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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.

For areas open, season dates, bag limits, possession limits, and length limits see Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Order C06, Sport Fishing, on the Commission's website: outdoornebraska.gov.

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

Family	**Scientific Name**	**Common Name**
Sturgeon	*Scaphirhyncus platorynchus*	Shovelnose sturgeon
Paddlefish	*Polyodon spathula*	Paddlefish

Mooneye	*Hiodon alosoides*	Goldeneye
Freshwater eel	*Anguilla rostrata*	American eel
Herring	*Alosa chrysochloris*	Skipjack herring
Catfish	*Ictalurus furcatus* *Ictalurus punctatus* *Pylodictis olivaris*	Blue catfish Channel catfish Flathead catfish
Pike	*Esox americanus* *Esox lucius* *Esox masquinongy* *Esox masquinongy* x *Esox lucius*	Grass pickerel Northern pike Muskellunge Tiger muskellunge
Trout	*Oncorhynchus clarki* *Oncorhynchus mykiss* *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* *Salmo trutta* *Salvelinus fontinalis* *Salmo trutta x Salvelinus fontinalis*	Cutthroat trout Rainbow trout Chinook salmon Brown trout Brook trout Tiger trout
Cod	*Lota lota*	Burbot
Temperate bass	*Morone chrysops* *Morone saxatilis* *Morone chrysops x M. saxatilis*	White bass Striped bass Striped bass hybrid
Sunfish	*Ambloplites rupestris* *Lepomis cyanellus* *Lepomis gibbosus* *Lepomis humilis* *Lepomis macrochirus* *Lepomis microlophus* *Micropterus dolomieu* *Micropterus punctulatus* *Micropterus salmoides* *Pomoxis annularis* *Pomoxis nigromaculatus*	Rock bass Green sunfish Pumpkinseed Orangespotted sunfish Bluegill Redear sunfish Smallmouth bass Spotted bass Largemouth bass White crappie Black crappie
Perch	*Sander canadense* *Sander vitreus* x *canadense* *Sander vitreus*	Sauger Saugeye 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 006.03O, 006.04, 006.05, 006.06, 006.08, 006.09, and 006.12.~~

~~006.03~~ 006.01 BAG, POSSESSION AND LENGTH LIMITS:

~~006.03A~~ 006.01A 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 on the water or fishing will be subject to length and bag limits that apply to the water being fished.

~~006.03B~~ 006.01B 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~~ 006.01C 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~~ 006.01D It shall be unlawful to:

~~006.03D1~~ 006.01D1 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.

~~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:~~

~~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~~ ~~Fort Kearny SRA~~ ~~Ravenna Lake~~ ~~Sandy Channel SRA~~ ~~War Axe SRA~~ ~~Windmill SRA~~ ~~Yanney Park Lake~~			
~~BUTLER COUNTY:~~	~~Timber Point Lake~~			
~~CASS COUNTY:~~	~~Baright Lake~~ ~~Century Link Lake~~ ~~Louisville SRA~~			
~~CUMING COUNTY:~~	~~Neligh Park Pond~~			
~~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~~			
~~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~~			
~~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 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~~			
~~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~~
~~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 the following:~~		~~5~~		
~~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:~~

~~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~~			
~~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 include one (1) fish 15 inches to 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~~			
~~Exception: the minimum length shall be 22 inches with a daily bag limit of one (1) fish at the following:~~		~~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~~			
~~WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER~~		~~4~~	~~8~~	~~None~~
~~Exception: 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 the following:~~				~~15~~
~~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~~			
~~Exception: the daily bag limit shall be ten (10) fish on the following:~~				

~~SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY:~~	~~Lake Minatare SRA~~	~~10~~		
~~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) fish over 34 inches and nine (9) or ten (10) fish less than 28 inches] at the following:~~		~~10~~		~~None~~
~~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~~			
~~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):~~

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

~~006.03O 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 006.04K and 006.08A. Special permits are required. See Sections 006.04G and 006.08C.~~	~~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:~~

~~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.~~

~~006.03S2~~ 006.01E It shall be unlawful to take bullfrogs by any means other than hand, hand net, or hook and line.

~~006.03S3~~ 006.01E1 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~~ 006.01F The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for SNAPPING TURTLES:

~~006.03T1~~ 006.01F1 It shall be unlawful to take snapping turtles except by hand, hand net, hook and line, bow and arrow or gaff.

~~006.03T2~~ 006.01F2 It shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, trade or barter for any snapping turtle.

~~006.03T3~~ 006.01F3 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~~ 006.01F4.

~~006.03T4~~ 006.01F4 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~~ 006.01F5 The take of any turtle(s) exceeding the daily bag limits shall be released immediately.

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

~~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~~

~~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~~ 006.01G The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for MUSSELS (clams):

~~006.03X1~~ 006.01G1 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~~ 006.02 TRANSPORTATION AND POSSESSION

~~006.03Y1~~ 006.02A 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~~ 006.02B It shall be unlawful to possess fish that are subject to a length limit while wading or on the water with more than the gills, viscera, and scales having been removed.

~~006.03Y3~~ 006.02C It shall be unlawful to possess bullfrogs while frogging with more than the viscera removed.

~~006.03Y4~~ 006.02D 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~~ 006.03 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 (006.04F). 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 (006.04F).~~

006.03A The use of crossbows is not allowed from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the U.S. Hwy. 81 bridge for either game or nongame fish, except for qualified disabled persons as described in Section ~~006.04D~~ 006.03C.

~~006.04C~~ 006.03B 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~~ 006.03C 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 June 1 and running through June 30. Crossbows are only allowed downstream of the U.S. Hwy. 81 bridge except that qualified disabled persons as described in Section 006.04D may use crossbows above the U.S. Hwy. 81 bridge.~~

~~006.04G~~ 006.03D 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~~ 006.03D1 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 application period will run from 1 P.M. CDT March 1 to March 14. Mail applications must be received in the Lincoln office, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, by 5 p.m. CDT on March 14; internet applications must be received by 11:59 p.m. CDT on March 14. If there are permits remaining after the 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 May.

~~006.04G2~~ 006.03D2 Permits will be distributed to eligible applicants through a random drawing based on preference points earned.

~~006.04G3~~ 006.03D3 Preference Points: Any eligible person who properly applies for and is denied a paddlefish permit during the application period, 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~~ 006.03D4 An individual may not submit more than one application for an archery paddlefish permit during any archery paddlefish application period.

~~006.04G5~~ 006.03D5 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~~ 006.03D6 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~~ 006.03D7 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~~ 006.03D8 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 replaced.

~~006.04J~~ 006.03D9 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~~ 006.03D10 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~~ 006.04 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~~ 006.04A Any device used for surface spearing shall be barbed.

~~006.06~~ 006.05 UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING:

~~006.06A The following lakes 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~~
~~Medicine Creek Reservoir SRA/WMA~~	~~Frontier County~~
~~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 counties~~
~~Jeffrey Reservoir~~	~~Lincoln County~~
~~Maloney Reservoir SRA~~	~~Lincoln County~~
~~Sutherland Reservoir~~	~~Lincoln County~~
~~Calamus Reservoir SRA/WMA~~	~~Loup and Garfield counties~~
~~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~~
~~Alda DOR~~	~~Hall County~~
~~Cheyenne SRA~~	~~Hall County~~
~~West Wood River WMA~~	~~Hall County~~
~~Sandy Channel SRA~~	~~Phelps County~~

~~006.06D~~ 006.05A 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~~ 006.05B 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~~ 006.05C All spears shall be attached to a shooting line with a maximum length of twenty feet.

~~006.06G~~ 006.05D 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 the Diver's 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~~ 006.05E It is unlawful to display the Divers Flag when diving or underwater spearfishing is not in progress.

~~006.06I~~ 006.05F Recognition of the Divers 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~~ 006.05G 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~~ 006.05H 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~~ 006.06 SET LINES, LIMB LINES AND ICE FISHING

JUG LINES shall be defined as a free-floating line that contains fishing hooks entirely supported by flotation.

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

~~006.07A~~ 006.06A It shall be unlawful to use jug lines in any waters of the state.

~~006.07B~~ 006.06B 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~~ 006.06C 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~~ 006.06C1 Limb and set lines need to be checked every twenty-four (24) hours and unused lines removed.

~~006.07D~~ 006.06D 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~~ 006.06E Each ice fishing line used must be under the direct supervision and within the unaided observation of the angler.

~~006.08~~ 006.07 SNAGGING:

~~006.08A It shall be unlawful to take any fish by snagging fish externally by hook and line except 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 and ends on October 31 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~~ 006.07A 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~~ 006.07B Only one (1) hook per line may be used when snagging. Hook size must be no larger than one-half (½) inch from point to shank.

~~006.08A3~~ 006.07C 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~~ 006.07D 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~~ 006.07D1 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 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 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~~ 006.07D2 Permits will be distributed to eligible applicants through a random drawing based on preference points earned.

~~006.08C3~~ 006.07D3 Preference points: Any eligible person who properly applies for and is denied a paddlefish permit during the 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~~ 006.07D4 An individual may not submit more than one application for a paddlefish snagging permit during any paddlefish snagging application period.

~~006.08C5~~ 006.07D5 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~~ 006.07D6 An individual must be 12 years old by October 1 to apply for a paddlefish snagging permit.

~~006.08D~~ 006.07E 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.

~~006.08E~~ 006.07F 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 replaced.

~~006.08E1~~ 006.07F1 A snagger must cast for and hook their own fish.

~~006.08E2~~ 006.07F2 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~~ 006.08 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 have a 15-inch minimum length limit in effect for largemouth bass. For northern pike there is a maximum length limit of 28 inches on all refuge lakes.~~

006.08A 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.~~

006.08B 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~~ 006.08C 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~~ 006.09 BORDER WATERS:

~~006.10A~~ 006.09A 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~~ 006.09A1 All reciprocal privileges in Section ~~006.10A~~ 006.09A 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~~ 006.09A2 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~~ 006.09A3 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.

~~006.10A4~~ 006.09A4 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~~ 006.10 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~~ 006.10A Commercial Fishing Permit

~~006.11B~~ 006.10B Private Pond Authorization

~~006.11C~~ 006.10C Salvage

~~006.11D~~ 006.10D Scientific Collections

~~006.11E~~ 006.10E Landing nets, made of non-metallic mesh used only for the landing of fish caught on hook and line.

~~006.11F~~ 006.10F Legal turtle traps as described in Section ~~006.03T~~ 006.01F.

~~006.12~~ 006.11 SPECIAL AREAS: Special area regulations are in effect on the following areas:

~~006.12A~~ 006.11A TWO RIVERS SRA (Douglas County)

~~006.12A1~~ 006.11A1 A daily trout fishing tag is required to possess trout on the Two Rivers SRA (fee $6.00).

~~006.12A2~~ 006.11A2 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~~ 006.11A2a Each 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~~ 006.11A2b Each 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~~ 006.11A2c All fish, live or dead, are prohibited as bait.

~~006.12A2g~~ 006.11A2d Each angler shall keep their fish on a separate stringer or container under his control.

~~006.12A2h~~ 006.11A2e Each trout caught shall be counted in the bag limit, and no trout caught shall be returned to the water.

~~006.12A2i~~ 006.11A2f Each angler shall report their catch at the Administration Building and return their tag or tags each day when finished.

~~006.12B~~ 006.11B 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~~ 006.11C EUGENE T. MAHONEY STATE PARK, BARIGHT LAKE (Case County)

It shall be unlawful to fish in the lake EXCEPT:

~~006.12C1~~ 006.11C1 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 20.~~

~~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~~ 006.11D PLATTE RIVER STATE PARK, JENNY NEWMAN LAKE (Cass County)

~~006.12F1~~ 006.11D1 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 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 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~~ 006.12 On the following fishing areas it shall be unlawful to have in possession or use live baitfish, while fishing on that waterbody. While 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 Lake	Adams County
Clear Lake	Brown County
Cottonmill Lake	Buffalo County
Ravenna Lake	Buffalo County
Yanney Park Lake	Buffalo County
Chalkrock Lake WMA	Cedar County
Rat and Beaver 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 Lake	Madison County

Lincoln Park Pond	Nuckolls County
Iron Horse Trail Lake	Pawnee County
Holdrege City 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