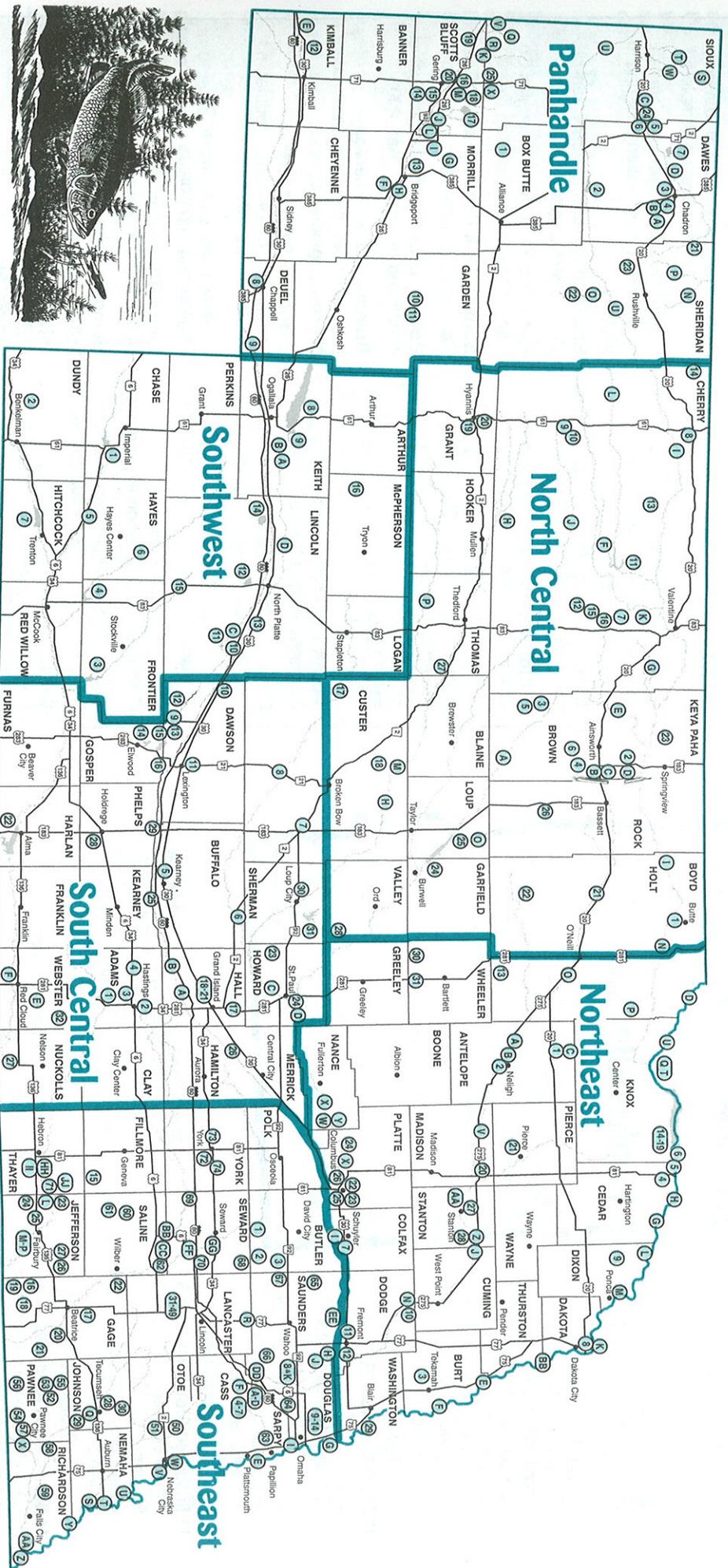
Walleyes continue to be one of the most important sport fish for Nebraska anglers. Because of this popularity and the presence of walleyes in reservoirs throughout the state, walleye management has been a long-term priority for the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission. In the past 10 years, many walleye fisheries in Nebraska have been regulated with minimum length limits. These regulations were implemented with a goal of increasing angler catch rates of walleyes and providing larger walleyes for anglers to catch. In addition the protection of large, brood-stock, walleyes were a priority on some waters. Since these regulations have been in effect for 10 years, it is time to determine how well they have been working and take a look at where Nebraska walleye management is headed in the future. Watch for news of public meetings to be held across the state early next spring to discuss the success of our walleye length limits and what new regulations may be appropriate in the future. These are your resources and we encourage your input!

## AQUATIC HABITAT WORK IN PROGRESS OR COMPLETED

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| <p><b>Smith Lake</b> - Sheridan Co., Dredging completed</p> <p><b>Lake Minatare</b> - Scottsbluff Co., Rock placement completed, evaluation in progress</p> <p><b>Crescent Lake</b> - Garden Co., Project scheduled no sooner than 2004</p> <p><b>Cottonwood/Steverson Lake</b> - Cherry Co., Fish renovation completed, restocked</p> <p><b>Cottonwood Lake</b> - Cherry Co., Project scheduled no sooner than 2004</p> <p><b>Shell Lake</b> - Cherry Co., Dredging completed</p> <p><b>Merritt Reservoir</b> - Cherry Co., Shoreline stabilization completed</p> <p><b>Lewis &amp; Clark Reservoir</b> - Knox Co., Jetty construction completed</p> <p><b>Pibel Lake</b> - Wheeler Co., Construction/excavation completed</p> <p><b>Summit Lake</b> - Burt Co., Construction/excavation in progress</p> <p><b>Willow Creek Reservoir</b> - Pierce Co., Jetty construction completed</p> <p><b>Grove Lake</b> - Antelope Co., Engineering in progress/dredging in progress</p> <p><b>Goose Lake</b> - Holt Co., Engineering in progress</p> <p><b>Lake Ogallala</b> - Keith Co., Aeration, water quality studies in progress</p> <p><b>Enders Reservoir</b> - Chase Co., Discussions to conserve water in progress</p> <p><b>Lake Maloney Holding Pond</b> - Lincoln Co., Construction/excavation completed</p> <p><b>Rock Creek Lake</b> - Dundy Co., Engineering/construction in progress</p> | <p><b>Cottonmill Lake</b> - City of Kearney, Construction/excavation completed</p> <p><b>Harlan County Reservoir</b> - Harlan Co., Project proposal/engineering in progress</p> <p><b>Sherman Reservoir</b> - Sherman Co., Project proposal in progress</p> <p><b>Hitchcock Park Pond</b> - Douglas Co., Construction/excavation completed</p> <p><b>Benson Park Pond</b> - Douglas Co., Construction/excavation completed</p> <p><b>Bowling Lake</b> - Lancaster Co., Project scheduled no sooner than 2003</p> <p><b>Branched Oak Reservoir</b> - Lancaster Co., off shore breakwater construction completed</p> <p><b>Branched Oak Reservoir</b> - Lancaster Co., Rehab scheduled no sooner than 2007</p> <p><b>Holmes Lake</b> - Lancaster Co., Engineering in progress</p> <p><b>Glenn Cunningham Reservoir</b> - Douglas Co., Engineering in progress</p> <p><b>Memphis Lake</b> - Saunders Co., Construction in progress</p> <p><b>Olive Creek Reservoir</b> - Lancaster Co., Construction/excavation completed</p> <p><b>Wagon Train Reservoir</b> - Lancaster Co., Construction/excavation completed</p> <p><b>Towl Park Pond</b> - Douglas Co., Construction/excavation in progress</p> <p><b>Walnut Grove Park Pond</b> - Douglas Co., Project scheduled no sooner than 2004</p> <p><b>Verdon Lake</b> - Richardson Co., Construction/excavation completed</p> <p><b>Yankee Hill Reservoir</b> - Lancaster Co., Engineering in progress</p> |
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# NEBRASKA'S PUBLIC FISHING LANDS



## 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. This area also contains several reservoirs and sandhill lakes that provide excellent walleye, tiger muskie, northern pike and panfish fishing.

### DISTRICT I - PANHANDLE

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## Lakes

### Box Butte County

- 1 Klipatrick Lake - 160 acres, 22W, 1S of Alliance; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch; privately owned, but managed by NGPC, permission required.

### Dawes County

- 2 Box Butte Reservoir SRA - 1,600 acres, 10N of Hemingford; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, pike, walleye, rock bass, yellow perch; subject to severe summer drawdown; primitive camping, all boats allowed.

- 3 Chadron City Reservoirs - 22 acres, 5 1/2 S of Chadron; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, rainbow trout; no boats allowed, public access.
- 4 Chadron State Park Pond - 2 acres, 9S of Chadron; Rainbow trout; boats not allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.
- 5 Grabel ponds - 4 ponds (2 - 1 acre ponds, 2 - 2 acre ponds) Ft. Robinson SP; Rainbow trout, largemouth bass.
- 6 Ice House Ponds - 2 ponds, Ft. Robinson SP; Bluegill, largemouth bass.

### Deuel County

- 7 Whitney Lake - 900 acres, 1 1/2 W of Whitney; Channel catfish, crappie, walleye, yellow perch, white bass; private irrigation reservoir; access limited.
- 8 Chappell Interstate Lake - 30 acres, 1/2 S of Chappell; Black crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, walleye, largemouth bass, yellow perch.
- 9 Goldeneye WMA - 17 acres, 3W of Big Springs; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch.

## Garden County

- 10 Island Lake** - 71.1 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh; Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch, walleye; no bait fish allowed, dead smelt allowed, no camping, electric motors only.

- 11 Smith Lake** - 225 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh; Bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch; no bait fish allowed, dead smelt allowed, no camping, open to fishing Nov. 1 - Feb. 15. No boats allowed.

## Kimball County

- 12 Oliver Reservoir SRA** - 270 acres, 10W of Kimball; Bluegill, channel catfish, carp, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch; all boats, primitive camping, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

## Morrill County

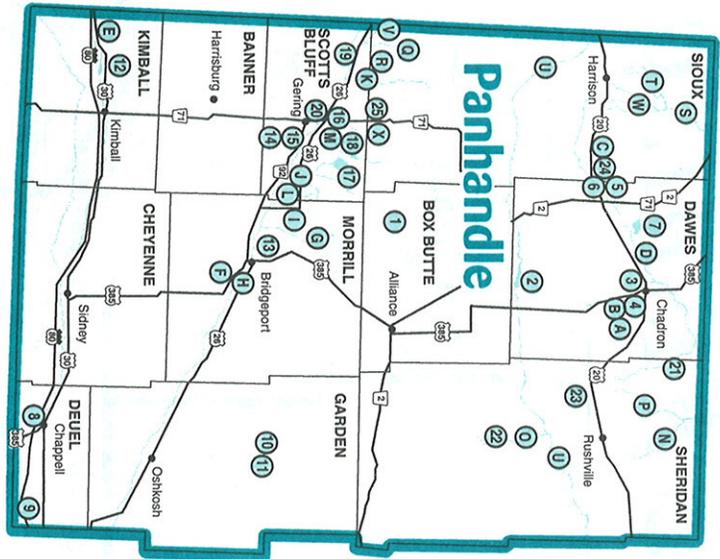
- 13 Bridgeport SRA** - 78 acres in 5 lakes, NW edge of Bridgeport; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike, rainbow trout, walleye; primitive camping, all boats allowed on middle pit.

## Scotts Bluff County

- 14 Buffalo Creek Pond WMA** - 7 acres, 5S, 1ftW of Melbeta; Largemouth bass, rainbow trout; access via 1-mile foot trail.
- 15 Cochran Lake** - 45 acres, 2SW of Melbeta; Carp, channel catfish.
- 16 J. C. Pond (Zoo Pond)** - 5 acres, City of Scottsbluff; Rainbow trout; open to public.

- 17 Lake Minatare SRA** - 2,300 acres, 12NE of Scottsbluff; Channel catfish, crappie, smallmouth bass, white bass, walleye, wipers, yellow perch; camping, all boats allowed, closed Oct. 1-Jan. 14.

- 18 Lake Winters Creek** - 235 acres, N of Minatare; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch; electric motors only, closed Oct. 1-Jan. 14.



## Sioux County

- 24 Carter P. Johnson Lake** - 15 acres, Ft. Robinson SP; Rainbow trout; electric fishing motor only.

- 25 University Lake** - 30 acres, 7NW of Scottsbluff; Largemouth bass, yellow perch.

## Rivers and Streams

- A Bourdeaux Creek** - Dawes Co., SE of Chadron; Brook & brown trout; Private access, permission required. Public access on Big Bourdeaux Creek WMA which is total catch and release for all trout species.
- B Chadron Creek** - Dawes Co., S of Chadron; Brook & brown trout; Private access, permission required; public access at Chadron SP.
- C Soldier Creek** - Dawes & Sioux Cos., 3W of Crawford; Brook, brown & rainbow trout; Public access at Fort Robinson State Park and Fort Robinson Wood Reserve.
- D White River** - Dawes/Sioux Cos., W of Fort Robinson; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required; public access at Ft. Robinson SP.
- E Lodgepole Creek** - Kimball Co., Kimball to Wyoming border; Brown trout; Private access, permission required.
- F Greenwood Creek** - Morrill Co., SE of Bridgeport; Brown trout; Private access, permission required.
- G Red Willow Creek** - Morrill Co., E of Bayard; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.
- H Silvernail Drain** - Morrill Co., E of Northport; Brown trout; Private access, permission required.
- I Wildhorse Creek** - Morrill Co., N of Bayard; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.
- J Nine Mile Creek** - Scotts Bluff Co., E of Minatare; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required, public access at Nine Mile Creek WMA.
- K Spotted Tail Creek** - Scotts Bluff/Sioux Cos., NW of Mitchell; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.
- L Stuckenhole Creek** - Scotts Bluff Co., W of Bayard; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.

- M Winters Creek** - Scotts Bluff Co., NE of Scottsbluff; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.
- N Larabee Creek** - Sheridan Co., N of Rushville; Brook & brown trout; Private property, permission required.
- O Pine Creek** - Sheridan Co., 20S of Rushville; Brown trout; Private access, permission required.

- P White Clay Creek** - Sheridan Co., NW of Rushville; Brown trout; Private access, permission required.
- Q Dry Sheep Creek** - Sioux Co., NW of Morrill; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.

- R Dry Spotted Tail Creek** - Sioux Co., NW of Mitchell; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.
- S Hat Creek** - Sioux Co., NE of Harrison; Brook trout; Private access, permission required.

- T Monroe Creek** - Sioux Co., 4 1/2 N of Harrison; Brook trout; Public access on Gilbert-Baker WMA; also private access, permission required.
- U Niobrara River** - Sioux and Dawes Cos., N part of Panhandle District; Brown & rainbow trout; Extremely low water in summer, private, permission required.
- V Sheep Creek** - Sioux Co., NW of Morrill; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.

- W Sowbelly Creek** - Sioux Co., NE of Harrison; Brook trout; Private access, permission required.
- X Tub Springs** - Sioux Co., NE of Mitchell; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.

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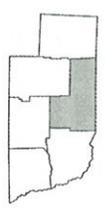


# NORTH-CENTRAL

The Sandhills region contains most of the natural lakes that occur in the state. These shallow, but very productive lakes provide excellent fishing for northern pike, yellow perch and bluegill.

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## Lakes

### Boyd County

- 1 Hull Lake WMA** - 5½ acres, ½W, 2S, 1W  
 1½S of Butte; Bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish; primitive camping, no drinking water.

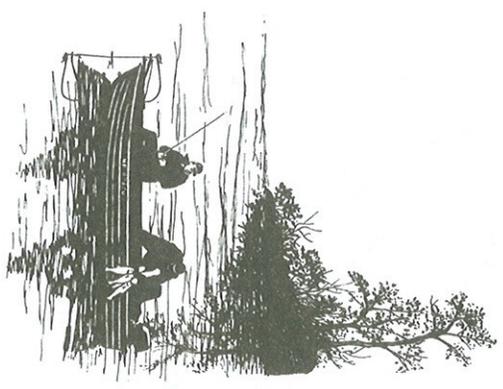
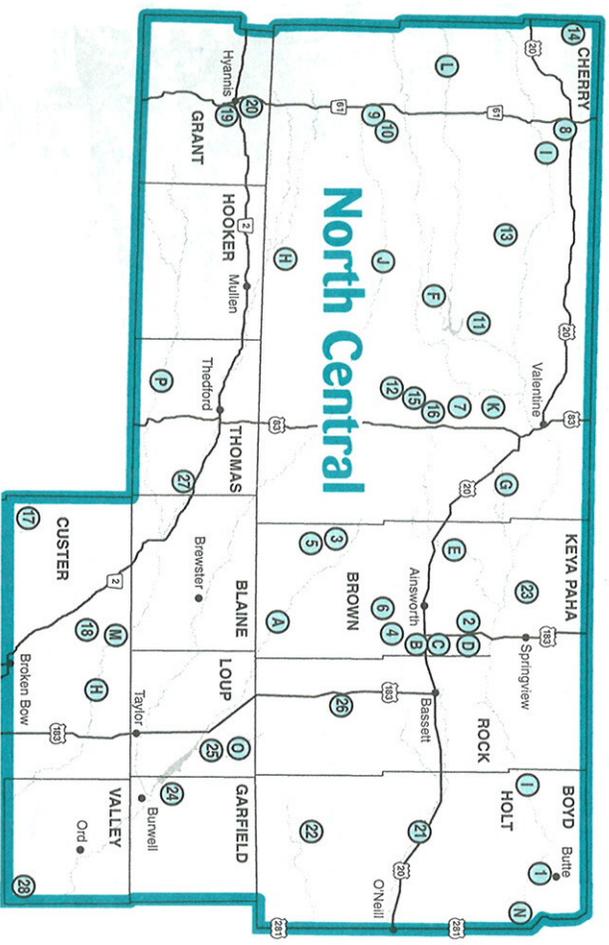
### Brown County

- 2 Keller Park SRA** - 5 ponds, 11S of Springview; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout; pond No. 4 & 5 have catchable trout, camping.
- 3 Long Lake SRA** - 155 acres, 8½W, 21S of Ainsworth; Bullheads, pike, yellow perch; no-wake boating.

### Cherry County

- 4 Cozad lake on South Pine WMA** - 80 acres, 11½S of Long Pine; Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch; no-wake boating.
- 5 Willow Lake WMA** - 313 acres, 18½S, 12½W, 1N of Ainsworth; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch; primitive camping, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, no wake boating. Snowmobile and ATV's allowed on ice.
- 6 Tower Lake on Yellowthroat WMA** - 75 acres, 13S, 1½E of Ainsworth on trail; Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie; Fish and Wildlife Service Valentine Refuge regulations apply.
- 7 Big Alkali WMA** - 842 acres, 16S, 4W, 1½S of Valentine; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch; all boats allowed, ramp, camping, fishing camp. Snowmobile and ATV's allowed on ice.
- 8 Cottonwood Lake SRA** - 34 acres, ½E, ½S of Merriman; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch; primitive camping, vegetation hampers summer fishing, all boats allowed.

### Boyd County



- 9 Cottonwood - Steverson Lake / WMA** - 680 acres, 30N, 2E of Hyannis; Bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass, muskie, walleye, yellow perch, carp; no wake boating. Snowmobile and ATV's allowed on ice.
- 10 Home Valley Lake part of Cottonwood - Steverson WMA** - 30N, 2½E, 1N of Hyannis; Bluegill, black crappie, yellow perch largemouth bass. No boat motors, portage route from Cottonwood - Steverson Lake.
- 11 Merritt Reservoir SRA** - 2,900 acres, 26SW of Valentine; Bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, muskie, pike, walleye, white bass, yellow perch, carp; camping available, all boats allowed. The daily bag limit of four walleye may include one walleye 15-18 inches and three over 18 inches or four over 18 inches but only one walleye over 25 inches is allowed.
- 12 Rat and Beaver WMA** - 450 acres in 2 lakes, 30S, 7W of Valentine; Bullhead, carp, pike, yellow perch; permission required for access.
- 13 Schoolhouse Lake** - 105 acres, 24S of Nenzel; Black crappie, bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass; private access, permission required.
- 14 Shell Lake WMA** - 160 acres, 3N, 4E, 8N of Gordon; Bluegill, channel catfish, pike, largemouth bass, yellow perch; no wake boating.
- 15 Valentine Refuge** - 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to H.Q.; Minnows prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping, electric motors only. Vegetation hampers summer fishing. Possession of largemouth bass and muskellunge are prohibited on Watts Lake. Size limits on some species; check current US Fish and Wildlife Service regulations.
- 16 Willow Lake WMA** - 354 acres, 23½S, 3W of Valentine; Carp, pike, yellow perch.
- 17 Arnold Lake SRA** - 4 acres, ½S of Arnold; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.
- 18 Victoria Springs Lake SRA** - 5½ acres, 6E of Anselmo; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout; cabins and camping.
- 19 Defair Lake WMA** - 70 acres, 1E, 2S, ½E of Hyannis; Largemouth bass, yellow perch.
- 20 Fyre Lake WMA** - 243 acres, 1N, 1½E of Hyannis; Bluegill, carp, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, yellow perch, crappie, walleye; no-wake boating.
- 21 Atkinson SRA** - 5 acres, ½W of Atkinson; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike; primitive camping electrical hookups, Elkhorn River access.
- 22 Swan Lake** - 235 acres, 26S, ½W of Atkinson; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch; no-wake boating; leased for fishing only.

### Grant County

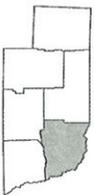
### Holt County

# NORTHEAST

*Anglers in the northeast find exciting fishing action at popular Lewis & Clark Lake, as well as many small farm ponds, coves and trout streams and the mighty Missouri River.*

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## Lakes

### Antelope County

- 1 **Grove Lake WMA** - 50 acres, 2N of Royal; Bluegill, bullhead, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike, winter rainbow trout; primitive camping, no wake boating.
- 2 **Penn Park Lake** - 8 acres, Neligh city lake, SW edge; Bluegill, channel catfish, carp, largemouth bass.

### Burt County

- 3 **Summit Lake SRA** - 190 acres, 4½W, ½S of Tekamah; Rehabilitation 2001-2002, no fishing available.

### Cedar County

- 9 **Buckskin Hills Lake** - 75 acres, 2W, 3S, ½W of Newcastler; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye; primitive camping, no wake boating, NRD.

### Dixon County

- 8 **Crystal Cove Lake** - 30 acres, NE of Hwy. 20 & 77 intersection in S. Sioux City; Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, pike, rainbow trout in winter; no power boats allowed, South Sioux City. Daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination and 3 channel catfish.

### Colfax County

- 7 **Schuyler City Lake** - 18 acres, in city park; Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie.

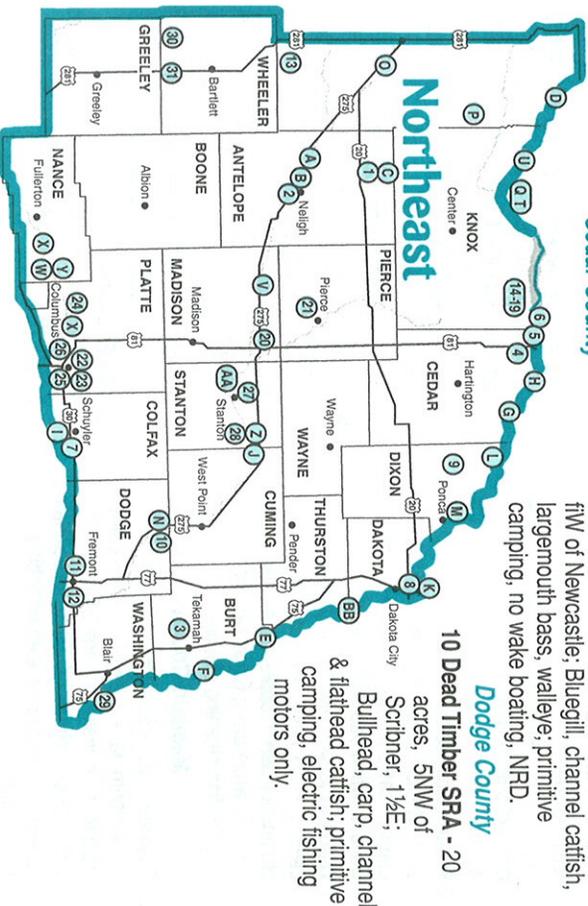
### Dakota County

- 6 **Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters** - 1S, 4W of Yankton, SD; Buffalo, carp, smallmouth bass, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, eel, paddlefish, sauger, walleye, white bass; All boats allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing piers.

- Keya Paha County**
- 23 **Cub Creek Lake** - 27 acres, 8½W of Springfield; Bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye, yellow perch; electric fishing motors only; primitive camping, NRD lake.
- Loup County**
- 24 **Calamus Reservoir SRA** - 5,200 acres, 2W 5NW of Burwell; Channel catfish, carp, crappie, white bass, pike, walleye, wiper, yellow perch; modern/primitive camping, no wake boating on upper lake, 18-inch minimum on walleye with only 1 fish allowed over 25 inches.
- 25 **Gracie Creek Pond** - 2 acre pond, N side of Calamus Reservoir 12N, 4E of Taylor; Rainbow trout; put-and-take trout stocking, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.
- Rock County**
- 26 **Twin Lakes WMA** - 160 acres, 16S, 2½E, 2S of Bassett; Crappie, largemouth bass, bluegill, pike, yellow perch; no-wake boating, no boat ramp.
- Thomas County**
- 27 **Bessey Fish Pond** - 3 acres, 1W, ¼S, of Halsey; Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish; no motorized boating, fish-cleaning station.
- Valley County**
- 28 **Davis Creek Reservoir** - 1,145 acres, 5S, 1E of North Loup; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch; water level fluctuates dramatically due to irrigation.
- Plum Creek** - Brown Co., Brown and rainbow trout; Public access at Bobcat WMA (10N, 1W, 1½N of Ainsworth) and Plum Valley WMA (1½W of Johnston on US 20, 1½S on county road). One acre pond on Plum Valley WMA stocked with rainbow trout; rest of stream privately owned, permission required.
- F Boardman Creek** - Cherry Co., 35SW of Muller; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.
- G Fairfield Creek** - Cherry/Brown Cos., 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.
- H Middle Loup River** - Cherry, Hooker, Thomas, Blaine & Custer counties; Upper river - rainbow trout, Lower - carp channel catfish; Public access at Milburn & Arcadia diversions; rest private access, permission required.
- I Niobrara River** - Cherry, Brown, Keya Paha & Boyd Co.; Channel catfish, sauger; Private access, permission required.
- J North Loup River** - Cherry, Blaine & Loup counties; Upper river - brown & rainbow trout, Lower - carp, channel catfish; Private access, permission required.
- K Schlagel Creek WMA** - Cherry Co., 16S, 4W, 4N of Valentine; Brown trout; Private access, permission required except on Schlagel Creek WMA.
- L Snake River (Upper Reach)** - Cherry Co., near Gordon; Brown & rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.
- M Milburn Diversion** - Custer Co., Milburn; Carp, channel catfish; Middle Loup River access.
- N Spencer Dam WMA** - Holt Co., 18N of O'Neill; Channel catfish, sauger; Primitive camping, Niobrara River access.
- O Gracie Creek** - Loup Co., NW portion of Calamus Reservoir; Rainbow trout; Two miles of stream above Gracie Creek pond.
- P Dismal River** - Thomas, Blaine & So. Hooker Cos.; Brown & rainbow trout, channel catfish; Private access, permission required.

## Rivers and Streams

- A Calamus River** - Brown Co. and Loup Co.; Carp, channel catfish, pike; Private access, permission required, canoe sites and camping.
- B Long Pine SRA** - Brown Co., W of Long Pine; Brown & rainbow trout; Long Pine Creek access.
- C Long Pine WMA** - Brown Co., W and N of Long Pine; Brown & rainbow trout; Public access to Long Pine Creek, remainder of stream is private access, permission required.
- D Pine Glen WMA** - Brown Co., 2E, 8 ¼N of Long Pine; Brown & rainbow trout; Long Pine Creek access.



**11 Fremont Lakes SRA** - 280 acres in 20 lakes, Dodge Co., 3W of Fremont; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, muskie; camping available, gas-powered boating on Victory Lake and Lake 20 only, all others electric fishing motors only. All lakes have a daily bag limit of 10 panfish in combination and 3 channel catfish.

**12 Johnson Park Lake** - 3 acres, 1E of Fremont; Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish; former Hwy 275 bypass, lake #2.

### Holt County

**13 Goose Lake WMA** - 200 acres, 4½ E 6S 4E of Chambers; Largemouth bass, bluegill, pike, yellow perch, carp.

### Knox County

**14 Bloomfield Area** - 8W, 7N of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake; River mile 819.5; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass; Concrete ramp.

**15 Hideaway Acres Marina** - 7N, ½W of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake, River mile 812.5; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass; Concrete ramp.

**16 Lewis & Clark Lake SRA** - 30,000 acres, 15N of Crofton; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass; modern and primitive camping on state and federal areas, all boats allowed.

**17 Miller Creek Area** - 10W, 6N of Crofton on Lewis & Clark Lake; River mile 821.0; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass; Concrete ramp.

**18 South Shore Area** - 8N of Crofton, on Lewis & Clark Lake; River mile 811.5; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass; Concrete ramp.

**19 Weigand Area** - 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.

### Madison County

**20 Skyview Lake** - 50 acres, Norfolk; Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, carp; 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, wheelchair accessible fishing pier, electric fishing motors only.

### Pierce County

**21 Willow Creek SRA** - 700 acres, 2SW of Pierce; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike, walleye, wipers; camping, no-wake boating on west half of lake, 3 wheelchair accessible fishing piers daily bag limit of 3 wipers, with no more than 1 over 18 inches.

### Platte County

**22 Lake Babcock** - 600 acres, 1W, 3N of Columbus; Bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish; no power boats, Loup Public Power.

**23 Lake North** - 200 acres, 3N of Columbus; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye; camping, Loup Public Power.

**24 Looking Glass WMA** - 2 lakes, 3-4 acres each, Platte Co., 1S of Monroe; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; **25 Pawnee Park East** - 2 acres, south edge of Columbus; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; special urban fishing regulations apply

**26 Pawnee Park West** - 2 acres, south edge of Columbus; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; special urban fishing regulations apply

### Stanton County

**27 Maskenthine Reservoir** - 98 acres, 2NW of Stanton; Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye; primitive camping, no wake boating. Wheelchair accessible fishing pier, Lower Elkhorn NRD.

**28 Red Fox Lake WMA** - 25 acres, 1½S of Pilger on Hwy. 15; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no-wake boating; primitive ramp.

### Washington County

**29 DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge** - 760 acres, 6E of Blair on Hwy. 30; Bluegill, buffalo, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye; no-wake boating speed limit for boats, open from early Jan. through late Feb. for ice fishing, mid-April through late Sept. for open-water fishing.

### Wheeler County

**30 Lake Ericson** - 70 acres, ½S of Ericson; Bass, bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, pike; no-wake boating; lake dredged 2000-2001

**31 Pipeal Lake SRA** - 25 acres, 9S, 1E of Bartlett; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, pike; primitive camping, electric fishing motors only. No baitfish allowed.

## Rivers and Streams

### A Hackberry Creek WMA, Elkhorn River -

Antelope Co., 1½E, ½N of Clearwater; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

**B Red Wing WMA** - Antelope Co., 5SW of Neligh; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

**C Verdigre Creek WMA** - Antelope Co., East Branch, NE of Royal above Grove Lake; Brown & rainbow trout; Public access available as posted.

**D Sunshine Bottoms Ramp (Boyd County)** - Boyd Co., 3E, 4N of Lynch; Carp, drum, channel catfish, goldeye, sauger, smallmouth bass, walleye; Public access to Missouri River.

**E Hightree Marina** - Burt Co., ½N of Hwy. 51 bridge, east side of Decatur, River mile 691.4; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum; Missouri River access, private access, fee, concrete ramp.

**F Pelican Point SRA** - Burt Co., 5E, 4N of Tekamah, River mile 672.8; Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, sauger, walleye; Missouri River access, public access ramp, primitive camping.

**G Cedar County Access** - Cedar Co., 4NE of Wynot; River mile 784.9; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye; Cedar County, Missouri River access, public access allowed, concrete ramp.

**H St. Helena Access** - Cedar Co., 6½E, 1N of Hwy. 81 & 121 Jct.; Channel & flathead catfish, paddlefish, sauger, walleye; Missouri River access, Cedar County public access allowed, gravel ramp.

**I Whitehall WMA** - Colfax Co., ½W of Schuyler on US 30, 3S on county road; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger; Platte River access.

### J Black Island WMA, Elkhorn River -

Cuming Co., 2½E of Pilger on county road; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

**K Scenic Park Access** - Dakota Co., ½E of Hwy. 77 bridge near S. Sioux City, River mile 732.0; Carp, drum, channel & flathead catfish, paddlefish; City of S. Sioux City, Missouri River access, public access allowed, concrete ramp.

**L Mulberry Bend WMA** - Dixon Co., 1E of Maskell on Hwy. 12 and 2½N; Carp, channel catfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass, paddlefish, pike; Missouri River access.

**M State Park** - Dixon Co., 2½N of Ponca, River mile 753.5; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye; Missouri River access, public access, concrete ramp.

**N Powder Horn WMA** - Dodge Co., 4NW of Scribner on Hwy. 275; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

**O Dry Creek WMA** - Holt Co., 1½SE of O'Neill; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

**P Steel Creek** - Holt County (northeast); Brown trout; Private access, permission required.

**Q Bazile Creek WMA** - Knox Co., 4E, 1½N 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.

**R Ferry Landing SRA** - Knox Co., 2½E, 1½N of Niobrara, NE River mile 841.0; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sauger, walleye; Boat ramp, access to Missouri River.

**S Niobrara SP** - Knox Co., 1W of Niobrara; Large & smallmouth bass, sauger, walleye, northern pike; Access to Niobrara and Missouri River.

**T 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.

**U Verdel Landing** - Knox Co., 2E, 2N of Verdel; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth & smallmouth bass, pike; Missouri River access.

# SOUTHWEST

**V Yellowbanks WMA** - Madison Co., 3N of Battle Creek; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

**W George Syas WMA** - Nance Co., 2S, 1½E of Genoa; Carp, channel catfish; Loup River access.

**X Loup Canal** - Nance & Platte counties, Genoa to Columbus; Carp, drum, channel & flathead catfish; Tailrace at Columbus, stiling basin W of Genoa, and tailwaters below Monroe and Columbus powerhouses most productive. Loup River diversion canal.

**Y Prairie Wolf WMA** - Nance Co., 1S of Genoa; Carp, channel catfish; Loup River access.

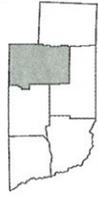
**Z Red Fox WMA** - Stanton Co., 1S of Pilger on Hwy. 15; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

**AA Wood Duck WMA** - Stanton Co., 3SW of Stanton; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Elkhorn River access.

**BB Missouri River (Federal access areas)** - Nebraska shoreline, River miles 691.3-691.9, 693.0-693.4, 694.5-695.3, 695.2-697.4, 697.7-699.6, 701.1-701.5; Buffalo, carp, drum, channel & flathead catfish, paddlefish, sauger, walleye; Public access points to Missouri River; camping available; area boundaries posted.

*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, yellow perch and bass. Most areas have both modern and primitive camping facilities available.*

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## Lakes

### Chase County

- 1 Enders Reservoir SRA** - 1200 acres, 5E, 4½S of Imperial; Channel catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike; primitive camping, all boats allowed, severe summer drawdown. 30-inch minimum length on northern pike.

### Dundy County

- 2 Rock Creek Lake SRA** - 50 acres, 4N, 1W of Parks; scheduled to be drained in 2002

### Frontier County

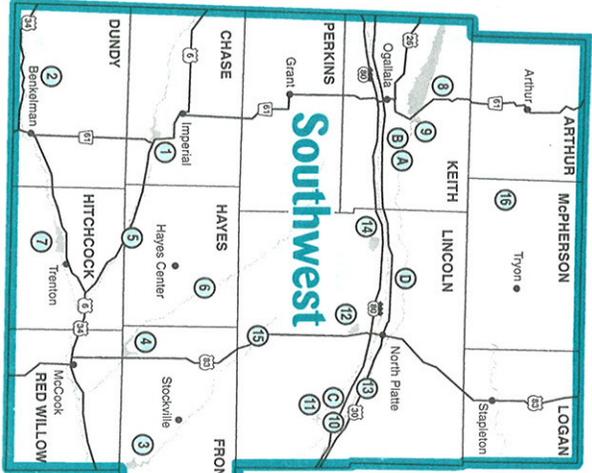
- 3 Medicine Creek SRA (Harry Strunk Lake)** - 1,850 acres, 2W, 7N of Cambridge; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, walleye, white bass, wiper; primitive and modern camping, all boats allowed.

- 4 Red Willow SRA (Hugh Butler Lake)** - 1,630 acres, 11N of McCook; Channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike; modern camping, all boats allowed. 30-inch minimum length on northern pike.

### Hayes County

- 5 Frenchman WMA** - 20 acres (gravel pits), ¼N of Palsade; Channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike.

- 6 Hayes Center Lake WMA** - 50 acres, 12NE of Hayes Center; Bullhead, crappie, channel & flathead catfish, northern pike; electric fishing motors only.



### Hitchcock County

- 8 Lake McConaughy SRA** - 30,000 acres, 10N of Ogallala; Channel catfish, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, striped bass, white bass, walleye, wiper, northern pike; modern and primitive camping, all boats allowed, walleye bag limits allow only 1 fish over 25 inches. Combination bag limit on all trout is 4 with a possession limit of 8. Minimum length limits of 20 inches on brown trout. Otter Creek is closed to walleye harvest.

### Keith County

- 9 Lake Ogallala SRA** - 650 acres, 10N of Ogallala; Channel catfish, rainbow trout, walleye, brown trout, yellow perch; modern/primitive camping, all boats allowed, no anchors allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing pier. Combination bag limit on all trout is 4 with a possession limit of 8. Minimum length limits of 20 inches on brown trout.

### Lincoln County

- 10 Chester Island WMA** - 4.2 acres (4 sandpits), 2S, ¼W of Brady; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

- 11 Jeffrey Reservoir** - 900 acres, 5S, 3W of Brady; Channel catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper; all boats allowed.

- 12 Lake Maloney SRA** - 1,600 acres, 6S of North Platte; Channel & flathead catfish, carp, drum, walleye, white bass, wiper; primitive camping, all boats allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing pier on inlet.

- 13 Pawnee Slough WMA** - 30 acres, 2W of Maxwell; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass.

- 14 Sutherland Reservoir SRA** - 3,000 acres, 2S of Sutherland; Channel catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper, yellow perch, drum; ice fishermen use caution due to heated discharge from power plant; primitive camping, all boats allowed, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

- 15 Wellfleet Lake** - 50 acres, ½SW of Wellfleet; Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; primitive camping, electric fishing motors only.

### McPherson County

- 16 Diamond Bar** - 120 acre, 18W 3S Tryon; Largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch, bluegill, crappie; shallow Sandhill lake, privately owned, but managed by NGPC under an MOU.

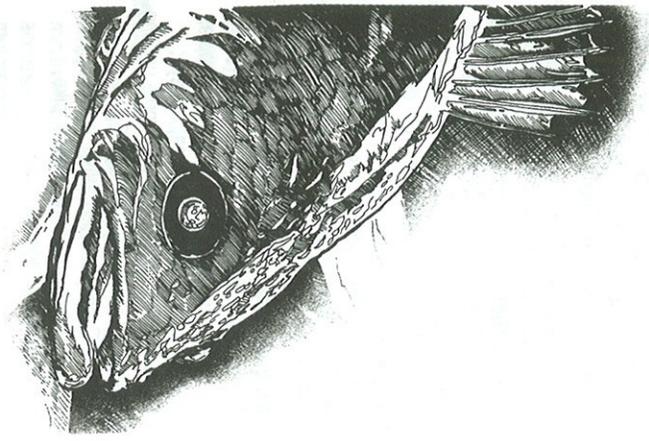
## Rivers and Streams

**A North Platte River** - Keith & Lincoln Co.s, Key/stone to Paxton; Rainbow trout; Private access, permission required

**B Sutherland Supply Canal** - Keith & Lincoln Co.s.; Brown & rainbow trout; Access via Central Public Power District road

**C CNPPID Canal (Tri County)** - Lincoln Co., North Platte to Lexington; Channel & flathead catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper; no-wake boating, 15-inch minimum on walleye

**D North River WMA** - Lincoln Co., 2 ½N of Hershey; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, pike; Encompasses 2 miles of North Platte River



# SOUTH-CENTRAL

A variety of opportunities await anglers in South-central Nebraska. Large reservoirs, like Harlan and Sherman, offer fishing for walleye, white bass and channel catfish. Most reservoirs have modern and primitive camping facilities and allow all boating. Smaller lakes provide angling opportunity for largemouth bass, bluegill and channel catfish. River fishing is available at public areas on the Loup, Platte and Republican rivers. Stream trout fishing is offered at Elm Creek near Red Cloud.

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## Lakes

### Adams County

1 **Crystal Lake SRA** - 10 acres, 2N, 1W of Avy; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; electric motors only.

2 **Lake Hastings** - 63 acres, N edge of Hastings; Bullhead, channel catfish, crappie; all boats allowed special boating regulations.

3 **32-Mile H, Prairie Lake** - 65 acres, 1½ E, 4½ S of Juniata; Channel catfish; Little Blue NRD, no wake boating, turbid.

4 **32-Mile D, Roseland Lake** - 66 acres, 4½ W, 1½ S of Juniata; Bullhead, carp, channel catfish; Little Blue NRD, no wake boating, turbid.

### Buffalo County

5 **Cottonmill Lake** - 1W, ½N of Kearney on Hwy. 30; Channel catfish, bluegill, crappie largemouth bass, northern pike. No wake boating, special urban fishing regulations

6 **Ravenna Lake SRA** - 17 acres, 1SE of Ravenna; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; primitive camping, electric fishing motors only; Rehabilitation 2001-2002. Restocking in 2002. No fishing opportunity.

### Custer County

7 **Ansley Lake** - 4 acres, W of Ansley; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no power boating special urban fishing regulations; rehabilitation project 2001-2002.

8 **Pressay WMA** - 2.5 acres, 3W Oconto; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

### Dawson County

9 **Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA** - 182 acres, 8S of Cozad; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass; primitive camping.

10 **Lake Helen** - 20 acres, N edge Gothenburg; Carp, channel catfish.

11 **Lexington City Lake** - 7 acres, N edge Lexington; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

12 **Midway Canyon Reservoir** - 609 acres, 6S, 2W of Cozad; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass; all power boats allowed.

13 **Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir** - 252 acres, 8S, 3½E Cozad; Channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass; all power boats allowed.

### Gosper County

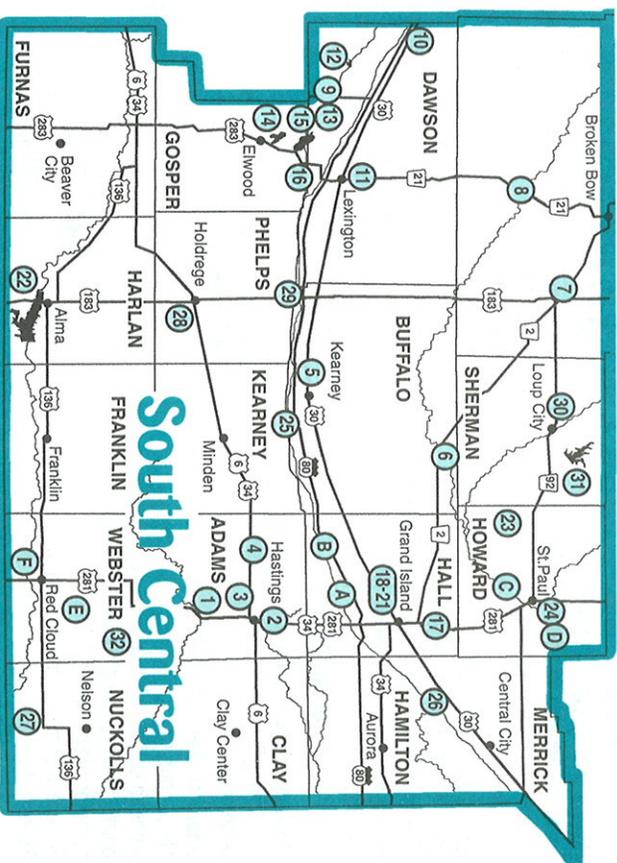
14 **Elwood Reservoir WMA** - 1,200 acres, 3N of Elwood; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, wiper, walleye, muskie, spotted bass, wiper; no-wake boating, 18 inch minimum on walleye, with a bag limit of only 1 fish over 25 inches, summer drawdown Daily bag limit of 3 on wipers with no more than 1 fish over 18 inches.

15 **Johnson Lake SRA** - 2,800 acres, 7S of Lexington; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, striped bass, wipers, walleye, white bass, drum; primitive and modern camping, all boats allowed, 2 wheelchair accessible fishing piers. 15-inch minimum length limit on walleye.

16 **Phillips Canyon Reservoir** - 142 acres, 8S, 1E Lexington; Channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass; all boats allowed

### Hall County

17 **Scout Lake** - 40 acres, 1N of Grand Island; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, carp; 10 panfish special bag limit; Special urban fishing regulations.



18 **L.E. Ray Lake** - 30½ acres, Grand Island city lake, N of Husker Hwy. & East Blaine; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; special city regulations.

19 **Pier Lake** - 8¾ acres, Grand Island city lake, Ashton Ave. & Bismarck Rd.; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; . Special urban fishing regulations.

20 **Suchs Lake** - 4½ acres, Grand Island city lake, Harrison St., S of Burlington Railroad; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

21 **Wastewater Pond** - 7½ acres, Grand Island city lake, Swift Rd., E of Sturh Rd.; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie.

### Harlan County

22 **Harlan Co. Reservoir/Corps of Engineers** - 13,500 acres, S of Alma and Republican City; Channel & flathead catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, white bass, wiper, drum; modern and primitive camping, all boats allowed, 18-inch min. on walleye, summer drawdown

### Howard County

23 **Farwell South Reservoir** - 40 acres, 4W, 3S of Farwell; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, walleye; electric motors only.

24 **North Loup SRA** - 7 acres, 3N of St. Paul; Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie; just north of the N. Loup River on Hwy. 281.

### Kearney County

25 **Ft. Kearny SRA** - ¾ E, 1N of Ft. Kearny SHP; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; 7 gravel pit lakes, camping, electric fishing motors only, wheelchair accessible fishing pier, Panfish bag limit of 10, channel catfish bag limit of 3.

### Merrick County

26 **Bader Memorial County Park** - 12 acres in 7 lakes, 1½ S of Chapman; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; primitive camping, no boats allowed, old sandpits.

### Nuckolls County

27 **Superior City Lake** - 1 acre, W edge of Superior; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.



**Phelps County**

- 28 Holdrege City Lake** - 10 acres, 1/2N of Holdrege; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, winter rainbow trout; no-wake boating.
- 29 Sandy Channel SRA** - 52 acres in 6 lakes, 2S of Elm Creek, I-80 Interchange; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; electric fishing motors only; No-wake boating on lake #8.

**Sherman County**

- 30 Bowman Lake** - 20 acres, 1/2 W of Loup City; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass.
- 31 Sherman Reservoir SRA** - 2,600 acres 4E, 1N of Loup City; Channel catfish, crappie, flathead catfish, pike, walleye, white bass, drum; primitive camping; all boats allowed, summer drawdowns, 18-inch min. on walleye with only 1 fish allowed over 25-inch, 10-inch crappie length limit.

**Webster County**

- 32 Liberty Cove** - 36 acres, 2S, 2 1/2 W of Lawrence; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, pike; Little Blue NRD, fishing pier with gravel access.

**Rivers and Streams**

- A Loch Linda WMA** - Hall Co., 10S, 3W of Grand Island; Carp, channel catfish; Access to Platte River.
- B Marinas Reach WMA** - Hall Co., 4S, 2W of Wood River; Carp, channel catfish; Access to Platte River.
- C Harold W. Anderson WMA** - Howard Co., 2N, 3E of Darnestown; Carp, channel catfish; Access to Middle Loup River.
- D Loup Junction WMA** - Howard Co., 2 1/2 N, 2E, 1/2 N of St. Paul; Carp, channel catfish; Loup River access.
- E Elm Creek WMA** - Webster Co., 4E, 2N of Red Cloud; Rainbow trout; 1/2 mile of stream on public land, rest on private land; permission required, trout stocked two times during year, March and September.
- F Indian Creek WMA** - Webster Co., 1S of Red Cloud; Carp, channel catfish, white bass; Access to Republican River.

**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. In spite of potential for heavy fishing pressure, anglers will find plenty of opportunities to catch catfish largemouth bass and bluegill in most waters.*



**Lakes**

**Butler County**

- 1 Oxbow Trails Lake** - 43 acres, 1 1/2 E of Ulysses; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; no-wake boating; Upper Big Blue NRD lake.
- 2 Redtail WMA** - 17 acres, 1E of Dwight; Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass; walk-in access only.
- 3 Timber Point** - 28 acres, 1S, 2E of Brainard; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; no wake boating; Lower Platte South NRD lake.

**Cass County**

- 4 Jenny Newman** - 4 1/2 acres, Platte River State Park; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, grass carp; total catch and release, family fishing area check special regulations. Catch and release for all species. All hooks on artificial lures need to be barbless or have barb crimped.
- 5 Louisville SRA** - 40 acres, in 5 lakes, 1/2NW of Louisville; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; primitive camping, electric trolling motors only, access point to Platte River. Lakes 1A and 3 renovated in 2000. Catch and release on bass, panfish bag limit of 10, channel catfish bag limit of 3.

- 6 Marina Lake** - 4 1/2 acres, Cass Co., Mahoney State Park; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Check special regulations.

- 7 US West Lake** - 10 acres, Mahoney State Park; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout (seasonal); catch & release only for bass & bluegill, check regulations for other species, trout stocked in fall and winter, barbless hooks only, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

**Douglas County**

- 8 Two Rivers SRA** - 32 acres, in 7 lakes, 3 1/2 E, 1S, 1W of Vutan; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass in lakes #1, 2, 3, 4, 6 & 7; rainbow trout in lake #5. Lake #3 is total catch and release. Primitive and modern camping, non-powered boats only, no boats on lake #5. access point to Platte River, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

- 9 Carter Lake** - 300 acres, Abbott Drive & Carter Blvd. in Omaha; Bluegill, buffalo, bullhead, carp, catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, largemouth bass; all boats allowed, city of Omaha lake, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

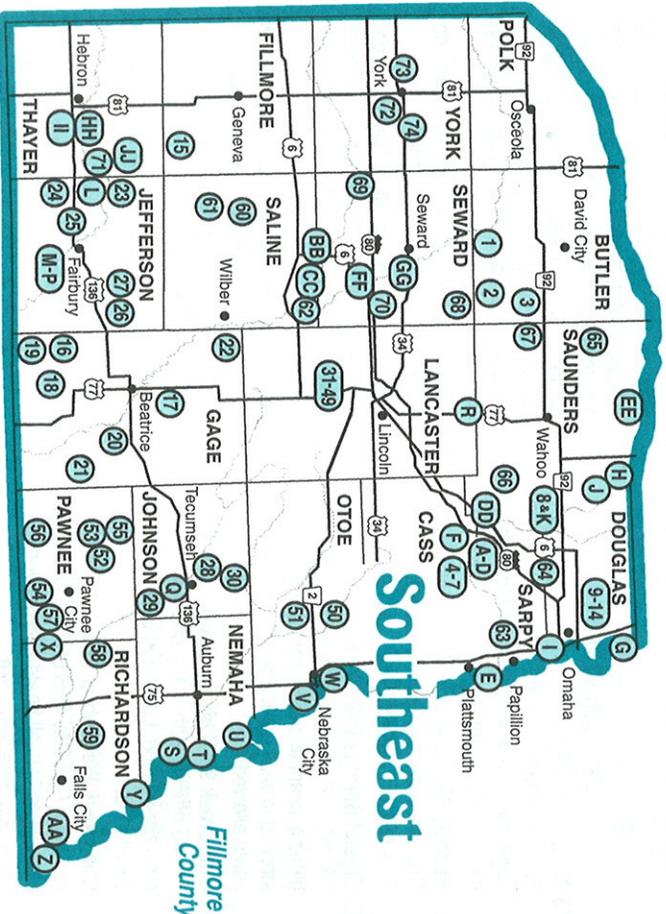
- 10 Prairie View lake** - 42 acres, 2W Bennington; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; Papio/Missouri NRD lake.

- 11 Glenn Cunningham Lake** - 377 acres, 96th & State in Omaha; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow & white bass; no-wake power boating, camping, city of Omaha lake, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

- 12 Papio D-4** - 30 1/2 acres, 1/4 N of NE 36 & 98th St., northwest Omaha; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; Papio/Missouri NRD lake. Foot access.

- 13 Standing Bear Lake** - 135 acres, 132nd & Military in Omaha; Bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, drum, rainbow trout (seasonal), saugeye, walleye; electric fishing motors only, city of Omaha lake, trout stocked in fall and winter, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

- 14 Zorinsky Lake** - 255 acres, 156th & F Sts. in Omaha; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; city of Omaha lake, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, 8-inch minimum on bluegill, 10-inch minimum on crappie except during the month of April. Combination bag limit of 10 panfish, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.



**15 Brunning Lake** - 258 acres, 2½E, 1N of Brunning; Bullhead, carp, channel catfish; Little Blue NRD lake, very turbid.

#### Gage County

**16 Arrowhead WMA** - 77 acres, 3E, ½S of Diller; Bullhead, carp, channel catfish; no-wake power boating, very turbid & shallow.

**17 Bear Pierce Cedar 2A** - 24 acres, 4N of Hwy. 77 & Hwy. 136 Junction, 2E, ½S; Channel catfish; turbid & shallow, Lower Big Blue NRD lake.

**18 Big Indian 11A** - 76 acres, 3S, 3W of Wymore; Bullhead, channel catfish; primitive camping, all power boating allowed, Lower Big Blue NRD lake.

**19 Donald Whitney WMA** - 43 acres, 3½W of Odell; Bullhead, channel catfish; in 2 lakes, electric trolling motors only, turbid.

**20 Rockford Lake SRA** - 150 acres, 7E, 2S of Beatrice; Bluegill, bullhead, crappie, carp, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass; all power boating allowed, primitive camping.

**21 Wolf Witcat #12** - 42 acres, 7S of Virginia; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; Lower Big Blue NRD lake, limited access.

**22 Clatonia 3A** - 46 acres, Gage Co., 1N of Clatonia; Channel catfish, bullhead; no-wake boating; Lower Big Blue NRD lake, turbid.

#### Jefferson County

**23 Alexandria SRA** - 43 acres in two lakes, 3E 1S of Alexandria; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; electric trolling motors only, primitive camping.

**24 Buckley 3F** - 22 acres, 7W, 4½S of Fairbury; Channel catfish; no-wake boating; Blue NRD lake, turbid.

**25 Crystal Springs Lakes** - 18 acres in 3 lakes, 1S, 1W of Fairbury; Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout stocked in winter in the middle lake; no boats allowed.

**26 Cub Creek 9B (Leisure Lake)** - 25 acres, 1E, 4S of Plymouth; Carp, channel catfish; no-wake boating; Lower Big Blue NRD lake, very turbid.

**27 Cub Creek Watershed 12A** - 27 acres, Jefferson Co., 3W, 4½S of Plymouth; Carp, channel catfish; all boats allowed, turbid, Lower Big Blue NRD lake.

#### Johnson County

**28 Osage WMA** - 4 one-acre ponds, 3N, 2W, ¾N of Tecumseh; Bluegill, largemouth bass;

**29 Twin Oaks WMA** - 3 acres in 2 ponds, 2E, 4S of Tecumseh; Bluegill, largemouth bass.

**30 Wirth Brothers Lake** - 37 acres, 1W, 3S, 1W of Cook; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; South Branch Site 27 Nemaha NRD, ADA accessible boat ramp and parking, no wake boating. Renovated in 2000 and restocked in 2001

#### Lancaster County

**31 Bluestem Lake SRA** - 326 acres, 2½W of Sprague; Bluegill, crappie, flathead & channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, carp; primitive camping, all boats allowed, turbid.

**32 Bowling Lake** - 12 acres, 3rd & Baker, NW Airport, Lincoln; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; non-powered boats only, city of Lincoln lake, shallow, turbid; wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

**33 Branched Oak Lake SRA** - 1,800 acres, ½E, 4N of Malcolm; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, white perch, wiper; no wake boating 400 ft. from dam & 100 ft. from all shores, wheelchair accessible fishing pier, daily bag limit 1 on walleye over 22 inches, 10 inch minimum on crappie, catch and release on wipers and flathead catfish.

**34 Conestoga Lake SRA** - 230 acres, 1½N of Denton; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, saugeye, walleye, wiper; primitive camping, all power boats allowed, daily bag limit 3 on wipers with no more than 1 fish over 18 inches.

**35 Cottontail** - 29 acres, 1N of Martell; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass; power no-wake boating; Lower Platte South NRD lake.

**36 Hedgefield Lake WMA** - 44 acres, 2W, ½N of Panama; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie; electric fishing motors only

**37 Holmes Lake** - 100 acres, 70th & Normal Blvd. in Lincoln; Bluegill, crappie, carp,

channel, and flathead catfish, largemouth bass, white perch, wipers; non-powered boats only, city of Lincoln lake, wheelchair accessible fishing pier. Scheduled to be drawn down late summer 2002

**38 Kiildeer Lake WMA** - 20 acres, 2½N of Martell; Bluegill, bullheads, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; electric trolling motors only.

**39 Merganser** - 41 acres, ½N, 1E, ½N of Kramer; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass; no-wake boating, Lower Platte South NRD lake.

**40 Oak Lake** - 47-acres in 3 lakes, I-180 & Sun Valley Blvd., NW Lincoln; Bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish; city of Lincoln lake, shallow, subject to die offs.

**41 Olive Creek Lake SRA** - 175 acres, Lancaster Co., 2E, 1S of Kramer; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; primitive camping, no-wake boating, 8-inch minimum length limit on bluegill, no live baitfish allowed, 21-inch minimum length limit on largemouth bass. Renovation and rehabilitation in 2000; wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

**42 Pawnee Lake SRA** - 740 acres, 2N, 1½W of Emerald; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, drum, largemouth & white bass, sauger, walleye; modern camping, primitive camping, all boats allowed, 10 daily bag limit on crappie, 15-inch minimum on sauger & walleye.

**43 Stagecoach Lake SRA** - 195 acres, 1½S, ½W of Hickman; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, wiper; primitive camping, no wake boating, 8-inch minimum on bluegill, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

**44 Tanglewood** - 33 acres, ½N, 1W, ½S of Kramer; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, bullhead; no wake boating, Lower Platte South NRD lake. Seepage problem.

**45 Teal Lake WMA** - 29 acres, 4½E, 4N of Wilber; Bluegill, bullhead, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass; electric motors only, subject to frequent fish kills due to low levels. Seepage problem.

**46 Wagon Train Lake SRA** - 315 acres, 2E of Hickman; Bluegill, redear sunfish, crappie,

channel catfish, largemouth bass; 8-inch minimum length limit on bluegill, redear sunfish and their hybrids, no live baitfish allowed, 21-inch minimum length limit on largemouth bass. No-wake boating, fish renovation in 2001, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

**47 Wild Plum** - 16 acres, 1½N, ½W, of Kramer; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; no-wake boating, Lower Platte South NRD lake.

**48 Wildwood Lake WMA** - 103 acres, 1W, 1½N of Agnew; 8-inch minimum length limit on bluegill, catch and release for largemouth bass and channel catfish.

Lower Platte South NRD lake. Lake rehabilitation in 2002, no fishing available.

**49 Yankee Hill Lake SRA** - 208 acres, 2½E, 1S of Denton; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye; electric fishing motors only.

#### Otoe County

**50 Wilson Creek 2X WMA** - 15 acres, 3E, 1½S of Otoe; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; electric motors only, Nemaha NRD lake, very shallow.

**51 Wilson Creek 4F (Prairie Owl)** - 38 acres, 2S, 1W, ½S of Dunbar; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; electric fishing motors only, Nemaha NRD lake, shallow.

#### Pawnee County

**52 Bowwood WMA** - 6½, 2S of Steinauer; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; acres, electric motors only.

**53 Burchard Lake WMA** - 150 acres, 3E, ½N of Burchard; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch; no-wake boating; primitive camping, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass.

**54 Iron Horse Trail Lake** - 85 acres, ½N, 2W of Dubois; Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no-wake boating. No personal watercraft, camping, picnicking, Nemaha NRD, NRD park sticker needed, turbid.

**55 Mayberry WMA** - 25 acres, 5N, 1¼E of Burchard; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; electric motors only.

**56 Pawnee Prairie WMA** - 5 acres in 7 ponds, 6S, 2E, 2S of Burchard; Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

**57 Prairie Knoll WMA** - 6 acres, 2W, 2N Dubois; Bluegill, largemouth bass; electric motors only.

#### Richardson County

**58 Kirkman's Cove** - 160 acres, 1N, 2W of Humboldt; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; Nemaha NRD, NRD park sticker needed, 35 mph maximum on lower 2/3 of lake, no personal watercraft, turbid.

**59 Verdon Lake SRA** - 30 acres, 1½W of Verdon; Channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill; electric motors only; primitive camping.

#### Saline County

**60 Swan Creek 2A WMA** - 16 acres, 14W, 3N of Wilber; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no-wake boating.

**61 Swan Creek 5A** - 95 acres, 3E, 2N of Tobias; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; area development planned in next few years. Lower Big Blue NRD, wheelchair accessible fishing pier, turbid.

**62 Walnut Creek 2A** - 26 acres, 1½E, 3½N of Crete; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie; no-wake boating. Lower Big Blue NRD lake, shallow.

#### Sarpy County

**63 Walnut Creek Reservoir** - 100 acres, 2S 3E of Papillion; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, redear sunfish; Papio-Missouri NRD lake, check their regulations for open hours, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, combination bag limit on panfish of 10, 8-inch minimum on bluegill and green and redear sunfish, 10-inch minimum on crappie. Wheelchair accessible fishing pier and island. 5 mph no wake.

**64 Wehrspann Lake** - 245 acres, 1N, 1W 1-80 & Hwy. 50 Junction; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, white perch; boats limited to 5 mph, Papio/Missouri NRD lake, 21-inch minimum on largemouth bass, 8-inch minimum on bluegill, 10-inch minimum on crappie except during the month of April, combination bag limit of 10 panfish, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

**65 Czechland Lake** - 85 acres, 1N, ¼W of Prague; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; Lower Platte North NRD, no wake boating, 8-inch minimum on bluegill, 10-inch minimum on crappie, wheelchair accessible fishing pier.

**66 Memphis Lake SRA** - 45 acres, ½W of Memphis; row boats and electric motors only, shallow. Lake rehabilitation in 2002, no fishing opportunity.

**67 Red Cedar** - 50 acres, 5½N, 2W of the north edge of Valparaiso; Bluegill, channel & flathead catfish, largemouth bass; no-wake boating, Lower Platte South NRD lake.

#### Seward County

**68 Meadowlark** - 55 acres, 4W, 1N, 1½W of Agnew; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; no-wake boating. Lower Platte South NRD lake.

**69 Smith Creek** - 21 acres, 2N, 2W, ¼N of Beaver Crossing; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; no-wake boating. Upper Big Blue NRD lake, turbid.

**70 Twin Lakes WMA** - 270 acres, 2½N, ¼W of Pleasant Dale; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie, walleye; 210 acres in east lake, 60 acres in west lake, electric trolling motors only, area closed during waterfowl seasons.

#### Thayer County

**71 Meridan WMA** - 1 acre, 3S of Alexandria; Bluegill, largemouth bass; electric motors only.

#### York County

**72 Overland Trails Lake** - 14 acres, 3E, 1½ S of York; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; Upper Big Blue NRD lake.

**73 Recharge** - 49 acres, 1½W of York; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; no-wake boating. Upper Big Blue NRD lake.

**74 Waco Basin WMA** - 15 acres, 1W, ¼N of Waco; Black bullhead.

## Rivers and Streams

**A Hwy. 50 Bridge** - Cass Co., Louisville; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Access point to Platte River.

**B Louisville SRA** - Cass Co., ¼NW of Louisville; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Foot access point to Platte River.

**C Mahoney State Park** - Cass Co., 1S, 3E of Ashland; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Foot access point to Platte River.

**D Platte River State Park** - Cass Co., 2S, 3W Louisville; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Foot access point to Platte River.

**E Schilling WMA** - Cass Co., 1 NE of Plattsmouth; Carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon; Access point to Missouri and Platte rivers, open April 15 -Sept. 30.

**F Schramm Park SRA** - Cass Co., 9S of Gretna on NE 31; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Foot access point to Platte River.

**G Dodge Park - Douglas Co.**, 11000 N River Rd. in Omaha; Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie; Access point to Missouri River.

**H Elkhorn Crossing** - Douglas Co., 1S, ¾E of Hwy. 36 & County Rd. 92 Junction; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; 23 acres, access point to Elkhorn River, Papio/Missouri NRD lake.

**I Haworth Park** - Douglas Co., Bellevue; Buffalo, carp, catfish, crappie; Access point to Missouri River.

**J Platte River Access** - Douglas Co., 4W of Valley, SE corner of Hwy. 14 bridge; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; 1.9 acres, access to Platte River.

**K Two Rivers SRA** - Douglas Co., 1½ S of Venice; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Foot access point to Platte River.

**L Alexandria Southwest WMA** - Jefferson Co., ¼S, 1E of Alexandria; Channel catfish; Access to Big Sandy Creek.

**M Flathead WMA** - Jefferson Co., 1S, of Fairbury; Channel and flathead catfish; Access to Little Blue River.

**N Rose Creek WMA** - Jefferson Co., 2S, 2½W, 1½S of Fairbury; Channel catfish, bullhead; Access to Rose Creek.

**O Rose Creek West WMA** - Jefferson Co., 2S, 3½W, 2S of Fairbury; Channel catfish, bullhead; Access to Rose Creek

**P Fairbury** - Jefferson Co.; S edge of Fairbury; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Access point to Little Blue River below Fairbury.

**Q Twin Oaks WMA** - Johnson Co., 2E, 2S ¾W of Tecumseh; Channel catfish, carp; ½ mile walk, access to Big Nemaha River.

**R Jack Sinn WMA** - Lancaster Co., 2S of Ceresco; Channel catfish, bullhead; Access to Rock Creek.

**S Aspen Wall Bend WMA** - Nemaha Co., ¾S of Nemaha; Channel catfish, carp; ¾ mile walk, access to Little Nemaha and Missouri River.

**T Brownville SRA** - Nemaha Co., 1E of Brownville; Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon; Access to Missouri River, ramp, primitive camping.

**U Peru** - Nemaha Co., Peru; Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon; Access point to Missouri River.

**V Hamburg Bend WMA** - Otoe Co., 4SE of Nebraska City; Channel, flathead and blue catfish, carp, sturgeon; South of OPPD power plant, access to Missouri River.

**W River View Marina SRA** - Otoe Co., E of Nebraska City; Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon; Access to Missouri River, ramp, primitive camping.

**X Kinter's Ford WMA** - Pawnee Co., S of Humboldt; Carp, channel & flathead catfish; Access point to Big Nemaha River.

**Y Indian Cave SP** - Richardson Co., 4E of Barada; Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon; Access point to Missouri River.

**Z Margrave WMA** - Richardson Co., 1½S, 2¾E of Preston; Channel catfish, carp; ½ mile walk, access to Big Nemaha River.

**AA Rulo** - Richardson Co., S Hwy. 159 Bridge near Rulo, River mile 497.8; Buffalo, carp, channel & flathead catfish, sturgeon; Access point to Missouri River, concrete ramp.

**BB Blue River SRA** - Saline Co., 5N of Dorchester; Channel catfish, carp; Access point to Big Blue River.

**CC Shady Trail** - Saline Co., 1W, 4N, ¼W, ¼N of Crete; Channel catfish, carp; Access point to Big Blue River.

**DD Catfish Run WMA** - Sarpy Co., E of Ashland; Carp, channel catfish, sturgeon; Access point to Salt Creek off Hwy. 6.

**EE Brandie WMA** - Saunders Co., 5W, 2N of Cedar Bluff; Channel catfish, carp; Access to Platte River.

- FF Blue Bluffs** - Seward Co., 1/2N, 1E, 2S of Milford; Channel catfish, carp; Access point to Big Blue River.
- GG Blue Valley** - Seward Co., 1/2S of Seward; Channel catfish, carp; Access point to Big Blue River.
- HH Little Blue WMA** - Thayer Co., 2E of Hebron; Channel, flathead catfish; Access to Little Blue River.
- II Little Blue East WMA** - Thayer Co., 4E of Hebron; Channel, flathead catfish; Access to Little Blue River.
- JJ Meridian WMA** - Thayer Co., 3S of Alexandra; Channel, flathead catfish; Access to Little Blue River.

## 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.*

- 1 Bassway Strip WMA** - Four lakes 1 to 8 acres Minden Inter., 1/4S on Hwy. 10, left on county road back tracking toward I 80; Bluegill, bullheads, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; Platte River access. Improved boat ramp, no wake boating.

- 2 Blue Hole WMA (West lake)** - 37 acres, Elm Creek Inter., SW quadrant; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; Platte River access.
- 3 Blue Hole WMA (East lake)** - 34 acres, Elm Creek Inter., 1 1/2S, 1 1/2E on canal road; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass.
- 4 Buttehead WMA** - 15 acres, Kearney Inter., 1N to 11th St., 3E, 1S, 1/2E; Yellow perch, bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; improved boat ramp, no wake boating.
- 5 Coot Shallows WMA** - 12 acres, Odessa Inter., 3/4N, 1 1/4W; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch; improved boat ramp, no wake boating; rehabilitation in 2000.
- 6 East Odessa WMA** - 7 acres, Odessa Inter., 4E on S side; Bluegill, bullhead, carp, largemouth bass; Platte River access.
- 7 Kea Lake WMA** - 20 acres, Kearney Inter., SW quadrant; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; Improved boat ramp, no wake.
- 8 Kea West WMA** - 8 acres, Kearney Inter., 1N to 11th St., 1 1/4W, 1S to overpass approach, turn left; Bluegill, yellow perch, rock bass, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie.
- 9 North Kearney Rest Area DOR** - 7 acres, Kearney Inter., 1 3/4W on I 80 to rest stop; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye; no boats allowed.
- 10 South Kearney Rest Area DOR** - 1/2 acre, Kearney Inter., 1 3/4W on I 80 to rest stop; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, redear sunfish; no boats allowed.

- 11 Union Pacific SRA** - 15 acres, Odessa Inter., NE quadrant; Channel catfish, largemouth, smallmouth & rock bass; primitive camping.
- 12 War Axe SRA** - 14 acres, Shelton Inter., NE quadrant; Bluegill, carp, walleye, channel catfish, largemouth bass; primitive camping.
- 13 West Elm Creek WMA** - 8 1/2 acres, Elm Creek Inter., SW; Channel catfish, redear sunfish, smallmouth bass; access across private property.
- 14 Windmill SRA** - Four 2-acre lakes, one 7-acre lake, Gibbon Inter., NE quadrant; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout in winter, panfish daily bag limit of 10, channel catfish daily bag limit of 3, bluegill 8-inch minimum length limit; modern camping; Fish feeder on lake #4 May - September.

### Dawson County

- 15 Cozad WMA** - 18 acres, Cozad Inter., SE quadrant; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass; improved boat ramp, no wake boating.
- 16 Darr WMA** - 13 acres, Darr Inter., NW quadrant; Channel catfish, largemouth, rock and smallmouth bass.
- 17 Dogwood WMA** - 2 lakes, 5 & 7 acres, Dawson Co., Lexington Inter., 5 1/2E, 2 1/2S over overpass; 1/2E; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass; Platte River access.
- 18 East Gothenburg WMA** - 15 acres, Gothenburg Inter., 1/2S, 1/2E, 3 1/2NE & E; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; improved boat ramp, no wake boating.
- 19 West Cozad WMA** - 18 acres, Cozad Inter., 1N to Hwy. 30, 1 1/4W, 3/4S across overpass, 1/4N & E; Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass.

- 20 Willow Island WMA** - 24 acres, Cozad Inter., 5 1/2W of Cozad on Hwy. 30, 3/4S across overpass; Carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

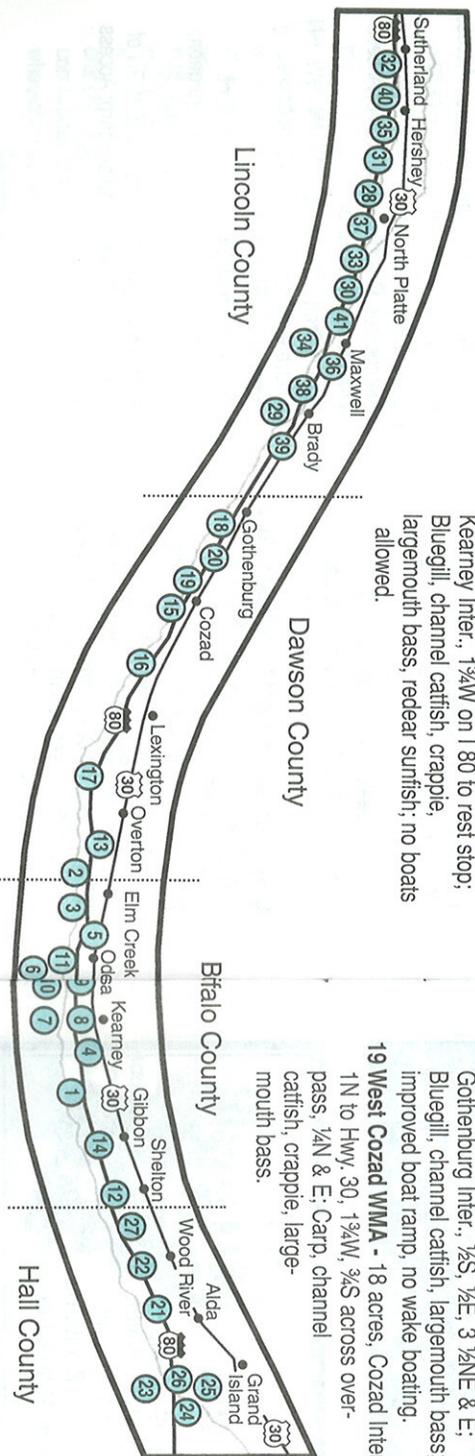
### Hall County

- 21 Alda DOR** - 12 acres, Alda Inter., NE quadrant; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass; No boats allowed.
- 22 Cheyenne SRA** - 17 acres, Wood River Inter., NW quadrant; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; primitive camping.
- 23 Grand Island East bound Rest Area** - 6 acres 3E of Grand Island Interchange, S of I 80; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass.
- 24 Mormon Island DOR (East)** - 22 acres, Grand Island Inter., N of I 80, 1 1/2E; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; access on foot from Mormon Island SRA, 8-inch minimum on bluegill.

- 25 Mormon Island SRA (Middle)** - 19 acres, NE quadrant, Grand Island Inter.; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie; access on foot from Mormon Island, 8-inch minimum on bluegill.
- 26 Mormon Island SRA (West)** - 42 acres, NE quadrant, Grand Island Inter.; Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, carp; modern camping, 8-inch minimum on bluegill, panfish daily bag limit of 10, channel catfish daily bag limit of 3. Fish feeders May - September.
- 27 West Wood River WMA** - 15 acres, Wood River Inter., 1/2S, 1W, N across overpass, 1/4W; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

### Lincoln County

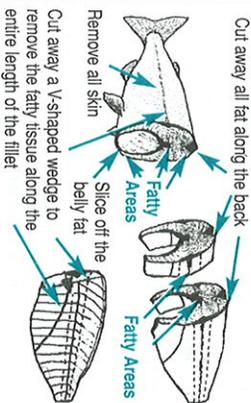
- 28 Birdwood WMA** - 20 acres, North Platte Inter., 1/2S, 3 1/4W, 1N, NW across overpass; Channel catfish, large mouth & rock bass, perch, rainbow trout in winter.
- 29 Brady Interchange WMA** - 25 acres, Brady Inter., SE quadrant; Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass.
- 30 Crystal Lake** - 6 1/2 acres, Maxwell Inter., 3/4N, 2W, 1/2N, 3 1/4W, 1/2S across overpass; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.



- 31 East Hershey WMA** - 20 acres, North Platte Inter., 1/2S, 7/4W, 1 1/4N, NE across overpass; Channel catfish, large mouth bass, perch, rock & smallmouth bass.
- 32 East Sutherland WMA** - 27 acres, Hershey Inter., 1/4S, 3W, 1/4N, NE across overpass; Bullheads, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass, perch.
- 33 Fremont Slough WMA** - 30 acres, North Platte Inter., 1 1/2S, 4 3/4E, 1/4N, right turn across canal, 1/4N under overpass, 1/4E; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.
- 34 Ft. McPherson WMA** - 30 acres, Maxwell Inter., SE quadrant; Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass; primitive camping.
- 35 Hershey WMA** - 53 acres, Hershey Inter., SE quadrant; Channel catfish, largemouth, rock & smallmouth bass, perch, pike, walleye.
- 36 Maxwell Rest Stop DOR** - 5 acres, Maxwell Inter., 3E; Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass; no boats allowed.
- 37 North Platte City Lake** - 26 acres, North Platte Inter., SE quadrant; Walleye, channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass, northern pike; 30 - inch minimum length limit on northern pike
- 38 Brady WMA** - 5 1/2 acres, Brady Inter., 3/4N, 3W across overpass; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth & smallmouth bass.
- 39 West Gothenburg WMA** - 15 acres, Brady Inter., 3 1/2E on Hwy. 30, 1/4S across tracks; Channel catfish, largemouth & rock bass.
- 40 West Hershey WMA** - 6 acres, Hershey Inter., 1/2W; Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; private access.
- 41 West Maxwell WMA** - 7 acres, Maxwell Inter., 3/4N, 3/4W, 1/4S; Channel catfish, rock & smallmouth bass.

## HOW TO MINIMIZE RISK BY CAREFULLY CLEANING YOUR FISH

**LIMITED CONSUMPTION:** Although fish consumption advisories have been issued for the water bodies listed here, please note that a person consuming an occasional meal of fish (less than one 5-ounce serving per week) from these waters is not considered to be subject to a significant health risk.

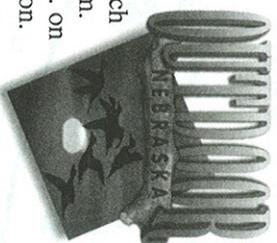


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## NEBRASKA FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES IN EFFECT FOR 2002

At this time, there are no advisories that limit total consumption!

Water Body	Location	Pollutant of Concern
W.Fork Big Blue River	Dorchester	Dieldrin
Elkhorn River	Waterloo	Dieldrin, PCBs
Platte River	North Bend to Missouri River	PCBs, Dieldrin
Missouri River	Omaha to Rulo	PCBs, Dieldrin
Papillion Creek	Bellevue	PCBs, Dieldrin
W. Papillion Creek	Ralston	Dieldrin, PCBs
South Platte River	Paxton	PCBs
Carter Lake	Omaha	PCBs
Lake McConaughy	Ogallala	PCBs
Sutherland Reservoir	Sutherland	PCBs
Oliver Reservoir	Kimball	Mercury
Salt Creek	Lincoln to Platte River	PCBs, Dieldrin
Box Butte Reservoir	Hemingford	Mercury
Loup R. Power Canal	Genoa	PCBs
Sutherland Outlet Canal	Sutherland	PCBs
Liberty Cove lake	Lawrence	Mercury
Wahspann Lake	Millard	Mercury
Zorinsky Lake	Omaha	Mercury
Czechland Lake	Prague	Mercury
Crystal Cove Lake	S. Sioux City	Mercury
Elkhorn River	O'Neill	Mercury
Maskenthine Lake	Stanton	Mercury
Logan Creek	Lyons	PCBs, Dieldrin
Omaha Creek	Homer	PCBs, Dieldrin
North Platte River	Bridgeport	PCBs, Dieldrin & DDE
Maloney Reservoir Outlet	North Platte	PCB
North Platte River	North Platte	Mercury
Prairie Lake	Junata	Mercury
Rockford Lake	Beatrice	Mercury
Shell Lake <sup>1</sup>	Merriman	Mercury
Cottonwood Lake <sup>1</sup>	Merriman	Mercury
Iron Horse Trail Lake <sup>2</sup>	DuBois	Mercury

<sup>1</sup> Added in 2000 <sup>2</sup> Added in 2001  
Removed from list in 2001: Midway Canyon Reservoir, Lake Ogallala, Jeffrey Reservoir, Little Blue River and Skyview Lake



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

### STATE RECORD RULES

1. Fish **MUST** be caught in accordance with Nebraska Fishing Regulations by rod and reel (not set lines or limb lines), underwater spear-fishing, surface spearing, or archery, and **MUST** be taken from Nebraska waters.
2. Accredited or certified weigh scales **MUST** be used to weigh the fish. A commercial measuring tape or stick should be used to measure the fish. The fish should be measured, from the tip of the mouth (closed) to the tip of the tail (tail lobes pressed together) with the fish laying flat on the tape.
3. Only fish that exceed current record by at least one ounce, are eligible for a new State Record.
4. Two witnesses, one of which **MUST** be a (permanent) employee of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, must witness the weighing and measuring of the fish and sign the application.
5. The angler **MUST** display a Nebraska fishing permit to the Game and Parks employee that witnesses the weight on the application.
6. One clear photograph showing a close-up side view of the fish, and one clear photograph showing the angler with the fish **MUST** accompany the completed fish application form. All photographs become the property of the Commission.
7. The species of fish **MUST** be verified by a Nebraska Game and Parks Fisheries Biologist. The fish **MUST** be preserved flat until species is verified.
8. The Commission reserves the right to collect fish scale, tissue, or spine samples to check fish identification, and to refuse any questionable application submitted.

9. The Commission reserves the right to revoke state records if the record holder is found in possession of illegal fishing gear or has been cited for repeated fishing violations that cast suspicion on the authenticity of the record catch.
10. No fish caught from any Aquaculture or Commercial Put-and-Take facility is eligible.
11. The application must be submitted within 30 days of the date the fish is caught.

### MASTER ANGLER

1. All fish must be taken from Nebraska waters.
2. If a fish is caught on private waters, a valid fishing permit is required to receive the award.
3. Fish must be taken by hook-and-line. Fish caught on banklines are not eligible. Fish must be legally hooked, played and landed by the applicant for the award.
4. 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.
5. Anglers 16 years of age or older must possess a current Nebraska fishing permit and enter the permit number on the application.
6. 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.
7. Anglers may receive only one award based on weight per year for each species. There is no limit on the number of catch and release awards.
8. Anglers who release a Master Angler fish will receive a "Catch and Release Master Angler" pin in addition to the Master Angler certificate.
9. Minimum weights must be met to qualify for a Master Angler Award for a harvested fish.
10. Minimum lengths are used strictly for Master Angler Awards for a individual fish that was caught and released.

### THE MINIMUM SIZE REQUIREMENTS ARE:

American Eel	24 in. or 1lb.	Crappie	15 in. or 2 lbs.
Largemouth Bass	20 in. or 5 lbs.	Drum	22 in. or 5 lbs.
Spotted Bass	18 in. or 3 lbs.	Gar	40 in. or 8 lbs.
Rock Bass	11 in. or 1 lb.	Goldeye	16 in. or 1.5 lbs.
Smallmouth Bass	18 in. or 3 lbs.	Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie	40 in. or 15 lbs.
Striped Bass	32 in. or 10 lbs.	Paddlefish	*45 in.
Striper Hybrid	24 in. or 8 lbs.	White Perch	13 in. or 1.25 lbs.
White Bass	17 in. or 2.5 lbs	Northern Pike	12 in. or 1 lb.
Bluegill	10 in. or 1 lb.	Sauger	21 in. or 3 lbs.
Buffalo	26 in. or 10 lbs.	Sauger	23 in. or 5 lbs.
Bullhead	15 in. or 2 lbs.	Shovelnose Sturgeon	28 in. or 2 lbs.
Burbot	16 in. or 1 lb.	Sucker	18 in. or 2 lbs.
Carp	32 in. or 15 lbs.	Sunfish	10 in. or 1 lb.
Blue Catfish	40 in. or 30 lbs.	Brook Trout	14 in. or 1 lb.
Channel Catfish	30 in. or 12 lbs.	Brown Trout	22 in. or 4 lbs.
Flathead Catfish	32 in. or 15 lbs	Rainbow Trout	23 in. or 5 lbs.
		Walleye	28 in. or 8 lbs.

\*From front of eye to natural fork of tail

### MASTER ANGLER / STATE RECORD APPLICATION

Please print legibly. See rules.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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: Rod & Reel \_\_\_\_\_ Archery \_\_\_\_\_ Surface spearfishing \_\_\_\_\_ Underwater spearfishing \_\_\_\_\_

Type of bait or lure \_\_\_\_\_

Where weighed or measured \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Weight or length witnessed by:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public (for State Record only)

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Game & Parks Commission, official species verification (for State Record only)

Species may be verified after State Record application is received. See State Record rules.

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

# NEBRASKA RECORD FISH

## ROD AND REEL

- ALEWIFE** ... 3.5 oz.  
Joe A. Dood, Johnson, Merritt Reservoir, Heddon Smar, 9/20/01
- AMERICAN EEL** ... 5 lbs.  
George Swebberger, South Sioux City, Missouri River, 8/2/83, worm
- BASS - KENTUCKY SPOTTED** ... 3 lbs. 12 oz.  
Jery R. Miller, North Platte, Lincoln Co., 180 sandpit, 3/12/90
- BASS - LARGE MOUTH** ... 10 lbs. 11 oz.  
Paul Abegglen, St. Columbus, sandpit near Columbus, 10/2/65
- BASS - ROCK** ... 2 lbs. 4 oz.  
Edna Ziege, Hagler, Dundy Co. farm pond, 5/6/72
- BASS - SMALL MOUTH** ... 7 lbs. 4 oz.  
Dennis Swanson, Omaha, Missouri River (Knox Co.), 9/18/00, crawfish
- BASS - STRIPED** ... 64 lbs. 15 oz.  
Gene Baker, Sutherland, Sutherland Reservoir, 8/17/93
- BASS - STRIPED HYBRID (WIPE)** ... 20 lbs. 1 oz.  
Steve Lyle, McCook, Red Willow Reservoir, Frontier Co., 8/1/99, golden shiner
- BASS - WHITE** ... 5 lbs.  
Jim Kilcun, Aurora, Gavins Point tailwaters, 1/11/283
- BASS - YELLOW** ... 1 lb. 7 oz.  
John Ogle, Omaha, Louisville Lake #2, 7/4/93, minnow
- BLUEGILL** ... 2 lbs. 13 oz.  
Gary Ralston, O'Connell, Grove Lake, 4/26/77, nightcrawler
- BOWFIN** ... 8 lbs.  
Ronald Emerson, Omaha, Dead Timber Lake, 8/7/82, spinner
- BULLHEAD** ... 3 lbs. 14 oz.  
Dick Dunn, Beatrice, Pawnee Co. farm pond, 7/22/74, chicken liver
- BUFFALO - BIG MOUTH** ... 64 lbs. 0 oz.  
Joe L. Shank, Omaha, Dodge Co. Sandpit, 6/8/00, mulberries\*
- BUFFALO - BLACK** ... 41 lbs.  
Bob Eaton, Omaha, Carter Lake, 4/29/82, corn
- BUFFALO - SMALL MOUTH** ... 56 lbs. 3oz.  
Jeffery B. Johnson, Fremont, Fremont L. #20, 6/3/99, turkey liver
- BIHOBOT** ... 6 lbs. 9 oz.  
Todd Schmidt, Norfolk, Missouri River, Cedar Co. 2/7/98, minnow
- CARP** ... 33 lbs. 12 oz.  
Tom C. Baese, Beatrice, Gage Co. farm pond, 5/12/83 dough ball
- CARP - BIGHHEAD** ... 46 lbs. 8 oz.  
Phil Reinhold, Bellevue, Offutt Air Force Base Lake, 8/7/00, silver kassnaster
- CARP - GRASS CARP** ... 51 lbs.  
David Milton, Madison NE, Skyview Lake, Madison Co. 4/7/99, nightcrawler
- CATFISH - BLUE** ... 100 lbs. 8 oz.  
Raymond Promes, Wynot, Missouri River near Wynot, 11/9/70, snagging
- CATFISH - CHANNEL** ... 41 lbs. 8 oz.  
John Cunnig, Valentine, Merritt Reservoir, 7/28/85, nightcrawler
- CATFISH - FLATHEAD** ... 80 lbs.  
William Swanson, Silver Creek, Loup Power Canal near Geneva, 6/14/88, carp
- CATFISH - STONECAT** ... 5.12 oz.  
Arvid J. Larsen, Norfolk, No. Fork Elkstrom R., Madison Co., 6/22/98, nightcrawler
- CHUB, CREEK** ... 3.5 oz.  
Tony Walker (age 6), Parks, Rock Creek, Dundy Co., Mar. 4, 2001, Mister Twister Wabason, 11.5"
- CRAPPE - BLACK** ... 4 lbs. 5 oz.  
Frank Don, Omaha, Sandpit, Douglas Co. 4/20/99, minnow
- CRAPPE - WHITE** ... 4 lbs. 1 oz.  
Elsie M. Jensen, Broken Bow, Red Willow Reservoir, 5/18/80, Swedish minnow
- FRESHWATER DRUM** ... 28 lbs. 4 oz.  
Vincent Pratzek, Clarkson, Missouri River below Gavins Point Dam, 10/17/71, snagging
- GAR - LONGNOSE** ... 20 lbs. 7 oz.  
John Ernst, Columbus, Waggers Lake (Platte County), 7/14/91, jellibug
- GAR - SHORTNOSE** ... 19 lbs.  
Ronald Hardin, Omaha, lake in Cass Co., 6/29/74, sunfish
- GIZZARD SHAD** ... 4 lbs. 7.75 oz.  
Joe Finhaber, Alliance, Box Butte Reservoir, 3/28/89, silver spoon
- GOLDEN SHINER** ... 14 oz.  
Tom Rosenkrans, Omaha, Two Rivers SRA, 4/10/92, corn
- GOLDFISH** ... 3 lbs. 15.5 oz.  
Gary Kumm, Bloomfield, Lewis & Clark, 8/13/88, minnow
- GRASS PICKEREL** ... 5.75 oz.  
Trevor Bailey, Norfolk, Cameron Lake, Rock Co., 12/20/96, minnow
- MUSKELUNGE** ... 41 lbs. 8 oz.  
Jared Haddock, Sidney, Merritt Reservoir, 8/9/92, staid rap
- MUSKIE - TIGER** ... 33 lbs. 5 oz.  
Andrew Dorsey, Johnson Lake NE, Johnson Lake, 4/15/01, Rattletrap
- NORTHERN PIKE** ... 30 lbs. 1 oz.  
Steve Morris, Scottsbluff, Terry's Pt, Scottsbluff Co. 10/07/97
- PADDLEFISH** ... 93 lbs. 5 oz.  
Kathy Reiman, Yankton SD, Missouri River (Gavin Pt. Dam tailwaters), 10/28/98, snagging
- PERCH - SACRAMENTO** ... 2 lbs. 8 oz.  
John A. Bush, Valentine, Clear Lake on Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, 6/20/71, spinner
- PERCH, WHITE** ... 2 lbs. 2 oz.  
Kort Grom, Bellevue, Cass Co. sandpit, 7/20/00, worm
- PERCH - YELLOW** ... 2 lbs. 10.75 oz.  
John D. Skrida, Stuart, Hackberry Lake, 2/11/84
- PUMPKINSEED** ... 11.25 oz.  
Jim Johnson, Minatare, Box Butte Reservoir, 9/23/87, worm/nightcrawler
- QUILLBACK** ... 13 lbs. 10 oz.  
Patrick Fox, Jr., Tekamah, Missouri River (Burt Co.) 6/30/01 worm
- SALMON - CHINOOK** ... 2 lbs. 8 oz.  
Rick Hepper, Norfolk, Lewis & Clark Lake, 9/14/85, jig
- SALMON - COHO** ... 5 lbs. 12 oz.  
Lyle Fry, Gering, Lake McCaonaghy, 7/13/77, flatfish
- SALMON - KOKANEE** ... 4 lbs. 2 oz.  
Neal Dunbar, North Platte, Lake McCaonaghy, 7/11/71
- SAUGER** ... 8 lbs. 5 oz.  
Beth Tenper, Platteville, Missouri River near Niobrara, 10/22/61
- SAUGERY** ... 8 lbs. 9 oz.  
Todd Weber, Lincoln, Conestoga Lake, 9/25/99, live bait
- SHOVELNOSE STURGEON** ... 4 lbs. 5 oz.  
Richee Pietyga, Omaha, Platte River (Sarp Co.), minnow, 4/23/00
- SKIPJACK HERRING** ... 2 lbs.  
Daniel Kaup, Norfolk, Gavins Point Dam, 9/20/92
- STURGEON, SHOVELNOSE** ... 4 lbs. 5 oz.  
Richee Pietyga, Omaha, Platte River (Sarp Co.), minnow, 4/23/00
- SUCKER - BLUE** ... 18 lbs. 14 oz.  
Bob J. Thoenes, Hartington, Missouri River, 1/14/88
- SUCKER, RIVER (CARPSUCKER)** ... 13 lbs. 4 oz.  
Dennis Hardin, Omaha, Cass Co. sandpit, 8/29/93, doughball
- SUCKER, SHORTHEAD REDHORSE** ... 2 lbs. 2 oz.  
Dustin Noble, Wauneta, Platte River, 3/12/00, worm
- SUNFISH - GREEN** ... 1 lb. 8 oz.  
Chad L. Hoels, Lincoln, Cunnig Co. Farm Pond, 5/16/99, max worm
- SUNFISH - HYBRID** ... 1 lb. 15 oz.  
Jane Bolfort-Engl, Gilette, WY, farm pond, 5/30/93, nightcrawler
- SUNFISH - ORANGE SPOTTED** ... 0.34 oz.  
Gary Wolf, Central City, Hamilton County sandpit, 6/5/94
- SUNFISH - FEEDER** ... 1 lb. 10 oz.  
Charles J. Jones, Eckley, CO, Rock Creek Lake, 6/8/90, worm
- TROUT - BROOK** ... 5 lbs. 1 oz.  
Joe Gray, North Platte, Pawnee Springs near North Platte, 11/3/65
- TROUT - BROWN** ... 20 lbs. 1 oz.  
Denny Donittle, Valentine, Snake River, 7/26/73, grasshopper
- TROUT - CUTTHROAT** ... 5 lbs. 7 oz.  
Arthur Larsen, Evergreen, CO, Lake Ogallala, 9/18/92, jig
- TROUT - RAINBOW** ... 14 lbs. 2 oz.  
Frank Aloi, North Platte, Canal Keith Co. 3/18/75, nightcrawler
- WALLEYE** ... 16 lbs. 2 oz.  
Herbert L. Custrial, Ogallala, Lake McCaonaghy, 7/5/71, tin fin

## BOW AND ARROW

- BASS - LARGE MOUTH** ... 8 lbs. 14 oz.  
Jerry Graemick, Scottsbluff, sandpit near Scottsbluff, 6/18/66
- BASS - ROCK** ... 1 lb. 6 oz.  
Harlan L. Worden, North Platte, Interstate 80 lake in Lincoln Co., 5/8/72
- BASS - SMALL MOUTH** ... 3 lbs.  
Michael Lange, Gibbon, I-80 lake in Buffalo County, 6/5/71
- BASS - STRIPED** ... 8 lbs. 5 oz.  
Michael Dorris, Arthur, Lake McCaonaghy, 4/14/73
- BASS, STRIPED HYBRID** ... 9 lbs. 12 oz.  
Lorne Miller, Hastings, Harlan County Reservoir spillway, 9/16/97
- BASS - WHITE** ... 3 lbs.  
Lornie Miller, Hastings, Harlan County Reservoir, 4/14/73
- BLUEGILL** ... 1 lb. 6 oz.  
David Clancy, Hastings, Webster County farm pond, 7/1/95
- BUFFALO - BIG MOUTH** ... 53 lbs.  
Mark Miller, Fremont, sandpit, 5/27/93
- BUFFALO - SMALL MOUTH** ... 60 lbs. 2 oz.  
Richard E. Porter II, Omaha, Fremont SRA Sandpit (Dodge Co.), 5/9/01
- BULLHEAD** ... 1 lb. 11 oz.  
Cory Harbin, Rushville, Smith Lake, 7/13/78
- CARP** ... 46 lbs.  
Dirk Gage, Overland Park KS, Sandpit, Buffalo Co. 7/3/99
- CARP - BIGHHEAD** ... 56 lbs. 4 oz.  
Bert Dennison, Reu, Missouri River, 5/24/94
- CARP - GRASS CARP** ... 52 lbs. 12 oz.  
Scott Stork, Blair, Washington Co. Farm Pond, 5/21/99
- CARP - HYBRID** ... 43 lbs. 3 oz.  
Gary Martin, Jr., Overland Park, KS, Cass County sandpit, 6/13/92
- RIVER CARPSUCKER** ... 7 lbs. 4 oz.  
Quinton Waggoner, Broadwater, North Platte River, 6/1/89
- CATFISH - CHANNEL** ... 21 lbs. 12 oz.  
Mike Lacey, Gering, Lake Minatare, 7/23/82
- CATFISH - FLATHEAD** ... 46 lbs. 2 oz.  
Jim Foyal, Lincoln, Bluestem Creek, Spingue, 10/13/84
- CRAPPE - BLACK** ... 1 lb. 14 oz.  
Tim McCauley, North Platte, Spouge Lake, Cherry County, 6/1/74
- CRAPPE - WHITE** ... 2 lbs. 13 oz.  
David Weidinger, Bellwood, sandpit in Butler County, 6/2/73
- FRESHWATER DRUM** ... 20 lbs.  
Gerard Tramp, Crofton, Gavins Point tailwaters, 6/15/82
- GAR - LONGNOSE** ... 22 lbs. 12 oz.  
Lornie Goble, Hastings, Willow Bend, Hamilton County, 6/20/95
- GAR, SHORTNOSE** ... 7 lbs. 8 oz.  
Iverson Kier, Kearney, Private Buffalo Co. Sandpit, 6/6/01, 391/2 "
- GOLDFISH** ... 2 lbs. 1 oz.  
Bill Schweiting, Fremont, Platte River, Dodge County, 5/17/85
- GOLDFISH** ... 96 lb.  
Jesse Cold, Kearney, Salt Creek, 5/30/00
- MUSKIE - TIGER** ... 13 lbs. 14 oz.  
Bert J. Weseman, Pierce, Willow Creek Reservoir, 7/3/88
- PADDLEFISH** ... 96 lbs.  
Gene R. Haswell, Omaha, sandpit in Cass County, 4/16/72
- PERCH - YELLOW** ... 1 lb. 2 oz.  
Tim McCauley, North Platte, Coy, Lake, 4/19/75
- PIKE, NORTHERN** ... 21 lbs. 14 oz.  
Todd Knecht, Wood River, Rock Creek Lake, 7/15/98
- QUILLBACK** ... 11 lbs. 2 oz.  
Tim Smith, Benkelman, Dundy County sandpit, 7/14/84
- GIZZARD SHAD** ... 5 lbs. 5 oz.  
Walter Welterhaus, Wynot, Missouri River (Cedar Co.) 5/11/01
- SUCKER - WHITE** ... 3 lbs. 6 oz.  
Robert Jacobs, Oskosh, Lake Ogallala, Keith Co., 6/20/97
- SUNFISH - GREEN** ... 8 oz.  
Mary Guthrie, McCook, sandpit near Bartley, 7/22/76
- TROUT - CUTTHROAT** ... 2 lbs. 3 oz.  
Todd Burnham, Hastings, Platte River (Keith County), 8/24/91
- TROUT - BROWN** ... 9 lbs. 13 oz.  
John Whittle, Dalton, Klein Fish Hatchery Lake, 7/1/90
- TROUT - RAINBOW** ... 11 lbs.  
Kevin Pierce, Ogallala, NPPD Canal in Keith County, 10/19/86
- WALLEYE** ... 11 lbs. 1 oz.  
Bradley W. Heck, Brady, Jeffrey Reservoir, 4/11/70

## UNDERWATER POWERED SPEARFISHING

- BASS - KENTUCKY SPOTTED** ... 2 lbs. 12.5 oz.  
Dustin Noble, North Platte, Lincoln Co. sandpit, 8/12/99

## SURFACE SPEARFISHING

- BUFFALO, BIG MOUTH** ... 13 lbs.  
Don Merril, Omaha, Missouri River Oxtow, Burr Co., 5/28/98
- BUFFALO - SMALL MOUTH** ... 7 lbs  
Don Merril, Omaha, Burr Co. Canal, 7/19/97
- CARP** ... 21 lbs.  
Joshua Kietman, Ursues, NE, Big Alkali L., Cherry Co., 6/29/99
- GRASS CARP** ... 25 lbs. 0z.  
Tim Krutzer, Roggen CO, Oliver Reservoir, 7/19/00
- GAR - LONGNOSE** ... 17 lbs. 6 oz.  
David L. Werth, South Bend, Cass County sandpit, 6/13/84
- GAR, SHORTNOSE** ... 2 lbs. 5 oz.  
Donald Merril, Omaha, Missouri River, Burr Co., 5/22/99
- GIZZARD SHAD** ... 2 lbs. 1 oz.  
Jelery Wood, North Platte, Lincoln Co. Sandpit, 6/12/00
- QUILLBACK CARPSUCKER** ... 3 lbs. 12 oz.  
Dustin Noble, North Platte, Kory Canal-Keith Co. 7/10/01, pitchfork
- RIVER CARPSUCKER** ... 3 lbs. 9 oz.  
Matthew Dorris, Lemoyne, Lake McCaonaghy, 6/14/97

## NEBRASKA PADDLEFISH ANGLING TAGS

The paddlefish is a limited and precious resource, and it is important that the harvest be closely regulated. However, past management methods did not produce quality fishing. A tag will be required for both archers and snaggers who want to harvest a paddlefish (see "Archery" and Snagging," p.20).

It is important to remember that one person can have no more than two tags for the archery season and two for the snagging season, or a total of four tags. These tags are non-transferable, they must be in possession while actively pursuing a paddlefish, and they must be immediately attached to the dorsal fin of a harvested paddlefish. Archers will have a 16-day season and snaggers will have a 30-day season.

### Archery and Snagging Preference System

The NGPC considers this a jointly managed season with the tags divided evenly between Nebraska and South Dakota. There for South Dakota residents, who already have half of the tags available to them through their own state, receive a lower preference in the Nebraska drawing. Anglers applying as buddies are assigned the lowest prefer-

ence of any of the individual anglers.

- **First Preference.** Residents and nonresidents that applied the previous year and were not successful at drawing a permit.
- **Second Preference.** Residents and nonresidents that did not have a permit the previous year.

- **Third Preference.** Residents and nonresidents that had a tag the previous year.
- **Fourth Preference.** South Dakota residents.

- **Fifth Preference.** Anglers convicted of a fish and wildlife violation during the past five paddlefish archery or paddlefish snagging seasons.

**If all tags are taken in the first application period, there will be no second application period.**

To apply for a paddlefish tag, the archer or snagger must fill out the form to the right. An angler may only apply once during each application period. Two or more anglers can apply for buddy permits by including all applications in the same envelope and marking the appropriate box on the application. The application dates are as follows:

### Paddlefish Application Dates

Initial Archery Application Dates ..... Postmarked from April 1 - 30  
*(First Tag Only)*  
 Initial Archery Paddlefish Drawing ..... May  
 Archery Open Application ..... June 1 through end of archery season  
*(First or Second Tag, first come, first served)*  
 applications postmarked no earlier than June 1  
 Initial Snagging Application Date ..... Postmarked from July 1 - 31  
*(First Tag Only)*  
 Initial Snagging Paddlefish Drawing ..... August  
 Snagging Open Application ..... Sept. 1 through end of snagging season  
*(First or Second Tag, first come, first served)*  
 applications postmarked no earlier than Sept. 1

**Note: Any application received prior to or after the designated application period will not be processed and the applicant will not be notified. Preference will be given to those who were unsuccessful in obtaining a tag the previous year.**

### Application for Free Paddlefish Harvest Tag

This is my application for a tag that would allow me to harvest one paddlefish during a designated season. I understand that I will be required to complete a report form that will be sent with the tag. (Please type or print)

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Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Street, RR & Box, or PO Box)

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Drivers license number \_\_\_\_\_

*Please note that the applicant must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July to apply for an archery tag and October 1 to apply for a snagging permit*  
 If under 16, please enter your age \_\_\_\_\_

#### Type of Paddlefish Tag you are Applying for (check only one):

- First archery tag       First snagging tag  
 Second archery tag       Second snagging tag

#### Type of Paddlefish Tag

- Single       Buddy (please include additional applications)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above information is correct and that I am applying for a free non-transferable paddlefish tag and that I understand that tags that are lost or locked shut prior to attachment, altered or modified shall be void and will not be replaced.

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