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Title 163 - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Chapter 2 - Fisheries Regulations

006 SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS

The following regulations are prescribed by the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-304, 37-305, 37-308, 37-314, 37-315, 37-344, 37-411, 37-426, 37-4,104, 37-4,107, 37-4,109, 37-4,111, 37-501 through 37-504, 37-508 and 37-543 through 37-545. For purposes of these regulations, unless context otherwise requires, the definitions found in Chapter 37, sections 207 through 247 of the Game Law, are used. These regulations are effective following enactment by the Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.

Definitions: In addition to the definitions provided in Chapter 37, the following shall apply to this ~~Chapter~~ Section.

INLAND WATERS shall include all waters of the State, excluding waters of the Missouri River.

WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER shall include all that portion of the Missouri River within Nebraska and all reservoirs, oxbows, sloughs, chutes, backwaters, and marshes, which have annual surface water connections to the river, and the first 300 yards upstream from the mouth of all tributary streams.

STATEWIDE shall include both inland waters and waters of the Missouri River.

State Recreation Area shall be referred to as SRA.

Wildlife Management Area shall be referred to as WMA.

SPORT FISH shall be defined as the following species: ~~:-~~

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Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
Sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus</i>	sShovelnose sturgeon
Paddlefish	<i>Polyodon spathula</i>	pPaddlefish
Mooneye	<i>Hiodon alosoides</i>	gGoldeneye
Freshwater eel	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	American eel
Herring	<i>Alosa chrysochloris</i>	sSkipjack herring
Catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i> <i>Ictalurus punctatus</i> <i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>	bBlue catfish eChannel catfish fFlathead catfish
Pike	<i>Esox americanus</i> <i>Esox lucius</i> <i>Esox masquinongy</i> <i>Esox masquinongy</i> x <i>Esox lucius</i>	gGrass pickerel nNorthern pike mMuskellunge tTiger muskellunge
Trout	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i> <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> <i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i> <i>Salmo trutta</i> <i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i> <i>Salmo trutta</i> x <i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	eCutthroat trout rRainbow trout eChinook salmon bBrown trout bBrook trout tTiger trout
Cod	<i>Lota lota</i>	bBurbot
Temperate bass	<i>Morone chrysops</i> <i>Morone saxatilis</i> <i>Morone chrysops</i> x <i>M. saxatilis</i>	wWhite bass sStriped bass sStriped bass hybrid
Sunfish	<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i> <i>Lepomis cyanellus</i> <i>Lepomis gibbosus</i> <i>Lepomis humilis</i> <i>Lepomis macrochirus</i> <i>Lepomis microlophus</i> <i>Micropterus dolomieu</i> <i>Micropterus punctulatus</i> <i>Micropterus salmoides</i> <i>Pomoxis annularis</i> <i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	rRock bass gGreen sunfish pPumpkinseed eOrangespotted sunfish bBluegill rRedear sunfish sSmallmouth bass sSpotted bass lLargemouth bass wWhite crappie bBlack crappie
Perch	<i>Sander canadense</i> <i>Sander vitreus</i> x <i>canadense</i> <i>Sander vitreus</i>	sSauger sSaugeye wWalleye

BAITFISH shall be defined as those listed in Section 009.

006.01 AREA OPEN: The entire state is open to fishing, except those areas closed by the Commission by posting, or by regulations, by federal or state law, or by city ordinance.

006.02 SEASON: Open the entire year on all species of fish, (Except specific closures as defined in the following Sections: 006.030, 006.04, 006.05, 006.06, 006.08, 006.09, and 006.12).

006.03 BAG, POSSESSION AND LENGTH LIMITS:

006.03A Daily bag limit shall be defined as the number of fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles, or mussels that may be taken by all legal methods (combined) from midnight to the following midnight. Any organism that is not to be counted in the bag limit must be returned immediately into the water with as little injury as possible. Any organism placed on a stringer or in a container, or not returned immediately into the water must be counted in the bag. Any fish in possession while actively on the water or fishing will be subject to length and bag limits that apply to the water being fished.

006.03B Possession limit shall be defined as the number of fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles, or mussels that an individual may have in physical control and/or storage.

006.03C Length limit shall be defined as the approved length an individual organism can be harvested, being it either a maximum or minimum length or a protected length range (slot).

006.03D It shall be unlawful to:

006.03D1 give, put or leave any fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles or mussels at any place or in the custody of another person unless they are

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tagged by the angler with the following information: (1) Name of owner; (2) Address; (3) Phone number; (4) Date of birth; (5) Permit number; (6) Species of fish; (7) Total number of fish and pounds of fillets; (8) Date taken; and (9) Signature of owner and name of recipient if gifted.

006.03E The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for TROUT:

All species singly or in the aggregate (Except Fee Fishing Areas, see below)

Species - TROUT	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE	5	12	None
The daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) trout 16 inches or greater in length except that the Sutherland Supply (Keystone) Canal below Lake Ogallala to the Sutherland Reservoir will be exempt.	5	12	None
Exception: the daily bag limit will be two (2) trout at the Soldier Creek Wilderness Area (Sioux County).	2		
Exception: the bag limit will be twelve (12) trout at Two Rivers Lake #5 with the possession of three (3) tags. There is no restriction on the number of trout in the daily bag limit that can be over 16 inches.	12		

006.03F The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for BLACK BASS:

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Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass singly or in the aggregate.

Species - BLACK BASS		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass singly or in the aggregate.		5	10	15
INLAND WATERS				
Exception: the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) black bass 21 inches or greater in length.				
Exception: there shall be a minimum length limit of 21 inches on black bass in:		1		21
ADAMS COUNTY:	Crystal Lake			
BUFFALO COUNTY:	Archway Lakes Cottonmill Lake <u>Fort Kearny SRA</u> Ravenna Lake <u>Sandy Channel SRA</u> War Axe SRA <u>Windmill SRA</u> Yanney Park Lake			
BUTLER COUNTY:	Timber Point Lake			
CASS COUNTY:	Baright Lake Century Link Lake Louisville SRA			
CUMING COUNTY:	Neligh Park Pond			

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Species - BLACK BASS		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
CUSTER COUNTY:	Arnold Lake Melham Park Pond Victoria Springs Lake SRA			
DAWSON COUNTY:	Lake Helen Lexington City Lake			
DIXON COUNTY:	Buckskin Hills Lake WMA Powder Creek Reservoir			
DOUGLAS COUNTY:	Adams Park Pond Bennington Lake Bennington Lions Club Pond Benson Park Pond Carter Lake Fontenelle Park Pond Glenn Cunningham Reservoir Hanscom Park Pond Hitchcock Park Pond Lawrence Youngsman Lake Miller Park Pond Papio D-4 Prairie View Lake Recreation Area Towl Park Pond Two Rivers SRA Walnut Grove Park Pond Zorinsky Lake Recreation Area			

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Species - BLACK BASS		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
FILLMORE COUNTY:	Lone Star Recreation Area			
HALL COUNTY:	Cheyenne SRA Heartland Shooting Center Pond L.E. Ray Lake Mormon Island SRA West Wood River WMA			
KNOX COUNTY:	Niobrara State Park ponds			
LANCASTER COUNTY:	Bowling Lake Cottontail Lake Hedgefield WMA Lake Holmes Lake Olive Creek Lake SRA/WMA Pawnee Lake SRA/WMA Stagecoach Lake SRA/WMA Wildwood Lake WMA Yankee Hill Lake WMA			
LINCOLN COUNTY:	North Platte I-80 City Lake			
NEMAHA COUNTY:	Auburn Rotary Club Lake			
OTOE COUNTY:	Steinhart Park ponds			

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Species - BLACK BASS		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
PAWNEE COUNTY:	Burchard Lake WMA Iron Horse Trail Lake Pawnee City Pond			
PHELPS COUNTY:	Holdrege City North Lake			
RICHARDSON COUNTY:	Humboldt City Park Lake Stanton Lake Verdon Lake SRA			
SALINE COUNTY:	Friend City Lake Swan Creek 67 Walnut Creek 2A Willard L. Meyer Recreation Area			
SARPY COUNTY:	Kramer Park Lake Lake Halleck Midlands Lake Prairie Queen Recreation Area Schwer Park Pond Shadow Lake Walnut Creek Lake Recreation Area Wehrspann Lake Recreation Area			
SAUNDERS COUNTY:	Lake Wanahoo SRA/WMA			
SEWARD COUNTY:	Meadowlark Lake WMA			
SHERMAN COUNTY:	Bowman Lake			

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STATEWIDE ALL COUNTIES:	Open Fields and Waters lakes and ponds			
WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
Exception: that the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) black bass 21 inches or greater in length.		5	10	None
Exception: that there shall be a 12-inch minimum length limit on all black bass in that section of the Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa and Nebraska and Missouri and that there shall be a 15-inch minimum length limit on largemouth bass in DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Lake (Washington County), Snyder Bend Lake (Dakota/Thurston Counties), and Lake Yankton {Cottonwood Lake} (Cedar County)				

Other special regulations listed under "Special Areas" in 006.12 and high use fishing areas in 006.13.

006.03G The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for STRIPED BASS, WHITE BASS, AND STRIPED BASS HYBRID, singly or in the aggregate:

Species - STRIPED BASS WHITE BASS STRIPED BASS HYBRID	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE	15	30	None

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Species - STRIPED BASS WHITE BASS STRIPED BASS HYBRID		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
Exception: the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) fish 16 inches or greater in length, in inland waters.				
Exception: in the following, the daily bag limit is three (3) fish:		3	30	None
GOSPER COUNTY:	Elwood Reservoir WMA			
LANCASTER COUNTY:	Stagecoach Reservoir SRA/WMA Wagon Train Reservoir SRA/WMA			
PIERCE COUNTY:	Willow Creek Reservoir SRA			
Exception: no harvest allowed at Branched Oak Reservoir SRA/WMA (Lancaster County)		0		

006.03H The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for CHANNEL CATFISH:

Species - CHANNEL CATFISH		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE		10	20	None
Rivers, streams and canals				
Standing waters (reservoirs, lakes, ponds, and pits) except that the daily bag limit shall be ten (10) at		5		

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the following:				
CEDAR/KNOX COUNTIES:	Lewis and Clark Lake SRA			
DAWSON COUNTY:	Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA Midway Canyon Reservoir Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir			
DAWSON/GOSPER COUNTIES:	Johnson Lake SRA			
GOSPER COUNTY:	Phillips Canyon Reservoir			
LINCOLN COUNTY:	Jeffrey Reservoir Lake Maloney SRA Sutherland Reservoir SRA			
PLATTE COUNTY:	Lake Babcock Lake North			
Exception: no harvest allowed at the following:		0	0	0
BUFFALO COUNTY:	Windmill SRA Lake #3			
DOUGLAS COUNTY:	Two Rivers SRA Lakes 3 and 4			
KEARNEY COUNTY:	Fort Kearny SRA Lake #2			
LANCASTER COUNTY:	Wildwood Lake WMA			

006.03I The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for FLATHEAD CATFISH:

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Species - FLATHEAD CATFISH		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE		5	10	None
Exception: the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) fish 30 inches or greater in length.		0		
Exception: no harvest is allowed in the following:				
BUFFALO COUNTY:	Windmill SRA Lake #3			
DOUGLAS COUNTY:	Two Rivers SRA Lakes 3 and 4			
LANCASTER COUNTY:	Branched Oak Reservoir SRA/WMA Wildwood Lake WMA			
KEARNEY COUNTY:	Fort Kearny SRA Lake #2			

006.03J The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for BLUE CATFISH:

Species - BLUE CATFISH		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE		1	2	None
Exception: no harvest is allowed in the following:		0		
BUFFALO COUNTY:	Windmill SRA Lake #3			

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Species - BLUE CATFISH		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
DOUGLAS COUNTY:	Two Rivers SRA Lakes 3 and 4			
KEARNEY COUNTY:	Fort Kearny SRA Lake #2			
LANCASTER COUNTY:	Wildwood Lake WMA			

006.03K The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for WALLEYE, SAUGER AND SAUGEYE, singly or in the aggregate:

Specific regulations on special use areas may be found in 006.12G1.

Species - WALLEYE SAUGER SAUGEYE		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
INLAND WATERS		4	8	15
Exception: the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) fish 22 inches or greater in length.				
Exception: at the following waterbodies, the daily bag limit may include two (2) fish 15 inches to 18 inches and two (2) fish over 18 inches of which no more than one (1) fish may be 22 inches or greater in length.				
GARFIELD/LOUP COUNTIES:	Calamus Reservoir SRA/WMA			
Exception: at the following waterbodies, the daily bag limit may				

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include one (1) fish 15 inches <u>to through</u> 18 inches and three (3) over 18 inches or four (4) over 18 inches and that the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) fish 22 inches or greater in length.				
CHERRY COUNTY:	Merritt Reservoir SRA/WMA			
GOSPER COUNTY:	Elwood Reservoir WMA			
HARLAN COUNTY:	Harlan County Reservoir including Republican River upstream to the Hwy. 46 bridge			
<u>Exception: the minimum length shall be 22 inches with a daily bag limit of one (1) fish at the following:</u>		1		22
LANCASTER COUNTY:	Branched Oak Lake SRA/WMA			
Exception: there shall be a slot length limit protecting walleye with lengths ranging from 20 inches to 28 inches [the daily bag limit can include two (2) fish between 15 inches and not greater than 20 inches and one (1) fish greater than 28 inches]at the following:		3		
SHERMAN COUNTY:	Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA			
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Exception: the minimum length limit shall be 15 inches on that portion				15

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of the Missouri River from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Nebraska-South Dakota border and that there shall be a 15-inch minimum length limit on the following:				
WASHINGTON COUNTY:	DeSoto Bend National Wildlife Refuge Lake			

006.03L The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for NORTHERN PIKE:

Specific regulations on high use fishing areas and the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge may be found in 006.09A.

Species - NORTHERN PIKE		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE		3	10	None
Exception: there shall be a slot length limit protecting northern pike with lengths ranging from 28 inches to 34 inches at the following:		3		None
HOLT COUNTY:	Goose Lake WMA			
<u>Exception: the daily bag limit shall be ten (10) fish on the following:</u>		10		
<u>SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY:</u>	Lake Minatare <u>SRA</u>			
Exception: there shall a slot length limit protecting northern pike with lengths ranging from 28 inches to 34 inches [the daily bag limit of ten (10) pike can include only one (1)		10		None

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fish over 34 inches and nine (9) or ten (10) fish less than 28 inches] at the following:				
DAWES COUNTY:	Box Butte Reservoir SRA/WMA			
Exception: there shall be a minimum length limit of 30 inches at the following:		3		30
ANTELOPE COUNTY:	Grove Lake			
BUFFALO COUNTY:	Cottonmill Lake			
CHASE COUNTY:	Enders Reservoir SRA/WMA			
FRONTIER COUNTY:	Red Willow Reservoir SRA/WMA			
HALL COUNTY:	Alda DOR			
LINCOLN COUNTY:	Hershey I-80 Lake WMA			
SHERMAN COUNTY:	Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA			
STANTON COUNTY:	Maskenthine Reservoir WMA Lake			
Exception: no harvest allowed at the following:		0		
DOUGLAS COUNTY:	Glenn Cunningham Lake			
SAUNDERS COUNTY:	Lake Wanahoo			

006.03N The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for MUSKELLUNGE and MUSKELLUNGE X NORTHERN PIKE HYBRID (tiger muskellunge):

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Species - MUSKELLUNGE MUSEKLLUNGE X NORTHERN PIKE HYBRID (tiger muskellunge)	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE	1	2	40

006.030 The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for PADDLEFISH:

Species - PADDLEFISH	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
Inland Waters (Closed to harvest)	0	0	None
Waters of the Missouri River, downstream from Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734, except for closed areas as defined in <u>006.04K</u> and <u>006.08A</u> . Special permits are required. See Sections <u>006.04G</u> and <u>006.08C</u> .	2	2	See text
Exception: there shall be a 35-45 inch (front of the eye to the natural fork of the tail) protected slot limit during the snagging season only.			

006.03P The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for BAITFISH, TIGER SALAMANDERS (now recognized as BARRED SALAMANDERS), PLAINS LEOPARD FROG, AND NORTHERN LEOPARD FROG:

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Species - BAITFISH TIGER SALAMANDERS (BARRED) PLAINS LEOPARD FROG NORTHERN LEOPARD FROG	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE	100	100	None

006.03Q The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for SHOVELNOSE STURGEON:

Species - SHOVELNOSE STURGEON	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
Inland waters and waters of the Missouri River downstream from the mouth of the Big Sioux River.	10	20	None
Waters of the Missouri River upstream from the mouth of the Big Sioux River.	0	0	None

006.03R The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for PALLID AND LAKE STURGEON, BOWFIN AND AMERICAN EEL:

Species - PALLID STURGEON LAKE STURGEON BOWFIN AMERICAN EEL	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE	0	0	None

006.03S The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for BULLFROGS:

006.03S1 Open Season is August 15 - November 1.

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006.03S2 It shall be unlawful to take bullfrogs by any means other than hand, hand net, or hook and line.

006.03S3 Length shall be measured from snout to vent.

Species - BULLFROGS	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE	8	16	4½

006.03T The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for SNAPPING TURTLES:

006.03T1 It shall be unlawful to take snapping turtles except by hand, hand net, hook and line, bow and arrow or gaff.

006.03T2 It shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, trade or barter for any snapping turtle.

006.03T3 In waters located entirely on private land, snapping turtles may also be taken as described in Section 004 and with legal traps as described in 006.03T4.

006.03T4 Legal trap(s) shall allow turtles to reach the surface to breathe; must be personally checked every 24 hours; and must be tagged with a metal tag listing the owner's name, address, and fishing permit number or driver's license number. Traps containing a throat or funnel shall be constructed of netting that is at least four (4) inches square mesh.

006.03T5 The take of any turtle(s) exceeding the daily bag limits shall be released immediately.

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Species - SNAPPING TURTLES	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE	5	10	None

006.03U The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for BLACK CRAPPIE, WHITE CRAPPIE, BLUEGILL, YELLOW PERCH, ROCK BASS, GREEN SUNFISH, PUMPKINSEED SUNFISH, ORANGE-SPOTTED SUNFISH AND REDEAR SUNFISH and their hybrids, singly or in the aggregate: This group of fish is defined as Panfish.

Species - PANFISH	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE	15	30	None
Exception: the bag limit will be fifteen (15) individually for crappie, yellow perch, rock bass, and sunfish on the border waters with South Dakota to include Lewis and Clark Lake and Lake Yankton (Cottonwood Lake)			
Exception: the minimum length limit for crappie shall be ten (10) inches at the following:			10
LANCASTER COUNTY:	Branched Oak SRA/WMA		
SAUNDERS COUNTY:	Czechland Lake		
SHERMAN COUNTY:	Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA		

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Species - PANFISH		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
<u>Exception: the minimum length limit for yellow perch shall be 12 inches at the following:</u>				<u>12</u>
<u>CHERRY COUNTY:</u>	<u>Rat and Beaver WMA</u>			

006.03V The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for BULLHEADS:

Species - BULLHEADS		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE		None	None	None
Exception: the bag limit will be five (5) at the following:				
CASS COUNTY:	Louisville SRA	5		None
DODGE COUNTY:	Fremont SRA			
DOUGLAS COUNTY:	Two Rivers SRA			

006.03W The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for ALL OTHER GAME FISH AND NONGAME FISH:

Species - ALL OTHER GAME FISH NONGAME FISH		Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE		None	None	None

006.03X The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for MUSSELS (clams):

006.03X1 It shall be unlawful to take mussels (clams) except by hand, hand net or hook and line.

006.03X2 No harvest of mussels (clams) shall be allowed east of Highway 81.

Species - MUSSELS	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Length Limit Inches
STATEWIDE	10	20	None

006.03Y TRANSPORTATION AND POSSESSION

006.03Y1 It shall be unlawful to transport or possess live white perch, black carp, silver carp, bighead carp, grass carp and yellow bass away from the water body from which they were captured.

006.03Y2 It shall be unlawful to possess fish that are subject to a length limit while wading or engaged in fishing from any shore or boat on the water with more than the gills, viscera, and scales having been removed.

006.03Y3 It shall be unlawful to possess bullfrogs while frogging with more than the viscera removed.

006.03Y4 It shall be unlawful to possess or transport fish that are subject to a bag and possession limit, but not a length limit, if the fillets have not been retained in one piece. Fish may be filleted prior to transport; however, the fillets must be kept in one piece until eaten so that bag and/or possession limits can be determined.

006.04 ARCHERY FISHING

006.04A Inland waters are open to the taking of game fish by archery (bow and arrow and crossbow) from sunrise to sunset July 1 through December 31. The taking of nongame fish by archery is allowed from January 1 through December 31, twenty four (24) hours per day.

006.04B Waters of the Missouri River are open to the taking of game fish by archery from sunrise to sunset July 1 through December 31, except for that portion from Gavins Point Dam downstream to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the stilling basin during the archery paddlefish season (006.04G 006.04F). Waters of the Missouri River are open to the taking of nongame fish by archery January 1 through December 31, twenty four (24) hours per day, except for the portion from Gavins Point Dam downstream to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the stilling basin during the archery paddlefish season (006.04G 006.04F).

~~However, t~~The use of crossbows is not allowed from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the Highway U.S. Hwy. 81 bridge for either game or nongame fish, except for qualified disabled persons as described in Section 006.04D.

006.04C It shall be unlawful to fish with an arrow that has more than one point which shall be barbed. Arrows shall be attached to a line from the bow at the time the arrow is released.

006.04D Any person who has lost the use of an arm through amputation or lacks use of an arm through permanent impairment which renders the person incapable of drawing a long bow shall be permitted to

use a crossbow or a bow fitted with a draw lock type device to fish. The disabling condition described above must be verified in writing by a physician. The medical certificate shall be carried by permittee while fishing and a copy filed with the Fisheries Division of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

006.04E The following Commission areas are closed to archery fishing: Platte River State Park and Mahoney State Park (Cass County) and other areas as posted. Closures to archery fishing at non-Commission owned areas are controlled by those respective entities.

006.04F PADDLEFISH: Paddlefish may be taken by archery and possessed on open waters of the Missouri River only during the season beginning on the second Saturday of July June 1 and running for thirty (30) consecutive days through June 30. Crossbows are only allowed downstream of the Highway U.S. Hwy. 81 bridge except that qualified disabled persons as described in Section 006.04D may use crossbows above the Highway U.S. Hwy. 81 bridge.

006.04G It shall be unlawful to take paddlefish by archery without the possession of a paddlefish permit and an open paddlefish tag in addition to a valid Nebraska fishing permit as required. Those anglers with a non-resident paddlefish permit must also possess a valid non-resident Nebraska fishing permit.

006.04G1 Applications: Anglers applying for a paddlefish permit must provide the following information: name, address, daytime telephone number, last four digits of their Social Security Number, date of birth, gender, hair color, eye color, height, and weight. Application forms to submit such information to the Commission are available at the Commission headquarters, at all District Offices, on the Commission website, and in the Fishing Guide. The first application period will run from 1 P.M. CDT April March 1 to April March 14. Mail applications must be received in the Lincoln office, Nebraska Game and

Parks Commission, by 5 p.m. CDT on ~~April~~ ~~March~~ 14; internet applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. CDT on ~~April~~ ~~March~~ 14. If there are permits remaining after the ~~first~~ drawing, the remaining permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis with sales starting at 1:00 p.m. CDT on the first working day of ~~June~~ ~~May~~.

006.04G2 Permits will be distributed to eligible applicants through a random drawing based on preference points earned.

006.04G3 Preference Points: Any eligible person who properly applies for and is denied a paddlefish permit during the ~~first~~ application period, ~~beginning in 2007~~, shall receive a preference point, and one additional point shall be added or awarded for each year he or she is unsuccessful in the drawing. Such preference points shall be used to determine priority in the permit drawing, with persons having the most points receiving the greatest priority. If two applicants submit a joint application (buddy permit), priority will be given based on the lowest number of points possessed by either applicant. Any person who is issued a paddlefish permit shall lose all accumulated preference points and any person who does not apply at least once during five consecutive years shall lose all accumulated points.

006.04G4 An individual may not submit more than one application for an archery paddlefish permit during any archery paddlefish application period.

006.04G5 Two anglers may submit a joint application (buddy permit) but both must be either residents or non-residents. A resident cannot submit a joint application with a non-resident.

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006.04G6 An individual must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July to apply for an archery paddlefish permit.

006.04H A harvest quota will be managed by issuing a maximum of two-hundred seventy-five (275) paddlefish permits with a limit of no more than two (2) permits per person.

006.04H1 Ninety-five percent (95%) of the paddlefish permits available (rounded to the nearest whole number) will be reserved for residents. If the number of residents applying for permits exceeds the number of permits available, any of the five percent (5%) of the permits reserved for non-residents remaining after the first application period will be issued to resident anglers identified by the random draw.

006.04I 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 voided and not be replaced.

006.04J After completion of the fishing trip and upon leaving the Missouri River, an angler can process harvested paddlefish down to two (2) whole fillets. Both the closed paddlefish tag and permit would need to remain with the fillets.

006.04K Paddlefish may be taken by archery on waters of the Missouri River only on that portion downstream from the Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734, except for a closed area immediately below Gavins Point Dam downstream to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the stilling basin.

006.05 SURFACE WATER SPEARFISHING:

006.05A The entire state is open to the taking of nongame fish by surface spearing January 1 through December 31. The fishing hours shall be sunrise to sunset September 1 through March 31 and shall be unrestricted April 1 through August 31.

006.05A1 Any device used for surface spearing shall be barbed.

006.06 UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING:

006.06A The following lakes **only** are **only** open to underwater spearfishing, sunrise to sunset, for game fish July 1 through December 31, and for nongame fish - January 1 through December 31.

LAKE	COUNTY
Enders Reservoir SRA/WMA	Chase County
Merritt Reservoir SRA/WMA	Cherry County
Harry Strunk Medicine Creek Reservoir SRA/WMA	Frontier County
Hugh Butler Red Willow Reservoir SRA/WMA	Frontier County
Elwood Reservoir WMA	Gosper County
Johnson Reservoir SRA	Gosper County
Harlan County Reservoir	Harlan County
Swanson Reservoir SRA/WMA	Hitchcock County
Lake Ogallala SRA	Keith County
McConaughy Reservoir SRA/WMA	Keith County
Lewis and Clark Lake	Knox and Cedar c Counties
Jeffrey Reservoir	Lincoln County
Maloney Reservoir SRA	Lincoln County
Sutherland Reservoir	Lincoln County
Calamus Reservoir SRA/WMA	Loup and Garfield c Counties

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Lake Minatare SRA/WMA	Scotts Bluff County
Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA	Sherman County

006.06B The following lakes only are open to underwater spearfishing, sunrise to sunset, for game fish June 1 through December 31, and for nongame fish - January 1 through December 31.

LAKE	COUNTY
Box Butte Reservoir	Dawes County
Privately-owned lakes with permission of owner	

006.06C The following lakes only are open to underwater spearfishing, sunrise to sunset, for nongame fish only - January 1 through December 31.

LAKE	COUNTY
Bassway WMA	Buffalo County
Blue Hole West WMA	Buffalo County
Bufflehead WMA	Buffalo County
East Odessa WMA	Buffalo County
Kea Lake WMA	Buffalo County
Kea West WMA	Buffalo County
North Kearney Rest Stop	Buffalo County
Union Pacific SRA	Buffalo County
War Axe SRA	Buffalo County
West Elm Creek WMA	Buffalo County
Cozad WMA	Dawson County
Cozad West WMA	Dawson County
Dogwood East & West WMA	Dawson County
East Gothenburg WMA	Dawson County
Willow Island WMA	Dawson County

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Alda DOR	Hall County
Cheyenne SRA	Hall County
West Wood River WMA	Hall County
Sandy Channel SRA	Phelps County

006.06D It shall be unlawful to underwater spearfish within 100 yards (300 feet) of any designated swimming or water ski jump area, boat dock, boat ramp, or spillway.

006.06E Only hand spears, rubberband-powered spear guns, compressed air, and spring-loaded power spear guns are legal. Spear guns may be attached to a float or buoy using any length of line.

006.06F All spears shall be attached to a shooting line with a maximum length of twenty feet.

006.06G The Diver's Flag shall be displayed on the water on a float or buoy during any diving or underwater spearfishing. Any diver or underwater spear fisherman shall not exceed a distance of greater than 150 feet from ~~his~~ ~~the~~ ~~a~~ Diver's ~~F~~Flag. The flag shall be square and not less than 12" square. The color shall be red background and with white diagonal stripe one-fifth (1/5) of the flag width. The diagonal stripe shall extend from the top of the hoist to the bottom of the flag.

006.06H It is unlawful to display the Divers Flag when diving or underwater spearfishing is not in progress.

006.06I Recognition of ~~this~~ ~~the~~ ~~Divers~~ ~~F~~flag by regulation will not be construed as conferring any rights or privileges on its users nor be construed as restricting the use of the water so marked. Operators of boats shall exercise precaution commensurate with conditions indicated.

006.06J Underwater spearfishing regulations shall not apply to authorized agents of the Nebraska Game and

Parks Commission when engaged in experimental studies or fish management projects.

006.06K Upon written approval of the Director, specified species and specified waters may be opened for a limited time to underwater spearfishing for special events, and for fish management purposes.

006.07 SET LINES, LIMB LINES AND ICE FISHING

JUG LINES shall be defined as ~~any line not attached to the shoreline or pole~~ a free-floating line that contains fishing hooks entirely supported by flotation.

LIMB AND/OR SET LINES shall be defined as a long, heavy fishing line to which one to five hooks are attached in series fishing line that contains up to five (5) fish hooks attached to a fixed object in a river, stream or canal.

~~LIMB LINES shall be defined as a fishing line attached to any trees or brush along a bank.~~

006.07A It shall be unlawful to use jug lines in any waters of the state.

006.07B It shall be unlawful to use set lines or limb lines in any pond, lake or reservoir and within one-half mile of an inlet or outlet.

006.07C The angler's name, address, fishing permit number and/or driver's license number shall be attached legibly to all limb and set lines.

006.07C1 Limb and set lines need to be checked every twenty-four (24) hours and unused lines removed.

006.07D It shall be unlawful to use more than five (5) lines while ice fishing and it shall be unlawful to use more than two (2) hooks on each line while ice fishing.

006.07E Each ice fishing line used must be under the direct supervision and within the unaided observation of the angler.

006.08 SNAGGING:

006.08A It shall be unlawful to take any fish by snagging fish externally by hook and line except ~~that~~ paddlefish and nongame fish in open waters of the Missouri River downstream from Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734 except for a closed area immediately below Gavins Point Dam downstream to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the chalk point. The snagging season starts on October 1~~st~~st and ends on October 31~~st~~st with legal snagging hours running from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Any other game fish accidentally snagged must be returned to the water immediately.

006.08A1 Paddlefish harvested by snagging may be possessed only on that section of the Missouri River where paddlefish harvest is allowed during the open season.

006.08A2 Only one (1) hook per line may be used when snagging. Hook size must be no larger than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch from point to shank.

006.08A3 It shall be unlawful to use a gaff hook or other penetrating device while landing snagged paddlefish.

006.08B A harvest quota will be managed by issuing not more than one-thousand six hundred (1,600) paddlefish permits with a limit of no more than two (2) permits per person. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of permits allocated as authorized by the Commission, successful applicants will be determined by a random draw.

006.08C All snaggers must obtain, and have in their possession while fishing, a paddlefish permit and an

open paddlefish tag in addition to a valid Nebraska fishing permit to be actively snagging. Those anglers with a non-resident paddlefish permit must also possess a valid non-resident Nebraska fishing permit.

006.08C1 Applications: Anglers applying for a paddlefish permit must provide the following information: legal name, address, daytime telephone number, last four digits of their Social Security number, date of birth, gender, hair color, eye color, height, and weight. Application forms to submit such information to the Commission are available at the Commission headquarters, at all District Offices, on the Commission website, and in the Fishing Guide. The **first** application period will run from 1 **Pp.Mm.** CDT July 1 to July 14. Mail applications must be received in the Lincoln office, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, by 5 p.m. CDT on July 14; internet applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. CDT on July 14. If there are permits remaining after the **first** drawing the remaining permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis, with sales starting at 1:00 p.m. CDT on the first working day of September.

006.08C2 Permits will be distributed to eligible applicants through a random drawing based on preference points earned.

006.08C3 Preference points: Any eligible person who properly applies for and is denied a paddlefish permit during the **first** application period beginning in 2007 shall receive a preference point, and one additional point shall be added or awarded for each year he or she is unsuccessful in the drawing. Such preference points shall be used to determine priority in the permit drawing, with persons having the most points receiving the greatest priority. If two applicants submit a joint application (buddy permit), the priority will be given based on the lowest number of points possessed by either

applicant. Any person who is issued a paddlefish permit shall lose all accumulated preference points, and any person who does not apply at least once during five (5) consecutive years shall lose all accumulated points.

006.08C4 An individual may not submit more than one application for a paddlefish snagging permit during any paddlefish snagging application period.

006.08C5 Two anglers may submit a joint application (buddy permit) but both must be either residents or non-residents. A resident cannot submit a joint application with a non-resident.

006.08C6 An individual must be 12 years old by October 1 to apply for a paddlefish snagging permit.

006.08D Ninety-five percent (95%) of the paddlefish permits available will be reserved for residents. If the number of residents applying for permits exceeds the number of permits available, any of the five percent (5%) of the permits reserved for non-residents remaining after the application period, will be issued to resident anglers identified by the random draw.

~~006.08F~~ 006.08E A paddlefish must be tagged immediately in the dorsal fin upon addition to the creel with the anglers paddlefish tag. Any paddlefish tag that is locked shut prior to attachment, altered, or modified shall be voided and not be replaced.

~~006.8F1~~ 006.08E1 A snagger must cast for and hook their own fish.

~~006.8F2~~ 006.08E2 After completion of the fishing trip and upon leaving the Missouri River, an angler can process the harvested paddlefish down to two (2) whole fillets. Both the closed

paddlefish tag and permit would need to remain with the fillets.

006.09 REFUGE LAKES:

006.09A VALENTINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LAKES (Cherry County): It shall be unlawful to fish in any manner other than by hook and line, bow and arrow and hand spear during daylight hours, January 1 through December 31, unless otherwise posted.

Refuge lakes open to fishing ~~7~~ have a 15-inch minimum length limit ~~is~~ in effect for largemouth bass. For northern pike there is a maximum length limit of 28 inches on all refuge lakes.

The possession or use of live or dead baitfish and the possession of any fish not taken from these waters is unlawful. However, frozen or dead smelt and legal fish harvested from these waters may be used for bait.

006.09B CRESCENT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LAKES (Garden County): Fishing is permitted during daylight hours on Island Lake from January 1 through December 31, as per refuge regulations.

Fishing is permitted during daylight hours on Smith Lake from November 1 through February 15, as per refuge regulations.

The possession or use of live or dead baitfish and the possession of any fish not taken from these waters is unlawful. However, frozen or dead smelt and legal fish harvested from these waters may be used for bait.

006.09C NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: (Scotts Bluff County): Fishing is permitted from January 15 through October 14 as posted, except that the dam at Lake Minatare and an area paralleling the shoreline at the dam and extending 150 feet lakeward to points of intersection with the shoreline zones shall be closed

to fishing March 1 through April 30 from sunset to sunrise.

006.09D DESOTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: Sport fishing by hook and line and archery is permitted as designated by refuge regulations. The use of trot lines and float lines is unlawful. All fishermen shall conform with the regulations of the State in which they are licensed, either Nebraska or Iowa.

006.10 BORDER WATERS:

006.10A Any person possessing a valid fishing license or permit issued by the state of South Dakota, Iowa or Missouri, or who is legally exempted from those license or permit requirements, without further permit or license, may fish for any species except paddlefish with hook and line, bow and arrow and surface spears in the flowing portions and backwaters, sloughs and chutes that draw water from the Missouri River proper within the boundary of Nebraska adjacent to the state where they possess a valid fishing license or permit or are exempted from having one. These anglers may also fish with hook and line, bow and arrow, and surface spears in the Nebraska portion of any oxbow lakes through which a state boundary passes for a state where they possess a valid fishing license or permit or are exempted from having one. Any person possessing a valid fishing license or permit issued by the state of Iowa or Missouri or is legally exempted from those license or permit requirements without further permit or license, may fish all waters of the Hamburg Bend WMA and the Nebraska portion of the Missouri River between the Hamburg Bend chute entrance structure (River Mile 555.5) and chute exit structure (River Mile 552.1).

Except that in the tailwaters of Gavins Point Dam from the dam to 0.6 miles downstream, a non-resident Nebraska fishing permit is required of persons who are

not residents of Nebraska or South Dakota when fishing from boat or either bank.

006.10A1 All reciprocal privileges in Section 006.10A shall be contingent upon a grant of like privileges by the appropriate neighboring state to the permitted, licensed or exempted hook and line, bow and arrow, or surface spearfishing anglers of Nebraska.

006.10A2 Regulations regarding method of take, size, bag and possession limits of the more restrictive state between the licensing state and the State of Nebraska shall apply in South Dakota, Iowa and Missouri boundary waters.

006.10A3 Anglers fishing the border waters between Nebraska and South Dakota, Iowa, or Missouri are allowed one (1) daily bag limit of fish from these border waters per day as defined in regulations regardless of the number of permits held or state(s) in which they are held.

~~006.10A3~~ 006.10A4 Anglers licensed, permitted, or exempted in South Dakota, Iowa or Missouri may fish from or attach devices or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of Nebraska adjacent to the state where they possess a valid fishing license or permit or are exempted from having one.

006.11 LEGAL NETS, TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES: It shall be unlawful to possess or use any and all nets, traps, electrical gear capable of stunning fish, or other devices except legal baitfish methods of take described in Section 009.04 or under authorization of special permits as follows:

006.11A Commercial Fishing Permit

006.11B Private Pond Authorization

006.11C Salvage

006.11D Scientific Collections

006.11E Landing nets, made of non-metallic mesh used only for the landing of fish caught on hook and line.

006.11F Legal turtle traps as described in Section 006.03T.

006.12 SPECIAL AREAS: Special area regulations are in effect on the following areas:

006.12A TWO RIVERS SRA (Douglas County)

006.12A1 A daily trout fishing tag is required to possess trout on the Two Rivers SRA (fee \$6.00).

006.12A2 FEE FISHING AREA: Lake No. 5 within the Two Rivers SRA (Douglas County) is designated as a special trout fishing area, subject to the following regulations:

006.12A2a Each daily trout fishing tag allows the angler to harvest four (4) trout. A maximum of three (3) tags can be purchased per angler day with a possession limit set at twelve (12) trout.

006.12A2b The open season dates will be prescribed and posted by the Commission with fishing allowed between sunrise and one-half hour after sunset.

006.12A2c Each fisherman angler shall wear the trout tag or tags, on his person in a conspicuous place while fishing during the time period of March 1 through June 30.

006.12A2d Up to two (2) children, under the age of 16, are allowed to fish with an adult holding a valid trout tag. The bag limit of four (4) trout per tag is maintained for the group.

006.12A2e Each fisherman angler shall be limited to the use of one (1) rod and reel or fishing pole. Archery fishing, snagging and spearing are prohibited.

006.12A2f All fish, live or dead, are prohibited as bait.

006.12A2g Each fisherman angler shall keep his their fish on a separate stringer or container under his control.

006.12A2h Each trout caught shall be counted in the bag limit, and no trout caught shall be returned to the water.

006.12A2i Each fisherman angler shall report his their catch at the Administration Building and return his their tag or tags each day when finished.

006.12B TROUT SPAWNING STREAMS tributary to the North Platte River and McConaughy Reservoir (Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden and Keith counties): it shall be unlawful to possess a net or seine of any type except legal landing nets that shall have a maximum diameter of 12 inches, a maximum depth of 15 inches and a maximum handle length of three (3) feet on the following streams.

Dry Sheep Creek	Cedar Creek
Wildhorse Creek	Spotted Tail Creek
Stuckenhole Creek	Dry Spotted Tail Creek
Nine Mile Creek	Otter Creek
Tub Spring Creek	Clear Creek
Winters Creek	Lonergan Creek

006.12C EUGENE T. MAHONEY STATE PARK, BARIGHT LAKE
(Case County)

It shall be unlawful to fish in the lake EXCEPT:

006.12C1 Children under 16 years of age, handicapped adults, and adults (parents or guardians) assisting children fishing under their supervision are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area.

006.12D SHERMAN RESERVOIR (Sherman County) Sherman Dam and the area paralleling the shoreline at the dam extending 150 feet lakeward, along with the constructed artificial spawning reef located on the southwest corner of the dam, shall be closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise April 1 through April 20th.

006.12E SCHRAMM PARK (Sarpy County) Fishing is prohibited on all areas of Schramm Park except for the Platte River and for events sponsored by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

006.12F PLATTE RIVER STATE PARK, JENNY NEWMAN LAKE (Cass County)

006.12F1 Children under 16 years of age and adults (parents or guardians) assisting children fishing under their supervision are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area.

006.12F2 Possession of any fish species while fishing this lake is prohibited. This lake is designated a "~~No Kill Lake,~~" total catch and release fishery thus all species must be returned unharmed to the lake immediately by the angler.

006.12G LAKE MCCONAUGHY (Keith County)

006.12G1 It shall be unlawful to have in possession walleye on that portion of Otter Creek from its junction at the lake shore of Lake

McConaughy upstream to and including the culvert under Highway Hwy. 92.

006.12G2 From sunset to sunrise, April 1 through April 30, fishing from a boat within 30 yards of the dam shall be allowed only on that portion of the dam 200 feet north of the morning glory (outlet), with boat travel in a south-to-north (counter clockwise) direction required.

006.12H BLUE LAKE (Garden County) Blue Lake is closed to access during the nine-day (9) firearm deer season.

006.12I KEA WEST WMA LAKE (Buffalo County) It shall be unlawful to harvest any fish species. This lake is managed as a total catch and release fishery.

006.12J EAST HERSHEY WMA (Lincoln County) It shall be unlawful to harvest any fish species. This lake is managed as a total catch and release fishery.

006.12K WEST BRADY WMA (Lincoln County) It shall be unlawful to harvest any fish species. This lake is managed as a total catch and release fishery.

006.13 On the following fishing areas it shall be unlawful to have in possession or use live baitfish, while fishing on that waterbody. While fishing that on that waterbody, it shall also be unlawful to have in possession any live fish other than those legally harvested from that water body, which may be also used for bait. These waterbodies are as follows:

LAKE	COUNTY
Heartwell Park <u>Pond Lake</u>	Adams County
Clear Lake	Brown County
Cottonmill Lake	Buffalo County
Ravenna Lake	Buffalo County
Yanney Park Lake	Buffalo County

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Chalkrock Lake WMA	Cedar County
Rat and Beaver Lake WMA	Cherry County
Ansley City Lake	Custer County
Arnold Lake	Custer County
Victoria Springs Lake SRA	Custer County
Kramper Park Lake	Dakota County
Lake Helen	Dawson County
Lexington City Lake	Dawson County
Bennington Lake	Douglas County
Frye Lake WMA	Grant County
Grand Island Such's Lake	Hall County
Bethphage Pond	Kearney County
Hedgefield Lake WMA	Lancaster County
Holmes Lake	Lancaster County
Olive Creek Lake SRA	Lancaster County
Wildwood Lake	Lancaster County
Yankee Hill Lake WMA	Lancaster County
North Platte I-80 City Lake	Lincoln County
Skyview Lake	Madison County
Ta-Ha-Zouka Park Pond Lake	Madison County
Lincoln Park Pond	Nuckolls County
Iron Horse Trail Lake	Pawnee County
Holdrege City North Lake	Phelps County
Prairie Queen Recreation Area	Sarpy County
Lake Wanahoo	Saunders County
Independence Landing Lake	Seward County
Meadowlark Lake	Seward County
Bowman Lake	Sherman County
Pibel Lake	Wheeler County

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~~Chapter 2 — Fisheries Regulations~~

~~006 Sport Fishing Regulations. The following regulations are prescribed by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska, in addition to State Statutes concerning sport fishing, in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-304, 37-305, 37-308, 37-314, 37-315, 37-344, 37-411, 37-426, 37-4,104, 37-4,107, 37-4,109, 37-4,111. 37-501, through 37-504, 37-508, and 37-543, through 37-545. For purposes of these regulations, unless context otherwise requires, the definitions found in Chapter 37, sections 207 through 247 of the Game Law, are used. These regulations are effective following enactment by the Commission, approval by the Attorney General and Governor, and when five days have elapsed since filing with the Secretary of State.~~

~~Definitions: In addition to the definitions provided in Chapter 37 the following shall apply to this Chapter.~~

~~INLAND WATERS shall include all waters of the State, excluding waters of the Missouri River.~~

~~WATERS of the MISSOURI RIVER shall include all that portion of the Missouri River within Nebraska and all reservoirs, oxbows, sloughs, chutes, backwaters, and marshes, which have annual surface water connections to the river, and the first 300 yards upstream from the mouth of all tributary streams.~~

~~STATEWIDE shall include both inland waters and waters of the Missouri River.~~

~~State Recreation Area shall be referred to as SRA.~~

~~Wildlife Management Area shall be referred to as WMA.~~

SPORT FISH shall be defined as the following species.

Family	Scientific Name	Common Name
Sturgeon	<i>Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus</i>	shovelnose sturgeon
Paddlefish	<i>Polyodon spathula</i>	paddlefish
Mooneye	<i>Hiodon alosoides</i>	goldeye
Freshwater eel	<i>Anguilla rostrata</i>	American eel
Herring	<i>Alosa chrysochloris</i>	skipjack herring
Catfish	<i>Ictalurus furcatus</i>	blue catfish
	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>	channel catfish
	<i>Pylodictis olivaris</i>	flathead catfish
Pike	<i>Esox americanus</i>	grass pickerel
	<i>Esox lucius</i>	northern pike
	<i>Esox masquinongy</i>	muskellunge
	<i>Esox masquinongy</i> x <i>Esox Lucius</i>	tiger muskellunge
Trout	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki</i>	cutthroat trout
	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>	rainbow trout
	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>	chinook salmon
	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	brown trout
	<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	brook trout
	<i>Salmo trutta</i> x <i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>	tiger trout
Cod	<i>Lota lota</i>	burbot
Temperate bass	<i>Morone chrysops</i>	white bass
	<i>Morone saxatilis</i>	striped bass
	<i>Morone chrysops</i> x <i>M. saxatilis</i>	striped bass hybrid
Sunfish	<i>Ambloplites rupestris</i>	rock bass
	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>	green sunfish
	<i>Lepomis gibbosus</i>	pumpkinseed
	<i>Lepomis humilis</i>	orangespotted sunfish
	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>	bluegill
	<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>	redecor sunfish
	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>	smallmouth bass
	<i>Micropterus punctulatus</i>	spotted bass
	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>	largemouth bass
	<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>	white crappie
	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>	black crappie
Perch	<i>Sander canadense</i>	sauger
	<i>Sander vitreus</i> x <i>canadense</i>	saugeye
	<i>Sander vitreus</i>	walleye

BAITFISH shall be defined as those listed in Section 009.

006.01 AREA OPEN: The entire state is open to fishing, except those areas closed by the Commission by posting, or by regulations, by federal or state law, or by city ordinance.

~~006.02 SEASON: Open the entire year on all species of fish. (Except specific closures as defined in the following Sections; 006.030, 006.04, 006.05 006.06, 006.08, 006.09, and 006.12).~~

~~006.03 BAG, POSSESSION AND LENGTH LIMITS:~~

~~006.03A Daily bag limit shall be defined as the number of fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles, or mussels, that may be taken by all legal methods (combined) from midnight to the following midnight. Any organism that is not to be counted in the bag limit must be returned immediately into the water with as little injury as possible. Any organism placed on a stringer or in a container, or not returned immediately into the water must be counted in the bag. Any fish in possession while actively fishing will be subject to length and bag limits that apply to the water being fished.~~

~~006.03B Possession limit shall be defined as the number of fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles, or mussels that an individual may have in physical control and/or storage.~~

~~006.03C Length limit shall be defined as the approved length an individual organism can be harvested, being it either a maximum or minimum length or a protected length range (slot).~~

~~006.03D It shall be unlawful to:~~

~~006.03D1 give, put or leave any fish, bullfrogs, snapping turtles or mussels at any place or in the custody of another person unless they are tagged by the angler with the following information: (1) Name of owner; (2) Address; (3) Phone number; (4) Date of birth; (5) Permit number; (6) Species of fish; (7) Total number of fish and pounds of fillets; (8) Date taken; and (9) Signature of owner and name of recipient if gifted.~~

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>006.03E TROUT All species singly or in the aggregate (Except Fee Fishing Areas, see below.) Statewide</p> <p>The daily bag limit shall include no more than one trout 16 inches or greater in length except that the Sutherland Supply (Keystone) Canal below Lake Ogallala to Sutherland Reservoir will be exempt.</p> <p>Except the daily bag limit will be two (2) trout at the Soldier Creek Wilderness Area (Sioux County).</p> <p>Except the bag limit will be twelve (12) trout at Two Rivers Lake #5 with the possession of three (3) tags. There is no restriction on the number of trout in the daily bag limit that can be over 16 inches.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>5</p> <p>2</p> <p>12</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>006.03F BLACK BASS Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass singly or in the aggregate.</p> <p>INLAND WATERS Black bass in all government or publicly owned, controlled and managed waters, as well as in privately owned waters.</p> <p>Except that the daily bag limit shall include no more than one black bass 21 inches or greater in length.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>10</p>

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>Except there shall be a minimum length limit of 21 inches on black bass in:</p> <p>ADAMS COUNTY: Crystal Lake, Heartwell Park Lake</p> <p>ANTELOPE COUNTY: Tilden City Pond</p> <p>BOX BUTTE COUNTY: Laing Lake</p> <p>BUFFALO COUNTY: Archway Lakes, Cottonmill Lake, Ravenna Lake, War Axe SRA, Yanney Park Lake</p> <p>BUTLER COUNTY: David City Park Ponds, Timber Point Lake</p> <p>CASS COUNTY: Baright Lake, Century Link Lake, Louisville SRA, Plattsmouth City Lake, Weeping Water Pond</p> <p>CLAY COUNTY: Sutton Clark Pond</p> <p>CUMING COUNTY: Neligh Park Pond</p> <p>CUSTER COUNTY: Ansley City Lake, Arnold Lake, Melham Park Pond, Victoria Springs Lake SRA</p> <p>DAKOTA COUNTY: Crystal Cove Lake</p> <p>DAWSON COUNTY: Lake Helen, Lexington City Lake</p> <p>DEUEL COUNTY: Big Springs City Pond</p> <p>DIXON COUNTY: Buckskin Hills Lake WMA, Powder Creek Reservoir</p> <p>DODGE COUNTY: Hooper City Lake, Johnson Park Lake</p> <p>DOUGLAS COUNTY: Adams Park Pond, Bennington Lake, Bennington Lion Club Pond, Benson Park Pond, Carter Lake, Fontenelle Park Pond, Glenn Cunningham Reservoir, Hanscom Park Pond, Hitchcock Park Pond, Lawrence Youngsman Lake, Miller Park Pond, Papio D 4, Prairie View Lake Recreation Area, Towl Park Pond, Two Rivers SRA, Walnut Grove Park Pond, Zorinsky Lake Recreation Area</p> <p>FILLMORE COUNTY: Lone Star</p>	21	1	

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>Recreation Area</p> <p>FURNAS COUNTY: Oxford City Lake</p> <p>GREELEY COUNTY: Wolbach City Pond</p> <p>HALL COUNTY: Cheyenne SRA, Cornhusker WMA Pond, Grand Island Eagle Scout Lake, Grand Island Gun Range Pond, Grand Island Such's Lake, L. E. Ray Lake, Mormon Island SRA, West Wood River WMA</p> <p>JOHNSON COUNTY: Tecumseh City Pond</p> <p>KNOX COUNTY: Niobrara State Park Ponds</p> <p>KEARNEY COUNTY: Bethphage Pond</p> <p>KEITH COUNTY: Humphrey Pond</p> <p>LANCASTER COUNTY: Cottontail Lake, Hedgefield WMA Lake, Holmes Lake, Merganser Lake, Olive Creek Lake SRA/WMA, Stagecoach Lake SRA/WMA, Wagon Train Lake SRA/WMA, Wildwood Lake WMA, Yankee Hill Lake WMA</p> <p>LINCOLN COUNTY: Birdwood Lake WMA, North Platte I-80 Lake</p> <p>MADISON COUNTY: Skyview Lake, Ta-Ha-Zouka Park Pond</p> <p>MERRICK COUNTY: Bader Memorial County Park Pits, Central City Lake, Silver Creek City Lake</p> <p>NEMAHA COUNTY: Auburn Rotary Club Lake</p> <p>NUCKOLLS COUNTY: Lincoln Park Pond</p> <p>OTOE COUNTY: Steinhart Park Ponds</p> <p>PAWNEE COUNTY: Burchard Lake WMA, Iron Horse Trail Lake, Pawnee City Pond, Pawnee Prairie WMA</p> <p>PHELPS COUNTY: Holdrege City North Lake, Sacramento Wilcox WMA</p> <p>PLATTE COUNTY: Columbus Hospital Pond</p> <p>RED WILLOW COUNTY: Barnett Park</p> <p>RICHARDSON COUNTY: Humboldt City Park Lake, Stanton Lake, Verdon Lake SRA</p> <p>SALINE COUNTY: Friend City Lake,</p>			

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>Swan Creek 67, Walnut Creek 2A, Willard L. Meyer Recreation Area</p> <p>SARPY COUNTY: Kramer Park Lake, Lake Halleck, Midlands Lake, Schwer Park Pond, Shadow Lake, Walnut Creek Lake Recreation Area, Wehrspann Lake Recreation Area</p> <p>SAUNDERS COUNTY: Lake Wanahoo SRA/WMA, Memphis Lake SRA</p> <p>SEWARD COUNTY: Meadowlark Lake WMA</p> <p>VALLEY COUNTY: Auble Pond</p> <p>WEBSTER COUNTY: Indian Creek Pond WMA</p> <p>YORK COUNTY: Henderson Park, York Recharge Lake</p> <p>STATEWIDE: Open Fields and Waters lakes and ponds</p>			
<p>Check other special regulation listed under special use and high use fishing areas in 006.12 and 006.13.</p>			
<p>Waters of the Missouri River</p> <p>Except that the daily bag limit shall include no more than one black bass 21 inches or greater in length. Except that there shall be a 12 inch minimum length limit on all black bass in that section of the Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa and Nebraska and Missouri and that there shall be a 15 inch minimum length limit on largemouth bass in DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Lake (Washington County), Snyder Bend Lake, (Dakota and Thurston counties), and Lake Yankton (Cottonwood Lake) (Cedar County).</p>	None	5	10

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>006.03C STRIPED BASS, WHITE BASS, and STRIPED BASS HYBRID, singly or in the aggregate.</p> <p>Statewide</p> <p>Except that the daily bag shall include no more than one fish 16 inches or greater in length, in inland waters.</p> <p>Except that in Elwood Reservoir WMA (Gosper County), Stagecoach Reservoir SRA/WMA (Lancaster County), Wagon Train Reservoir SRA/WMA (Lancaster County) and Willow Creek Lake SRA (Pierce County), the daily bag limit is three (3) fish.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>Except no harvest allowed at Branched Oak Reservoir SRA/WMA (Lancaster County)</p>		<p>0</p>	

<p>006.03H CHANNEL CATFISH</p> <p>Statewide</p> <p>Rivers, streams, and canals</p> <p>Standing waters (reservoirs, lakes, ponds, and pits) except that the daily bag limit shall be 10 at Gallagher Canyon Reservoir (Dawson County), Jeffrey Reservoir (Lincoln County), Johnson Lake (Dawson and Gosper counties), Lake Babcock (Platte County), Lake Maloney (Lincoln County), Lake North (Platte County), Lewis and Clark Lake (Cedar and Knox counties), Midway Canyon Reservoir (Dawson County), Phillips Canyon Reservoir (Gosper County), Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir (Dawson County), and Sutherland Reservoir (Lincoln County).</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>Except no harvest allowed at Fort Kearny SRA Lake #2 (Kearney County), Two Rivers SRA Lakes 3 and 4 (Douglas County), Wildwood Lake WMA (Lancaster County), and Windmill SRA Lake #3 (Buffalo County).</p>		<p>0</p>	
<p>006.03J FLATHEAD CATFISH</p> <p>Statewide</p> <p>Except that the daily bag limit shall include no more than one fish 30 inches or greater in length.</p> <p>Except no harvest allowed in Branched Oak Reservoir SRA/WMA (Lancaster County), Fort Kearny SRA Lake #2 (Kearney County), Two Rivers SRA Lakes 3 and 4 (Douglas County), Wildwood Lake WMA (Lancaster County), and Windmill SRA Lake #3 (Buffalo County).</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>5</p> <p>0</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>006.03K BLUE CATFISH</p>			

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>Statewide</p> <p>Except no harvest allowed at Fort Kearny SRA Lake #2 (Kearney County), Two Rivers SRA Lakes 3 and 4 (Douglas County), Wildwood WMA Lake (Lancaster County), and Windmill SRA Lake #3 (Buffalo County).</p>	None	1 0	2
<p>006.03L WALLEYE, SAUGER and SAUGEYE singly or in the aggregate.</p> <p>Inland Waters</p> <p>Except that the daily bag shall include no more than one fish 22 inches or greater in length.</p> <p>Except at the following waterbodies, the daily bag limit may include one (1) fish 15 inches through 18 inches and three (3) over 18 inches or four (4) over 18 inches and that the daily bag limit shall include no more than one fish 22 inches or greater in length.</p> <p>CHERRY COUNTY: Merritt Reservoir SRA/WMA</p> <p>DAWSON COUNTY: Buffalo Creek Reservoir</p> <p>DOUGLAS COUNTY: Glenn Cunningham Lake, Lawrence Youngman Lake, Standing Bear Lake</p> <p>FILLMORE COUNTY: Lone Star Lake</p> <p>GAGE COUNTY: Big Indian 11A</p> <p>GARFIELD/LOUP COUNTY: Calamus Reservoir SRA/WMA</p> <p>GOSPER COUNTY: Elwood Reservoir WMA</p> <p>HARLAN COUNTY: Harlan County Reservoir including Republican River upstream to the Highway 46 bridge</p> <p>LANCASTER COUNTY: Holmes Lake, Olive Creek Lake SRA/WMA, Pawnee Reservoir SRA/WMA, Stagecoach Lake</p>	15	4	8

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>SRA/WMA, Wildwood Lake WMA, Yankee Hill Lake WMA MADISON COUNTY: Skyview Lake PAWNEE COUNTY: Burchard Lake WMA, Iron Horse Trail Lake SALINE COUNTY: Willard Meyer Recreation Area SARPY COUNTY: Prairie Queen Recreation Area, Walnut Creek Reservoir, Wehrspann Reservoir, Zorinsky Reservoir SAUNDERS COUNTY: Czechland Lake, Lake Wanahoo SRA/WMA, Red Cedar Lake SEWARD COUNTY: Meadowlark Lake</p>			
<p>The daily bag limit may include one (1) fish 15 inches through 18 inches and three (3) over 18 inches or four (4) over 18 inches. Except that the daily bag limit shall include no more than one fish 22 inches or greater in length.</p>	See explanation	4	
<p>Branched Oak Lake SRA/WMA (Lancaster County)</p>	22	1	
<p>Except there shall be a slot length limit protecting walleye with lengths ranging from 20 inches to 28 inches at Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA (Sherman County). The daily bag limit can include two (2) fish between 15 inches and not greater than 20 inches and one (1) fish greater than 28 inches.</p>	See explanation	3	
<p>Check other specific regulations on special use areas (006.12G1).</p>			
<p>Waters of the Missouri River</p>	None	4	8

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>Except the minimum length limit shall be 15 inches on that portion of the Missouri River from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Nebraska-South Dakota border and that there shall be a 15 inch minimum length limit on DeSoto Bend National Wildlife Refuge Lake (Washington County).</p>			
<p>006.03M NORTHERN PIKE Statewide</p> <p>Except there shall be a slot length limit protecting northern pike with lengths ranging from 28 inches to 34 inches at Goose Lake WMA, Holt County.</p> <p>Except there shall be a slot length limit protecting northern pike with lengths ranging from 28 inches to 34 inches at Box Butte Reservoir SRA/WMA, Dawes County. The daily bag limit of ten (10) pike can include only one (1) fish over 34 inches and nine (9) or ten (10) fish less than 28 inches</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p> <p>None</p>	<p>3</p> <p>3</p> <p>10</p>	<p>10</p>

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>Except there shall be a minimum length limit of 30 inches at Alda DOR (Hall County), Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo County), Enders Reservoir SRA/WMA (Chase County), Grove Lake, (Antelope County), Hershey I-80 Lake WMA (Lincoln County), Maskenthine WMA Lake (Stanton County), Red Willow Reservoir SRA/WMA (Frontier County), Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA (Sherman County).</p> <p>Except no harvest allowed at Glenn Cunningham Lake (Douglas County) and Lake Wanahoo (Saunders County).</p> <p>Check special regulations on high use fishing areas and the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge in 006.09A.</p>	30	3	
<p>006.03N MUSKELLUNGE MUSKELLUNGE X NORTHERN PIKE HYBRID (tiger muskellunge).</p> <p>Statewide</p>	40	1	2
<p>006.03O PADDLEFISH Inland waters (Closed to harvest)</p> <p>Waters of Missouri River, downstream from Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734, except for closed area(s) as defined in 006.04K and 006.08A. Special permits are required (See Sections 006.04G and 006.08C)</p>	None	0	0
<p>Waters of Missouri River, downstream from Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734, except for closed area(s) as defined in 006.04K and 006.08A. Special permits are required (See Sections 006.04G and 006.08C)</p>	See text	2	2

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>Except that there shall be a 35-45 inch (front of the eye to the natural fork of the tail) protected slot limit during the snagging season only.</p>			
<p>006.03P BAITFISH, TIGER SALAMANDERS (now recognized as BARRED SALAMANDERS), PLAINS LEOPARD FROG, AND NORTHERN LEOPARD FROG.</p> <p>Statewide</p>	None	100	100
<p>006.03Q SHOVELNOSE STURGEON</p> <p>Inland waters and waters of the Missouri River downstream from the mouth of the Big Sioux River.</p> <p>Waters of the Missouri River upstream from the mouth of the Big Sioux River.</p>	None	10	20
<p>Waters of the Missouri River upstream from the mouth of the Big Sioux River.</p>	None	0	0
<p>006.03R PALLID AND LAKE STURGEON, BOWFIN AND AMERICAN EEL</p> <p>Statewide</p>	None	0	0
<p>006.03S BULLFROGS</p> <p>(Open season August 15 - November 1) It shall be unlawful to take bullfrogs by any means other than hand, handnet, or hook and line.</p> <p>Length shall be measured from snout to vent.</p> <p>Statewide</p>	4½	8	16

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>006.03T SNAPPING TURTLES It shall be unlawful to take snapping turtles except by hand, handnet, hook and line, bow and arrow or gaff and it shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, trade or barter any snapping turtle. In waters located entirely on private land, snapping turtles may also be taken as described in Section 004 and with legal traps as described below.</p> <p>006.03T1 Legal trap(s) shall allow turtles to reach the surface to breathe; must be personally checked at least every 24 hours; and must be tagged with a metal tag listing the owner's name, address, and fishing permit number or driver's license number. Traps containing a throat or funnel shall be constructed of netting that is at least 4 inches square mesh.</p> <p>The take of any turtle(s) exceeding the daily bag limits shall be released immediately.</p> <p>Statewide</p>	None	5	10
<p>006.03U BLACK CRAPPIE, WHITE CRAPPIE, BLUEGILL, YELLOW PERCH, ROCK BASS, GREEN SUNFISH, PUMPKINSEED SUNFISH, ORANGE SPOTTED SUNFISH and REDEAR SUNFISH and their hybrids, singly or in the aggregate. This group of fish is defined as panfish.</p> <p>Statewide</p>	None	15	30

Species	Minimum Length Limit Inches	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
<p>Except that the minimum length limit for crappie shall be 10 inches at Branched Oak Reservoir SRA/WMA (Lancaster County), Czechland Lake (Saunders County), and Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA (Sherman County).</p>	10		
<p>006.03V BULLHEADS Statewide</p> <p>Except the bag limit will be five (5) at Fremont SRA (Dodge County), Louisville SRA (Cass County), and Two Rivers SRA (Douglas County).</p>	None	None	None
<p>006.03W All other game fish and nongame fish.</p> <p>Statewide</p>	None	5	None
<p>006.03X MUSSELS (clams) It shall be unlawful to take mussels (clams) except by hand, handnet or hook and line.</p> <p>Statewide</p> <p>Except no harvest shall be allowed east of Highway 81.</p>	None	10	20

006.03Y TRANSPORTATION AND POSSESSION

006.03Y1 It shall be unlawful to transport or possess live white perch away from the water body from which they were captured.

006.03Y2 It shall be unlawful to possess fish that are subject to a length limit while wading or engaged in fishing from any shore or boat with more than the gills, viscera, and scales having been removed.

006.03Y3 It shall be unlawful to possess bullfrogs while frogging with more than the viscera removed.

~~006.03Y4 It shall be unlawful to possess or transport fish that are subject to a bag and possession limit, but not a length limit, if the fillets have not been retained in one piece. Fish may be filleted prior to transport however the fillets must be kept in one piece until eaten so that bag and/or possession limits can be determined.~~

~~006.04 ARCHERY FISHING~~

~~006.04A Inland waters are open to the taking of game fish by archery (bow and arrow and crossbow) from sunrise to sunset July 1 through December 31. The taking of nongame fish by archery is allowed from January 1 through December 31, twenty four hours per day.~~

~~006.04B Waters of the Missouri River are open to the taking of game fish by archery from sunrise to sunset July 1 through December 31 except for that portion from Gavins Point Dam downstream to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the stilling basin during the archery paddlefish season (006.04G). Waters of the Missouri River are open to the taking of nongame fish by archery January 1 through December 31, twenty four hours per day, except for the portion from Gavins Point Dam downstream to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the stilling basin during the archery paddlefish season (006.04G).~~

~~However, the use of crossbows is not allowed from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the Highway 81 bridge for either game or nongame fish, except for qualified disabled persons as described in Section 006.04D.~~

~~006.04C It shall be unlawful to fish with an arrow that has more than one point which shall be barbed. Arrows shall be attached to a line from the bow at the time the arrow is released.~~

~~006.04D Any person who has lost the use of an arm through amputation or lacks use of an arm through permanent impairment which renders the person incapable of drawing a long bow shall be permitted to use a crossbow or a bow fitted with a draw lock type device to fish. The disabling condition described above must be verified in writing by a physician.~~

The medical certificate shall be carried by permittee while fishing and a copy filed with the Fisheries Division of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

006.04E The following Commission areas are closed to archery fishing: Platte River State Park and Mahoney State Park (Cass County). Closures to archery fishing at non-Commission owned areas are controlled by those respective entities.

006.04F PADDLEFISH: Paddlefish may be taken by archery and possessed on open waters of the Missouri River only during the season beginning on the second Saturday of July and running for thirty (30) consecutive days. Crossbows are only allowed downstream of the Highway 81 bridge except that qualified disabled persons as described in Section 006.04D may use crossbows above the Highway 81 bridge.

006.04G It shall be unlawful to take paddlefish by archery without the possession of a paddlefish permit and an open paddlefish tag in addition to a valid Nebraska fishing permit as required. Those anglers with a non resident paddlefish permit must also possess a valid non resident Nebraska fishing permit.

006.04G1 Applications: Anglers applying for a paddlefish permit must provide the following information: name, address, daytime telephone number, last four digits of their Social Security Number, date of birth, gender, hair color, eye color, height, and weight. Application forms to submit such information to the Commission are available at the Commission headquarters, at all District Offices, on the Commission website, and in the Fishing Guide. The first application period will run from 1 P.M. CDT April 1 to April 14. Mail applications must be received in the Lincoln office, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, by 5 p.m. CDT on April 14; internet applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. CDT on April 14. If there are permits remaining after the first drawing, the remaining permits will be sold on a first come, first serve basis with sales starting at 1:00 p.m. CDT on the first working day of June.

006.04G2 Permits will be distributed to eligible applicants through a random drawing based on preference points earned.

~~006.04G3 Preference Points: Any eligible person who properly applies for and is denied a paddlefish permit during the first application period, beginning in 2007, shall receive a preference point, and one additional point shall be added or awarded for each year he or she is unsuccessful in the drawing. Such preference points shall be used to determine priority in the permit drawing, with persons having the most points receiving the greatest priority. If two applicants submit a joint application (buddy permit), priority will be given based on the lowest number of points possessed by either applicant. Any person who is issued a paddlefish permit shall lose all accumulated preference points and any person who does not apply at least once during five consecutive years shall lose all accumulated points.~~

~~006.04G4 An individual may not submit more than one application for an archery paddlefish permit during any archery paddlefish application period.~~

~~006.04G5 Two anglers may submit a joint application (buddy permit) but both must be either residents or non residents. A resident cannot submit a joint application with a non-resident.~~

~~006.04G6 An individual must be 12 years old by the second Saturday of July to apply for an archery paddlefish permit.~~

~~006.04H A harvest quota will be managed by issuing a maximum of two hundred seventy five paddlefish permits with a limit of no more than two permits per person.~~

~~006.04H1 Ninety five percent of the paddlefish permits available (rounded to the nearest whole number) will be reserved for residents. If the number of residents applying for permits exceeds the number of permits available, any of the five percent of the permits reserved for non residents remaining after the first application period will be issued to resident anglers identified by the random draw.~~

~~006.04I Any paddlefish landed must be tagged immediately in the dorsal fin with the anglers tag. Any paddlefish tag that is locked shut prior to attachment, altered, or modified shall be void and not be replaced.~~

~~006.04J After completion of the fishing trip and upon leaving the Missouri River, an angler can process harvested paddlefish down to two whole fillets. Both the closed paddlefish tag and permit would need to remain with the fillets.~~

~~006.04K Paddlefish may be taken by archery on waters of the Missouri River only on that portion downstream from the Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734, except for a closed area immediately below Gavins Point Dam downstream to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the stilling basin.~~

~~006.05 SURFACE WATER SPEARFISHING:~~

~~006.05A The entire state is open to the taking of nongame fish by surface spearing January 1 through December 31. The fishing hours shall be sunrise to sunset September 1 through March 31 and shall be unrestricted April 1 through August 31.~~

~~006.05A1 Any device used for surface spearing shall be barbed.~~

~~006.06 UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING:~~

~~006.06A The following lakes only are open to underwater spearfishing, sunrise to sunset, for game fish July 1 through December 31, and for nongame fish January 1 through December 31.~~

~~Calamus Reservoir (Loup and Garfield counties)
Elwood Reservoir (Gosper County)
Enders Reservoir (Chase County)
Harlan County Reservoir (Harlan County)
Harry Strunk Reservoir (Frontier County)
Hugh Butler Reservoir (Frontier County)
Jeffrey Reservoir (Lincoln County)
Johnson Reservoir (Gosper County)
Lake Minatare (Scotts Bluff County)
Lake Ogallala (Keith County)
Lewis and Clark Lake (Knox and Cedar counties)
Maloney Reservoir (Lincoln County)
McConaughy Reservoir (Keith County)
Merritt Reservoir (Cherry County)
Sherman Reservoir (Sherman County)~~

~~Sutherland Reservoir (Lincoln County)
Swanson Reservoir (Hitchcock County)~~

~~006.06B The following lakes only are open to underwater spearfishing, sunrise to sunset, for game fish June 1 through December 31, and for nongame fish January 1 through December 31.~~

~~Box Butte Reservoir (Dawes County)
Privately owned lakes with permission of owner~~

~~006.06C The following lakes only are open to underwater spearfishing, sunrise to sunset, for nongame fish only January 1 through December 31.~~

~~Alda DOR (Hall County)
Bassway WMA (Buffalo County)
Blue Hole West WMA (Buffalo County)
Bufflehead WMA (Buffalo County)
Cheyenne SRA (Hall County)
Cozad WMA (Dawson County)
Cozad West WMA (Dawson County)
Dogwood East & West WMA (Dawson County)
East Gothenburg WMA (Dawson County)
East Odessa WMA (Buffalo County)
Kea Lake WMA (Buffalo County)
Kea West WMA (Buffalo County)
North Kearney Rest Stop (Buffalo County)
Sandy Channel SRA (Phelps County)
Union Pacific SRA (Buffalo County)
War Axe SRA (Buffalo County)
West Elm Creek WMA (Buffalo County)
West Wood River WMA (Hall County)
Willow Island WMA (Dawson County)~~

~~006.06D It shall be unlawful to underwater spearfish within 100 yards (300 feet) of any designated swimming or water ski jump area, boat dock, boat ramp, or spillway.~~

~~006.06E Only hand spears, rubberband powered spear guns, compressed air, and spring loaded power spear guns are legal. Spear guns may be attached to a float or buoy using any length of line.~~

~~006.06F All spears shall be attached to a shooting line with a maximum length of twenty feet.~~

~~006.06G~~ The Divers Flag shall be displayed on the water on a float or buoy during any diving or underwater spearfishing. Any diver or underwater spear fisherman shall not exceed a distance of greater than 150 feet from his divers flag. The flag shall be square and not less than 12" square. The color shall be red background and with white diagonal stripe one-fifth of the flag width. The diagonal stripe shall extend from the top of the hoist to the bottom of the flag.

~~006.06H~~ It is unlawful to display the Divers Flag when diving or underwater spearfishing is not in progress.

~~006.06I~~ Recognition of this flag by regulation will not be construed as conferring any rights or privileges on its users nor be construed as restricting the use of the water so marked. Operators of boats shall exercise precaution commensurate with conditions indicated.

~~006.06J~~ Underwater spearfishing regulations shall not apply to authorized agents of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission when engaged in experimental studies or fish management projects.

~~006.06K~~ Upon written approval of the Director, specified species and specified waters may be opened for a limited time to underwater spearfishing for special events, and for fish management purposes.

~~006.07~~ SET LINES, LIMB LINES AND ICE FISHING

~~JUG LINES~~ shall be defined as any line not attached to the shoreline or pole.

~~SET LINES~~ shall be defined as a long, heavy fishing line to which one to five hooks are attached in series.

~~LIMB LINES~~ shall be defined as a fishing line attached to any trees or brush along a bank.

~~006.07A~~ It shall be unlawful to use jug lines in any waters of the state.

~~006.07B~~ It shall be unlawful to use set lines or limb lines in any pond, lake or reservoir.

~~006.07C The angler's name, address, fishing permit number and/or driver's license number shall be attached legibly to all limb and set lines.~~

~~006.07D It shall be unlawful to use more than five lines while ice fishing and it shall be unlawful to use more than two hooks on each line while ice fishing.~~

~~006.07E Each ice fishing line used must be under the direct supervision and within the unaided observation of the angler.~~

~~006.08 SNAGGING:~~

~~006.08A It shall be unlawful to take any fish by snagging fish externally by hook and line except that paddlefish and nongame fish in open waters of the Missouri River downstream from Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734 except for a closed area immediately below Gavins Point Dam downstream to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the chalk point. The snagging season starts on October 1st and ends on October 31st with legal snagging hours running from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Any other game fish accidentally snagged must be returned to the water immediately.~~

~~006.08A1 Paddlefish harvested by snagging may be possessed only on that section of the Missouri River where paddlefish harvest is allowed during the open season.~~

~~006.08A2 Only one hook per line may be used when snagging. Hook size must be no larger than ½ inch from point to shank.~~

~~006.08A3 It shall be unlawful to use a gaff hook or other penetrating device while landing snagged paddlefish.~~

~~006.08B A harvest quota will be managed by issuing not more than one thousand six hundred paddlefish permits with a limit of no more than two permits per person. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of permits allocated as authorized by the Commission, successful applicants will be determined by a random draw.~~

~~006.08C All snaggers must obtain and have in their possession while fishing a paddlefish permit and an open paddlefish tag in addition to a valid Nebraska fishing permit~~

to be actively snagging. Those anglers with a non resident paddlefish permit must also possess a valid non resident Nebraska fishing permit.

006.08C1 Applications: Anglers applying for a paddlefish permit must provide the following information: legal name, address, daytime telephone number, last four digits of their Social Security number, date of birth, gender, hair color, eye color, height, and weight. Application forms to submit such information to the Commission are available at the Commission headquarters, at all District Offices, on the Commission website, and in the Fishing Guide. The first application period will run from 1 P.M. CDT July 1 to July 14. Mail applications must be received in the Lincoln office, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, by 5 p.m. CDT on July 14; internet applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. CDT on July 14. If there are permits remaining after the first drawing the remaining permits will be sold on a first come, first serve basis, with sales starting at 1:00 p.m. CDT on the first working day of September.

006.08C2 Permits will be distributed to eligible applicants through a random drawing based on preference points earned.

006.08C3 Preference points: Any eligible person who properly applies for and is denied a paddlefish permit during the first application period beginning in 2007 shall receive a preference point, and one additional point shall be added or awarded for each year he or she is unsuccessful in the drawing. Such preference points shall be used to determine priority in the permit drawing, with persons having the most points receiving the greatest priority. If two applicants submit a joint application (buddy permit), the priority will be given based on the lowest number of points possessed by either applicant. Any person who is issued a paddlefish permit shall lose all accumulated preference points, and any person who does not apply at least once during five consecutive years shall lose all accumulated points.

006.08C4 An individual may not submit more than one application for a paddlefish snagging permit during any paddlefish snagging application period.

~~006.08C5 Two anglers may submit a joint application (buddy permit) but both must be either residents or non residents. A resident cannot submit a joint application with a non-resident.~~

~~006.08C6 An individual must be 12 years old by October 1 to apply for a paddlefish snagging permit.~~

~~006.08D Ninety-five percent of the paddlefish permits available will be reserved for residents. If the number of residents applying for permits exceeds the number of permits available, any of the five percent of the permits reserved for non-residents remaining after the application period, will be issued to resident anglers identified by the random draw.~~

~~006.08F A paddlefish must be tagged immediately in the dorsal fin upon addition to the creel with the anglers paddlefish tag. Any paddlefish tag that is locked shut prior to attachment, altered, or modified shall be void and not be replaced.~~

~~006.08F1 A snagger must cast for and hook their own fish.~~

~~006.08F2 After completion of the fishing trip and upon leaving the Missouri River, an angler can process the harvested paddlefish down to two whole fillets. Both the closed paddlefish tag and permit would need to remain with the fillets.~~

~~006.09 REFUGE LAKES:~~

~~006.09A VALENTINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LAKES (Cherry County): It shall be unlawful to fish in any manner other than by hook and line, bow and arrow and hand spear during daylight hours, January 1 through December 31, unless otherwise posted.~~

~~Refuge lakes open to fishing, a 15 inch minimum length limit is in effect for largemouth bass. For northern pike there is a maximum length limit of 28 inches on all refuge lakes.~~

~~The possession or use of live or dead baitfish and the possession of any fish not taken from these waters is unlawful. However, frozen or dead smelt and legal fish harvested from these waters may be used for bait.~~

~~006.09B — CRESCENT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LAKES (Garden County): Fishing is permitted during daylight hours on Island Lake from January 1 through December 31, as per refuge regulations.~~

Fishing is permitted during daylight hours on Smith Lake from November 1 through February 15, as per refuge regulations.

The possession or use of live or dead baitfish and the possession of any fish not taken from these waters is unlawful. However, frozen or dead smelt and legal fish harvested from these waters may be used for bait.

~~006.09C — NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE (Scotts Bluff County): Fishing is permitted from January 15 through October 14 as posted, except that the dam at Lake Minatare and an area paralleling the shoreline at the dam and extending 150 feet lakeward to points of intersection with the shoreline zones shall be closed to fishing March 1 through April 30 from sunset to sunrise.~~

~~006.09D — DESOTO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. Sport fishing by hook and line and archery is permitted as designated by refuge regulations. The use of trot lines and float lines is unlawful. All fishermen shall conform with the regulations of the State in which they are licensed, either Nebraska or Iowa.~~

006.10 — BORDER WATERS:

06.10A — Any person possessing a valid fishing license or permit issued by the state of South Dakota, Iowa or Missouri, or who is legally exempted from those license or permit requirements, without further permit or license, may fish for any species except paddlefish with hook and line, bow and arrow and surface spears in the flowing portions and backwaters, sloughs and chutes that draw water from the Missouri River proper within the boundary of Nebraska adjacent to the state where they possess a valid fishing license or permit or are exempted from having one. These anglers may also fish with hook and line, bow and arrow, and surface spears in the Nebraska portion of any oxbow lakes through which a state boundary passes for a state where they possess a valid fishing license or permit or are exempted from having one. Any person possessing a valid fishing license or permit issued by the state of Iowa or Missouri or

~~is legally exempted from those license or permit requirements without further permit or license, may fish all waters of the Hamburg Bend WMA and the Nebraska portion of the Missouri River between the Hamburg Bend chute entrance structure (River Mile 555.5) and chute exit structure (River Mile 552.1).~~

~~Except that in the tailwaters of Gavins Point Dam from the dam to 0.6 miles downstream, a non-resident Nebraska fishing permit is required of persons who are not residents of Nebraska or South Dakota when fishing from boat or either bank.~~

~~006.10A1— All reciprocal privileges in Section 006.10A shall be contingent upon a grant of like privileges by the appropriate neighboring state to the permitted, licensed or exempted hook and line, bow and arrow, or surface spearfishing anglers of Nebraska.~~

~~006.10A2— Regulations regarding method of take, size, bag and possession limits of the more restrictive state between the licensing state and the State of Nebraska shall apply in South Dakota, Iowa and Missouri boundary waters.~~

~~006.10A3— Anglers licensed, permitted, or exempted in South Dakota, Iowa or Missouri may fish from or attach devices or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of Nebraska adjacent to the state where they possess a valid fishing license or permit or are exempted from having one.~~

~~006.11— LEGAL NETS, TRAPS AND OTHER DEVICES:— It shall be unlawful to possess or use any and all nets, traps, electrical gear capable of stunning fish, or other devices except legal baitfish methods of take described in Section 009.04 or under authorization of special permits as follows:~~

~~006.11A Commercial Fishing Permit~~

~~006.11B Private Pond Authorization~~

~~006.11C Salvage~~

~~006.11D Scientific Collectors~~

~~006.11E Landing nets, made of non metallic mesh used only for the landing of fish caught on hook and line.~~

~~006.11F. Legal turtle traps as described in Section 006.03T.~~

~~006.12 SPECIAL AREAS: Special regulations are in effect on the following areas:~~

~~006.12A TWO RIVERS SRA (Douglas County):~~

~~006.12A1 A daily trout fishing tag is required to possess trout on the Two Rivers SRA (fee \$6.00).~~

~~006.12A2 FEE FISHING AREA: Lake No. 5 within the Two Rivers SRA (Douglas County), is designated as a special trout fishing area, subject to the following regulations:~~

~~006.12A2a Each daily trout fishing tag allows the angler to harvest four (4) trout. A maximum of three tags can be purchased per angler day with a possession limit set at twelve (12) trout.~~

~~006.12A2b The open season dates will be prescribed and posted by the Commission with fishing allowed between sunrise and one half hour after sunset.~~

~~006.12A2c Each fisherman shall wear the trout tag or tags, on his person in a conspicuous place while fishing during the time period of March 1 through June 30.~~

~~006.12A2d Up to two children, under the age of 16, are allowed to fish with an adult holding a valid trout tag. The bag limit of four trout per tag is maintained for the group.~~

~~006.12A2e Each fisherman shall be limited to the use of one rod and reel or fishing pole. Archery fishing, snagging and spearing are prohibited.~~

~~006.12A2f All fish, live or dead, are prohibited as bait.~~

~~006.12A2g Each fisherman shall keep his fish on a separate stringer or container under his control.~~

~~006.12A2h Each trout caught shall be counted in the bag limit, and no trout caught shall be returned to the water.~~

~~006.12A2i Each fisherman shall report his catch at the Administration Building and return his tag or tags each day when finished.~~

~~006.12B TROUT SPAWNING STREAMS tributary to the North Platte River and McConaughy Reservoir (Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Morrill, Garden and Keith counties): it shall be unlawful to possess a net or seine of any type except legal landing nets that shall have a maximum diameter of 12 inches, a maximum depth of 15 inches and a maximum handle length of 3 feet on the following streams.~~

Dry Sheep Creek	Cedar Creek
Wildhorse Creek	Spotted Tail Creek
Stuckenhole Creek	Dry Spotted Tail Creek
Nine Mile Creek	Otter Creek
Tub Springs Creek	Clear Creek
Winter Creek	Lonergan Creek

~~006.12C EUGENE T. MAHONEY STATE PARK, BARRIGHT LAKE (Cass County):~~

~~It shall be unlawful to fish in the lake EXCEPT:~~

~~006.12C1 Children under 16 years of age, handicapped adults, and adults (parents or guardians) assisting children fishing under their supervision are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area.~~

~~006.12D SHERMAN RESERVOIR (Sherman County) Sherman Dam and the area paralleling the shoreline at the dam extending 150 feet lakeward, along with the constructed artificial spawning reef located on the southwest corner of the dam, shall be closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise April 1 through April 20th.~~

~~006.12E SCHRAMM PARK (Sarpy County) Fishing is prohibited on all areas of Schramm Park except for the Platte River and for events sponsored by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.~~

~~006.12F PLATTE RIVER STATE PARK, JENNY NEWMAN LAKE (Cass County)~~

~~006.12F1 Children under 16 years of age and adults (parents or guardians) assisting children fishing under their supervision are permitted to fish the entire lake, except the immediate marina area.~~

~~006.12F2 Possession of any fish species while fishing this lake is prohibited. This lake is designated a "No Kill Lake," thus all species must be returned unharmed to the lake immediately by the angler.~~

~~006.12G LAKE MCCONAUGHY (Keith County)~~

~~006.12G1 It shall be unlawful to have in possession walleye on that portion of Otter Creek from its junction at the lake shore of Lake McConaughy upstream to and including the culvert under Highway 92.~~

~~006.12G2 From sunset to sunrise, April 1 through April 30, fishing from a boat within 30 yards of the dam shall be allowed only on that portion of the dam 200 feet north of the morning glory (outlet), with boat travel in a south to north (counter clockwise) direction required.~~

~~006.12H BLUE LAKE (Garden County) Blue Lake is closed to access during the nine day firearm deer season.~~

~~006.12I Kea West WMA Lake (Buffalo County) It shall be unlawful to harvest any fish species. This lake is managed as a total catch and release fishery.~~

~~006.12J East Hershey WMA (Lincoln County) It shall be unlawful to harvest any fish species. This lake is managed as a total catch and release fishery.~~

~~006.12K West Brady WMA (Lincoln County) It shall be unlawful to harvest any fish species. This lake is managed as a total catch and release fishery.~~

~~006.13 On the following fishing areas it shall be unlawful to have in possession or use live baitfish, while fishing on that waterbody. While fishing that waterbody, it shall also be unlawful to have in possession any live fish other than those legally harvested from that water body, which may be also used for bait.~~

~~These waterbodies are as follows:~~

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~~Ansley City Lake (Custer County)~~
~~Arnold Lake (Custer County)~~
~~Bethphage Pond (Kearney County)~~
~~Bowman Lake (Sherman County)~~
~~Chalkrock Lake (Cedar County)~~
~~Clear Lake (Brown County)~~
~~Cottonmill Lake (Buffalo County)~~
~~Frye Lake (Grant County)~~
~~Grand Island Such's Lake (Hall County)~~
~~Heartwell Park Pond (Adams County)~~
~~Hedgefield Lake (Lancaster County)~~
~~Holdrege City North Lake (Phelps County)~~
~~Holmes Lake (Lancaster County)~~
~~Independence Landing Lake (Seward County)~~
~~Iron Horse Trail Lake (Pawnee County)~~
~~Kramper Lake (Dakota County)~~

~~Lake Wanahoo (Saunders County)~~
~~Lexington City Lake (Dawson County)~~
~~Lincoln Park Pond (Nuckolls County)~~
~~Bennington Lake (Douglas County)~~
~~North Platte I-80 Lake (Lincoln County)~~
~~Olive Creek Lake (Lancaster County)~~
~~Pibel Lake (Wheeler County)~~
~~Prairie Queen Recreation Area (Sarpy County)~~
~~Rat and Beaver Lake (Cherry County)~~
~~Ravenna Lake (Buffalo County)~~
~~Meadowlark Lake (Seward County)~~
~~Skyview Lake (Madison County)~~
~~Ta Ha Zouka Park Pond (Madison County)~~
~~Victoria Springs (Custer County)~~
~~Wildwood Lake (Lancaster County)~~
~~Yankee Hill Lake (Lancaster County)~~
~~Yanney Park Lake (Buffalo County)~~