#### LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 84-907, public hearings conducted by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, will be held on August 28, 2020 at the Peter Kiewit Lodge at ET Mahoney State Park 28500 West Park Highway Ashland, NE prior to consideration and/or enactment of the following:

Pursuant to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-314, 37-316, 37-418, 37-540, 37-542, 37-548 through 37-549, and 37-801 through 37-811, a public hearing will be held at 9:15 AM to consider amendments to Chapter 4, Wildlife Regulations, Section 004, Threatened and Endangered Species; regarding the addition of the "McCown's Longspur" and the "Timber Rattlesnake" to the Threatened List; the deletion of the "River Otter" from the Threatened List; and the provision for the lawful take of timber rattlesnakes if it is done for the immediate protection of the health of humans, livestock or pets.

Pursuant to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-327, 37-405, 37-406, 37-407, 37-409, 37-413,37-415, 37-416, 37-420, 37-421, 37-421.01, 37-426, 37-427, 37-429, 37-431, 37-438, 37-440, 37-447, 37-449, 37-450, 37-451,37-455, 37-455.01, 37-457, 37-458, 37-462, 37-465, 37-473, 37-478, 37-479, 37-484, 37-491, 37-497, 37-4,104, 37-4,105, 37-4,106, 37-4,108, 37-4,111, 37-1212, 37-1217, 37-1227, a public hearing will be held at 9:30 AM to consider amendments to Chapter 1, Administration Regulations, Section 006 Rules relating to establishing fees for licenses and permits and deployed military permits; regarding increasing the fees of several nonresident hunting and fishing type permits, application and issue fees as well as aquatic invasive species habitat stamp.

Pursuant to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301 through 37-316, 37-353, 37-401, 37-403 through 37-406, 37-411, 37-412, 37-413, 37-414, 37-418, 37-426 through 37-429, 37-447 through 37-453, 37-497, 37-498, 37-498, 37-455 through 37-461, 37-463, 37-464, 37-477 through 37-479, 37-482.01, 37-497, 37-498 37-501 through 37-503, 37-508, 37-509, 37-512, 37-514, 37-520, 37-525, 37-527, 37-529, 37-532, 37-534, 37-537, 37-540, 37-547, 37-560, 37-563, 37-701, 37-708, 37-802 through 37-811, a public hearing will be held at 9:45 AM to consider amendments to Chapter 4, Section 001 General Regulations Governing Wildlife Species; relating to the addition of language that allows the Director to implement the use of telephone and internet check stations instead of physical check stations in the interest of public health for the November firearm deer season, the October firearm or muzzleloader antelope season, or any elk season.

Pursuant to the provisions of 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, a public hearing will be held at 10:00 AM to consider amendments to Chapter 2, Fisheries Regulations, Section 006 Sport Fishing Regulations regarding the addition of Rock Creek Lake State Recreation Area in Dundy County, Avocet Wildlife Management in Grant County, Wilbur Reservoir in Saline County, Big Elk (WP 7) and West Papillion 6 (WP6) in Sarpy County to the list of fishing areas that prohibit the use of live bait fish.

Pursuant to the provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-303, 37-314, 37-308, 37-308.01, 37-317, 37-404, 37-426, 37-427, 37-451, 37-452, 37-505, a public hearing will be held at 10:15 AM to consider amendments to Commission Order C14 Mountain Sheep; regarding authorization of Mountain Sheep hunting permits for the 2021 season.

Copies of the proposed regulations and the Fiscal Impact Statement shall be available for public inspection at the Game and Parks Commission office and the Office of the Secretary of State.

Copies of the proposed Commission Order changes shall be available for public inspection at the Game and Parks Commission website at. www.outdoornebraska.gov.

All interested persons may attend and testify orally at the public hearing, but are strongly encouraged to submit written testimony prior to the public hearing in order to protect public health and assist in compliance with restrictions on public gatherings. Interested persons or organizations may submit written comments prior to the hearing, which will be entered into the hearing record if they: 1) include a request to be included as part of the hearing record; 2) include the name and address of the person or organization submitting the comments; and 3) are received by 1:00 p.m. CT, August 26, 2020 by Sheri Henderson at the Lincoln office, 2200 North 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370.

# NOTICE OF RULEMAKING COMMENT PERIOD

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is accepting written comments on working drafts of proposed amendments, Title 163, Nebraska Administrative Code Chapter 2, entitled FISHERIES REGULATIONS, Sport Fishing Regulations, Section 006 –Rules relating to Sport Fish definitions, bag, possession and length limits, snapping turtles, mussels, transport and possession, archery fishing, Paddlefish, underwater spearfishing, set lines, limb lines, ice fishing, snagging, refuge lakes, border waters, legal nets, and special areas.

All interested persons are invited to obtain draft copies of the proposed regulations from and submit their written comments to Sheri Henderson, Division of Administration, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, 2200 N. 33rd, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln NE 68503, or FAX 402/471-4992. The comment period will close on August 26, 2020 at 1 p.m. Central Time.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed to review the drafts or participate in this process, please call the above-named person at (402) 471-5539 or, for persons with hearing impairments, (402) TDD or Nebraska Relay System, (800) 833-7352 TDD by no later than August 21, 2020.

# DRAFT FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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Date prepared: July 23, 2020
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# Type of Fiscal Impact:

	State Agency	Political Sub.	Regulated Public
No Fiscal Impact	(X)	(X)	(X)
Increased Costs	()	()	()
Decreased Costs	()	()	()
Increased Revenue	()	()	()
Decreased Revenue	()	()	()
Indeterminable	()	()	()

Provide an Estimated Cost & Description of Impact:

State Agency:

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Subdivision:

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Regulated Public:

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If indeterminable, explain why:

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Last Approved Date: May 4, 2018 April 5, 2019

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.

For areas open, season dates, bag limits, possession limits, and length limits see Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Order <u>C06</u>, 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
Horring	Alana ahayasahlarin	Ckiningly barring
Herring	Alosa chrysochloris	Skipjack herring
Catfish	Ictalurus furcatus	Blue catfish
	Ictalurus punctatus	Channel catfish
	Pylodictis olivaris	Flathead catfish
Pike	Esox americanus	Grass pickerel
TANKA TANKA	Esox lucius	Northern pike
	Esox masquinongy	Muskellunge
	Esox masquinongy x Esox lucius	Tiger muskellunge
Trout	Oncorhynchus clarki	Cutthroat trout
	Oncorhynchus mykiss	Rainbow trout
	Oncorhynchus tshawytscha	Chinook salmon
	Salmo trutta	Brown trout
	Salvelinus fontinalis Salmo trutta x Salvelinus fontinalis	Brook trout
	Samo trutta x Salveimus fontinalis	Tiger trout
Cod	Lota lota	Burbot
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BAITFISH shall be defined as those listed in Section 009.

# 006.01 BAG, POSSESSION AND LENGTH LIMITS:

<u>006.01A</u> 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.

<u>006.01B</u> 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.

<u>006.01C</u> 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).

# 006.01D It shall be unlawful to:

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.

<u>006.01D2</u> To take bullfrogs by any means other than hand, hand net, or hook and line in areas with a size limit; or to take bullfrogs by any means other than hand, hand net, hook and line, archery or gig in areas without a size limit.

# 006.01E SNAPPING TURTLES:

<u>006.01E1</u> It shall be unlawful to take snapping turtles except by hand, hand net, hook and line, bow and arrow or gaff.

<u>006.01E2</u> It shall be unlawful to sell, offer for sale, trade or barter for any snapping turtle.

 $\underline{006.01E3}$  In waters located entirely on private land, snapping turtles may also be taken as described in Section  $\underline{004}$  and with legal traps as described in 006.01E4.

<u>006.01E4</u> 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.

<u>006.01E5</u> The take of any turtle(s) exceeding the daily bag limits shall be released immediately.

# 006.01F MUSSELS (clams):

<u>006.01F1</u> It shall be unlawful to take mussels (clams) except by hand, hand net or hook and line.

#### 006.02 TRANSPORTATION AND POSSESSION

006.02A It shall be unlawful to:

<u>006.02A1</u> Possess or transport any live white perch, black carp, silver carp, bighead carp, grass carp and yellow bass.

<u>006.02A2</u> Transport any fish or bait fish in water from any stream, river, pond or lake.

<u>006.02A3</u> 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.

<u>006.02A4</u> Possess bullfrogs while frogging with more than the viscera removed.

<u>006.02A5</u> 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.

#### 006.03 ARCHERY FISHING

<u>006.03A</u> The taking of game fish by archery (bow and arrow and crossbow) is allowed during specified seasons and in areas open to archery fishing. It shall be unlawful to:

<u>006.03A1</u> Archery fish with a bow or crossbow that is capable of being electronically or pneumatically loaded, cocked, or fire, or with a crossbow not designed to be fired from the shoulder.

<u>006.03A2</u> Fish with an arrow that has more than one point which shall be barbed.

<u>006.03A3</u> Fish with arrows that are not attached to the bow at the time the arrow is released.

<u>006.03B</u> The use of crossbows is not allowed from the Gavins Point Dam downstream to the U.S. Hwy. 81 bridge.

#### PADDLEFISH:

<u>006.03C</u> 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.

<u>006.03C1</u> 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.

006.03C2 Permits will be distributed to eligible applicants through a random drawing based on preference points earned.

<u>006.03C3</u> Applicants supplying valid email addresses will be notified when the draw is complete. Those not providing valid email addresses will be responsible to monitor their status on-line. Results of the draw will be made available by March 20<sup>th</sup>. Successful applicants will have until April 5<sup>th</sup> to complete the purchase of their awarded permits.

<u>006.03C4</u> Permits awarded but unpaid will result in the applicant losing their preference points and forfeiting the permit.

006.03C5 Unpaid or unawarded permits remaining after the drawing will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis to residents only starting at 1:00 p.m. on CDT on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in April.

<u>006.03C6</u> The Secretary of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission may refund or authorize permits or restore preference points to accommodate administrative issues.

<u>006.03C7</u> 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.

<u>006.03C8</u> An individual may not submit more than one application for an archery paddlefish permit during any archery paddlefish application period.

<u>006.03C9</u> 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.

<u>006.03C10</u> An individual must be 12 years old by June 1<sup>st</sup> to apply for an archery paddlefish permit.

<u>006.03C11</u> 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.

<u>006.03C12</u> 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.

<u>006.03C13</u> 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.

006.03C14 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.

006.04A Any device used for surface spearing shall be barbed.

# 006.05 UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING:

<u>006.05A</u> 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.

<u>006.05B</u> 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.

<u>006.05C</u> All spears shall be attached to a shooting line with a maximum length of twenty feet.

<u>006.05D</u> 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.

<u>006.05E</u> It is unlawful to display the Divers Flag when diving or underwater spearfishing is not in progress.

<u>006.05F</u> 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.

<u>006.05G</u> 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.

<u>006.05H</u> 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.

# 006.06 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.

<u>006.06A</u> It shall be unlawful to use jug lines in any waters of the state.

<u>006.06B</u> 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.

<u>006.06C</u> The angler's name, address, fishing permit number and/or driver's license number shall be attached legibly to all limb and set lines.

<u>006.06C1</u> Limb and set lines need to be checked every twenty-four (24) hours and unused lines removed.

<u>006.06D</u> 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.

<u>006.06E</u> Each ice fishing line used must be under the direct supervision and within the unaided observation of the angler.

#### 006.07 SNAGGING:

<u>006.07A</u> Paddlefish harvested by snagging may be possessed only on that section of the Missouri River where paddlefish harvest is allowed during the open season.

<u>006.07B</u> 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.

<u>006.07C</u> It shall be unlawful to use a gaff hook or other penetrating device while landing snagged paddlefish.

<u>006.07D</u> 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.

006.07D1 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.

<u>006.07D2</u> Permits will be distributed to eligible applicants through a random drawing based on preference points earned.

<u>006.07D3</u> Applicants supplying valid email addresses will be notified when the draw is complete. Those not providing valid email addresses will be responsible to monitor their status on-line. Results of the draw will be made available by July 20<sup>th</sup>. Successful applicants will have until August 5<sup>th</sup> to complete the purchase of their awarded permits.

<u>006.07D4</u> Permits awarded but unpaid will result in the applicant losing their preference points and forfeiting the permit.

006.07D5 Unpaid or unawarded permits remaining after the drawing will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis to residents only starting at 1:00 p.m. CDT on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in August.

<u>006.07D6</u> The Secretary of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission may refund or authorize permits or restore preference points to accommodate administrative issues.

006.07D7 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.

<u>006.07D8</u> An individual may not submit more than one application for a paddlefish snagging permit during any paddlefish snagging application period.

006.07D9 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.

006.07D10 An individual must be 12 years old by October 1 to apply for a paddlefish snagging permit.

 $\underline{006.07E}$  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.

<u>006.07F</u> 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.

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

<u>006.07F2</u> 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.

## 006.08 REFUGE LAKES:

VALENTINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LAKES (Cherry County):

<u>006.08A</u> 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.

CRESCENT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LAKES (Garden County):

<u>006.08B</u> 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.

<u>006.08C</u> 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 lowa.

#### 006.09 BORDER WATERS:

<u>006.09A</u> 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.

<u>006.09A1</u> All reciprocal privileges in Section <u>006.09A</u> 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.

006.09A2 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.

<u>006.09A3</u> 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.

<u>006.09A4</u> 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.

<u>006.10</u> 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 <u>009.04</u> or under authorization of special permits as follows:

006.10A Commercial Fishing Permit

006.10B Private Pond Authorization

006.10C Salvage

006.10D Scientific Collections

<u>006.10E</u> Landing nets, made of non-metallic mesh used only for the landing of fish caught on hook and line.

006.10F Legal turtle traps as described in Section 006.01E.

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

006.11A TWO RIVERS SRA (Douglas County)

<u>006.11A1</u> A daily trout fishing tag is required to possess trout on the Two Rivers SRA (fee \$6.00).

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:

<u>006.11A2a</u> Each angler shall wear the trout tag or tags, on their person in a conspicuous place while fishing during the time period of March 1 through June 30.

<u>006.11A2b</u> Each angler shall be limited to the use of one (1) rod and reel or fishing pole. Archery fishing, snagging and spearing are prohibited.

006.11A2c All fish, live or dead, are prohibited as bait.

<u>006.11A2d</u> Each angler shall keep their fish on a separate stringer or container under their control.

<u>006.11A2e</u> Each trout caught shall be counted in the bag limit, and no trout caught shall be returned to the water.

<u>006.11A2f</u> Each angler shall report their catch at the Administration Building and return their tag or tags each day when finished.

<u>006.11B</u> 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

 $\underline{006.12}$  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
Melham Lake	Custer County
Victoria Springs Lake SRA	Custer County
Kramper Lake	Dakota County
Kirkpatrick Lake	Dawson County
Lake Helen	Dawson County
Lexington City Lake	Dawson County
Bennington Lake	Douglas County
Flanagan Lake	Douglas County
Glenn Cunningham Lake	Douglas County
Rock Creek Lake SRA	<b>Dundy County</b>
Avocet WMA	Grant County
Frye Lake WMA	Grant County

Bethphage Pond	Kearney County
Conestoga Lake SRA	Lancaster County
Hedgefield Lake WMA	Lancaster County
Holmes Lake	Lancaster County
Olive Creek Lake SRA	Lancaster County
Stagecoach 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
Duck Creek Recreation Area	Nemaha County
Lincoln Park Pond	Nuckolls County
Iron Horse Trail Lake	Pawnee County
Holdrege City Lake	Phelps County
Wilbur Reservoir	Saline County
Big Elk (WP 7)	Sarpy County
Prairie Queen Recreation Area	Sarpy County
Wehrspann Lake	Sarpy County
WP 6 (West Papillion 6)	Sarpy County
Lake Wanahoo	Saunders County
Meadowlark Lake	Seward County
Bowman Lake	Sherman County
Pibel Lake	Wheeler County