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General Regulations

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

WHY PURCHASE A FISHING PERMIT?

It is important for anglers to purchase a fishing permit in order to support fisheries management activities and habitat protection and restoration projects across the state.

WHO IS REQUIRED TO HAVE A FISHING PERMIT?

A fishing permit is required to take, or attempt to take, fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles, tiger salamanders or mussels by any method. An angler must carry the fishing permit while he/she actively is fishing. A resident fishing permit is required for all Nebraskans 16 years of age and older. A resident is a person who has resided in Nebraska continuously for at least 30 days and has a bona fide intention of becoming a legal resident of this state. Others who may obtain a resident permit include: **(1)** military personnel 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 Nebraska residents, except those listed above and those under 16 years of age who are accompanied by someone possessing a valid Nebraska fishing permit.

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

The owner, or a guest of the owner, of any totally private body of water which: **(1)** is located entirely on private land; **(2)** is entirely privately stocked; **(3)** does not connect by inflow or outflow with any other off-property body of water; and **(4)** is not commercially operated, is not required to have a fishing permit on that body of water.

Fee-exempt permits are available to the following resident veterans: **(1)** 50 percent disabled as a result of service in the armed forces, **(2)** received a pension from the Veterans Administration as a result of a total and permanent disability not incurred in the line of duty in military service, and **(3)** those who obtained fee-exempt permits prior to Jan. 1, 2006. Aquatic habitat stamps are included with these fee-exempt permits. Information and application forms are available from Nebraska Game and Parks Commission offices across and permit agents. An annual $5 fish/hunt permit is available for veterans 64 and older and residents 69 and older.

A **"special fishing permit"** is available for 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, fish, catch, harvest or possess any aquatic organism in compliance with state regulations. If the person assisting does not possess a current fishing permit, they are restricted to one daily bag limit between the two anglers. 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 Commission headquarters in Lincoln or offices in Alliance, Bassett, Kearney, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha and the Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium near Gretna.

An **educational fishing project permit** can be obtained by instructors at any university, college, or high school from the Fisheries Division for his or her students, 16 years of age and older, that are participating in an educational fishing project.

PENALTY FOR NO FISHING PERMIT

Under Nebraska state law, the minimum fine if convicted of fishing without a permit is $75. The court cost, whether you appear or pay by waiver,

2007 FISHING AND PARK PERMITS

ALL FISHING PERMITS INCLUDE AN AQUATIC HABITAT STAMP

RESIDENT	
Annual Fish*	$21.00
Combination Fish-Hunt*	31.00
3-Day Fish*	16.00
1-Day Fish*	7.00
Veteran Fish-Hunt (64 and over)	5.00
Senior Fish-Hunt (69 and over)	5.00
Lifetime Fish* (0-5)	276.00
Lifetime Fish* (6-15)	326.00
Lifetime Fish* (16-45)	426.00
Lifetime Fish* (46 and over)	326.00
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (0-5)	376.00
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (6-15)	501.00
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (16-45)	646.00
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (46 and over)	501.00
NONRESIDENT	
Annual Fish*	.51.00
3-Day Fish*	20.00
1-Day Fish*	9.00
Lifetime Fish* (0-16)	551.00
Lifetime Fish* (17 and over)	851.00
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (0-16)	1,076.00
Lifetime Fish-Hunt* (17 and over)	1,601.00
SPECIAL FISHING PERMIT	5.00
Aquatic Habitat Stamp	5.00
Annual Park Permit*	20.35
Duplicate Park Permit*	10.35
Daily Park Permit*	4.35

**Includes agent fee added to Permits and Stamps*

is $41.50, and damages assessed for each fish range from $20 to $50, depending on the species and size. The maximum fine is $1,000 and/or six months jail time.

PARK ENTRY PERMIT

A vehicle Park Entry Permit is required to enter state park and state recreation areas to fish.

IT IS UNLAWFUL...

- to borrow or use the permit of another or lend your permit to another.
- to leave dead 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 while archery fishing, except for a disabled person who has a medical certificate on file.
- to seine sport fish of any size.
- to use float lines.
- to leave fish in a trap for more than 24 hours.
- to release into public waters of the state any fish that did not originate in that body of water.
- to attempt to snag fish, except in designated areas. See the Snagging section for details.
- to use limb lines or set lines in any pond, lake or reservoir.
- to catch fish by hand.
- to purchase or attempt to purchase a permit while under license suspension or revocation in any state.
- to keep an externally foul-hooked fish, except those legally snagged.
- to consume and/or have an open container of alcohol at any state park, state recreation area or wildlife management area.

LAKE AND RIVER LEVEL INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

Anglers can find current water level information online for many of Nebraska's large reservoirs.

- www.usbr.gov/gp/water/rflow.cfm (Calamus, Harlan County, Medicine Creek, Merritt, Red Willow, Swanson and other Bureau of Reclamation waters)
- www.cnppid.com/Elevation_Flows2.htm (McConaughy, Jeffrey, Elwood, Johnson)
- www.nppd.com/About_Us/Energy_Facilities/facilities/irrigation.asp (Ogallala, Sutherland, Maloney, and canals)
- www.farwellid.com/index.html (Sherman)

Nebraska stream and river gauges

- http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ne/nwis/current/?type=flow

FISH KILL REPORTS

Report dead or dying fish by notifying your local conservation officer, Commission district 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.

REGULATION CHANGES FOR 2007

- There is now a daily bag limit of 5 bullheads at Fremont Lakes SRA (Dodge County), Louisville SRA (Cass), and Two Rivers SRA (Douglas).
- Box Butte Reservoir SRA (Dawes County) has new regulations on northern pike. There is a protective slot limit of 28 to 34 inches. Anglers cannot keep any northern pike between 28 and 34 inches in length. Also the daily bag limit on northerns has been raised to 10; however, only 1 northern pike over 34 inches may be harvested.
- Cottontail Lake (Lancaster County) and Meadowlark Lake (Seward) now have a daily bag limit of 10 panfish, and 3 channel catfish, and a minimum length limit of 21 inches for largemouth bass. No live baitfish can be used or possessed at Meadowlark Lake.
- Lone Star Recreation Area (Fillmore County) and Merganser Lake (Lancaster) now have a 21-inch minimum length limit on largemouth bass.
- Lake Ogallala no longer has a 20-inch minimum length limit on brown trout.
- Smith Lake WMA (Sheridan County) now has a daily limit of 10 panfish.
- Stagecoach Lake (Lancaster County) now has a daily bag limit on wipers of 3 fish, with no more than 1 fish more than 18 inches.
- Lake Halleck (Sarpy County) and Tecumseh City Pond (Johnson) now have a daily bag limit of 10 panfish, and 3 channel catfish, and all largemouth bass must be released (catch and release only).
- Watts Lake (Cherry County) no longer has a catch-and-release-only restriction on largemouth bass and muskellunge, statewide limits now apply.

BAG, POSSESSION, AND LENGTH LIMITS

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 include all of the river within Nebraska and all reservoirs, oxbows, sloughs, chutes, backwaters and marshes that have annual surface water connection to the river and the first 300 yards upstream from the mouth of all tributary streams.

Any fish that is not to be counted in the bag limit must be returned immediately to 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; thus, no culling or high grading is allowed.

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.

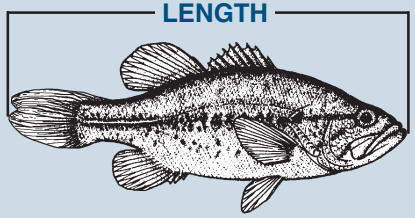
Possession Limit: This is the total number of a species of fish that a person may possess in portable coolers, home freezers, registered in his name in a commercial cold storage locker or in any other way under their control. Fish or aquatic animals placed in public storage or transferred must be labeled 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.

Length Limit: The defined length of a fish species that can be legally taken.

The proper method to obtain the length of a fish is to lay the fish on its side with its mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together. With a yardstick or tape measure under the fish, measure the length from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. (Do not

HOW TO MEASURE LENGTH OF A FISH

Lay the fish on its side with the mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together. Measure the length from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. (Do not follow the contours of the fish.)



BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

STATEWIDE

Be sure and check the "Nebraska's Public Fishing Waters" (page 26) section for special bag, possession and length limits on specific waterbodies.

SPECIES	Bag	Poss.
TROUT (ALL SPECIES)	7	14
STRIPED BASS, WHITE BASS & THEIR HYBRID (no more than 1 fish over 18 inches on all waters)	15	30
WALLEYE/SAUGER/SAUGEYE (in combination)	4	8
MUSKELLUNGE/TIGER MUSKIE	1	2
BAITFISH, TIGER SALAMANDERS AND LEOPARD FROGS (in combination)	100	100
SHOVELNOSE STURGEON*	10	20
PALLID AND LAKE STURGEON	No Harvest Allowed	
NORTHERN PIKE	3	6
PANFISH (see species list on page 7)	30	60
MUSSELS AND CLAMS	10	20
GAME FISH and NON-GAME FISH SPECIES NOT LISTED	No Limit	
BULLFROGS	8	16
SNAPPING TURTLES	10	20

INLAND WATERS

SPECIES	Bag	Poss.
LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED BASS (COMBINED) (only one bass 21 inches or longer allowed in the daily bag)	4	8
CHANNEL CATFISH/BLUE CATFISH (COMBINED)	10	20
FLATHEAD CATFISH	4	8

WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER

SPECIES	Bag	Poss.
LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH, SPOTTED BASS (COMBINED)	5	10
BLUE CATFISH	1	1
CHANNEL CATFISH	5	10
FLATHEAD CATFISH	5	10
PADDLEFISH (tag required)	2	2

* No harvest allowed on the Missouri River upstream from mouth of the Big Sioux River.

follow the contour of the fish, which would exaggerate its length). A minimum length limit means a fish must be longer than the defined length to be legally harvested. A maximum length limit means a fish must be shorter than the defined length to be legally harvested.

Protected slot limit: This is a range of lengths of a particular species that cannot be legally harvested on a given lake. For instance, a 28-to-34-inch protected slot limit on northern pike means that a northern pike less than 28 inches in length or greater than 34 inches can be harvested, but a northern pike between 28 and 34 inches must be released unharmed.

One-over length bag limits: For some species, such as largemouth bass and walleye, the number of large fish that can be harvested may be limited on some or all waters. For example, while it may be legal to harvest four largemouth bass more than 15 inches from a given lake, statewide regulations prohibit an angler from harvesting more than one largemouth bass 21 inches or longer each day from any waters. Therefore, for lakes with a 21-inch length limit on largemouth bass, the daily bag limit becomes one fish.

Length limits and cleaning of fish: Where length and bag limits apply, fish cannot be filleted until fishing is completed for the day and anglers are off the water. 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 cannot be possessed with more than the gills, viscera and scales removed while on the water, wading or engaged in fishing. Any fish in possession while actively fishing or on the water will be subject to length and bag limits that apply to the water being fished. Once off the water, the fish can be filleted for transportation and storage.

Know what you caught. When in doubt – release the fish unharmed.

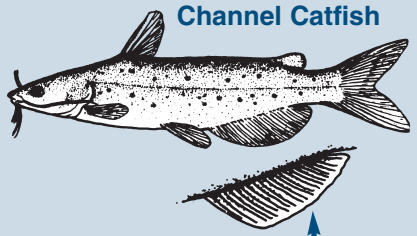
HOOK-AND-LINE SEASON AND REGULATIONS

Hook-and-line fishing is allowed year-round throughout the state (no closed season), except as noted or as posted at an area.

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

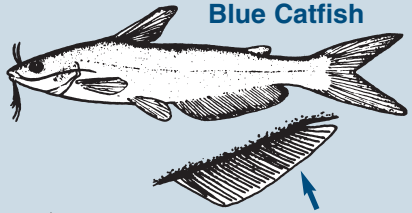
KNOW WHAT YOU CAUGHT

Channel Catfish



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

Blue Catfish



- Anal fin has more than 30 rays with outer margin straight.

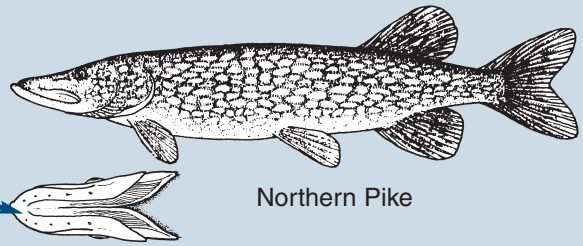
Flathead Catfish

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

KNOW WHAT YOU CAUGHT

Northern Pike

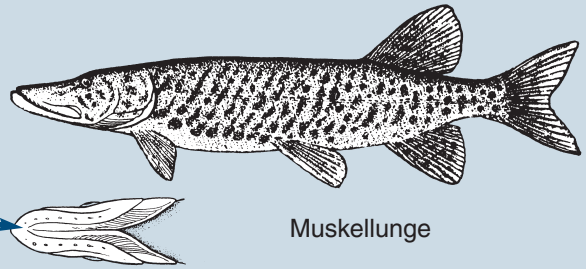
- Five or fewer pores on each side of lower jaw
- Cheeks fully scaled



Northern Pike

Muskellunge

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

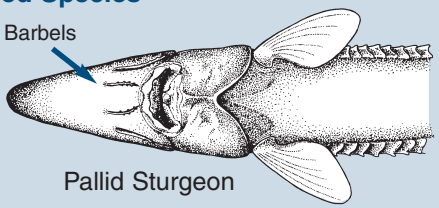


Muskellunge

KNOW WHAT YOU CAUGHT

Pallid Sturgeon - An Endangered Species

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



Pallid Sturgeon

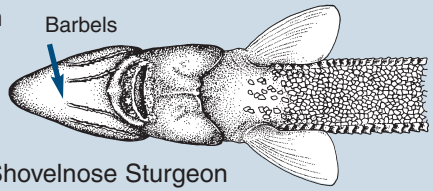
Lake Sturgeon - A Threatened Species

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

Lake Sturgeon

Shovelnose Sturgeon

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



Shovelnose Sturgeon

attached line (rod and reel or fishing pole) on all lakes, ponds or reservoirs or in their inlets, outlets and canals within one-half mile of these bodies of water, with the exception of ice-fishing line limits. This includes Lewis and Clark Lake from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Santee boat ramp in Knox County, Nebraska.

Ice-fishing: A total of five lines with two hooks on each line are permitted while ice fishing, unless restrictions are listed for a specific area in the Public Fishing Area section. Each ice-fishing line must be under direct supervision and within unaided observation of the angler. Holes made for ice-fishing may not exceed 10 inches in diameter on any area controlled by the 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.

Rivers or streams: A total of 15 hooks are allowed, ranging from 15 lines with a single hook attached, to three lines with a maximum of five hooks attached. These can be rods and reels, poles, bank lines, or set lines which are in some way attached to the bank and not free-floating. Float lines are illegal in Nebraska. Float lines are defined, as any line not attached to the shoreline or a pole. All bank lines and set lines must contain identification, to include the angler's name, address and fishing-permit number or current driver's license number.

- **Note:** Upon completion of fishing, all bank lines and set lines must be removed.
- **Snagging:** Only one hook, which has a gap between the point and the shank of the hook 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.

SNAGGING

Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish is permitted only in the Missouri River under season dates and limits specified in the Paddlefish and Snagging of Nongame Fish 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.

BAIT REGULATIONS

Baitfish, listed amphibians, and crayfish may not be sold, except by permit. For commercial purposes (bait dealers, 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, listed amphibians, or crayfish 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, listed amphibians, or crayfish is allowed on streams located on SRAs and WMAs unless the stream is listed as closed. All non-baitfish, of whatever size, taken while netting or seining for bait, must be immediately returned to the waters from which taken. The bag and possession limit of baitfish and listed amphibians for personal use is 100.

Gizzard shad and alewife may be taken for use as bait by legal dip nets from lakes, ponds, reservoirs, and below dams and other artificial obstructions for a distance of 200 yards below such obstructions. Live shad and alewife can only be used in the body of water in which they were captured (see section on cast nets). Shad and alewife may be taken by legal seine or dip net in streams,

except those streams closed to the taking of baitfish or bait by such method. The bag and possession limits are 100.

Below Dams: The seining of baitfish, listed amphibians, or crayfish is unlawful for a distance of 200 yards below any dam or spillway. In these waters, baitfish, listed amphibians, and crayfish can be taken by legal baitfish dip nets for personal use only.

Restricted Species: It is unlawful to sell, transport, or offer for sale as bait, any live carp, carpsucker, bullhead, buffalo, gar, quillback, gizzard shad, alewife 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, bullhead, buffalo, gar, quillback, gizzard shad, alewife 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 the length and bag limits that are enforced on that body of water.

NO LIVE BAITFISH AREAS

The following areas do not allow the use or possession of live baitfish:

- Chalkrock Lake (Cedar County)
- Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo County)
- Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge (Garden County)
- Frye Lake (Grant County)
- Holmes Lake (Lancaster County)
- Meadowlark Lake (Seward County)
- Olive Creek Lake (Lancaster County)
- Pibel Lake (Wheeler County)
- Valentine National Wildlife Refuge (Cherry County)
- Wagon Train Lake (Lancaster County)
- Wildwood Lake (Lancaster County)
- Yankee Hill Lake (Lancaster County)

White perch: It is illegal to transport or possess live white perch away from the body of water from which they were caught.

Dumping Baitfish: It is illegal to release your baitfish, or any fish caught from a different body of water, into public waters.

Exporting: Up to 100 legally captured baitfish and/or listed amphibians can be exported by a resident for personal use for fishing outside the state. No other baitfish taken from Nebraska waters may be transported out of the state in any manner, 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, alewife 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: Cutbait is legal if the fish used has been legally acquired and the size, bag and possession limits for that species and body of water have been followed. It also is legal to chum for fish using non-harmful baits. Anise oil and other scents that do not stun, kill, or harm fish are permitted.

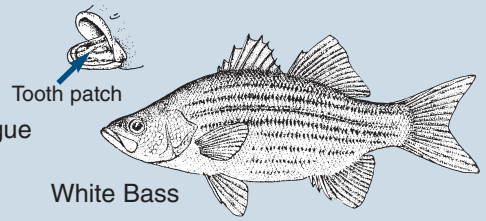
Leopard frogs & tiger salamanders: All regulations that cover the legal use of baitfish also apply to the use of leopard frogs and tiger salamanders.

Crayfish: There is no limit on the number of crayfish a person may possess. Anyone over the age of 16 must have a bait dealer'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.

KNOW WHAT YOU CAUGHT

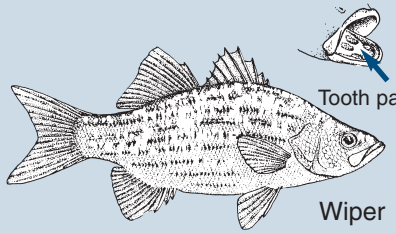
White Bass

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



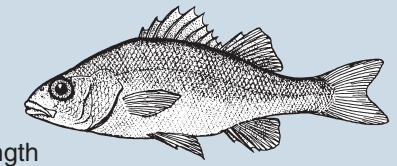
Wiper

- Broken horizontal lines
- Usually two tooth patches on base of tongue



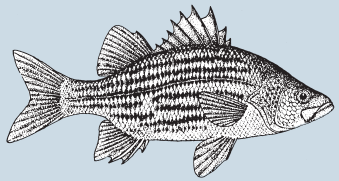
White Perch

- Second and third anal spine same length
- Sides plain, no stripes



Yellow Bass

- Has yellow cast
- Six or seven lateral stripes, three are above lateral line
- Lines are broken toward tail
- Second and third anal spine same length



Fish nets and traps: The possession or use of nets, traps and electrical gear capable of stunning fish is prohibited except for the following:

- Baitfish seines of one-fourth inch non-metallic square mesh only and not more than 20 feet long and four feet deep.
- Baitfish dip nets of one-fourth inch non-metallic square mesh. Neither length nor width may exceed 36 inches.
- 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.
- Landing nets, made of non-metallic mesh, used only for landing fish caught on hook-and-line.

CAST NETS

Cast nets may be used to collect bait with the following restrictions:

Cast nets may be used only on the following bodies of water: Calamus Reservoir, Davis Creek Reservoir, Elwood Reservoir, Enders Reservoir, Farwell South Reservoir, Gallagher Canyon Reservoir, Harlan County Reservoir, Jeffrey Reservoir, Johnson Lake, Lake Maloney, Medicine Creek Reservoir, Lake McConaughy, Phillips Canyon Reservoir, Plum Creek Reservoir, Red Willow Reservoir, Sherman Reservoir, Sutherland Reservoir, Swanson Reservoir and the

Fish Species Categorization

GAME FISH

Is defined to include all baitfish, commercial fish and sport fish:

SPORT FISH

The following fish species are designated as sport fish:

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

PANFISH

The following fish species are designated as panfish:

- all sunfish hybrids
- black crappie
- bluegill
- green sunfish
- orangespotted sunfish
- pumpkinseed
- redear sunfish
- rock bass
- white crappie
- yellow perch

SUNFISH

The following fish species are designated as sunfish:

- all sunfish hybrids
- bluegill
- green sunfish
- orangespotted sunfish
- pumpkinseed
- redear sunfish

COMMERCIAL FISH

The following fish species are designated as commercial fish:

- black bullhead
- freshwater drum
- yellow bullhead
- yellow perch

Tri-County Canal from the diversion dam in Lincoln County to the J-2 return.

- Only cast nets up to 10 feet in diameter with a mesh size no larger than three-eighths inches square measure are legal gear.
- May be used only during the months of July, August, September, October and November.
- May be used to collect gizzard shad and alewife only.
- Live gizzard shad and alewife only may be used for bait the same day they were captured and only in the same body of water where they were collected.

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 in those waters from which it came,

Fish Species Categorization

BAITFISH

The following fish species are designated as baitfish:

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

The following amphibians and crustaceans are covered under the baitfish regulations:

- devil crayfish
- northern crayfish
- northern leopard frog
- papershell crayfish
- plains leopard frog
- ringed crayfish
- tiger salamander

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

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

- blacknose shiner
- finescale dace
- lake sturgeon
- northern redbelly dace
- pallid sturgeon
- pearl dace
- sturgeon chub
- topeka shiner

NONGAME FISH

All species that do not appear on any of the above lists are considered nongame.

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 baitfish into a body of water. You could be destroying your own fishing!

TROUT WATERS

It is unlawful to possess a dip/landing net or seine of any type on trout streams in Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden and Keith counties that are tributaries to the North Platte River and Lake McConaughy, including: Pumpkin, Red Willow, Wildhorse, Stuckenhole, Ninemile, 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 or to take or attempt to take by seine or trap any bait or minnows in any of the following trout streams:

Antelope County: Verdigre Creek and all tributaries.

Brown County: Bone Creek and all tributaries, Long Pine Creek and all tributaries, Plum Creek and all tributaries and Fairfield Creek.

Box Butte County: Niobrara River.

Cherry County: Middle Loup River and all tributaries, North Loup River and all its tributaries, Schlagel Creek, Fairfield Creek, Snake River and all tributaries, and 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 border 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, Whitetail Creek, and Lonergan Creek and all tributaries.

Kimball County: Lodgepole Creek and all tributaries.

Knox County: North, Middle and South branches of Verdigre Creek 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, Indian Creek, Stuckenhole Creek and Pumpkin Creek below Highway 88.

Rock County: Long Pine Creek.

Scotts Bluff County: Ninemile Creek, Winters Creek, Tub Springs, Wet Spotted Tail Creek, Dry Spotted Tail Creek, Sheep Creek, Dry Sheep Creek, Stuckenhole Creek, Akers Draw, Mitchell Drain, Moffat 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.

ARCHERY/SURFACE SPEARFISHING

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

Only hand-drawn longbows (including compound bows) are legal. A disabled person who has a medical certificate on file with the Game and Parks Commission may use a crossbow. Arrows may have only one point, which must be barbed, and must be attached by a line to the bow at the time the arrow is released. For surface spearing, only hand spears are legal. All spearing devices must be barbed.

The following waters are closed year-round: Two Rivers, Louisville, Fort Kearny, Fremont, Mormon Island and Windmill SRAs; Platte River and Eugene T. Mahoney State Parks, and trout streams (see Trout Waters section).

UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING

Lawful spear guns include hand spears, rubber band-powered spear guns and spring-loaded spear guns. All spears used on powered spear guns must be attached to a lanyard no more than 20 feet long. Underwater spearfishing is not permitted within 100 yards of any designated swimming or water-ski jump area, boat dock, boat ramp, or spillway.

Seasons

Game fish: July 1 through Dec. 31 in waters listed below. Bag, possession and length limits are the same as for hook and line, except that there is a daily bag limit of 2 walleyes and a possession limit of 4 walleyes 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

- Privately owned lakes, with permission of the lake owner
- Lake McConaughy, Keith County
- Lake Ogallala, Keith County
- Lake Minatare, Scotts Bluff County
- Box Butte Reservoir, Dawes County
- Lewis and Clark Lake, Knox County
- Harlan County Reservoir
- Enders Reservoir, Chase County
- Elwood Reservoir, Gosper County
- Hugh Butler (Red Willow) Reservoir, Frontier and Red Willow counties
- Harry Strunk (Medicine Creek) Reservoir, Frontier County
- Sutherland Reservoir, Lincoln County
- Maloney Reservoir, Lincoln County
- Jeffrey Reservoir, Lincoln County
- Johnson Reservoir, Gosper and Dawson counties
- Sherman Reservoir, Sherman County
- Swanson Reservoir, Hitchcock County
- Merritt Reservoir, Cherry County
- Calamus Reservoir, Loup and Garfield counties

Waters Open to Nongame Fish Species Only

- Buffalo County - Union Pacific SRA, War Axe SRA, Bassway Strip WMA, Bufflehead 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.
- Dawson County - Dogwood East and West WMAs, Cozad WMA, Cozad West WMA, Willow Island WMA, and East Gothenburg WMA
- Hall County - Cheyenne SRA, West Wood River WMA and Alda DOR
- Phelps County - Sandy Channel SRA

DIVER'S FLAG

A diver's flag must be displayed on the water on a float or buoy when diving or underwater powered-spearfishing. Divers and underwater spearfishers 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.

THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES

It is unlawful to take by seine, dip net, or trap any baitfish in the following streams that contain threatened and endangered fish species:

Cherry County: Brush Creek west of Brownlee, and Gordon Creek west of Highway 61.

Dawes County: Niobrara River east of Box Butte Reservoir and west of Highway 385.

Keya Paha County: Cottonwood Creek, East Holt Creek and Holt Creek

Madison County: Taylor Creek west of Highway 81.

BULLFROGS

Bullfrog season runs Aug. 15 through Oct. 31. The bag limit is eight bullfrogs per person. They may be captured only by hand, by the use of a hand net or hook-and-line. Artificial light may be used when taking bullfrogs. Bullfrogs must measure 4½ 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.

AREAS OPEN TO THE USE OF ATVS AND SNOWMOBILES FOR ICE-FISHING

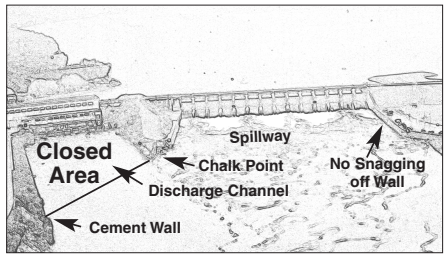
Snowmobiles, all-terrain and motorized off-highway amphibious vehicles may be operated on the frozen surface of the following designated lakes, unless otherwise posted as being closed: Bluestem, Branched Oak, Conestoga, Olive Creek, Pawnee, Stagecoach, Wagon Train, Enders, Medicine Creek, Red Willow, Swanson, Box Butte, Merritt, Oliver, Sherman, Elwood, Sutherland and Calamus Reservoirs; Fremont Lakes, Gallagher Canyon, Johnson Lake, Lake Maloney, Lake McConaughy, Lake Minatare, Lake Ogallala, Lewis and Clark Lake, Louisville Lakes, Rockford Lake, Summit Lake, Willow Creek Lake, Walgren Lake, Willow Lake (Brown County), Big Alkali Lake, and Cottonwood-Steverson Lake. These vehicles can be operated on these areas only from one-half hour before sunrise until 9 p.m. or as posted. It is recommended that these vehicles not be used unless the ice thickness is a minimum of eight inches.

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 Missouri River waters of the state immediately across the river.

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 only may 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 state's regulations. Both Iowa and Missouri resident anglers can fish waters of 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).



PADDLEFISH AND SNAGGING OF NONGAME FISH

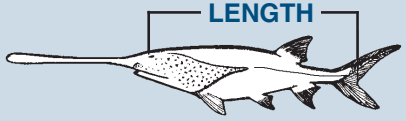
Missouri River - Snagging of paddlefish and nongame fish is permitted from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734, except for a closed area that extends downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge channel northwest to the east end of the chalk point. However, snagging off the north wall of the spillway is prohibited. All snaggers must obtain and have in their possession an unfilled paddlefish tag while actively snagging, in addition to a valid fishing permit, if required. From Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 mile downstream, they may fish only with a Nebraska resident or nonresident fishing permit or a South Dakota resident permit. In the remainder of the river open to snagging, South Dakota nonresident permits also are valid.

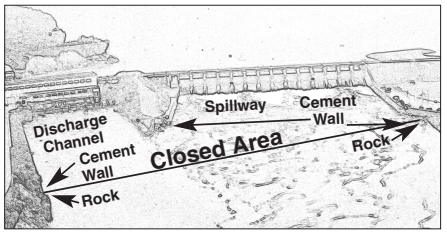
Paddlefish harvested by snagging may be possessed only on the Missouri River during the respective open season in the designated open area. All inland waters are closed to paddlefish harvest. **The snagging season runs only from Oct. 1 through Oct. 30.** Legal hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Applicants must be 12 years old by Oct. 1 in order to apply for a snagging permit (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 and the shank may not exceed one-half inch.

The daily bag and possession limits are the total number of tags issued to an individual. A harvest quota will be managed by issuing a limited number of paddlefish tags with a limit of no more than two tags per person. (See section on Paddlefish Tags). All paddlefish anglers are required to cast for and hook their own fish. All paddlefish between 35 and 45 inches long (measured along the centerline of the fish, lying flat, from the front margin of the eye to the natural fork of the tail), must be returned to the water immediately. The slot limit is designed to protect 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, in front of the eye, and the viscera. Final processing may not be completed until anglers have reached their 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.

HOW TO MEASURE A PADDLEFISH





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 second Saturday of July **(July 14) and runs for 30 consecutive days (through Aug. 12)**, 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 downstream from Gavins Point Dam to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge channel northwest to the east end of the north wall of the spillway. The area downstream of this line is open to archers taking both game and nongame fish during the appropriate seasons.

Paddlefish harvested by bow and arrow may be possessed only on the Missouri River during the respective season in the designated open area. All paddlefish archery anglers must obtain and have in their possession a paddlefish tag in addition to a fishing permit. Applicants must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July to apply

(see section on Paddlefish Tags). 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 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.

NEBRASKA PADDLEFISH HARVEST TAGS

The paddlefish is a limited and precious resource, and it is important that the harvest be closely regulated. A tag will be required for both archers and snaggers who want to harvest a paddlefish.

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. These tags are nontransferable, must be in possession while actively pursuing paddlefish, and must be immediately attached and locked shut to the dorsal fin of a harvested paddlefish. Archers will have a 30-consecutive-day season, beginning on the second Saturday of July (July 14), and snaggers will have a 30-day season, Oct. 1-30.

Application Fee: a $5 application fee must be submitted by each resident and nonresident applicant in order to be placed into the drawing for a paddlefish tag. This is a nonrefundable fee. To apply for a paddlefish tag, fill out the form on page 21 or apply online at www.OutdoorNebraska.org. An angler may apply only once during each application period. Two applicants are allowed to submit a joint application (buddy permit) with priority given to the applicant with the least preference points. Any applicants that submit false information or multiple applications will have all their applications removed from the drawing.

ARCHERY / SNAGGING PREFERENCE SYSTEM

Preference: During the first application period, preference will be given to those who did not have a permit the previous year.

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

Paddlefish Archery Harvest Tag Application Periods

First Application Period . . . . . April 1 - 30*

There will be no second drawing if all harvest tags are issued in the first drawing

Second Application Period ***(First or Second Tag)*** . . . . . .May 15 - 31*

Paddlefish Snagging Harvest Tag Application Periods

First Application Period . . . . . July 1 - 31*

There will be no second drawing if all harvest tags are issued in the first drawing

Second Application Period ***(First or Second Tag)*** . . . . . August 15 - 31*

**All application periods begin at 1 p. m. Central Daylight Savings Time. Mailed applications must be received in the Lincoln office by 5 p. m. on the last day of the application period. Online applications end at midnight.*

APPLICATION FOR PADDLEFISH HARVEST TAG

❑ Paddlefish Archery Tag ❑ Paddlefish Snagging Tag

There will be no second drawing if all harvest tags are issued in the first drawing.

First name _____ Middle initial _____ Last name _____

Address - Street / P.O. Box / Rural Route and Box Number _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

( ) _____

Daytime Telephone Social Security Number (last 4 digits)

Date of birth - Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____ Sex: _____

Hair color: _____ Eye color: _____ Height: ___ ft.___ in. Weight: _____

❑ Buddy permit (please attach second application form along with fee and enclose in same envelope)

E-mail address _____

❑ VISA ❑ MasterCard _____

Card number: Exp. date

Please note that the applicant must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July to apply for an archery tag and by October 1 to apply for a snagging permit.

Send this application with appropriate fee to:

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission 2200 N 33rd St. P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

General Information

FISH SALVAGE IN IRRIGATION CANALS

The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has implemented regulations affecting fish salvage activities on dewatered irrigation canals.

The following list summarizes the regulations for fish salvage of irrigation canals:

- Fish salvage is restricted to canals listed in the regulations.
- An application must be filled out, approved by the Commission, and carried by parties conducting fish salvage on canals.
- Stocking fish in any body of water with fish salvaged from irrigation canals must be approved on the salvage application form.
- Salvaged sport fish taken for human consumption are subject to all statewide length, daily bag and possession limits.
- Salvaged baitfish must comply with bait collection regulations.
- All approved fish salvaged from irrigation canals must be reported to the Commission on the report form provided.

The following is a list of canals where the Commission may authorize salvage activities during dewatering:

- **PLATTE RIVER DRAINAGE:**
  Buffalo County: Kearney Canal
  Dawson County: Buffalo Creek Supply Canal, Cozad Irrigation Canal, Dawson County Irrigation Canal, Farmers and Merchant Canal
  Dawson and Buffalo Counties: Elm Creek Canal
  Dawson and Lincoln Counties: Gothenburg Canal, Orchard and Alfalfa Canal, Six-Mile Irrigation Canal, Thirty-Mile Irrigation Canal
  Gosper County: E67 Canal System
  Gosper and Phelps Counties: E65 Canal System
  Gosper, Phelps and Kearney Counties: Phelps County Canal System
  Keith and Lincoln Counties: Sutherland Supply Canal
  Lincoln County: Maloney Supply Canal

REPUBLICAN RIVER DRAINAGE:
Franklin County: Franklin Pump Canal
Franklin and Harlan Counties: Naponee Canal
Franklin, Harlan and Webster Counties: Franklin Canal
Furnas and Harlan Counties: Cambridge Canal
Hitchcock and Red Willow Counties: Culbertson Canal, Driftwood Canal System, Meeker Canal System
Red Willow County: Red Willow Canal
Red Willow and Furnas Counties: Bartley Canal, Frenchman-Cambridge Canal
Webster and Nuckolls Counties: Courtland Canal, Superior Canal

LOUP RIVER DRAINAGE:
Custer, Valley and Sherman Counties: Middle Loup Public Power and Irrigation District 1, 2, 3 and 4
Sherman and Howard Counties: Farwell Canal System - Main, Central and South
Valley and Sherman Counties: Sherman Feeder Canal

Fish salvage application and report forms are available at NGPC district offices in Alliance, Bassett, Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk and North Platte. the Commission district office staff must approve application forms prior to any salvage efforts. More detailed information, including copies of salvage regulations, is available at these district offices.

PRIVATE WATERS

Permission from the landowner is required to access any body of water or stream located on private property. Although a private body of water may receive fish for stocking from the Commission, the owner controls access to it and anyone fishing it must have a valid fishing permit. The only waters where a fishing permit is not required are those entirely on private land, entirely stocked with private hatchery-reared fish, and not connected 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.

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 a nonpowered 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 publicly owned, controlled or managed waters that require an entry fee to participate, must be registered with the Commission's fisheries division at least 45 days prior to the event, see page 24 for form. Voluntary information on other tournaments, such as club tournaments, is welcome. A Fishing Tournament Approval Certificate must be present at the tournament site. The tournament date will be listed on the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission's Web 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 is prohibited in any fishing tournament, derby or contest that is held on: (1) waters owned or controlled by the Commission; and (2) waters stocked by the Commission during the preceding 24 months, excluding private lakes not owned by the state or other governmental entity.

FREE FISHING DAY MAY 19

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

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 ❑ Heaviest total catch
❑ Combination of number and length of fish
❑ Other (explain) _____

*Tournament must follow all length and bag limit regulations for that specific water body. No culling or high-grading allowed

Send to:

Fisheries Division
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
PO Box 30370
Lincoln, NE 68503-0370

FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES FOR 2007

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

Water Body	Location	Pollutant of Concern
Birdwood Lake	North Platte	Mercury
Box Butte Reservoir	Hemingford	Mercury
Carter Lake	Omaha	PCBs
Cottonwood Lake	Merriman	Mercury
Crystal Cove Lake	S. Sioux City	Mercury
Czechland Lake	Prague	Mercury
East Hershey Lake	North Platte	Mercury
Elkhorn River	Waterloo	Dieldrin, PCBs
Elkhorn River	O'Neill	Mercury
Elwood Reservoir	Elwood	Mercury
Iron Horse Trail Lake	DuBois	Mercury
Lake Hastings	Hastings	PCBs
Liberty Cove Lake	Lawrence	Mercury
Logan Creek	Lyons	PCBs, Dieldrin
Loup R. Power Canal	Genoa	PCBs
Maloney Reservoir Outlet	North Platte	PCBs
Maskenthine Lake	Stanton	Mercury
Merritt Reservoir	Valentine	Mercury
Missouri River	Omaha to Rulo	PCBs, Dieldrin
North Platte River	Oshkosh	Mercury
North Platte River	Bridgeport	PCBs, Dieldrin & DDE
North Platte River	North Platte	Mercury
Oliver Reservoir	Kimball	Mercury
Omaha Creek	Homer	PCBs, Dieldrin
Papillion Creek	Bellevue	PCBs, Dieldrin
Phillips Canyon Reservoir	Lexington	Mercury
Platte River	North Bend to Missouri River	PCBs, Dieldrin
Prairie Lake	Juniata	Mercury
Rockford Lake	Beatrice	Mercury
Salt Creek	Lincoln to Platte River	PCBs, Dieldrin
Shell Lake	Merriman	Mercury
South Platte River	Paxton	PCBs
Standing Bear Lake	Omaha	Mercury
Sutherland Outlet Canal	Sutherland	PCBs
Sutherland Reservoir	Sutherland	PCBs
W. Fork Big Blue River	Dorchester	Dieldrin
W. Papillion Creek	Ralston	Dieldrin, PCBs
Wehrspann Lake	Millard	Mercury
Wolf Wildcat Lake	Virginia	Mercury
Zorinsky Lake	Omaha	Mercury

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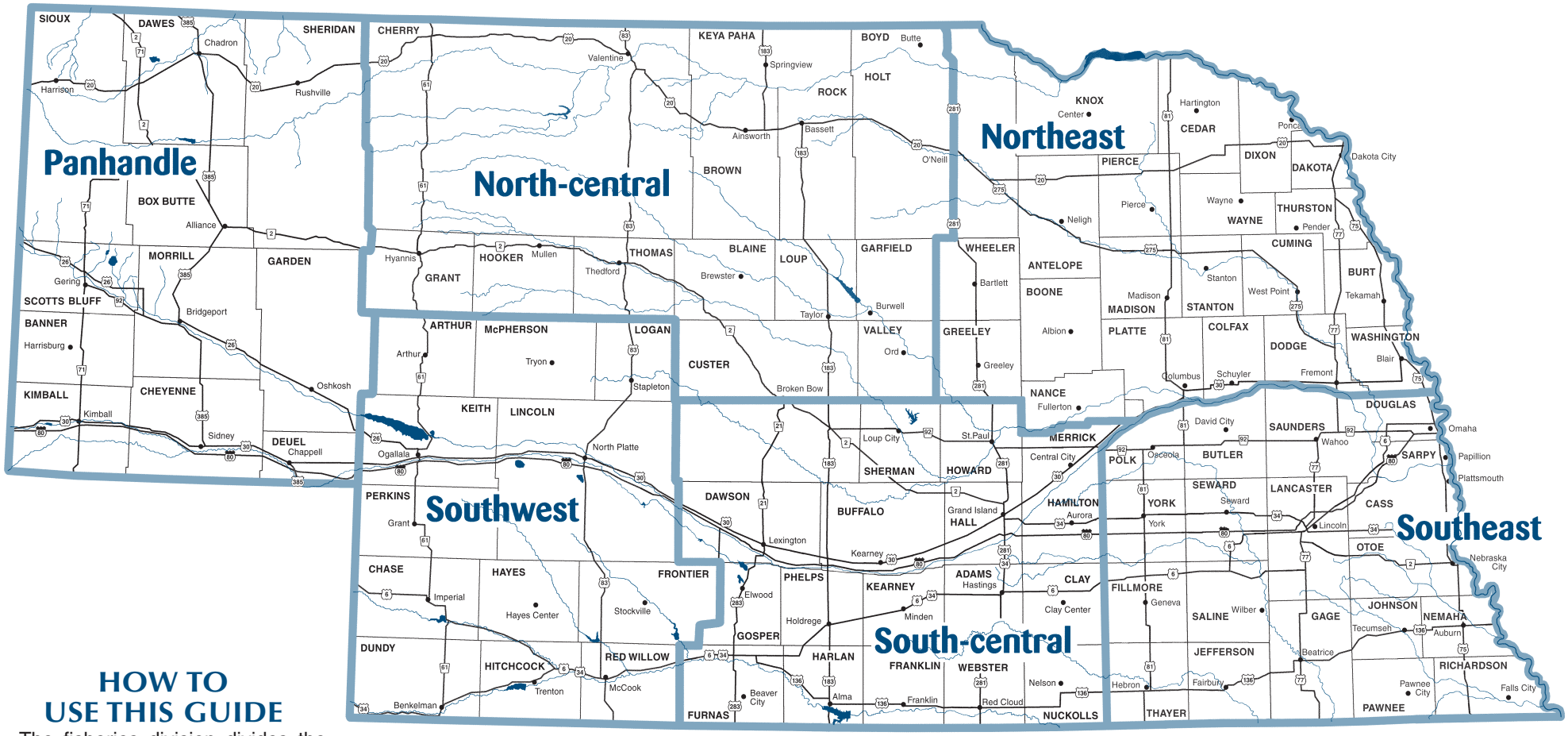

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The fisheries division divides the state into six geographic regions, or management districts, with an office in each district. In this guide, lakes, rivers and streams are listed in alphabetical order within the district they are located. The six districts are; Panhandle (northwest), North-central, Northeast, Southwest, South-central, and Southeast, presented in that order. Therefore, Sandhills lakes located in North-central Nebraska will be found in the second section of the guide, near the front, while lakes around Lincoln in the southeast will be found in the last section, near the back of the guide.

PANHANDLE

The Panhandle is a haven for trout anglers. Rainbows, browns and brooks abound in the many Pine Ridge and North Platte valley coldwater streams. This area also contains several reservoirs and sand-hill lakes that provide excellent walleye, muskie, northern pike and panfish fishing.

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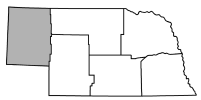

Bourdeaux Creek (Dawes Co.) - SE of Chadron. Public access on Big Bourdeaux Creek WMA. Brook and brown trout. Total catch and release for all trout species on that portion of the creek located on the WMA. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs are allowed.

Box Butte Reservoir SRA (Dawes Co.) - 1,600 acres, 10N of Hemingford. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, yellow perch, rock bass. Northern pike – protected slot limit of 28 to 34 inches. Daily bag limit of 10, only 1 of which may be more than 34 inches. Subject to severe summer drawdown; primitive camping, all boats allowed.

Bridgeport SRA (Morrill Co.) - 78 acres in 5 lakes, NW edge of Bridgeport. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch, rainbow trout (NW lake), wiper (middle lake). Wiper - 18-inch minimum length limit, daily bag limit of 1; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Primitive camping; all boats allowed on middle pit, all other pits, electric trolling motors only.

Buffalo Creek WMA (Scotts Bluff Co.) - 7 acres, 4S, 1½W, 1S of Melbeta. Largemouth bass, yellow perch, crappie, channel catfish, rainbow trout. No more than two lines with two hooks per line can be used ice-fishing. Access via 1-mile foot trail.

Carter P. Johnson Lake (Sioux Co.) - 15 acres, Fort Robinson SP. Rainbow trout, largemouth bass, rock bass, crappie, channel catfish. No more than two lines with two hooks per line can be used for ice fishing. Electric trolling motors only, wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Chadron City Reservoirs (Dawes Co.) - 20 acres in 2 ponds, 5½S of Chadron. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, rainbow trout. Non-powered boats allowed.

Chadron Creek (Dawes Co.) - S of Chadron. Brook and brown trout. Public access at Chadron State Park, otherwise private access, permission required.

Chadron State Park Pond (Dawes Co.) - 2 acres, 9S of Chadron. Rainbow trout. Boats not allowed; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Chappell Interstate Lake (Deuel Co.) - 30 acres, ½S of Chappell, I-80 Exit 85 - Wheatland Drive. Black crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, walleye, largemouth bass, yellow perch.

Crane Lake (Garden Co.) - 128 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh. Yellow perch. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; No baitfish allowed, only dead smelt. No camping. Open to fishing Nov. 1 - Feb. 15. Fishing allowed during daylight hours only. Fisherman must be off the lake no later than 1 hour after sunset. No boats or float tubes allowed.

Dry Sheep Creek (Sioux Co.) - NW of Morrill. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Dry Spotted Tail Creek (Sioux Co.) - NW of Mitchell. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Gilbert-Baker Pond (Sioux Co.) - 2 acres, 10N of Harrison. Rainbow trout. Located on the east portion of Gilbert-Baker WMA.

Goldeneye WMA (Deuel Co.) - 17 acres, 1S, 3W of Big Springs. Black crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch.

Grabel Ponds (Dawes Co.) - 6 acres in 4 ponds, Fort Robinson SP. Rainbow trout, largemouth bass, bluegill, rock bass, channel catfish. No more than two lines with two hooks per line can be used ice-fishing.

Greenwood Creek (Morrill Co.) - SE of Bridgeport. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Hat Creek (Sioux Co.) - NE of Harrison. Brook trout. Private access, permission required.

Ice House Ponds (Dawes Co.) - 6 acres in 3 ponds, Fort Robinson SP. Largemouth bass, bluegill. No more than two lines with two hooks per line can be used ice-fishing.

Isham Dam (Sheridan Co.) - 26 acres, NW of Hay Springs. Bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass, yellow perch, crappie, channel catfish. Private lake, permission required; all boats allowed.

Island Lake (Garden Co.) - 711 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 22N of Oshkosh. Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch, walleye. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. Renovated in 2005, limited fishing opportunity in 2007. No baitfish allowed, only dead smelt. No camping; electric trolling motors only; area open one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

Kilpatrick Lake (Box Butte Co.) - 160 acres, 22W, 1S of Alliance. Privately owned, but managed by the Commission. Special regulations listed at the lake; summer die off in 2004, completely dry in 2006, currently no fishing opportunity.

Laing Lake (Box Butte Co.) - 10 acres, Alliance, W. 18th St. and Box Butte Ave. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Larabee Creek (Sheridan Co.) - N of Rushville, Brook and brown trout. Private access, permission required.

Lodgepole Creek (Kimball Co.) - Kimball to Wyoming border. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required. Subject to low water or no water.

Lake Minatare SRA (Scotts Bluff Co.) - 2,100 acres, 12NE of Scottsbluff. Channel catfish, crappie, smallmouth bass, white bass, walleye, wiper, yellow perch. Waters within 150 feet of the dam are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise beginning 12:01 a.m. March 1 and ending 12 p.m. April 30. Camping; all boats allowed; closed Oct. 15-Jan. 14 or as posted. Subject to severe drawdowns.

Monroe Creek (Sioux Co.) - 4½N of Harrison. Brook trout. Public access on Gilbert-Baker WMA, otherwise private access, permission required.

Morrill Sandpits (Scotts Bluff Co.) - 25 acres in 3 lakes, 3S of Morrill. Black crappie, bluegill, largemouth bass, rainbow trout, yellow perch, channel catfish. County owned, permission required, check with the City of Morrill. No boating or camping allowed.

Ninemile Creek (Scotts Bluff Co.) - E of Minatare. Brown and rainbow trout. Public access at Nine Mile Creek WMA, otherwise private access, permission required.

Niobrara River (Sioux and Dawes Co.) - Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required. Extremely low water in summer. Public access on Agate Fossil Beds National Monument.

Oliver Reservoir SRA (Kimball Co.) - 270 acres, 10W of Kimball. Bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch, walleye, channel catfish, carp, tiger muskie. Primitive camping, all boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible fishing pier; low water levels in 2006.

Pine Creek (Sheridan Co.) - 20S of Rushville. Brown trout. Private access, permission required.

Red Willow Creek (Morrill Co.) - E of Bayard. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Sheep Creek (Sioux Co.) - NW of Morrill. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Silvernail Drain (Morrill Co.) - E of Northport, Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Smith Lake (Garden Co.) - 225 acres, Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge, 26N of Oshkosh. Bluegill, black crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. No baitfish allowed, only dead smelt. No camping. Open to fishing Nov. 1 - Feb. 15. Fishing allowed during daylight hours only. Fisherman must be off the lake no later than 1 hour after sunset. No boats or float tubes allowed.

Smith Lake WMA (Sheridan Co.) - 290 acres, 23S of Rushville. Bluegill, black crappie, bullhead, largemouth bass, yellow perch, pike, walleye. Panfish – daily bag limit of 10. Primitive camping, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp.

Soldier Creek (Dawes Co.) - 3W of Crawford. Brook, rainbow and brown trout. Public access at Fort Robinson State Park and Soldier Creek Wilderness Area.

Sowbelly Creek (Sioux Co.) - NE of Harrison. Brook trout. Private access, permission required.

Spotted Tail Creek (Scotts Bluff Co.) - NW of Mitchell. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Stuckenhole Creek (Scotts Bluff Co.) - W of Bayard. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Terry's Pit (Scotts Bluff Co.) - 7 acres, Terrytown. Largemouth bass, channel catfish, rainbow trout.

Tub Springs (Sioux Co.) - NE of Mitchell. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Walgren Lake SRA (Sheridan Co.) - 100 acres, 5SE of Hay Springs. Bluegill, crappie, bullhead, largemouth bass, northern pike, walleye, yellow perch, channel catfish. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

White Clay Creek (Sheridan Co.) - NW of Rushville. Brown trout. Private access, permission required.

White River (Dawes Co.) - W of Fort Robinson. Brown and rainbow trout. Public access at Fort Robinson State Park, otherwise private access, permission required.

Whitney Lake (Dawes Co.) - 900 acres, 1½W of Whitney. Channel catfish, crappie, walleye, yellow perch, white bass. Private irrigation reservoir, access limited.

Wildhorse Creek (Morrill Co.) - N of Bayard. Brown trout. Private access, permission required.

Winters Creek (Scotts Bluff Co.) - NE of Scottsbluff. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Lake Winters Creek (Scotts Bluff Co.) - 235 acres, N of Minatare. Channel catfish, yellow perch, bluegill, largemouth bass. Electric trolling motors only; closed Oct. 15-Jan. 14, or as posted. Area is open sunrise to sunset only. Subject to severe drawdowns.

Wood Reserve Pond (Dawes Co.) - 2 acres in 4 ponds, Soldier's Creek Wilderness Area, Fort Robinson SP. Rainbow trout.

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 bluegills.

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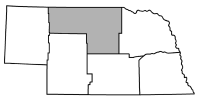

Arnold Lake SRA (Custer Co.) - 4 acres, ½S of Arnold, west side of Hwy 40. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Dense aquatic vegetation in summer.

Atkinson SRA (Holt Co.) - 5 acres, ½W of Atkinson. Bluegill, channel catfish, carp, largemouth bass, pike. Primitive camping, electrical hookups. Elkhorn River access.

Auble Pond (Valley Co.) - 5 acres, Bussell Park Rd. and G Street, Ord. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish; rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Bessey Fish Pond (Thomas Co.) - 3 acres, 1W, 1/4S of Halsey - Bessey National Forest. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; rainbow trout stocked in October. No motorized boating allowed, fish cleaning station, fishing pier.

Big Alkali WMA (Cherry Co.) - 842 acres, 16S, 4W, 1½S of Valentine. Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, black crappie, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch. All boats allowed, ramp, camping, fishing camp. Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

Boardman Creek (Cherry Co.) - 35SW of Valentine. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Burwell Lake (Ladybird) (Valley Co.) - 3 acres, 1E of Burwell. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

Calamus Reservoir SRA (Garfield and Loup Co.) - 5,200 acres, 2W, 5NW of Burwell. Channel catfish, black crappie, northern pike, muskellunge, walleye, wiper, yellow perch, white bass, carp. Walleye - 18-inch minimum length limit with only 1 fish more than 22 inches allowed in the daily bag limit. Modern/primitive camping; boating on upper lake restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Calamus River (Brown Co. and Loup Co.) - Carp, channel catfish, northern pike. Private access, permission required; canoe sites and camping.

Carney Pond (Holt Co.) - 2.5 acres, O'Neill City Lake, ½ S on Hwy 281. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, northern pike, common carp, rainbow trout seasonally.

Clear Lake (Cherry Co.) - 425 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Black bullhead, bluegill, northern pike, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length limit. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric trolling motors only. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Cottonwood Lake SRA (Cherry Co.) - 34 acres, ½E, ½S of Merriman. Bluegill, channel catfish, black crappie, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch. Primitive camping; aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing, all boats allowed.

Cottonwood-Steverson Lake WMA (Cherry Co.) - 680 acres, 30N, 2E of Hyannis. Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, muskellunge, carp, walleye, black crappie. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

Cozad Lake (South Pine WMA) (Brown Co.) - 80 acres, 11S, 2W of Long Pine. Bluegill, yellow perch, largemouth bass.

Cub Creek Lake (Keya Paha Co.) - 27 acres, 8½W of Springview. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie. Electric trolling motors only; primitive camping; NRD-owned lake.

Davis Creek Reservoir (Valley Co.) - 1,145 acres, 5S, 1E of North Loup. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, white bass, wiper, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch. Water level fluctuates dramatically due to irrigation.

Defair Lake WMA (Grant Co.) - 70 acres, 1E, 2S, 1/2E of Hyannis. Largemouth bass, yellow perch. Very low water levels in 2006.

Dewey Lake (Cherry Co.) - 550 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Bluegill, largemouth bass, pike, yellow perch. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length limit. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric trolling motors only. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Dismal River (Blaine and Hooker Co.) - Brown and rainbow trout, channel catfish, carp. Private access, permission required.

Duck Lake (Cherry Co.) - 66 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric trolling motors only. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

East Hyannis Lake (Avocet WMA) (Grant Co.) - 120 acres, 1E of Hyannis. Largemouth bass, yellow perch. Shallow lake, dense vegetation in summer.

Fairfield Creek (Cherry Co.) - 8N, 2E of Wood Lake to forks or 2½W of Norden Road on S side of Niobrara River to mouth of creek. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required, vehicle access difficult, most areas accessible by long hike.

Frye Lake WMA (Grant Co.) - 243 acres, 1N, 1½E of Hyannis. Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, channel catfish, walleye, black crappie. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Very low water levels in 2006.

Gracie Creek (Loup Co.) - N side of Calamus Reservoir. Rainbow trout. Private access, permission required except on two miles of stream above Gracie Creek Pond.

Gracie Creek Pond (Loup Co.) - 2 acres, N side of Calamus Reservoir - 12N, 4E of Taylor. Rainbow trout, carp. Put-and-take trout stocking, wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Hackberry Lake (Cherry Co.) - 680 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length limit. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. Fish population renovated in summer of 2004. No camping allowed. Electric trolling motors only. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Home Valley Lake (Cherry Co.) - 220 acres, 30N, 2½E, 1N of Hyannis. Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie, walleye, carp. Part of the Cottonwood-Steverson WMA. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), portage route from Cottonwood-Steverson Lake. Snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice. Access to the north side of lake via private property, permission is required.

Hudson Lake (Cherry Co.) - 160 acres, 15S, 8W, 1N of Valentine. Largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch. Private lake, open to the public for ice-fishing only.

Hull Lake (Boyd Co.) - 6 acres, ½W, 2S 1W 1¼S of Butte. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie.

Keller Park SRA (Brown Co.) - 7 acres in 5 ponds, 11S of Springview. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout. Ponds No. 4 and 5 have catchable trout; camping allowed.

Long Lake SRA (Brown Co.) - 155 acres, 8½W, 21S of Ainsworth. Bullhead, northern pike, yellow perch. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Long Pine Creek (Brown Co.) - Brown and rainbow trout. Public access at Long Pine SRA (1/2NW of Long Pine), Long Pine WMA (1N, ¼W of Long Pine), and Pine Glen WMA (2E, 8¼N of Long Pine). Remainder of stream is private access, permission required.

Melham Park Lake (Custer Co.) - 4 acres, Broken Bow, north of Memorial Drive, east of N. 5th Avenue. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Merritt Reservoir SRA & WMA (Cherry Co.) - 2,900 acres, 26SW of Valentine. Bluegill, yellow perch, bullhead, channel catfish, black crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, northern pike, walleye, white bass, yellow perch, carp. The daily bag limit of 4 walleye may include 1 walleye 15-18 inches and three more than 18 inches or four more than 18 inches but only 1 walleye more than 22 inches is allowed. Camping available, all boats allowed.

Middle Loup River (Hooker, Thomas, Blaine and Custer Co.) - Upper river - brown and rainbow trout, Lower river - carp, channel catfish. Public access at Milburn and Arcadia diversions; remainder of stream is private access, permission required.

Milburn Diversion (Middle Loup River) (Blaine Co.) - 2 NW of Milburn. Carp, channel catfish.

Minnechaduza Creek (Cherry Co.) - Valentine, below hatchery supply. Rainbow trout seasonally.

Niobrara River (Brown, Keya Paha, Rock and Boyd Co.) - Channel catfish, sauger, carp. Private access, permission required.

North Loup River (Cherry, Blaine, Loup and Garfield Co.) - Upper river - brown and rainbow trout, Lower river - carp, channel catfish. Public access at Kent Diversion Dam WMA, 5 ½E of Taylor; otherwise private access, permission required.

Overton Lake (Holt Co.) - 135 acres, 21S, 5E of Newport. Largemouth bass, yellow perch, bluegill. Leased for ice-fishing only, open Dec. 1 through March 15. Closed to public use the remainder of the year.

Pelican Lake (Cherry Co.) - 798 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Bullhead, bluegill, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length limit. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric trolling motors only. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Plum Creek (Brown Co.) - W of Johnstown. Brown and rainbow trout. Public access at Bobcat WMA (10N, 1W, ½N of Ainsworth) and Plum Creek Valley WMA (½W of Johnston on US 20, 1.25 S on county road). Remainder of stream is private access, permission required. One-acre pond on Plum Creek Valley WMA is stocked with rainbow trout.

Rat and Beaver WMA (Cherry Co.) - 450 acres in 2 lakes, 30S, 7W of Valentine. Bullhead, crappie, bluegill, carp, northern pike, yellow perch. Primitive boat ramp.

Schlagel Creek WMA (Schlagel Creek) (Cherry Co.) - 16S, 4W, 4N of Valentine. Brown trout. Private access, permission required, except on Schlagel Creek WMA.

Schoolhouse Lake (Cherry Co.) - 105 acres, 24S of Nenzel. Black crappie, bluegill, bullhead, largemouth bass. Private access, permission required.

Shell Lake WMA (Cherry Co.) - 160 acres, 3N, 4E, 8N of Gordon. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Snake River (Upper Reach) (Cherry Co.) - near Gordon. Brown and rainbow trout. Private access, permission required.

Spencer WMA (Niobrara River) (Holt Co.) - 18N of O'Neill. Channel catfish, carp, sauger. Bag limit on channel catfish is 5 from the dam downstream to the Missouri River. Primitive camping.

Swan Lake (Holt Co.) - 235 acres, 26S, ½W of Atkinson. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch. Northern pike - 28- to 34-inch protected slot limit. Primitive boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Private lake leased for fishing only. Renovated in 2006, limited fishing opportunity.

Tower Lake (Yellowthroat WMA) (Brown Co.) - 75 acres, 12.5S, 1.5E of Ainsworth. Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, black crappie.

Twin Lakes WMA (Rock Co.) - 160 acres, 16S, 2½E, 2S of Bassett. Black crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, bluegill, yellow perch. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), primitive boat ramp.

Valentine Mill Pond (Cherry Co.) - 20 acres, north edge of Valentine. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

Victoria Springs Lake SRA (Custer Co.) - 6 acres, 6E of Anselmo off Rt. S21A. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; rainbow trout stocked in October. Shallow, with extensive vegetation, nonpower boats only.

Watts Lake (Cherry Co.) - 230 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to Refuge H.Q. Bluegill, largemouth bass, muskellunge, yellow perch. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric trolling motors only. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

West Long Lake (Cherry Co.) - 62 acres, 16S, 6W, 8S of Valentine to H.Q. Bluegill, largemouth bass, yellow perch, pike. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length limit. Possession of baitfish is prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric trolling motors only. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Willow Lake WMA (Brown Co.) - 313 acres, 18½S 12½W, 1N of Ainsworth. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, black crappie, largemouth bass, yellow perch. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); snowmobiles and ATVs allowed on ice.

Willow Lake FWS (Cherry Co.) - 354 acres, 23½S, 3W of Valentine. Carp, northern pike, yellow perch. Northern pike - 28-inch maximum length limit. Possession of baitfish prohibited, dead smelt allowed. Possession of fish not taken from refuge waters unlawful. No camping allowed. Electric trolling motors only. Refuge open sunrise to sunset. Aquatic vegetation hampers summer fishing.

Take me fishing
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Northeast

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

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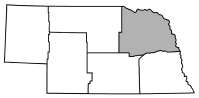

Lake Babcock (Platte Co.) - 600 acres, 1W, 3N of Columbus. Bullhead, carp, channel and flathead catfish. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). May be closed to boating during waterfowl season. Shallow lake, owned by Loup Public Power.

Bazile Creek WMA (Missouri River) (Knox Co.) - 4E, 1½N of Niobrara, river mile 838.8. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, smallmouth bass, northern pike, sauger, walleye. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length limit. Gravel road to ramp gets muddy with heavy rains, ramp subject to flooding.

Black Island WMA (Elkhorn River) (Cuming Co.) - 2½E of Pilger on county road. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Boyer Chute National Wildlife Refuge (Washington Co.) - 3½ E of Fort Calhoun. Restored channel off the Missouri River. Channel catfish, flathead catfish, common carp and other riverine species. Open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset. Archery fishing not allowed. Check with refuge for additional regulations.

Brooky Bottom Park (Missouri River) (Cedar Co.) - 4NE of Wynot, river mile 784.9. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye. Concrete boat ramp.

Buckskin Hills Lake (Dixon Co.) - 75 acres, 2W, 3S, ½W of Newcastle. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by Lewis and Clark NRD.

Chalkrock Lake WMA (Cedar Co.) - 44 acres, 5N, 1½E of Hwy 81 and 12 Jct. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Cottonwood Lake (Lake Yankton) (Cedar Co.) - 250 acres, Below Gavins Point Dam, north side of river. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, walleye. Largemouth bass - 15-inch minimum length limit. Border water area with South Dakota, open to Nebraska permit holders. Electric trolling motors only.

Crystal Cove Lake (Dakota Co.) - 30 acres, NE of Hwy 20 and 77 intersection in South Sioux City, entrance on W. 39th St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, northern pike, rainbow trout seasonally. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10 in combination; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric trolling motors only, wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Dead Timber SRA (Dodge Co.) - 20 acres, 5NW of Scribner, 1½E. Bullhead, carp, channel and flathead catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie. Primitive camping. Electric trolling motors only.

Decatur Boat Ramp (Missouri River) (Burt Co.) - South of Hwy 51 bridge. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, drum.

DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge (Washington Co.) - 760 acres, 6E of Blair on Hwy 30. Refuge entrance fee permit required. Bluegill, buffalo, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye. All anglers shall abide by the regulations of the state in which they are licensed, either Nebraska or Iowa, and federal refuge regulations as posted. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Open from early January through late February for ice-fishing; no more than two lines with two hooks per line can be used for ice fishing in DeSoto NWR Lake. Open April 15 - Oct. 14 for open-water fishing. Area open a half-hour before sunrise to a half-hour after sunset.

Dry Creek WMA (Elkhorn River) (Holt Co.) - 1½ SE of O'Neill. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

East Branch Verdigre Creek (Grove Lake WMA) (Antelope Co.) - NE of Royal above Grove Lake. Brown and rainbow trout. Public access available as posted; rainbow trout stocked on a weekly basis.

Lake Ericson (Wheeler Co.) - 70 acres, 1/2S of Ericson. Largemouth bass, bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, pike. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), boat ramp in NW corner. Lake and dam managed by Lake Ericson Corporation.

Ferry Landing (Missouri River) (Knox Co.) - 2½E, 1½N of Niobrara, river mile 841. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, northern pike, sauger, walleye. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length limit. Boat ramp.

Fremont Lakes SRA (Dodge Co.) - 280 acres in 19 lakes, 3W of Fremont. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, muskellunge (lakes 7 and 8), wipers (lakes 15 and 20). Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Muskellunge - 40-inch minimum length limit; Wipers - 18-inch minimum length limit, daily bag limit of 1; bullheads – daily bag limit of 5. Camping available. Gas-powered boating on Victory Lake and Lake No. 20 only, all other lakes electric trolling motors only.

Gavins Point Dam Tailwaters (Missouri River) (Cedar Co.) - 1S, 4W of Yankton, S.D. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, white bass, crappie, drum, paddlefish, smallmouth bass, sauger, walleye, goldeye. Paddlefish – see paddlefish section of guide for regulations. All boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible fishing piers. From Gavins Point Dam to 0.6 miles downstream, a nonresident Nebraska fishing license is required of anglers who are not residents of Nebraska or South Dakota when fishing from a boat or either bank.

George Syas WMA (Loup River) (Platte Co.) - 2S, 1½E of Genoa. Carp, channel catfish.

Goose Lake (Holt Co.) - 237 acres, 18N, 5E of Bartlett. Largemouth bass, bluegill, northern pike, yellow perch. Northern pike - 28- to 34-inch protected slot limit.

Grove Lake (Antelope Co.) - 50 acres, 2N of Royal. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, northern pike, rainbow trout seasonally. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length limit. Primitive camping allowed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Hackberry Creek WMA (Elkhorn River) (Antelope Co.) - 1½E, ½N of Clearwater. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Johnson Park Lake (Dodge Co.) - 10 acres, 1E of Fremont. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Paved boat ramp, electric trolling motors only.

Lewis and Clark Lake SRA - 30,000 acres, 7N, 4W of Crofton. Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, white bass, smallmouth bass. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length limit. No more than two lines with two hooks on each are allowed from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Santee boat ramp in Knox County. Modern and primitive camping, all boats allowed. Boat ramps available at Bloomfield Area, Hideaway Acres Marina, Weigand and Burbach Park, and Miller Creek Area. Fish cleaning station available at Weigand and Burbach Park.

Looking Glass WMA (Platte Co.) - 7 acres in 2 lakes, 1S of Monroe. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

Loup River Diversion Canal, Loup River (Nance Co. and Platte Co.) - Genoa to Columbus. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, drum. Tailrace at Columbus, stilling basin W of Genoa, and tailwaters below Monroe and Columbus powerhouses most productive.

Maskenthine Reservoir (Stanton Co.) - 98 acres, 2NW of Stanton. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, pike, walleye. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length limit. Camping allowed. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible fishing pier. Owned by Lower Elkhorn NRD.

Missouri River (Federal access areas) - Nebraska shoreline of river. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length limit from Gavins Point Dam upstream to South Dakota border. Camping available. Area boundaries posted, 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.

Mulberry Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Dixon Co.) - 1E of Maskell on Hwy 12 and 2 1/2N. Carp, channel catfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, paddlefish, pike, sauger, walleye. Concrete ramp.

Neligh Park (West Point Park Pond) (Cuming Co.) - Adjacent to Cuming Co. fairgrounds. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Niobrara SP (Knox Co.) - 7 acres in 2 ponds, 1W of Niobrara. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10 in combination; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Also access to Niobrara River.

Niobrara Townsite Boat Ramp (Missouri River) (Knox Co.) - N of old Niobrara townsite on county road, river mile 844.0. Buffalo, carp, crappie, pike, sauger, smallmouth bass, walleye. Walleye and sauger - 15-inch minimum length limit. Double-wide concrete ramps - not usable during periods of low water levels; ample parking.

Pelican Point SRA (Missouri River) (Burt Co.) - 5E, 4N of Tekamah, river mile 672.8. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, drum, sauger, walleye. Public boat ramp, primitive camping.

Lake North (Platte Co.) - 200 acres, 3N of Columbus. Carp, channel catfish, crappie, drum, walleye. Camping; shallow lake. Owned by Loup Public Power, all boats allowed.

Pawnee Park East (Platte Co.) - 2 acres, Columbus - south edge, use west park entrance then cross under Hwy 81 on park road. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Pawnee Park West (Platte Co.) - 2 acres, Columbus - south edge, west side of Hwy 81, south off 8th St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Penn Park Lake (Antelope Co.) - 8 acres, Neligh city lake, southeast of the Hwy 14 and Hwy 275 interchange. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, carp. City regulations in place. Largemouth bass – catch and release only.

Pibel Lake SRA (Wheeler Co.) - 20 acres, 9S, 1E of Bartlett. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Ponca State Park (Missouri River) (Dixon Co.) - 2½N of Ponca, river mile 753.5. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, drum, paddlefish, sauger, walleye. Concrete ramp.

Ponca State Park Pond (Dixon Co.) - 1.5 acres, 2½ N of Ponca. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass and panfish - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Only barbless or flattened-barb hooks allowed.

Powder Creek Reservoir (Dixon Co.) - 107 acres, 2E, 4S of Newcastle. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Powder Horn WMA (Elkhorn River) (Dodge Co.) - 4NW of Scribner on Hwy 275. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Prairie Wolf WMA (Loup River) (Nance Co.) - 1S of Genoa. Carp, channel catfish.

Red Fox WMA (Stanton Co.) - 25 acres, 1½S of Pilger on Hwy 15. Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), primitive boat ramp.

Red Fox WMA (Elkhorn River) (Stanton Co.) - 1S of Pilger on Hwy 15. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Red Wing WMA (Elkhorn River) (Antelope Co.) - 5 SW of Neligh. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

St. Helena Access (Missouri River) (Cedar Co.) - 6½E, 1N of Hwy 81 and 121 Jct. Channel and flathead catfish, paddlefish, freshwater drum, sauger, walleye. Concrete boat ramp.

Scenic Park Access (Missouri River) (Dakota Co.) - ½E of Hwy 77 bridge near S. Sioux City, river mile 732.0. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, freshwater drum. Concrete boat ramp.

Schuyler City Lake (Colfax Co.) - 18 acres, Schuyler - south edge off Hwy 15 on Higgins Drive. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie. Drained in 2006.

Skyview Lake (Madison Co.) - 50 acres, Norfolk - north of Business Hwy 275, W of Hwy 81 on Maple Avenue. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10 in combination; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier; electric trolling motors only; renovated in 2004.

Spalding Lake (Greeley Co.) - 24 acres, south edge of Spalding. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, northern pike, carp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), lake dewatered periodically. Also Cedar River access.

Steel Creek (Holt Co.) - Brown and rainbow trout; Private access, permission required.

Summit Lake SRA (Burt Co.) - 190 acres, 4½W, ½S of Tekamah. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, walleye. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), fish-cleaning station.

Sunshine Bottoms (Missouri River) (Boyd Co.) - 3E, 4N of Lynch. Carp, channel catfish, drum, goldeye, sauger, smallmouth bass, walleye. Boat ramp.

Ta Ha Zouka Park Lake (Madison Co.) - 5 acres, Norfolk - south edge of Norfolk just east of Hwy 81 and just north of the Elkhorn River. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Renovated in 2004.

Tilden City Pond (Antelope Co.) - 1 acre, Tilden - Horseshoe Bend Memorial Park - SW corner of town on 5th St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Verdel Landing WMA (Missouri River) (Knox Co.) - 2E, 2N of Verdel. Carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass, pike. Walleye and sauger - 15- inch minimum length limit. Double-wide boat ramp, ample parking.

Whitetail WMA (Platte River) (Colfax Co.) - ½W of Schuyler on US 30, 3S on county road. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, sauger.

Wilkinson WMA (Platte Co.) - 1 acre in 2 ponds, 1½ S of Platte Center. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Renovated in 2004.

Willow Creek SRA (Pierce Co.) - 700 acres, 2SW of Pierce. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, sauger, wiper. Wiper - daily bag limit of 3, with no more than 1 fish more than 18 inches. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) on west half of lake.

Wolbach City Pond (Greeley Co.) - 3 acres, Wolbach - north edge of town off Hwy 22 on Bluff St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Wood Duck WMA (Stanton Co.) - 50 acres, 3SW of Stanton. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, largemouth bass, crappie. Also Elkhorn River access. Access road to river closed during hunting season, shallow lakes and oxbow marshes open to fishing in new addition.

Yellowbanks WMA (Elkhorn River) (Madison Co.) - 3N, 2½W of Battle Creek. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

SOUTHWEST

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

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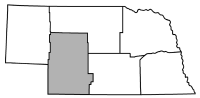

Barnett Park Pond (Red Willow Co.) - 5 acres, S edge McCook off Hwy 83. Bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Birdwood WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 20 acres, North Platte interchange, ½S, 3½W, 1N, NW across overpass. Channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass, bluegill, yellow perch; rainbow trout seasonally.

Brady Interchange WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 25 acres, Brady interchange, SE quadrant. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Renovated in 2006.

Chester Island WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 4 acres in 4 pits, 2S, ½W of Brady. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

CNPPID Canal (Tri County) (Lincoln Co.) - North Platte to Lexington. Channel and flathead catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper, smallmouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Crystal Lake (Lincoln Co.) - 7 acres, Maxwell interchange, ¾N, 2W, ½N, 3½W, ½S across overpass. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

Diamond Bar (McPherson Co.) - 120 acres, 18W, 3S Tryon. Largemouth bass, northern pike, bullhead, yellow perch, bluegill, black crappie. Shallow Sandhills lake, privately owned, but managed by the Commission and open to the public for fishing.

East Hershey WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 20 acres, North Platte interchange, ½S, 7¾W, 1½N, NE across overpass. Channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, yellow perch, rock bass.

East Sutherland WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 27 acres, Hershey interchange, ¼S, 3W, ½N, NE across overpass. Northern pike, channel catfish, hybrid sunfish, largemouth and rock bass, yellow perch, bluegill.

Enders Reservoir SRA (Chase Co.) - 1,200 acres, 5E, 4½S of Imperial. Channel and flathead catfish, largemouth and smallmouth bass, crappie, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike, carp. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length limit. Primitive camping; all boats allowed, severe summer drawdown. It is unlawful to fish or boat inside the game refuge during the waterfowl hunting season.

Fort McPherson DOR (Lincoln Co.) - 30 acres, Maxwell interchange, SE quadrant. Bluegill, rock bass, carp, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Renovated in 2005, restricted fishing opportunity.

Fremont Slough WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 30 acres, North Platte interchange, 1½S, 4¾E, ¼N, right turn across canal, ¼N under overpass. Bluegill, channel catfish, carp, largemouth bass.

Frenchman WMA (Hayes Co.) - 20 acres in 3 pits, ½N of Palisade. Crappie, bluegill, channel catfish, northern pike, largemouth bass.

Hayes Center Lake WMA (Hayes Co.) - 50 acres, 12NE of Hayes Center. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Electric trolling motors only. Renovated in 2006, limited fishing opportunity in 2007.

Hershey WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 53 acres, Hershey interchange, SE quadrant. Channel and flathead catfish, largemouth and rock bass, yellow perch, northern pike, walleye, bluegill.

Humphrey Pond (Keith Co.) - 3 acres, east edge of Ogallala on Hwy 30. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, carp, northern pike.

Jack Harkreader Pond (Lincoln Co.) - 8 acres, south of Lake Maloney inlet. Smallmouth bass, channel catfish, rock bass, bluegill. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier; low water level due to seepage problem.

Jeffrey Reservoir (Lincoln Co.) - 900 acres, 5S, 3W of Brady. Channel and flathead catfish, carp, crappie, bluegill, freshwater drum, walleye, white bass, wiper. All boats allowed.

Lake Maloney SRA (Lincoln Co.) - 1,600 acres, 6S of North Platte. Channel and flathead catfish, carp, crappie, bluegill, freshwater drum, walleye, white bass, smallmouth bass, wiper. Camping; all boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier on inlet.

Maxwell Rest Stop DOR (Lincoln Co.) - 5 acres, 3E Maxwell interchange. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. No boats allowed.

Lake McConaughy SRA (Keith Co.) - 30,000 acres, 10N of Ogallala. Channel catfish, bullhead, pike, yellow perch, smallmouth bass, striped bass, white bass, walleye, wiper. Walleye bag limit allows only 1 fish more than 22 inches. It is unlawful to possess a walleye on that portion of Otter Creek from the junction at the shore of the lake upstream to, and including, the culvert under Hwy 92. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns.

Medicine Creek SRA (Harry Strunk Lake) (Frontier Co.) - 1,850 acres, 2W, 7N of Cambridge. Channel and flathead catfish, crappie, walleye, largemouth bass, white bass, wiper, carp. Primitive and modern camping; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns.

North Platte I-80 City Lake (Lincoln Co.) - 26 acres, North Platte I-80 interchange, exit 177, south on Hwy 83, first left turn. Channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass, bluegill, wiper, walleye, northern pike. Primitive boat ramp, fishing pier.

North Platte River (Keith Co.) - Keystone to Paxton. Rainbow and brown trout. Private access, permission required.

North River WMA (Platte River) (Lincoln Co.) - 2½N of Hershey. Carp, channel and flathead catfish. Encompasses 2 miles of North Platte River.

Lake Ogallala SRA (Keith Co.) - 650 acres, 10N of Ogallala. Channel catfish, rainbow trout, brown trout, walleye, white bass, yellow perch, carp. Combination bag limit on all trout is 4, with a possession limit of 8. Modern/primitive camping; all boats allowed, wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Otter Creek (Keith Co.) - 12E of Lewellen. Brown and rainbow trout. Private property, permission required.

Pawnee Slough WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 30 acres, 2W of Maxwell on Hwy 30. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass.

Red Willow SRA (Hugh Butler Lake) (Frontier Co.) - 1,630 acres, 11N of McCook. Channel and flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth and smallmouth bass, walleye, white bass, wiper, northern pike, carp. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length limit. Modern camping; all boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns.

Rock Creek Lake SRA (Dundy Co.) - 50 acres, 4N, 1W of Parks. Channel catfish, largemouth bass, yellow perch, rainbow trout seasonally, redear sunfish. Primitive camping; electric trolling motors only.

Sutherland Reservoir SRA (Lincoln Co.) - 3,000 acres, 2S of Sutherland. Channel catfish, walleye, white bass, wiper, yellow perch, freshwater drum. Ice fishermen use caution due to heated discharge from power plant. Primitive camping; all boats allowed; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Sutherland Supply Canal (Keith Co. and Lincoln Co.) - Brown and rainbow trout. Access via Central Public Power District road.

Swanson Reservoir SRA (Hitchcock Co.) - 5,000 acres, 2W of Trenton. Channel and flathead catfish, carp, crappie, drum, walleye, wiper, white bass. All boats allowed. Subject to severe summer drawdowns.

Wellfleet Lake (Lincoln Co.) - 50 acres, ½SW of Wellfleet. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Primitive camping; electric trolling motors only.

West Brady WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 6 acres, Brady interchange, ¾N, 3W across overpass. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

West Gothenburg WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 15 acres, Brady interchange, 3½E on Hwy 30, ¼S across tracks. Channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass, bluegill, redear sunfish.

West Hershey WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 6 acres, ½W Hershey interchange. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Access across private land.

West Maxwell WMA (Lincoln Co.) - 7 acres, Maxwell Interchange, ¾N, ¾W, ¼S. Channel catfish, rock and largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, grass carp.

SOUTH-CENTRAL

A variety of opportunities awaits 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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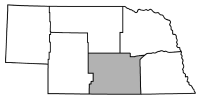

32-Mile H, Prairie Lake (Adams Co.) - 65 acres, 1½E, 4½S of Juniata. Channel catfish, carp, bullhead. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; walk in access only; turbid.

Alda DOR (Hall Co.) - 12 acres, Alda interchange, NE quadrant. Bluegill, carp, northern pike, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length limit. No boats allowed.

Ansley Lake (Custer Co.) - 4 acres, Ansley - west edge of town off Hwy 2. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, electric trolling motors only.

Bader Memorial County Park (Merrick Co.) - 12 acres in 7 lakes, 1½S of Chapman. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Primitive camping; no boats allowed.

Bassway Strip WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 39 acres in 2 lakes, Minden interchange, ¼S on Hwy 10, east on county road back toward I-80. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Bassway East - 30 acres, walk-in access only. Improved boat ramp on West Lake, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Also Platte River access.

Beaver Creek Pond (Sherman Co.) - 6 acres, 1NW Hazard. Carp, bullhead. Oxbow lake of Mud Creek. Subject to low water levels.

Bethphage Pond (Kearney Co.) - 3 acres, ¼N Axtell. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Blue Hole (East Lake) (Buffalo Co.) - 34 acres, Elm Creek interchange, 1½S, 1½E on canal road. Bluegill, carp, northern pike, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length limit. NPPD area.

Blue Hole WMA (West Lake) (Buffalo Co.) - 37 acres, Elm Creek interchange, SW quadrant. Bluegill, carp, sauger, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). North channel of Platte River connects to lake.

Bowman Lake SRA (Sherman Co.) - 2 acres, ½W of Loup City on Hwy 92. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Electric trolling motors only. Access to Middle Loup River.

Bufflehead WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 15 acres, Kearney interchange, 1N to 11th St., 3E, 1S, ½E. Bluegill, yellow perch, rock bass, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Cheyenne SRA (Hall Co.) - 7 acres, Wood River interchange, NW quadrant. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, carp. Largemouth bass - total catch and release. Primitive camping.

Coot Shallows WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 12 acres, Odessa interchange, ¾N, 1¾W. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Cornhusker WMA (Hall Co.) - 1 acre, 4W of Grand Island. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Subject to water level fluctuations.

Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo Co.) - 43 acres, 1W, ½N of Kearney on Hwy 30, N of Hwy 30 off Cottonmill Avenue. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, northern pike. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit; Northern pike - 30-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; No live baitfish allowed. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Cozad WMA - 18 acres, Cozad interchange, SE quadrant. Bluegill, carp, channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible ramp. Also access to Platte River.

Crystal Lake SRA (Adams Co.) - 10 acres, 2N, 1W of Ayr. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric trolling motors only. Subject to summer drawdowns. Major fish kills in August 2005 and 2006, limited fishing opportunity.

Darr WMA (Dawson Co.) - 13 acres, Darr interchange, NW quadrant. Channel catfish, bluegill, largemouth and rock bass.

Dawson County Museum Pond (Dawson Co.) - 3 acres, Lexington - 805 N Taft St. Bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish.

Dogwood WMA (Dawson Co.) - 12 acres in 2 lakes, Lexington interchange, 5½E, 2½S across overpass, ¼E. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass. Improved boat ramp on East Lake, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Also Platte River access.

Eagle Scout Lake (Hall Co.) - 55 acres, 1N of Grand Island, Hwy 281 and N. Broadwell Ave. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, carp, crappie. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible fishing pier; hike-bike trail around lake.

East Gothenburg WMA (Dawson Co.) - 15 acres, Gothenburg interchange, ½S, ½E, 3½SE and E. Crappie, redear sunfish, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Renovated in 2006.

East Odessa WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 7 acres, Odessa interchange, 4E on S side of I-80. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Also Platte River access.

Elm Creek WMA (Webster Co.) - 4E, 2N of Red Cloud. Rainbow trout. One-half mile of Elm Creek is on public land, the rest on private land, permission required. Trout stocked twice annually (March and September).

Elwood Reservoir WMA (Gosper Co.) - 1,200 acres, 3N of Elwood. Bluegill, wiper, channel catfish, crappie, flathead catfish, white bass, largemouth and spotted bass, muskellunge, walleye. Wiper/white bass - daily bag limit of 3 with no more than 1 fish more than 18 inches; Walleye - 15-inch minimum length limit with a 18- to 24-inch protected slot, with only 1 more than 24 inches allowed in the daily bag limit; Muskellunge - 40-inch minimum length limit. Bank access at entrance; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Subject to summer drawdown.

Farwell South Reservoir (Howard Co.) - 40 acres, 4W, 3S of Farwell. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, crappie, walleye. Powerboats not allowed.

Fort Kearny SRA (Kearney Co.) - 21 acres in 7 pits, ¾E, 1N of Ft. Kearny SHP. Bluegill, channel catfish, carp, crappie, largemouth bass, wipers (lake No. #4). Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Wipers - 18-inch minimum length limit, daily bag limit of 1; no archery fishing allowed. Modern camping; electric trolling motors only; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier on lake No.7.

Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA (Dawson Co.) - 182 acres, 8S of Cozad. Channel and flathead catfish, wiper, crappie, drum, walleye, sauger, white bass. Primitive camping; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Grand Island East-bound Rest Area (Hall Co.) - 6 acres, 3E of Grand Island Interchange. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Renovated in summer of 2004; No boats allowed. Limited fishing opportunity, low water levels possible.

Harlan Co. Reservoir (Harlan Co.) - 13,500 acres, S of Alma and Republican City. Channel and flathead catfish, crappie, pike, walleye, white bass, wiper. Walleye - 18-inch minimum length limit, with only 1 more than 22 inches allowed in the daily bag; Wiper/white bass - 1 more than 18 inches allowed in daily bag. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to summer drawdown.

Harold W. Anderson WMA (Middle Loup River) (Howard Co.) - 2N, 3E of Dannebrog. Carp, channel catfish.

Lake Hastings (Adams Co.) - 63 acres, N edge Hastings, west of Hwy 281. Bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie. Special city boating regulations.

Heartland Shooting Center Pond (Hall Co.) - 7 acres, 2W of Grand Island on Husker Highway. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Open to fishing during public shooting hours. Low water possible due to seepage problems.

Heartwell Park Lake (Adams Co.) - 3 acres, Hastings - E Forest Blvd. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish; rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Lake Helen (Dawson Co.) - 20 acres, N edge Gothenburg, west of Rt. 47 at 25th St. Carp, wiper, channel catfish.

Holdrege City Lake (North Park) (Phelps Co.) - 10 acres, Holdrege - east of Hwy 183 on 18th Avenue. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass; rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Improved boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Indian Creek WMA (Republican River) (Webster Co.) - 1S of Red Cloud. Carp, channel catfish, white bass.

Indian Creek WMA Pond (Webster Co.) - 2 acres, 1S of Red Cloud. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Johnson Lake SRA (Gosper Co.) - 2,189 acres, 7S of Lexington. Channel and flathead catfish, crappie, drum, carp, walleye, sauger, white bass, wiper, bluegill, smallmouth bass. Primitive and modern camping; all boats allowed; 2 wheelchair-accessible fishing piers at inlet.

Kea Lake WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 20 acres, Kearney interchange, SW quadrant. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Improved boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible ramp access, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Kea West WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 8 acres, Kearney interchange, 1N to 11th St., 1¼W, 1S to overpass approach, turn east. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie, rock bass, yellow perch. Primitive boat ramp.

Len Koziol WMA (Loup River) (Howard Co.) - 2½N, 2E, ½N of St. Paul. Carp, channel catfish.

L.E. Ray Lake (Hall Co.) - 30 acres, Grand Island - N of Husker Hwy and East Blaine. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, muskellunge. Electric trolling motors only.

Lexington City Lake (Dawson Co.) - 3 acres, N edge Lexington, N. Adams St. (Rt. 21) and W. 13th St. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Liberty Cove (Webster Co.) - 36 acres, 2S, 2½W of Lawrence. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; fishing pier with gravel access; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Subject to very low water levels.

Lincoln Park Pond (Nuckolls Co.) - 1 acre, W edge of Superior, W. 4th Street off Hwy 14. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Loch Linda WMA (Platte River) (Hall Co.) - 10S, 3W of Grand Island. Carp and channel catfish.

Martins Reach WMA (Platte River) (Hall Co.) - 4S, 2W of Wood River. Carp and channel catfish.

Marsh Wren WMA (Howard Co.) - 1 acre, 3N, 3W of St. Paul. Largemouth bass, bluegill. Access to North Loup River.

Midway Canyon Reservoir (Dawson Co.) - 609 acres, 6S, 2W of Cozad. Channel and flathead catfish, wiper, sauger, crappie, drum, walleye, white bass. All boats allowed, public boat ramp on Road 418.

Minden Biological Learning Center Pond (Kearney Co.) - 0.5 acres, West 5th Street Minden, at Minden High School. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

Mormon Island DOR (East) (Hall Co.) - 22 acres, Grand Island interchange, N of I-80, 1½E. Bluegill, channel catfish, muskellunge, crappie, largemouth bass. Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Access on foot from Mormon Island SRA.

Mormon Island SRA (Middle) (Hall Co.) - 19 acres, Grand Island interchange, NE quadrant. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, redear sunfish. Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; no archery fishing allowed. Renovated in 2005. Access on foot from Mormon Island SRA.

Mormon Island SRA (West) (Hall Co.) - 42 acres, Grand Island interchange, NE quadrant. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; no archery fishing allowed. Modern camping; electric trolling motors only; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Morman Trail (Merrick Co.) - 1 acre, 1.5S, 2W Clarks. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Subject to low water levels.

Narrows WMA (Republican River) (Webster Co.) - 4W of Red Cloud on Hyw. 136. Carp, channel catfish, white bass.

North Kearney Rest Area (westbound) DOR (Buffalo Co.) - 7 acres, 2W of Kearney interchange at exit 272 on I-80 to rest stop. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. No boats allowed.

North Loup SRA (Howard Co.) - 7 acres, 3N of St. Paul, just north of the North Loup River on Hwy 281. Bass, bluegill, channel catfish, crappie.

Phillips Canyon Reservoir (Gosper Co.) - 142 acres, 8S, 1E, 1N Lexington. Channel catfish, crappie, drum, sauger, walleye, wiper, white bass. All boats allowed; unimproved access road - dry weather only.

Pier Lake (Hall Co.) - 9 acres, Grand Island - Ashton Ave. and Bismarck Rd. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Pioneer Trail Lake (Hamilton Co.) - 45 acres, ½E Aurora. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Seepage problems - low water conditions common.

Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir (Dawson Co.) - 252 acres, 8S, 3½E Cozad. Channel and flathead catfish, crappie, drum, walleye, sauger, wiper, white bass. All boats allowed.

Pressey WMA (Custer Co.) - 2 acres, 3N, 1E Oconto. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass.

Ravenna Lake (Buffalo Co.) - 16 acres, 1SE of Ravenna, N of Hwy 2. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit is 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit is 3. Primitive camping; electric trolling motors only, gravel boat ramp, wheelchair-accessible fishing pier. Area managed by the county.

Sac Wilcox WMA (Phelps Co.) - 2 acres in 3 lakes, 10E, 3S of Holdrege. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Sandy Channel SRA (Buffalo Co.) - 52 acres in 6 lakes, 2S of Elm Creek I-80 Interchange. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth and rock bass, yellow perch, carp. Electric trolling motors only, except on Lake #8 where outboard motors are allowed, but boats are restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Improved boat ramp on Lake No.8, wheelchair-accessible.

Sherman Reservoir SRA (Sherman Co.) - 2,845 acres, 4E, 1N of Loup City. Channel catfish, crappie, flathead catfish, pike, walleye, white bass. Walleye - 18-inch minimum length limit and only 1 more than 22 inches allowed in daily bag; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit; Northern Pike - 30-inch minimum length limit. Primitive camping; all boats allowed. Subject to summer drawdowns. Waters within 150 feet of the dam are closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise beginning 12:01 a.m. April 1 and ending 12 p.m. April 20.

Silver Creek City Pond (Merrick Co.) - 4 acres, South on Hwy 39. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

South Kearney Rest Area (eastbound) DOR (Buffalo Co.) - 1 acre, 6E of Odessa interchange at exit 263 to rest stop. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, redear sunfish. No boats allowed.

Such's Lake (Hall Co.) - 4 acres, Grand Island - Harrison St. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass; rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Sutton Clark Pond (Clay Co.) - 1 acre, Sutton - Glen Avenue and West Cedar Street. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Three R's Pond (Harlan Co.) - 2 acres, 2S, 1W of Orleans. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Union Pacific SRA (Buffalo Co.) - 15 acres, Odessa interchange, NE quadrant. Channel catfish, bluegill, rock, smallmouth and largemouth bass. Primitive camping; gravel boat ramp, electric trolling motors only

War Axe SRA (Buffalo Co.) - 14 acres, Shelton interchange, NE quadrant. Bluegill, carp, yellow perch, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye. Primitive camping.

Wastewater Pond (Hall Co.) - 8 acres, Grand Island - Swift Rd., E of Stuhr Rd. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, tiger muskie.

West Cozad WMA (Dawson Co.) - 18 acres, Cozad interchange, ½N, 1/4W, 1/4N, 1W, 1S. Channel catfish, redear sunfish, largemouth bass, rock bass. Renovated and restocked in 2003.

West Elm Creek WMA (Buffalo Co.) - 9 acres, 5W Elm Creek interchange. Green sunfish, channel catfish. Access across private property.

West Wood River WMA (Hall Co.) - 15 acres, Wood River interchange, ½S, 1W, N across overpass, ¼W. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, carp. Largemouth bass - total catch and release.

Willow Island WMA (Dawson Co.) - 24 acres, 5¼W of Cozad on Hwy 30, ¾S across overpass. Carp, bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Lake connects to Platte River.

Windmill SRA (Buffalo Co.) - 23 acres in 6 lakes, Gibbon interchange, NE quadrant. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout seasonally (Lake No. 1), wipers (Lake No. 3). Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Wipers - 18-inch minimum length limit, daily bag limit of 1; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit on Lake No. 4 only; area closed to archery fishing. Modern camping; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier (Lake No. 2); electric trolling motors only; fish feeders - Lakes No. 3 and No. 4.

Yanney Park Lake (Buffalo Co.) - 20 acres, Kearney - off W. 11th Street. Largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

SOUTHEAST

Fishing opportunity is increasing in the Southeast. Aquatic Habitat Projects are improving hundreds of acres of fishing water in the area. Farm ponds, streams and rivers are important 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.

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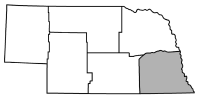

Adams Park Pond (Douglas Co.) - 3 acres, NE Omaha - Bedford Avenue and 33rd St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Fishing restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 and older.

Alexandria SRA (Jefferson Co.) - 43 acres in 2 lakes, 2S, 3E of Alexandria. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, redear sunfish. Electric trolling motors only; modern and primitive camping.

Alexandria Southwest WMA (Big Sandy Creek) (Jefferson Co.) - ½S, 1 E of Alexandria. Channel catfish, carp.

Arrowhead WMA (Gage Co.) - 77 acres, 3E, ½S of Diller. Bullhead, carp, channel catfish. Electric trolling motors only; very turbid and shallow.

Aspinwall Bend WMA (Missouri and Little Nemaha Rivers) (Nemaha Co.) - ¾S of Nemaha. Channel catfish, carp.

Auburn Rotary Club Lake (Nemaha Co.) - 5 acres, Auburn - north edge of town, east of Hwy 75 (7th and J St.). Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Baright Lake (Cass Co.) - 4 acres; Mahoney SP. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Children under 16 years of age, disabled adults, and adults assisting kids fishing are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area. Daily bag limit is two fish, except all largemouth bass must be released.

Bear Pierce Cedar 2A (Gage Co.) - 24 acres, 4N, 3½E of Hwy 77 and Hwy 136 junction. Channel catfish, largemouth bass, bluegill, crappie. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD.

Bennington Lake (Douglas Co.) - 270 acres, 180th and Bennington Road. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Ice-fishing not allowed. Public access is only allowed on the jetty located ½W of 168th St. at the intersection of Highway 36 and Newport Landing.

Bennington Lions Club Pond (Douglas Co.) - 1 acre, Bennington – South of N. 2nd Street. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. All species – total catch and release.

Benson Park Pond (Douglas Co.) - 4 acres, Omaha - off 72nd St. at Military and Ames Ave. intersection. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Fishing restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Big Indian 11A (Gage Co.) - 76 acres, 3S, 3W of Wymore. Bullhead, bluegill, crappie, largemouth bass, channel catfish. Primitive camping; Boat ramp, all boats allowed; very turbid. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD.

Blue Bluffs WMA (Big Blue River) (Seward Co.) - ½N, 1E, 2S of Milford. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Blue River SRA (Big Blue River) (Saline Co.) - N of Dorchester. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Bluestem Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 326 acres, 2½W of Sprague. Bluegill, crappie, flathead and channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye. Primitive camping; concrete boat ramp, all boats allowed.

Blue Valley (Big Blue River) (Seward Co.) - ½S of Seward. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Bowling Lake (Lancaster Co.) - 12 acres, Lincoln - NW 48th St. and W. Cuming St. (Airpark). Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Concrete boat ramp, electric trolling motors only. Lincoln City lake, rehabilitated in 2006, limited fishing opportunity.

Bowwood WMA (Pawnee Co.) - 6 acres, 2S of Steinauer. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric trolling motors only.

Bramble WMA (Platte River) (Saunders Co.) - 5W, 2N of Cedar Bluffs. Channel catfish, carp.

Branched Oak Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 1,800 acres, ½W, 4N of Malcolm. Bluegill, carp, channel, blue and flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, wiper, walleye, white perch. Walleye - daily bag limit of 1 more than 22 inches; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit; Wiper and Flathead catfish - total catch and release. Modern and primitive camping; Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake) 750 feet from dam and 600 feet from all shorelines. Several concrete boat ramps available; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Brownville SRA (Missouri River) (Nemaha Co.) - 1E of Brownville. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Boat ramp; primitive camping.

Bruning Pit (Fillmore Co.) - 258 acres, 2½E, 1N of Bruning. Bullhead, carp, channel catfish. Owned by the Little Blue NRD; very turbid.

Buckley 3F (Jefferson Co.) - 22 acres, 7W, 4½S of Fairbury. Channel catfish. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Little Blue NRD; very turbid.

Burchard Lake (Pawnee Co.) - 150 acres, 3E, ½N of Burchard. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, yellow perch. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Beginning Oct. 15 until the close of the dark goose season, fishing is restricted to the shoreline or on the ice (Check current Nebraska Guide to Hunting and Public Lands brochure). Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), boat ramp; primitive camping.

Carter Lake (Douglas Co.) - 300 acres, Omaha - Abbott Drive and Carter Blvd. Bluegill, buffalo, bullhead, carp, channel and blue catfish, crappie, drum, largemouth bass, walleye. All boats allowed, concrete boat ramp; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier. Area open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Catfish Run WMA (Salt Creek) (Saunders Co.) - ¾E of Ashland. Carp, channel catfish, shovelnose sturgeon.

Clatonia 3A (Gage Co.) - 46 acres, 1N of Clatonia. Channel catfish, bullhead. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; turbid, low water levels.

Conestoga Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 230 acres, 1½N of Denton. Bluegill, carp, freshwater drum, channel catfish, flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, wiper. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, all boats allowed.

Cottontail (Lancaster Co.) - 29 acres, ½N of Martell. Bluegill, largemouth bass, channel catfish to be stocked. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD. Lake scheduled to be renovated in spring of 2007, limited fishing opportunity.

Crystal Springs Lakes (Jefferson Co.) - 6 acres in 3 lakes, Fairbury - Crystal Springs Rd, west of Frederick St. Bluegill, largemouth bass, carp, channel catfish, rainbow trout seasonally in middle lake; no boats allowed; camping.

Cub Creek 9B (Leisure Lake) (Jefferson Co.) - 25 acres, 1E, 4S of Plymouth. Carp, channel catfish. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; very turbid.

Cub Creek Watershed 12A (Jefferson Co.) - 27 acres, 3W, 4½S of Plymouth. Carp, channel catfish. Boat ramp, all boats allowed; turbid. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD.

Czechland Lake (Saunders Co.) - 85 acres, 1N, ¼W of Prague. Bluegill, channel catfish, bullhead, crappie, largemouth bass. Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier. Owned by the Lower Platte North NRD.

David City Park Ponds (Butler Co.) - 6 acres in 3 ponds, David City – south edge, east side of Hwy15. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Dodge Park (Missouri River) (Douglas Co.) – Omaha - 11000 N River Rd. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, crappie.

Donald Whitney WMA (Gage Co.) - 43 acres in 2 lakes, 3½W of Odell. Bullhead, channel and flathead catfish. Electric trolling motors only; turbid.

Elkhorn Crossing (Elkhorn River) (Douglas Co.) - 1S, ¾E of Hwy 36 and County Rd. 92 junction. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD.

Fairbury Dam (Little Blue River) (Jefferson Co.) - Fairbury - S edge at C St. Carp, channel and flathead catfish. Trail and fishing decks on old railroad bridge.

Flathead WMA (Little Blue River) (Jefferson Co.) - 1S of Fairbury. Channel and flathead catfish, carp.

Fontenelle Park Pond (Douglas Co.) - 4 acres, Omaha - 45th and Ames Avenue at Fontenelle Blvd. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release. Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Fishing restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Glenn Cunningham Lake (Douglas Co.) - 390 acres, Omaha - 96th and State. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, crappie to be stocked. Boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Area open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Lake drained for rehabilitation project in 2006, no fishing opportunity in 2007.

Lake Halleck (Sarpy Co.) - 4 acres, Papillion – E of S. Washington St. (Hwy 85) on E. Lincoln St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Hamburg Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Otoe Co.) - 4SE of Nebraska City, south of OPPD power plant. Channel, blue, and flathead catfish, carp, shovelnose sturgeon. Access to Missouri River - half-mile walk.

Hanscom Park Pond (Douglas Co.) - 1 acre, Omaha - 32nd Ave. and Center St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Fishing restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Haworth Park (Missouri River) (Sarpy Co.) - Bellevue - Payne Drive off Hwy 370. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, crappie. Concrete boat ramp owned by city, there is a launching fee.

Haworth Park Pond (Sarpy Co.) - 1 acre, Bellevue - East edge off Hwy 370. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish.

Hedgefield Lake WMA (Lancaster Co.) - 44 acres, 2W, ½N of Panama. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass, crappie. Primitive boat ramp. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Scheduled to be drained in 2007 for dam repair.

Henderson Park Lake (York Co.) - 1 acre, Henderson – SW of Birch and Main streets. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release, Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Hwy 50 Bridge (Platte River) (Cass Co.) - 1N of Louisville. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Concrete boat ramp.

Hitchcock Park Pond (Douglas Co.) - 2 acres, Omaha - 42nd and Q St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout seasonally; Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Fishing restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Holmes Lake (Lancaster Co.) - 100 acres, Lincoln - 70th and Normal Blvd. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, walleye, rainbow trout seasonally in south basin. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; No live baitfish can be used or possessed; Electric trolling motors only. Lincoln city lake; two concrete boats ramps, wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Homestead Lake (Butler Co.) - 38 acres, 1N ½W of Bruno. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, bullheads. Boat ramp; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Water level may be low. Owned by the Lower Platte North NRD.

Humboldt City Park Lake (Richardson Co.) - 1 acre, Humboldt - S edge of town, W off Hwy 105 at Railroad St. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Indian Cave SP (Missouri River) (Richardson Co.) - 4E of Barada. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Concrete boat ramp.

Iron Horse Trail Lake (Pawnee Co.) - 85 acres, ½N, 2W of DuBois. Bluegill, channel and flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required); wheelchair-accessible concrete boat ramp; no personal watercraft allowed; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); primitive camping.

Jack Sinn WMA (Rock Creek) (Lancaster Co.) - 2S of Ceresco. Channel catfish, bullhead.

Jenny Newman (Platte River SP) (Cass Co.) - 4 acres, 2S, 3W of Louisville. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, grass carp. All species - total catch and release. Possession of any fish species other than baitfish while fishing this lake is prohibited. Hooks must be either barbless or have the barbs crimped. Family fishing lake, open to all children less than 16 years of age and adults assisting children. No fishing from dock.

Killdeer Lake WMA (Lancaster Co.) - 20 acres, 2½N of Martell. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Electric trolling motors only.

Kinter's Ford WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Richardson Co.) - S of Humboldt. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Kirkman's Cove (Richardson Co.) - 160 acres, 1N, 2W of Humboldt. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required); turbid. Concrete boat ramp, 35-mph maximum on lower two-thirds of lake, no personal watercraft allowed.

Langdon Bend WMA (Missouri River) (Nemaha Co.) - 1 E of Nemaha. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon.

Lied Platte River Hike Bike Bridge (Platte River) (Cass Co.) - South of South Bend. Carp, freshwater drum, channel catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Fishing deck; contact Platte River SP for more details.

Little Blue WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer Co.) - 2E of Hebron. Channel and flathead catfish.

Little Blue East WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer Co.) - 4E of Hebron. Channel and flathead catfish.

Lone Star Recreation Area (Fillmore Co.) - 75 acres, 3½ E, ½ S of Ohiowa. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum size limit. Built in 2006. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier, concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Louisville SRA (Cass Co.) - 40 acres in 5 lakes, ½NW of Louisville. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, wiper (Lake No. 2), bullheads. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10 in combination; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Wiper - 18-inch minimum length limit, daily bag limit of 1; Bullhead - daily bag limit of 5. Modern camping; electric trolling motors only.

Louisville SRA (Platte River) (Cass Co.) - ½NW of Louisville. Carp, freshwater drum, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Concrete boat ramp just off of Hwy 50, on north side of river.

Margrave WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Richardson Co.) - 1½S, 2¾E of Preston. Channel catfish, carp. Foot access to Big Nemaha River, half-mile walk.

Mayberry WMA (Pawnee Co.) - 25 acres, 5N, 1¼E of Burchard. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric trolling motors only, walk-in access.

Meadowlark (Seward Co.) - 55 acres, 4W, 1N, 1½W of Agnew. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass to be stocked. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum size limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10 in combination; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; No live bait can be used or possessed. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD. Fishery renovated in 2006, limited fishing opportunity in 2007.

Memphis Lake SRA (Saunders Co.) - 81 acres, ¼W of Memphis. Bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Electric trolling motors only. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Merganser Lake (Lancaster Co.) - 41 acres, ½N, 1E, ¼N of Kramer. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum size limit. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), rock/gravel boat ramp. Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

Meridian WMA (Little Blue River) (Thayer Co.) - 3S of Alexandria. Channel and flathead catfish, carp.

Miller Park Pond (Douglas Co.) - 4 acres, Omaha - 30th St. and Redick Ave. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish; Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Fishing restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Oak Lake (Lancaster Co.) - 47 acres in 3 lakes, NW Lincoln - Charleston St. and Sun Valley Blvd. Bullhead, bluegill, largemouth bass, carp, channel catfish, crappie, green sunfish. City of Lincoln lakes; shallow, subject to fish kills.

Olive Creek Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 175 acres, 2E, 1S of Kramer. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit; No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Osage WMA (Johnson Co.) - 4 acres in 4 ponds, 3N, 2W, ¾N of Tecumseh. Bluegill, largemouth bass.

Overland Trails Lake (York Co.) - 14 acres, 3E, 1½S of York. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; dam leaks, low water levels.

Oxbow Trail Lake (Butler Co.) - 43 acres, 1½E of Ulysses. Bluegill, channel catfish, bullhead, largemouth bass. Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); turbid, dam leaks, water may be low.

Papio D-4 (Douglas Co.) - 30 acres, NW Omaha - ¼N of NE 36 and 98th St. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD, foot access only. Lake drained in 2006, limited fishing opportunity.

Papio 13 (Douglas Co.) - 60 acres, Omaha - 192nd and West Dodge Road. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Built in 2006, limited fishing opportunity in 2007. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Pawnee City Pond (Pawnee Co.) - 1 acre, Pawnee City - SW edge, W side of Hwy 65. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Pawnee Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 740 acres, 2N, 1½W of Emerald. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, crappie, freshwater drum, white perch, largemouth and white bass, sauger, walleye. Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. Modern and primitive camping; all boats allowed, several concrete boat ramps.

Pawnee Prairie WMA (Pawnee Co.) - 5 acres in 7 ponds, 6S, 2E, 2S of Burchard. Bluegill, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; foot access only.

Peru (Missouri River) (Nemaha Co.) - 1½ E of Peru. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Concrete boat ramp.

Platte River Access (Douglas Co.) - 4W of Valley, SE corner of Hwy 6 bridge. Carp, freshwater drum, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon.

Platte River State Park (Platte River) (Cass Co.) - 2S, 3W of Louisville. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, freshwater drum, shovelnose sturgeon. Foot access to Platte River.

Plattsmouth City Lake (Cass Co.) - 3 acres, Plattsmouth - S 18th St and 5th Ave. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Prairie Knoll WMA (Pawnee Co.) - 6 acres, 2W, 2N DuBois. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Electric trolling motors only.

Prairie View Lake (Douglas Co.) - 42 acres, 2W of Bennington, 180th and Hwy 36. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Owned by Papio-Missouri NRD; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Area open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Qwest Lake (Cass Co.) - 10 acres, Eugene T. Mahoney State Park, I-80 exit 426. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit is 3. Only barbless hooks or hooks with flattened barbs may be used.

Recharge Lake (York Co.) - 49 acres, 1½W of York. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD.

Red Cedar (Saunders Co.) - 50 acres, 5½N, 2W of the north edge of Valparaiso. Bluegill, crappie, channel and flathead catfish, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), boat ramp. Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD, turbid.

Redtail WMA (Butler Co.) - 17 acres, 1E, ½N of Dwight. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Walk-in access only.

Riverview Marina SRA (Missouri River) (Otoe Co.) - Nebraska City, N. 4th St. and 14th Ave. Buffalo, carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Boat ramp, primitive camping.

Rockford Lake SRA (Gage Co.) - 150 acres, 7E, 2S of Beatrice. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, channel and flathead catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. All boats allowed, concrete boat ramp; camping.

Rose Creek WMA (Rose Creek - 2 locations) (Jefferson Co.) - 2S, 2½W, 1½S and 2S, 3½W, 2S of Fairbury. Channel catfish, carp, bullhead.

Rulo (Missouri River) (Richardson Co.) - South of Hwy 159 Bridge near Rulo, river mile 497.8. Buffalo, carp, bullhead, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Boat ramp.

Schilling WMA (Missouri and Platte Rivers) (Cass Co.) - Plattsmouth - N on Schilling Rd. from Main St. Carp, freshwater drum, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Access to Missouri and Platte Rivers. Area open to fishing from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from April 15 through Sept. 15, except when closed by the Commission by posting.

Shady Trail (Big Blue River) (Saline Co.) - 1W, 4N, ½W, ½N of Crete. Carp, channel and flathead catfish.

Smith Creek (Seward Co.) - 21 acres, 2N, 2W, ¼N of Beaver Crossing. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Upper Big Blue NRD; turbid.

Stagecoach Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 195 acres, 1½S, ½W of Hickman. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye, wiper. Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit; Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Wiper – daily bag limit of 3, with no more than 1 fish over 18 inches. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Standing Bear Lake (Douglas Co.) - 135 acres, Omaha -132nd and Military. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, freshwater drum, grass carp, largemouth bass, walleye, carp, rainbow trout seasonally. Electric trolling motors only. City of Omaha lake; concrete boat ramp, area open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Steinhart Park Ponds (Otoe Co.) - 5 acres in 2 ponds, Nebraska City - N of Business Hwy 2 off Steinhart Park Rd. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout seasonally in east pond. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Swan Creek 2A WMA (Saline Co.) - 16 acres, 14W, 3N of Wilber. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), shallow.

Swan Creek 67 (Saline Co.) - 39 acres, 4N, 1W of Swanton. Bluegill, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Primitive boat ramp. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD. Lake level lowered in 2006, limited fishing opportunity in 2007.

Tanglewood (Lancaster Co.) - 33 acres, ½N, 1W, ½S of Kramer. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

Teal Lake WMA (Lancaster Co.) - 29 acres, 2S of Kramer. Bluegill, bullhead, channel and flathead catfish, largemouth bass. Electric trolling motors only. Subject to frequent fish kills due to low water levels.

Tecumseh City Pond (Johnson Co.) - 2 acres, Tecumseh - N. 1st St at fairgrounds. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - Daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Timber Point (Butler Co.) - 28 acres, 1S, 2E of Brainard. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), water level may be low.

Tobacco Island WMA (Missouri River) (Cass Co.) - ½E, 1S of Plattsmouth. Carp, freshwater drum, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon.

Towl Park Pond (Douglas Co.) - 1 acre; Omaha - West Center Rd. and 93rd (enter at Paddock Rd. traffic light). Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish, rainbow trout seasonally. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Fishing restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Twin Lakes WMA (Seward Co.) - 270 acres in 2 lakes, 2½N, ½W of Pleasant Dale. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, crappie, carp, largemouth bass, muskellunge, walleye. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Concrete boat ramp on East Lake; area closed to fishing Oct. 15 through Dec. 31.

Twin Oaks WMA (Big Nemaha River) (Johnson Co.) - 2E, 2S, ¾W of Tecumseh. Channel catfish, carp. Foot access to Big Nemaha River, half-mile walk.

Twin Oaks WMA (Johnson Co.) - 2 acres in 2 ponds, 2E, 4S of Tecumseh. Bluegill, largemouth bass.

Two Rivers SRA (Platte River) (Douglas Co.) - 1½S of Venice. Carp, channel and flathead catfish, shovelnose sturgeon. Foot access to Platte River.

Two Rivers SRA (Douglas Co.) - 32 acres in 7 lakes, 1½S of Venice. Bluegill, bullhead, carp, crappie, channel catfish, largemouth bass, grass pickerel, rainbow trout in Lake No. 5. Lakes No. 3 and No. 4 are designated as total catch and release for largemouth bass and channel catfish. Only barbless or flattened-barb hooks allowed. Lakes No. 1, 2, 6 & 7 – Channel catfish – daily bag limit of 3; Bullhead – daily bag limit of 5. Primitive and modern camping; nonpowered boats only, no boats on Lake No. 5; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier on Lake No. 5. Trout fishing in Lake No. 5 is best from April 1st to early June. Open dates for trout fishing are April 1 through Oct. 15, unless otherwise posted. Trout 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 area. Cost of a tag is $4, which allows the harvest of four trout. Anglers may purchase up to 3 tags, and can possess up to 12 trout. An adult angler is allowed to have two children under 16 fish under their tag, but the group is still limited to four trout per tag. One pole or rod and reel per angler on Lake No. 5. Check at park office. Archery fishing, spearing, and gigging are prohibited on all lakes.

Verdon Lake SRA (Richardson Co.) - 30 acres, ½W of Verdon. Bluegill, channel catfish, bullhead, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Electric trolling motors only; primitive camping.

Wagon Train Lake SRA (Lancaster Co.) - 315 acres, 2E of Hickman. Bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye, muskellunge. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit; Muskellunge - 40" minimum length limit; No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Primitive and modern camping; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier.

Walnut Creek Reservoir Recreation Area (Sarpy Co.) - 100 acres, Papillion - 96th and Hwy 370. Bluegill, redear sunfish, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD; area closes at 10 p.m. Wheelchair-accessible fishing pier and island; concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake).

Walnut Creek 2A (Saline Co.) - 26 acres, ½E, 3½N of Crete. Bluegill, bullhead, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD, shallow. Fishery renovated in 2005, limited fishing opportunity in 2007.

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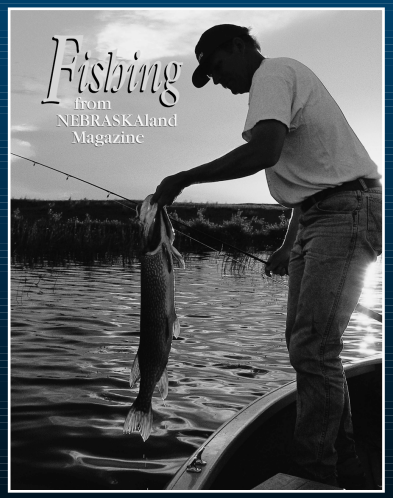

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Walnut Grove Park Pond (Douglas Co.) - 1 acre, Millard - Q St. across from Millard South High School. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass and bluegill - total catch and release; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3; Fishing restricted to children under 16, adults with a child that is actively fishing, and adults 65 or older.

Weeping Water Pond (Cass Co.) - 4 acres, Weeping Water - S of Clinton Street. Largemouth bass, bluegill, channel catfish. Largemouth bass - total catch and release; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10; Channel catfish - daily bag limit of 3.

Wehrspann Lake Recreation Area (Sarpy Co.) - 245 acres, Omaha - 156th and Giles Rd. Bluegill, bullhead, blue and channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Crappie - 10-inch minimum length limit, except during the month of April; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake), wheelchair-accessible fishing pier. Owned by the Papio/Missouri NRD, area closes at 10 p.m.

Wild Plum (Lancaster Co.) - 16 acres, 1½N, ½W of Kramer. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

MASTER ANGLER / STATE RECORD APPLICATION

Please print legibly. See rules.

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Fishing Permit No. _____ Under 16 _____

Species of fish _____ Weight: ____ lbs. ____ oz. Length: in. _____

Date caught _____ Released: Yes _____ No _____

Name of lake or stream _____ County where located _____

Method of fishing: ___ 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)

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

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- **Trout fishing Guide**
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or call any Game and Parks Commission office

Wildwood Lake (Lancaster Co.) - 103 acres, 1W, 1½N of Agnew. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye. Largemouth bass and channel catfish - total catch and release; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit; No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Concrete boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); primitive camping; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier. Owned by the Lower Platte South NRD.

Willard L. Meyer Recreation Area (Saline Co.) - 95 acres, 3E, 2N of Tobias. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier, concrete boat ramp.

Wilson Creek 2X WMA (Otoe Co.) - 15 acres, 3E, 1½S of Otoe. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, grass carp. Electric trolling motors only. Owned by the Nemaha NRD, very shallow.

Wilson Creek 4F (Prairie Owl) (Otoe Co.) - 38 acres, 2S, 1W, ¼S of Dunbar. Bluegill, bullhead, blue and channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Electric trolling motors only; boat ramp. Owned by the Nemaha NRD; very turbid.

Wirth Brothers Lake (Johnson Co.) - 1W, 3S, 1W of Cook. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass. Owned by the Nemaha NRD (NRD entry permit required); boat ramp, boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake); dam leaks, water level fluctuates.

Wolf Wildcat No. 12 (Gage Co.) - 42 acres, 7S of Virginia. Bluegill, channel catfish, crappie, largemouth bass. Owned by the Lower Big Blue NRD; primitive boat ramp.

Yankee Hill Lake WMA (Lancaster Co.) - 208 acres, 2½E, 1S of Denton. Bluegill, channel catfish, largemouth bass, walleye to be stocked. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Sunfish - 8-inch minimum length limit; No live baitfish can be used or possessed. Wheelchair-accessible concrete boat ramp; boats restricted to 5 mph (no wake). Lake drained for rehabilitation project, limited fishing opportunity.

Zorinsky Lake Recreation Area (Douglas Co.) - 255 acres, Omaha - 156th and F Sts. Bluegill, bullhead, channel and blue catfish, crappie, largemouth bass, walleye. Largemouth bass - 21-inch minimum length limit; Crappie -10-inch minimum length limit, except during April; Panfish - daily bag limit of 10 in combination. City of Omaha lake, area open 5 a.m. to 11 p.m; wheelchair-accessible fishing pier, concrete boat ramp.

STATE RECORDS / MASTER ANGLER AWARDS

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. Fish MUST be weighed on an accredited or certified scale. 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 the current record by at least one ounce are eligible for a state record.
4. Two witnesses, one of which MUST be a permanent employee of the 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 Commission employee that witnesses the weight.
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 application form. All photographs become the property of the Commission.
7. A Commission fisheries biologist MUST verify the species of fish. The fish MUST be preserved flat until the 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 RULES

1. All fish must be taken from Nebraska waters.
2. If a fish is caught from private waters, a valid fishing permit is required to receive the award.
3. Fish must be taken by hook-and-line. Fish caught on bank lines 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 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 fish that was caught and released.

THE MINIMUM SIZE REQUIREMENTS ARE:

American Eel	24 in. or 1lb.
Bass	
Largemouth	20 in. or 5 lbs.
Rock	11 in. or 1 lb.
Smallmouth	18 in. or 3 lbs.
Spotted	18 in. or 3 lbs.
Striped	32 in. or 10 lbs.
Striper (hybrid)	24 in. or 8 lbs.
White	17 in. or 2.5 lbs
Bluegill	10 in. or 1 lb.
Buffalo	26 in. or 10 lbs.
Bullhead	15 in. or 2 lbs.
Burbot	16 in. or 1 lb.
Carp	32 in. or 15 lbs.
Catfish	
Blue	40 in. or 30 lbs.
Channel	30 in. or 12 lbs.
Flathead	32 in. or 15 lbs
Crappie	15 in. or 2 lbs.
Drum	22 in. or 5 lbs.
Gar	40 in. or 8 lbs.
Goldeye	16 in. or 1.5 lbs.
Muskellunge/Tiger Muskie	40 in. or 15 lbs.
Paddlefish	*45 in.
Perch	
Yellow	13 in. or 1.25 lbs.
White	12 in. or 1 lb.
Northern Pike	36 in. or 10 lbs.
Sauger	21 in. or 3 lbs.
Saugeye	23 in. or 5 lbs.
Shovelnose Sturgeon	28 in. or 2.5 lbs.
Sucker	18 in. or 2 lbs.
Sunfish	10 in. or 1 lb.
Trout	
Brook	14 in. or 1 lb.
Brown	22 in. or 4 lbs.
Rainbow	23 in. or 5 lbs.
Walleye	28 in. or 8 lbs.

*From front of eye to natural fork of tail

CATCH AND RELEASE WORKS

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:

- Do not play the fish to exhaustion.
- 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 upright until it can swim away.
- Remove deeply imbedded hooks by use of a hemostat or hook removal tool if at all possible. This is presently considered the best method to increase chances of survival for deeply hooked fish.

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									
Yellow Perch	Length (inch)	6	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16									
	Weight (lbs.)	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.2	1.6	2.0	2.4									
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								
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	
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	
Channel Catfish	Length (inch)	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	32	34	36
	Weight (lbs.)	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	13.5	16.4	19.8
Walleye	Length (inch)	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	32	34
	Weight (lbs.)	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	13.9	16.9
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

NEBRASKA RECORD FISH

Note: New records or additions for 2006 are in blue
Hometowns are in Nebraska unless otherwise noted.

ROD AND REEL

ALEWIFE - 3.5 oz.; Joe Dodd, Johnstown; 9/22/2001; Merritt Reservoir (Cherry Co.); Heddon Sonar.

BASS

LARGEMOUTH - 10 lbs., 11 oz.; Paul Abegglen Sr., Columbus; 10/2/1965; Sandpit near Columbus.

ROCK - 2 lbs., 4 oz.; Edna Zuege, Haigler; 5/6/1972; Farm pond (Dundy Co.).

SMALLMOUTH - 7 lbs., 4 oz.; Dennis Swanson, Omaha; 9/16/2000; Missouri River (Knox Co.); Crawfish.

SPOTTED - 3 lbs., 12 oz.; Jerry Miller, North Platte; 3/19/1990; I-80 sandpit (Lincoln Co.); Spinnerbait.

STRIPED - 64 lbs., 15 oz.; Gene Baker, Sutherland; 8/17/93; Sutherland Reservoir (Lincoln Co.); Shad.

STRIPED HYBRID - 20 lbs., 1 oz.; Steve Lytle, McCook; 8/1/1999; Red Willow Reservoir (Frontier Co.); Golden shiner.

WHITE - 5 lbs.; Jim Kilcoin, Aurora; 11/12/1983; Gavins Point Dam tailwaters; Minnow.

YELLOW - 1 lb., 7 oz.; John Ogle, Omaha; 7/4/1993; Louisville Lake No. 2 (Cass Co.); Minnow.

BOWFIN - 8 lbs.; Ronald Evenson, Omaha; 8/7/1982; Dead Timber Lake (Dodge Co.); Spinner.

BUFFALO

BIGMOUTH - 64 lbs.; Joe Slavic, Omaha; 6/8/2000; Sandpit (Dodge Co.)

BLACK - 41 lbs.; Bob Eaton, Omaha; 4/29/1982; Carter Lake; Corn.

SMALLMOUTH - 56 lbs., 3 oz.; Jeffrey Johnson, Fremont; 6/3/1998 Fremont Lake No. 20 (Dodge Co.); Turkey liver.

BULLHEAD - 3 lbs., 15 oz.; La Verne Heermann, Oakdale; 6/28/1984; Farm pond (Boyd Co.); Nightcrawler.

BURBOT - 6 lbs., 9 oz.; Todd Schmidt, Norfolk; 2/7/1998; Missouri River (Cedar Co.); Minnow.

CARP

BIGHEAD - 53 lbs., 3 oz.; Ryan Othling Lincoln; 8/8/2005; Middle Island Lake; Shad Rap.,

COMMON - 33 lbs., 12 oz.; Toni Baete, Beatrice; 5/12/1983; Farm pond (Gage Co.); Dough ball.

GRASS - 64 lbs.; Malik Solunovic, Lincoln; 8/29/2004; Wilson Creek 2X (Otoe Co.); Shad Rap.

CARPSUCKER

QUILLBACK - 13 lbs., 10 oz.; Patrick Fox Jr., Omaha; 6/3/01 Missouri River (Burt Co.); Worm.

RIVER - 13 lbs., 4 oz.; Dennis Hardin, Omaha; 8/29/1999; Sandpit, (Cass Co.); Dough ball.

CATFISH

BLUE - 100 lbs., 8 oz.; Raynold Promes, Wynot; 11/29/1970; Missouri River (Cedar Co.); snagging.

CHANNEL - 41 lbs., 8 oz.; John Cunning, Valentine; 7/26/1985; Merritt Reservoir (Cherry Co.); Nightcrawler.

FLATHEAD - 80 lbs.; William Swanson, Silver Creek; 6/14/1988; Loup Power canal (Genoa); Carp.

STONECAT - 5.2 oz.; Roger Skornlakj, St. Libory; 6/20/1999; Middle Loup River.

CHUB

CREEK - 9.5 oz.; Taylor Walker, Parks; 3/4/2001; Rock Creek Lake (Dundy Co.); Mr. Twister w/bacon

CRAPPIE

BLACK - 4 lbs., 8 oz.; Allen Paap Jr., Nebraska City; 6/15/2003; Farm pond (Otoe Co.); Roadrunner.

WHITE - 4 lbs., 1 oz.; Elsie Jensen, Broken Bow (Frontier Co.); 5/18/1980; Red Willow Reservoir; Swedish minnow.

DRUM

FRESHWATER - 28 lbs., 4 oz.; Vincent Prazak, Clarkson; 10/1/1971; Missouri River (below Gavins Point Dam); snagging.

EEL

AMERICAN - 5 lbs.; George Sweisberger, South Sioux City; 8/2/1983; Missouri River; Worm.

GAR

LONGNOSE - 20 lbs., 7 oz.; John Ernst, Columbus; 7/14/1991; Wagners Lake (Platte Co.); Jitterbug.

SHORTNOSE - 19 lbs.; Ronald Hardin, Omaha; 6/29/1974; Private lake (Cass Co.); Sunfish.

SPOTTED - 3 lbs., 12 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 6/27/2005; Sandpit (Dawson Co.).

GOLDEYE - 3 lbs., 15.5 oz.; Gary Kumm, Bloomfield; 8/13/1988; Lewis & Clark Lake (Knox Co.); Minnow.

GOLDFISH - 3 lbs., 7 oz.; Josh Lee, Lincoln 6/22/03; Pawnee Lake (Lancaster Co.); Corn.

HERRING

SKIPJACK - 2 lbs.; Daniel Kaup, Norfolk; 9/20/1992; Gavins Point Dam; Lindy rig.

MUSKELLUNGE

MUSKELLUNGE - 41 lbs., 8 oz.; Jared Haddix, Sidney; 8/9/1992; Merritt Reservoir (Cherry Co.); Shad Rap.

TIGER - 33 lbs., 5 oz.; Andrew Dorsey, Johnson Lake; 4/15/01; Johnson Lake (Dawson and Gosper Co's.); Rat-L-Trap.

PADDLEFISH - 93 lbs. Kathy Reiman, Yankton, S.D.; 10/28/1998; Missouri River (Gavins Point tailwaters); snagging.

PERCH

SACRAMENTO - 2 lbs., 8 oz.; John Bush, Valentine; 6/20/1971; Clear Lake (Cherry Co.); Spinner.

WHITE - 2 lbs., 2 oz.; Kori Crom, Bellevue; 7/20/2000; Sandpit; (Cass Co.) Worm.

YELLOW - 2 lbs., 10.75 oz.; John Skrdla, Stuart; 2/11/1984; Hackberry Lake (Cherry Co.); Mousee.

PICKEREL

GRASS - 5.75 oz. ; Trevor Bailey, Norfolk; 12/20/1996; Cameron Lake; Minnow.

PIKE

NORTHERN - 30 lbs., 1 oz.; Steven Morris, Scottsbluff; 10/7/1997; Terry's Pit (Scotts Bluff Co.); Twister Tail.

SALMON

CHINOOK - 2 lbs., 8 oz.; Rick Heppner, Norfolk; 9/14/1985; Lewis and Clark Lake (Knox Co.); Jig.

COHO - 5 lbs., 12 oz.; Lyle Fry; Gering; 7/3/1971; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.); Flatfish.

KOKANEE - 4 lbs., 2 oz. Neal Dunbar, North Platte; 7/11/1971; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.).

SAUGER - 8 lbs., 5 oz.; Betty Tepner, Plainview; 10/22/1961; Missouri River.

SAUGEYE - 8 lbs., 14 oz.; Shawn Ackles, Cotesfield; 5/26/2003; Calamus Reservoir (Loup and Garfield Co's.); Spinnerbait.

SHAD

GIZZARD - 4 lbs., 7.75 oz.; Joe Ringbauer, Alliance; 3/26/1989; Box Butte Reservoir (Dawes Co.); Silver spoon.

SHINER

GOLDEN - 14 oz.; Tom Rosencrans, Omaha; 4/10/1992; Two Rivers SRA Trout Lake (Douglas Co.); Corn.

STURGEON

SHOVELNOSE - 4 lbs., 5 oz.; Richie Pietryga, Omaha; 4/23/2000; Platte River (Sarpy Co.); Minnow.

SUCKER

SUCKER - 2 lbs., 8 oz.; Betty Jensen, Lexington; 7/3/1982; Lake Ogallala (Keith Co.); Worm.

BLUE - 18 lbs., 14 oz.; Bob Thoene, Hartington; 11/16/1986; Missouri River; snagging.

LONGNOSE - 2 lbs., 9 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 5/29/2005; Sutherland Supply Canal.

SHORTHEAD REDHORSE – 2 lbs., 12oz; Kevin Kriss, Comstock; 2/13/2006; Gracie Creek; Corn.

WHITE - 3 lbs., 12 oz.; John Knosp, Fremont; 5/30/2006; Keystone Canal; Nightcrawler.

SUNFISH

BLUEGILL - 2 lbs., 13 oz.; Gary Ralston, Creighton; 4/26/1977; Grove Lake (Antelope Co.); Nightcrawler.

GREEN - 1 lb., 8 oz.; Chad Hoefs, Lincoln; 5/16/1999; Farm pond; (Cuming Co.) Waxworm.

HYBRID - 1 lb., 15 oz.; Jana Bottorff-Engh, Gillette, Wyo.; 5/30/1993; Farm pond (Holt Co.) Nightcrawler.

ORANGE SPOTTED - 0.85 oz.; Ben Nosal, Columbus; 6/2/2001; Sandpit (Platte Co.); Minnow.

PUMPKINSEED - 11.25 oz., Mitchell Pebley, Alliance; 3/19/1993; Box Butte Reservoir (Dawes Co.); Teardrop/waxworm.

REDEAR - 1 lb., 10 oz.; Charles Jones, Eckley, Colo.; 6/8/1989; Rock Creek Lake (Dundy Co.); Worm.

TROUT

BROOK - 5 lbs., 1 oz.; Joe Gray, North Platte; 11/3/1965; Pawnee Springs.

BROWN - 20 lbs., 1 oz.; Denny Doolittle, Valentine; 7/26/1973; Snake River; Grasshopper.

CUTTHROAT - 5 lbs., 7 oz.; Arthur Larsen, Evergreen, Colo.; 9/18/1992; Lake Ogallala (Keith Co.); Jig.

RAINBOW - 14 lbs., 2 oz.; Frank Aloy, North Platte; 3/18/1975; NPPD Canal; Nightcrawler.

TIGER - 6 oz.; Bill Michie, Sidney; 9/19/2006; Middle Fork Soldier Creek; Panther Martin.

WALLEYE - 16 lbs., 2 oz.; Herbert Cutshall, Ogallala; 7/5/1971; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.); Thin Fin.

BOW AND ARROW

BASS

KENTUCKY SPOTTED - 2 lbs.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 8/29/2003; Private sandpit (Lincoln Co.).

LARGEMOUTH - 8 lbs., 14 oz.; Jerry Grasmick, Scottsbluff; 6/18/1966; Sandpit (Scotts Bluff Co.).

ROCK - 1 lb., 6 oz.; Harlan Worden, North Platte; 5/8/1972; Hershey I-80 Lake (Lincoln Co.).

SMALLMOUTH - 3 lbs., 5 oz. ; Marlyn Wiebelhaus, Wynot; 7/8/2004; Missouri River (Cedar Co.).

STRIPED - 8 lbs., 5 oz.; Michael Dorris, Arthur; 4/14/1973; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.).

STRIPED HYBRID - 8 lbs., 12 oz.; Lonnie Miller, Hastings; 9/16/1997; Harlan County Reservoir.

WHITE - 3 lbs.; Lonnie Miller, Hastings; 4/14/1973; Harlan County Reservoir.

BUFFALO

BIGMOUTH - 53 lbs.; Mark Millet, Fremont; 5/27/1993; Sandpit (Dodge Co.).

SMALLMOUTH – 60 lbs. 2 oz.; Richard Porter II, Omaha Ne; 5/9/2001; Fremont Lakes SRA.

BULLHEAD - 1 lb., 11 oz.; Cory Hardin, Rushville; 7/13/1978; Smith Lake.

CARP

BIGHEAD - 69 lbs., 8 oz.; Bruce Kalchik, Gretna; 6/25/2006; Private lake (Sarpy Co.).

COMMON - 46 lbs.; Dirk Gage, Overland Park Kan.; 7/3/1999; Sandpit (Buffalo Co.).

GRASS - 61 lbs.; Donavon Uhing, Blair; 6/3/2002; Private lake (Washington Co.).

HYBRID GRASS - 43 lbs., 3 oz.; Gary Martin Jr., Overland Park, Kan.; 6/13/1992; Sandpit (Cass Co.).

SILVER - 8 lbs., 2oz.; Jeffrey Knott, Omaha 7/4/2005; Missouri River (Sarpy Co.)

CARPSUCKER

QUILLBACK - 11 lbs., 2 oz.; Tim Smith, Benkelman; 7/4/1984; Sandpit (Dundy Co.).

RIVER - 7 lbs., 4 oz.; Quinton Wagoner, Broadwater; 6/1/1989; North Platte River.

CATFISH

CHANNEL - 31 lbs., 13 oz.; Rodney Edler, Padroni, Colo.; 7/24/2006; Box Butte Reservoir (Dawes Co.).

FLATHEAD - 52 lbs., 8 oz.; Scott Love, Lincoln; 7/19/2006; Missouri River (Dakota Co.).

CRAPPIE

BLACK - 1 lb., 14 oz.; Tim McQuade, North Platte; 6/1/1974; Shoup Lake.

WHITE - 2 lbs., 13 oz.; David Medinger, Bellwood; 6/2/1973; Sandpit (Butler Co.).

DRUM

FRESHWATER - 20 lbs.; Gerald Tramp, Crofton 6/15/1982 Gavins Point tailwaters.

GAR
LONGNOSE - 22 lbs., 7.7 oz.; Lonnie Goble, Hastings; 6/20/1995; Willow Bend.
SHORTNOSE - 7 lbs., 8 oz.; Tyson Kier, Kearney; 6/6/2001; Sandpit (Buffalo Co.).
SPOTTED - 2 lbs., 15 oz; Jim Floral, Lincoln; 8/19/2003; Salt Creek.

GOLDEYE - 2 lbs., 1 oz.; Bill Schwarting, Fremont; 5/17/1985; Platte River (Dodge Co.).

GOLDFISH – 1 lb.; Kai Carter Schafer, St. Edward; 7/9/2006; Private Pond (Garfield Co.).

MUSKELLUNGE
TIGER - 13 lbs., 14 oz.; Brent Wesemann, Pierce; 7/3/1988; Willow Creek Reservoir (Pierce Co.).

PADDLEFISH - 86 lbs.; Gene Haswell, Omaha; 4/16/1972; Sandpit (Cass Co.).

PERCH
YELLOW - 1 lb, 2 oz.; Tim McQuade, North Platte; 4/19/1975; Cody Lake (Lincoln Co.).
WHITE – 5 oz.; Keith Hurley, Wahoo; 6/8/2006; Pawnee Reservoir (Lancaster Co.).

PIKE
NORTHERN - 21 lbs., 14 oz.; Todd Knecht, Wood River; 7/15/1998; Rock Creek Lake (Dundy Co.).

RUDD
EUROPEAN – 1 lb., 14 oz.; Dan Kling, Whitney; 7/7/2006; Box Butte Reservoir (Dawes Co.).

SHAD
GIZZARD - 5 lbs., 5 oz.; Marlyn Wiebelhaus, Wynot; 5/11/2001; Missouri River (Cedar Co.).

SUCKER
BLUE - 9 lbs., 2 oz.; Bruce Kalchik, Gretna; 4/22/2006; Private Impoundment.
SHORTHEAD REDHORSE – 3 lbs., 2 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 9/15/2006; Sutherland Supply Canal.
WHITE - 3 lbs., 6 oz.; Robert Jacobs, Oshkosh; 6/20/1997; Lake Ogallala (Keith Co.).

SUNFISH
BLUEGILL - 1 lb., 6 oz.; David Clancy, Hastings; 7/1/1995; Farm pond (Webster County).
GREEN - 9.6 oz.; Mike Gutzmer, Columbus; 7/2/2004; Private sandpit (Platte Co.).
HYBRID - 9.9 oz.; Harlin Welch, Ainsworth; 7/28/2003; Sandpit (Brown Co.).
REDEAR – 7.9 oz.; Nathan Sawyer, Omaha; 8/2/2005; South Kearney Rest Area (Buffalo Co.).

TROUT
BROWN - 9 lbs., 13 oz.; John Whittle, Dalton; 7/1/1990; Cline Fish Hatchery Lake.
CUTTHROAT - 2 lbs., 3 oz.; Todd Burnham, Hastings; 8/24/1991; Platte River.
RAINBOW - 11 lbs.; Kevin Pierce, Ogallala; 10/19/1986; NPPD Canal.

WALLEYE - 11 lbs., 1 oz.; Bradley Heck, Brady; 4/11/1970; Jeffrey Reservoir (Lincoln Co.).

UNDERWATER POWERED SPEARFISHING

ALEWIFE - 3 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 6/5/2004; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.).

BASS
HYBRID STRIPED - 12 lbs.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 7/25/2004; Lake Ogallala (Keith Co.).
KENTUCKY SPOTTED - 2 lbs., 12.5 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 8/12/1999; Sandpit (Lincoln Co.).
LARGEMOUTH - 7 lbs., 4 oz.; Richard Buckley, McCook; 7/6/1988; Sandpit (Red Willow Co.).
ROCK - 1 lbs., 4 oz.; Terry Robbins, Alliance; 7/10/1982; Box Butte Reservoir (Dawes Co.).
SMALLMOUTH - 5 lbs., 12.5 oz.; Dennis Girard, Alliance; 7/6/1997 Box Butte Reservoir (Dawes Co.).
STRIPED - 26 lbs., 15.5 oz.; Walter Salazar, Denver Colo.; 7/27/2000; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.).
WHITE - 1 lb., 13 oz.; Mark Wiezorek, North Platte; 7/20/1997; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.).

BUFFALO
BIGMOUTH - 25 lbs., 7 oz; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 5/22/2005; Sandpit (Dawson Co.).
BLACK - 27 lbs.; Matthew Donelan, Omaha; 5/22/1982; Sandpit (Saunders Co.).
SMALLMOUTH - 13 lbs., 4 oz; Vince Willits, Silver Creek; 7/5/1982; Sandpit (Hamilton Co.).

BULLHEAD
BLACK - 1 lb., 12 oz.; Dustin Noble North Platte; 7/5/2004; Lake Ogallala (Keith Co.).

CARP
COMMON - 37 lbs., 14 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 7/6/2003; Sandpit (Dawson Co.).
GRASS - 6 lbs., 4 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 7/20/2004; Private sandpit (Chase Co.).

CARPSUCKER
QUILLBACK - 6 lbs., 6 oz.; Michael Dorris, Arthur; 6/17/1978; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.).
RIVER - 12 lbs., 2 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 6/18/2006; Private sandpit (Dawson Co.).

CATFISH
CHANNEL - 25 lbs., 10 oz.; Anthony Nason, Alliance; 7/7/1997; Box Butte Reservoir (Dawes Co.).
FLATHEAD - 31 lbs., 5 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 8/5/2001; Sandpit (Lincoln Co.).

CHUB
CREEK - 4 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 9/4/2003; Private sandpit (Lincoln Co.).

CRAPPIE
BLACK - 2 lbs., 5 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 7/9/2004; Private sandpit (Lincoln Co.).
WHITE - 1 lb.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 8/4/2002; Private sandpit (Lincoln Co.).

DRUM
FRESHWATER - 16 lbs.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 7/10/2004; Private sandpit (Buffalo Co.).

GAR
LONGNOSE - 4 lbs., 6 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 5/20/2005; Sandpit (Dawson Co.).
SHORTNOSE - 2 lbs., 6.5 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 6/3/2005; Sandpit (Dawson Co.).

GOLDEYE - 1 lbs., 5.5 oz George Fritton, Silver Creek; 7/5/1982; Sandpit.

MUSKELLUNGE
TIGER - 13 lbs., 9 oz; Delbert Babitzke, Garden City, Kan.; 8/18/1990; Lake McConaughy. (Keith Co.)

PERCH
YELLOW - 1 lb., 11.5 oz.; Le Roy Adamson, Alliance; 7/15/1980; Box Butte Reservoir. (Dawes Co.)

PIKE

NORTHERN - 13 lbs., 12 oz.; Albert Cherry, St. Edward; 8/8/1975; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.).

SALMON

KOKANEE – 4 lbs., 2 oz.; John Williams, Omaha; 8/26/1971; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.).

SHAD

GIZZARD - 3 lbs., 3 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 7/14/2004; Lake Ogallala (Keith Co.).

SHINER

GOLDEN - 3 oz.; Dustin Noble, Wauneta; 7/23/2000; Sandpit (Lincoln Co.).

SUCKER

SUCKER - 3 lbs., 1 oz.; Jack Miettinen, North Platte; 9/11/1976; Lake Ogallala (Keith Co.).

SHORTHEAD REDHORSE - 2 lbs., 9.5 oz; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 7/4/2003; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.).

WHITE - 4 lbs., 3 oz; Jason Richardson, North Platte; 8/8/2003; Private pond (Lincoln Co.).

SUNFISH

BLUEGILL - 15 oz.; Anthony Nason, Alliance; 7/3/1993; Box Butte Reservoir. (Dawes Co.).

GREEN - 9.9 oz.; Brian Janucik, Gretna; 7/26/1999; Private lake (Douglas Co.).

HYBRID - 12 oz.; James Weekly, Omaha; 7/17/1997; Private lake.

TROUT

BROWN - 5 lbs., 5 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 7/4/2003; Lake Ogallala (Keith Co.).

RAINBOW - 3 lbs., 9 oz.; Michael Bansall, Grand Island; 7/7/1983; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.).

WALLEYE - 13 lbs., 11 oz.; Richard Fish, Kearney; 6/7/1970; Lake McConaughy (Keith Co.).

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SURFACE SPEARFISHING

BUFFALO

BIGMOUTH - 31 lbs., 10 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 5/19/2006; Lake Maloney (Lincoln Co.).

SMALLMOUTH - 12 lbs., 7 oz.; Drew Case, Lincoln; 5/12/2001; South Bend Lake.

CARP

BIGHEAD - 69 lbs., 8 oz.; Bruce Kalchik, Gretna; 6/25/2006; Private Lake (Sarpy Co.).

COMMON - 23 lbs., 4 oz.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 5/18/2005; North Platte I-80 Lake.

GRASS - 25 lbs., 4 oz.; Tim Kreutzer, Roggen Colo.; 7/19/2000; Oliver Reservoir (Kimball Co.).

CARPSUCKER

QUILLBACK - 6 lbs. 6 oz.; Michael Dorris, Arthur Ne; 6/17/1978; Lake McConaughy.

RIVER - 4 lbs., 5 oz; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 4/27/2006, Private sandpit (Dawson Co.).

GAR

LONGNOSE - 17 lbs., 6 oz.; David Werth, South Bend; 6/13/1984; Sandpit (Cass Co.).

SHORTNOSE - 3 lbs., 15 oz.; Mike Wiebelhaus, Norfolk; 8/27/2003; Missouri River (Knox Co.).

SPOTTED - 5 lbs.; Dustin Noble, North Platte; 6/22/2005; Sandpit (Dawson Co.)

SHAD

GIZZARD - 2 lbs., 2 oz.; Drew Case, Lincoln; 5/15/2002; Camp Kataki Lake.

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Northeast

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(District III Supervisor)		W (402) 370-3374
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Robert Kelly	Albion	(402) 395-2538
Ross Oestmann	Bloomfield	(402) 373-4412
Daniel Roberts	Fremont	(402) 721-7852
Jon Reeves	Kennard	(402) 427-7378
Eric Wiebe	Ponca	(402) 755-2566
Steve Oberg	Columbus	(402) 564-5937
Patrick George	O'Neill	(402) 336-1588
Dale Davis	Bassett	(402) 273-1700
Tim Williams	Neligh	(402) 887-1335
Cory Krause	West Point	(402) 372-6979

Southwest

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Dudley Sorensen	North Platte	(308) 532-0747
George Sund	Cambridge	(308) 697-4629

Southwest (cont.)

Officer	City	Phone
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Dirk Greene	Imperial	(308) 882-5328
Virgil Gosch	McCook	(308) 345-2185
Rich Routh	Republican City	(308) 799-2085
Ray Dierking	Broken Bow	(308) 872-3078
Mike Thome	Cozad	(308) 784-4362

Southeast

Officer	City	Phone
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(District V Supervisor)		W (402) 332-2965
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Dina Barta	Lincoln	(402) 483-2358
Stacey Lewton	Lincoln	(402) 476-0436
William Krause	Auburn	(402) 274-3789
Mike Luben	Colon	(402) 443-4278
Levi Krause	Louisville	(402) 234-2212
Russell Mort	Nebraska City	(402) 873-5684
Jeff Clauson	Valley	(402) 359-5301
Sean McKeehan	Ashland	(402) 944-4174
Jeremy TenKley	Beatrice	(402) 228-1437
Dan Evasco	Papillion	(402) 592 6733

South-central

Officer	City	Phone
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(District VI Supervisor)		W (308) 865-5327
Terry Brentzel	Grand Island	(308) 384-8296
Dale Johnson	Kearney	(308) 237-1079
Mark Reeves	Loup City	(308) 745-0748
Robert Finke	Milford	(402) 761-3537
Darin Gress	Hebron	(402) 768-2287
Richard Seward	Ord	(308) 728-3115
Randy Pomplun	Fullerton	(308) 536-2987
Jeff Jones	Clay Center	(402) 762 3124

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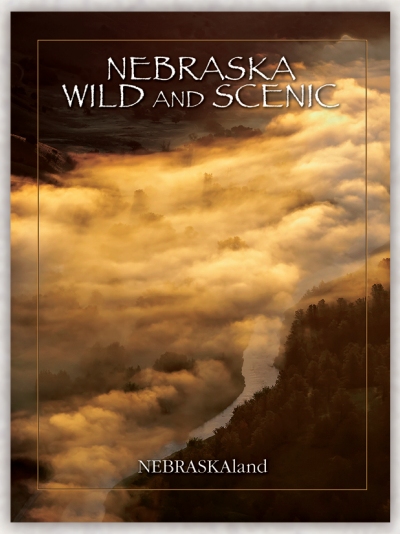

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