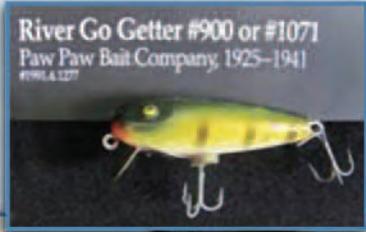




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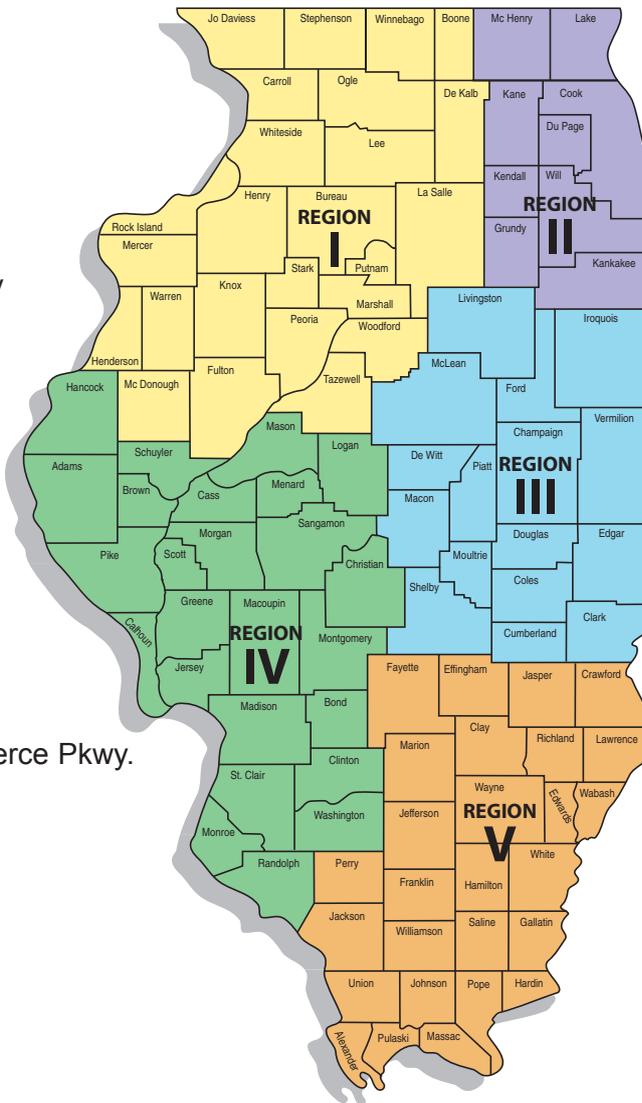
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Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and those funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies is available to all individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion or other non-merit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the funding source's civil rights office and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, IDNR, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; 217/785-0067; TTY 217/782-9175. This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse at 217/782-7498 for assistance.

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# SPORT FISHING LICENSE

## ILLINOIS RESIDENTS:

A resident sport fishing license may be obtained by anyone who has been a resident of Illinois 30 days prior to purchase. Anglers under 16 years of age, and persons declared legally disabled or blind, may fish without a license. Owners or tenants (if they reside on the land) may fish in waters on or flowing over their lands without a license. This exemption does not apply to club and organizational lakes or lake developments.

Persons on active duty in the Armed Forces are considered residents. A person on active duty in the Armed Forces, who entered the service from Illinois and is an Illinois resident, may fish without a license while on leave.

**\*\* Beginning with the 2012 license year** half-priced sportfishing and sportsman's licenses will be available to resident veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces after returning from service abroad, or mobilization by the President of the United States. Veterans must provide verification of their service to the Department at one of the five regional offices. The Department shall establish what constitutes suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing fishing licenses to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

## NON-RESIDENTS:

Non-residents of Illinois may purchase sport fishing licenses to fish waters of the state. Non-resident anglers under 16 years of age may fish without a license. All other non-resident anglers must purchase sport fishing licenses before fishing in Illinois (except in licensed fee fishing areas or on boundary rivers).

Resident or non-resident anglers who fish at fee fishing areas licensed by the Department of Natural Resources are not required to have a license.

Non-residents holding licenses from states bordering Illinois are not required to have an Illinois license to fish on the Illinois side of rivers adjoining the licensing state (see page 66 BOUNDARY RIVERS).

Anglers should have their license in possession at all times while fishing. Licenses expire on March 31 each year.

## CURRENT FEES

### (INCLUDES AGENT'S FEES):

Resident sport fishing; annual	\$15.00*
Resident sport fish;	
65 years old and over	\$7.75
Resident and non-resident sport fishing;	
under 16 years of age	NONE NEEDED
Resident sport fishing;	
disabled, blind	NONE NEEDED
Resident and non-resident sport fishing;	
24-hour license	\$5.50
(includes salmonid fishing privileges)	
Non-resident sport fishing. (10 days)	\$20.00
Non-resident sport fishing. (annual)	\$31.50
Sportsmen's License	\$26.25*
(combined hunting and fishing licenses)	
Senior Sportsman's License	\$13.50
(combined hunting and fishing licenses;	
65 years old and over)	
Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp	
(licensed anglers only)	\$6.50
Inland Trout Stamp (all waters except Lake Michigan)	
(licensed anglers only)	\$6.50
Resident lifetime sport fishing	\$435.00
Resident lifetime	
combined (hunting and fishing)	\$765.00

*\*Half-priced license for qualifying resident veterans.*

## LOST, STOLEN, DESTROYED LICENSE REPLACEMENT:

1. Vendors cannot issue a duplicate license.
2. Obtain an Application for Duplicate License or Permit from a vendor or IDNR office where licenses are sold.
3. Mail completed application plus \$3.00 fee . . . to: Illinois Department of Natural Resources License Section P.O. Box 19459 Springfield, IL 62794-9459

## DISABLED OR BLIND PERSONS:

In order for disabled or blind persons who are Illinois residents to fish without a license, the person must be able to show proof of disability in the form of one of the following:

1. **A State disabled person I.D. card** (available from the Secretary of State through the drivers license examining station) showing a Class 2 or Class 2A disability. **Applies to Illinois residents only.**
2. **Veterans disability card** - (available from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Office) Veterans who are at least 10% disabled with service-related disabilities or in receipt of total disability pensions may fish with sport fishing devices during those periods of the year it is lawful to do so without being required to have a license, on the condition that their respective disabilities do not prevent them from fishing in a manner which is safe to themselves and others. **Applies to both Illinois residents and non-residents.**

## INTERNET PURCHASES:

To purchase fishing and hunting licenses and stamps over the Internet, please visit the Department's Home Page at: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov> Boat renewals may also be done at this site.

# SUMMARY OF FISHING REGULATIONS

## ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The fisheries of Illinois are administered to assure conservation and enhancement of the fishery resource and the equity of the fishing public, while providing for maximum enjoyment. Statutes provide the framework by which fishing opportunities are administered. These opportunities, however, are sometimes subject to a variety of regulations, depending on local site conditions and situations peculiar to a particular fishery. These detailed regulations are set forth in administrative rules. Such rules are enforced in the same manner as are provisions of the statutes, and are subject to the same penalties.

## AQUATIC LIFE

Aquatic life is statutorily defined as all fish, reptiles, amphibians, crayfish and mussels.

## BAIT FISHING

A sport fishing license permits the use of legal-sized cast nets, shad scoops, minnow traps and minnow seines to obtain shad, alewife, minnows and crayfish to use as bait, provided they are not sold or are not identified as threatened or endangered aquatic life. All cast nets shall be not larger than 8 feet in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than 3/8 inch bar measurement. All shad scoops shall be not larger than 30 inches in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement or longer than 4 feet in length. Minnow seines shall not be longer than 20 feet, deeper than 6 feet or contain mesh size larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement. Minnow traps shall not be longer than 36 inches, nor wider than 24 inches,

nor use mesh larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement.

Minnows and crayfish may be collected with traps of metal screen or hardware cloth, plastic, or nylon mesh or netting. Such traps may not be more than 24 inches in width or diameter or more than 36 inches in length nor use a mesh of more than 1/2 inch bar measurement. Each entrance aperture may not exceed 1.5 inches in diameter. If unattended, such devices must be tagged with the name and mailing address of the person operating the device. Minnows and crayfish collected in such devices may only be taken for personal use and may not be sold or bartered.

Collected live bait fish may not be transported between water bodies.

## BLUEGILL AS BAIT

There is nothing in the Illinois Fish Code which prohibits the use of legally taken bluegill or sunfish as bait for another species of fish, but bluegill/sunfish can only be used at the body of water from which they were taken. The bluegill/sunfish must have been taken by a properly licensed sport fisherman using legal sportfishing devices. You must also observe all size and creel limits both where the bluegill/sunfish were taken and where they are being used as bait. Also, it is illegal to cut up or dress or be in possession of cut up or dressed fish on any body of water where there is a size limit for that particular species of fish.

## CLEANING FISH ON WATERS

No fish entrails or carcass may be disposed of

into the waters of Illinois after cleaning. No fish species may be dressed (fileted or head and tail removed) on any waters to which length limits are applicable.

## COMMERCIAL FISH

The minimum size limit on fish taken commercially or by commercial fishermen for market (except in the Ohio River) is 15 inches in total length for: channel catfish, flathead catfish, blue catfish and white catfish. There is no size limit on carp, drum, bullhead, buffalo, shovelnose sturgeon, paddlefish, sucker, gar (except alligator gar), bowfin, eel, yellow perch, chub, moon-eye, goldeye, carpsucker and smelt. All other species may not be taken commercially, but if caught incidentally must be returned immediately to waters where taken.

## COMMERCIAL LICENSES

A commercial fishing license is required for any person who uses a commercial device to take fish or minnows. A resident commercial fishing license can be issued only to persons who have resided in Illinois for at least a year. The commercial fishing license expires March 31 annually. In addition, the holder of this license must obtain a license for each commercial device fished.

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New regulations for the 2012 fishing season are identified by gray shading. Anglers should refer to all applicable regulations prior to fishing any body of water.

A commercial musseling license is required for any person who commercially harvest mussels. Any person assisting a license commercial musselor in taking mussels must have a commercial musseling license.

Commercial licenses and information are available at the Department of Natural Resources, Commercial Permits Office, P.O. Box 19458, Springfield, IL 62794-9458.

### CRAYFISH

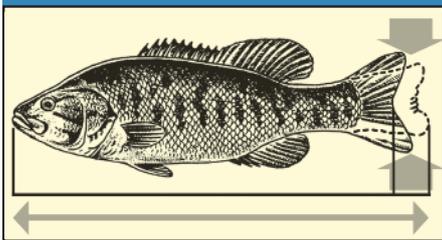
It is a violation of state law to import, possess, sell or use as bait live rusty crayfish and red swamp crayfish within the State of Illinois. The rusty crayfish may be distinguished by a dark rusty spot on both sides of the carapace and a rusty-red band followed by a dark stripe on the large pincers (claws). The red swamp crayfish may be distinguished by its red coloration, long thin pincers (claws) and two curving lines that touch on the top of its back. Both species destroys aquatic vegetation and eats the eggs of various fishes, which negatively affects fish reproduction.

Crayfish, except endangered or threatened species, may be taken for bait, using legal sized cast nets, shad scoops, and minnow seines, provided that they are not sold or bartered. All cast nets shall not be larger than 8 feet in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than 3/8 inch bar measurement. All shad scoops shall not be larger than 30 inches in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement or longer than 4 feet in length. Minnow seines shall not be longer than 20 feet, deeper than 6 feet or contain mesh size larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement.

Crayfish may be collected with traps of metal screen or hardware cloth, plastic, or nylon mesh or netting. Such traps may not be more than 24 inches in width or diameter or more than 36 inches in length nor use a mesh of more than 1/2 inch bar measurement. Each entrance aperture may not exceed 1 1/2 inches in diameter. If unattended, such devices must be tagged with the name and mailing address of the person operating the device. Crayfish collected in such devices may only be taken for personal use and may not be sold or bartered.

Collected live crayfish may not be transported between water bodies.

### HOW TO MEASURE FISH



Use a flat board, close the mouth, and compress the tail.

### CULLING

It is illegal to replace a smaller fish held in possession with a larger fish unless: the smaller fish is counted toward the daily limit or released within the confines of a bona-fide catch-and-release fishing tournament which requires the participants to have a boat live well with a pump constantly adding fresh or recirculating water.

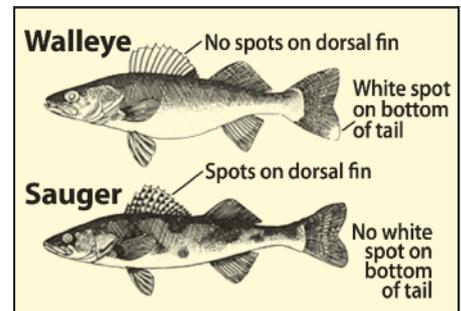
### DAILY CREEL AND SIZE LIMITS (STATEWIDE)

- Length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail with the fish laid flat on a ruler, with the mouth of the fish closed and the tail lobes pressed together.
- No fish species may be dressed (fileted or head and tail removed) on any waters to which length limits are applicable. Regardless of where taken, no fish less than the specified minimum length or more than the daily creel shall be possessed while taking from, or on the waters to which length limits and/or daily creel limits apply.
- Statewide limits by type of fish:
  - Channel Catfish**  
There are no daily creel or size limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.
  - Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Spotted Bass**  
Daily creel limit is 6 bass, either singly or in the aggregate except as specified under Site Specific Regulations. In streams and rivers (excluding the mainstem of the Mississippi, Ohio, and Wabash Rivers) the daily creel can contain no more than 3 smallmouth bass. In streams and tributaries statewide except for the Mississippi, Ohio, Wabash, and Illinois Rivers, all smallmouth bass must be immediately released between April 1 and June 15. There is no statewide size limit.
  - Muskellunge, Northern Pike and their Hybrids**
    - All pure muskellunge and muskellunge hybrids (tiger muskie) taken must be 36 inches in total length or longer, except in those waters listed in the Site Specific Regulations where pure muskellunge taken must be 48 inches in total length or longer.
    - No more than 1 muskellunge or muskellunge hybrid (tiger muskie), either singly or in the aggregate, may be taken per day, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations.
    - All northern pike taken must be 24 inches in total length or longer, except in the Mississippi River and Ohio River where there is no length limit.
    - No more than 3 northern pike may be taken per day, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations.
  - Crappie (White, Black or Hybrid Crappie)**  
There are no creel or length limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.
  - Bluegill and Redear Sunfish**  
There are no creel or length limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.
  - Striped Bass (Ocean Rockfish), White Bass and Hybrids**  
There are no daily creel limits or minimum size limits for striped bass (ocean rockfish), white bass, yellow bass and their hybrids which are less than 17 inches in total length, except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations. For those fish 17 inches in total length or longer, the daily limit is 3 fish, either singly or in the aggregate except on the Mississippi River bordering Missouri where there is a 30 fish

daily creel limit. In the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa, there is a 25 fish daily creel on striped bass, white bass, yellow bass and their hybrids, either singly or in the aggregate.

- Trout and Salmon**  
Statewide, the daily creel limit is 5 trout or salmon, either singly or in the aggregate. In Lake Michigan, the daily creel limit is also 5 fish (singly or collectively); no more than 5 fish of any one species (except for lake trout where 2 fish is the daily creel limit; for all species the minimum length limit is 10 inches.
- Walleye, Sauger, and their Hybrids**  
Daily creel limit is 6 walleye, sauger, or their hybrids either singly or in the aggregate, except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations. All walleye, sauger, or their hybrid taken must be 14 inches in total length or longer, except in the Mississippi River, Ohio River, Wabash River, or as specified under Site Specific Regulations.

For purposes of length or creel limit regulations, anglers must check the lower portion of the tail fin. **WALLEYE** have a white tip on the lower tail fin. **SAUGER OR HYBRID SAUGER/WALLEYE** do not have a white tip on the lower tail fin.



- Injurious Species:**  
Snakeheads, Walking Catfish, Zebra Mussels, River Ruffe, Black Carp, Gobies (Round, Tubenose), Rusty Crayfish, Rudd, Bighead Carp, Silver Carp.

There are no catch or size limits. Possession of live specimens, progeny thereof, viable egg, or gametes is prohibited. For rusty crayfish, possession of living specimens is prohibited except the holders of an approved aquaculture permit with a letter of authorization to import/possess this species.

### Protecting Our Natural Resources

To prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species, Illinois has implemented an Injurious Species regulation (Administrative Code 805). Of special note to anglers, this rule **prohibits the possession** of species deemed to be harmful to our lakes and rivers, and to the fish and wildlife that inhabit them. These harmful species include

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Bighead Carp</b>   | <b>Rusty Crayfish</b>  |
| <b>Black Carp</b>     | <b>Silver Carp</b>     |
| <b>Eurasian Ruffe</b> | <b>Snakeheads</b>      |
| <b>Rudd</b>           | <b>Tubenose Goby</b>   |
| <b>Round Goby</b>     | <b>Walking Catfish</b> |

To view the complete list of regulated species and full text of Ad. Code 805, please visit <http://dnr.state.il.us/legal/adopted/805.pdf>.

For more information on aquatic nuisance species, log on to [www.iisgcp.org/il-ans](http://www.iisgcp.org/il-ans).

## DAILY FEE FISHING AREA

A sport fishing license and "Inland Trout Stamp" are not required to fish in a Department of Natural Resources licensed daily fee fishing area.

## DIP NETS

A sport fishing license allows the holder to take smelt in Lake Michigan with a dip net not exceeding 12 feet in diameter and having a mesh size not less than 1 inch diagonal stretch. In other waters carp, carpsucker, buffalo and gizzard shad may be taken with a dip net up to 15 feet in diameter and with a mesh size no less than 1 1/2 inches bar measure. Such equipment may not be used within 100 feet of a dam or to take game fish.

## ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES OF AQUATIC LIFE

There are more than 80 species of aquatic life in Illinois currently on the State Endangered and Threatened Species (E&T) List which may not be taken for any purpose. For more information or to obtain a listing of these species of aquatic life, please go to [www.dnr.state.il.us/espb/](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/espb/) and click on the link **List of Endangered Species in Illinois**.

The one species of fish on the E&T list most likely taken by sport fishing is the lake sturgeon. Accidental catches of lake sturgeon should be released immediately.

## FISH PRESERVES

All waters under state jurisdiction are statutorily fish preserves, open only to sport fishing. However, certain waters are open to commercial fishing by administrative rule. Contact the Department of Natural Resources for more information.

## FISHING GUIDES

Fishing guides are required to possess a passenger for hire license.

## FREE FISHING DAYS

During the period of June 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2012, it shall be legal for any person to fish in waters wholly or in part within the jurisdiction of the State, including the Illinois portion of Lake Michigan, without possessing a sport fishing license, inland trout stamp, or salmon stamp.



## FREE GROUP FISHING PERMITS

The Illinois DNR may issue at no cost, the following two types of group fishing permits: (1) for hospital patients, nursing home residents, or handicapped people in connection with supervised fishing for therapy; and (2) for group events that have as their primary purpose the promotion of sport fishing in Illinois and are sponsored by church groups, 4-H, Scouts, IDNR, nursing homes, etc. For more information or an application form write to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

## FROGS

A sport fishing license is required to take bullfrogs. Bullfrogs may be taken by hand, pole and line fishing methods, pitchfork, landing net, bow and arrow or bow and arrow device, spear or gig. Firearms, air guns, gas guns or commercial fishing devices such as dip nets, hoop nets, traps or seines are not allowed in the taking of bullfrogs. Bullfrogs may be taken from June 15 to August 31 (both days inclusive). The daily limit is 8 bullfrogs with 16 bullfrogs being the possession limit.

## ICE FISHING

A sport fishing license is required for ice fishing. The ice angler may use a maximum of three poles or tip-ups with no more than two hooks on each line. Sites with a two pole and line fishing only restriction may use a maximum of two poles or tip-ups. Holes cut in the ice are limited to 12-inch diameter or less. Shelter structures are limited to portable construction of metal or wood framework, covered with canvas, paper, plastic material or similar fabric. Each shelter shall have the name and address of the owner attached, and after March 1 the shelter must be removed when not in use, and not left unattended at any time. All poles and tip-ups shall be constantly attended and kept under observation by the angler.

## ILLEGAL DEVICES

Use of the following devices in the taking of aquatic life is prohibited: electricity or electrical devices; lime; acid; medical, chemical or mechanical compounds; dope; drugs; fishberry; dynamite; nitroglycerine or other explosive; snare; treated grain; firearms; air gun; gas gun; wire basket; wire seine; wire net; wire trotline or limb lines of any kind.

## INLAND TROUT STAMP - ALL WATERS (except Lake Michigan)

Anglers are required to purchase an "Inland Trout Stamp" prior to taking of trout from all waters except Lake Michigan. Fees are (including agent's fees):

Resident and Non-resident; annual . . . \$6.50  
Resident; 65 years old and over . . . . . \$6.50

Resident and non-resident  
under 16 years of age . . . . . NONE  
Resident; disabled, blind . . . . . NONE  
The 24-hour license includes trout fishing privileges.

## MINNOWS

A minnow is statutorily defined as any fish in the minnow family (Cyprinidae) except carp and goldfish.

Persons possessing a valid sport fishing license may take minnows with cast nets (not larger than 8 feet in diameter and having a mesh size not larger than 3/8 inch bar measurement), shad scoops (not larger than 30 inches in diameter or longer than 4 feet in length and having a bar mesh size not larger than 1/2 inch), or a minnow seine (no longer than 20 feet in length, deeper than 6 feet or having a mesh size larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement), or a trap not more than 36 inches in length, 24 inches in width, and with mesh no larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement.

## MUSSELS

Only persons possessing a valid commercial mussel license may take mussels from designated waters. The possession of a sport fishing license does not entitle any persons to take and/or possess mussels.

## POLLUTION

The Department of Natural Resources cooperates with the Environmental Protection Agency in making pollution investigations. Anglers are often the first to observe water pollution, and their assistance is invited in reporting these instances to District and Regional Fisheries Biologists, to a Conservation Police Officer or to the Division of Fisheries in Springfield.

It is unlawful for waste or sewage to be discharged into waters so as to kill aquatic life. It is also unlawful to abandon or deposit wire, cans, bottles, glass, paper, trash, rubbish, cardboard, wood cartons, boxes, trees, brush or other insoluble materials into the water or on the ice, or at any place on the bank where such debris is liable to be washed into the water. Strict penalties are provided for violation of this section of the statute.

## PROPERTY

Consideration for others is a philosophy of the sportsman. Consent of the landowner or occupant of the premises shall be obtained before fishing or attempting to take aquatic life on another's property or within waters other than public waters of the state. Care should be taken not to cause damage to the property.

## SALE OF AQUATIC LIFE

No fish, amphibians, reptiles, crayfish, or parts thereof (including eggs) taken by sport fishing license methods (including snagging) may be bought, sold or bartered.

An advertisement for the Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund. At the top, it says "ILLINOIS WILDLIFE PRESERVATION FUND" in large, bold, red letters. Below this, there is a photograph of a red cardinal perched on a branch. To the left of the cardinal, the text reads: "For nearly 30 years, generous Illinoisians like you have built a strong legacy of support for non-game wildlife through contributions to the Wildlife Preservation Fund." To the right of the cardinal, there is a small logo for the "Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund" which includes a cardinal and the text "Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund". At the bottom left, there is a logo for the "Illinois Department of Natural Resources" and a small logo for the "State of Illinois Illinois Department of Natural Resources". At the bottom right, there is a small logo for the "Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund" which includes a cardinal and the text "Illinois Wildlife Preservation Fund".

## SALMON STAMP - LAKE MICHIGAN

Anglers are required to purchase a "Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp" prior to taking of salmon and trout from Lake Michigan. Fees are (including agent's fee):

Resident and non-resident; annual . . . \$6.50  
Resident; 65 years old and over . . . . \$6.50  
Resident and non-resident  
under 16 years of age . . . . . NONE  
Resident; disabled, blind . . . . . NONE

The 24-hour license includes salmonid fishing privileges in Lake Michigan.

## SEASONS

Sport fishing is open year-round (except as noted in the Site Specific Regulations section and for frog season).

## SMELT

The sport fishing season for smelt is from March 1 through April 30 (check local seasonal regulations for smelt fishing from Chicago Park District properties). A sport fishing license entitles the angler to take smelt. Waters of Lake Michigan comprise Illinois' smelt fishery. Smelt may be taken with a seine or gill net not more than 12 feet long, 6 feet deep and with mesh size not more than 1 inch diagonal stretch, or by dip net not more than 12 feet in diameter with mesh size not less than 1 inch diagonal stretch. Trolley or power lines may also be used by sport fishermen in taking smelt (see Trot and Trolley Line section). No person shall operate more than one smelt net device at any one time. All fish taken other than smelt must be released immediately.

## SNAGGING

Anglers are permitted only one pole and line device to which can be attached no more than two hooks. On the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa, the maximum treble hook size is 5/0; gaffs may not be used to land paddlefish.

### Species of Fish and Snagging Catch Limit

- (1) Only the following species of fish (excluding endangered and threatened species) and catch limit may be taken by snagging:
- Asian Carp (no live possession) - no catch limit,
  - Carp - no catch limit,
  - Buffalo - no catch limit,
  - Freshwater Drum - no catch limit,
  - Salmon (coho & chinook only) - 5 daily, of which not more than 3 may be of the same fish species,
  - Paddlefish - 2 per day, the maximum length limit for paddlefish taken from the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa is 33" eye-fork length (EFL) (all paddlefish greater than or equal to 33" EFL must be immediately released back to the Mississippi River).
  - Bowfin - no catch limit,
  - Gizzard shad - no catch limit,
  - Carpsuckers - no catch limit,
  - Longnose gar - no catch limit,
  - Shortnose gar - no catch limit, and
  - Suckers - no catch limit.

(2) No sorting of snagged salmon and paddlefish is permitted, except for paddlefish taken from the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri where sorting is permitted. Every salmon 10 inches in total length or longer and paddlefish snagged must be taken into immedi-

ate possession and included in the daily catch limit. Once the daily limit of salmon or paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease.

### Waters Open to Snagging and Snagging Season

(1) Snagging for fish is permitted from September 15 through December 15 and from March 15 through May 15 within a 300 yard downstream limit below all locks and dams of the Illinois River, except for the area below the Peoria Lock and Dam where snagging is permitted year round.

(2) Snagging for fish is permitted from September 15 through December 15 and from March 15 through May 15 within a 300 yard downstream limit below all locks and dams of the Mississippi River between Illinois and the Missouri, except for the Chain of Rocks low water dam at Chouteau Island – Madison County, also known as Dam 27 at the Chain of Rocks – Madison County where no snagging is permitted. Snagging is permitted from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset daily, March 1 through April 15 within a 500 yard downstream limit below locks and dams on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa.

(3) Snagging for fish is permitted year-round within a 100 yard limit upstream or downstream of the dam at Horseshoe Lake in Alexander County.

(4) Snagging for chinook and coho salmon only is permitted from the following Lake Michigan shoreline areas from October 1 through December 31; however, no snagging is allowed at any time within 200 feet of a moored watercraft or as posted:

- Lincoln Park Lagoon from the Fullerton Avenue Bridge to the southern end of the Lagoon,
- Waukegan Harbor (in North Harbor basin only),
- Winnetka Power Plant discharge area,
- Jackson Harbor (Inner and Outer Harbors)

### Disposition of Snagged Salmon and Paddlefish

All snagged salmon and paddlefish must be removed from the area from which they are taken and disposed of properly, in accordance with Article 5, Section 5-5 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

## SPEARING/BOW AND ARROW FISHING

Carp, Asian carp (no live possession), grass carp, carpsuckers, shad, drum, buffalo, sucker, gar (except alligator gar), and bowfin may be taken with spear or gig, pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or archery device. Spearing/bow and arrow fishing is not permitted in waters listed in Site Specific Regulations as "2 Pole and Line Fishing Only" (except as listed by notation).

## SPORTFISHING

Principal sport fish are the muskellunge, tiger muskie, northern pike, walleye, sauger, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, spotted bass, warmouth, striped bass, hybrid striped bass, white bass, yellow bass, sunfish bluegill, crappie, trout and salmon. These may be taken only with sport fishing devices by anglers having sport fishing licenses. Other species such as paddlefish, catfish, yellow perch, freshwater drum and carp are considered both sport and commercial fish, and the means of taking

and purposes for which they are taken prescribe the type of license required. Still other species are considered commercial fish, though when taken on sport fishing devices an angler must have a sport fishing license. A fourth category is endangered and threatened aquatic life. (See Endangered and Threatened Aquatic Life).

## SPORTFISHING LICENSE

A sport fishing license entitles an angler to take fish, crayfish, turtles or bullfrogs within limits denoted in the Statewide Creel and Size Limits Table, except for endangered and threatened aquatic life. It is unlawful to sell any aquatic life, or parts thereof, taken by a sport fishing license. Aquatic life may be taken by hand or other legal devices permitted by the sport fishing license which includes: pole and line, bank pole and line, dip net throw line, trot line, buoyed device (jug fishing), or other legal devices not exceeding 50 hooks in total (except as noted under "Ice Fishing" section). Also permitted are legal-sized cast nets, shad scoops and minnow seines for bait fishing. Smelt may be taken in Lake Michigan with legal size dip nets, gill nets and seines. Two untagged sport fishing devices are allowed; each device in excess of two must be tagged with the angler's name and address. If attached to a tree, the device must be attached only to the main trunk below the water line. All unattended devices must be marked with the angler's name and address.

Special fishing regulations at certain water areas prohibit the use of some devices or numbers of devices; please check the Site Specific Regulations which are contained in this document and are posted at various locations at the sites (boat ramps and site offices) where applicable.

## STOCKING

Fish may be released into the waters from which they were taken, but permission from the Department of Natural Resources must be secured before releasing fish in other waters, except for private water owners. An owner of a body of water may release fish into waters wholly upon his or her property that are indigenous to the State of Illinois. It is illegal to import or possess live diploid grass carp, silver carp, bighead carp or hybrid grass carp. A Restricted Species Transportation Permit must be secured from the Department of Natural Resources before importing or stocking triploid grass carp.

## TAGGED FISH

Fisheries biologists attach tags to many fish for research purposes. Please report all tags found. If the fish is kept, return the tag to the address printed on the tag or the local fisheries office in your area. If a tagged fish is released, the tag should be reported but left in the fish in good condition. Information regarding the type of fish caught, the length and the weight of the fish and the tag number, if present, should also be reported.

Anglers are strongly advised not to tag fish caught on state and/or public waters.

In addition to tags, many trout and salmon stocked into Lake Michigan are marked by clipping off one or two lines. Anglers catching any trout or salmon with only the adipose fin

removed are asked to save the head which contains important information. The adipose fin is the small, fleshy fin found on the backs of trout and salmon between the dorsal fin and the tail. Please record the length and weight of the fish as well as the date and location where caught.

## TOURNAMENTS

During fishing contests or events of any type (tournament, fish-off, or derby), the fish taken by the participants must be released into the waters from which they were taken immediately after the weigh-in. This does not prohibit an individual from keeping or transporting his own daily limit.

## TOURNAMENT FISHING PERMIT

A fishing tournament permit from the Department of Natural Resources is needed if:

1. Prizes are offered for tagged or marked fish taken from any of the waters listed in the Site Specific Regulations portion of this booklet; or
2. The fishing event is conducted over a period of more than five (5) days during any calendar year, and prizes with a total value in excess of \$1,000 are offered, and where fish are taken from any of the waters covered by the Site Specific Regulations portion of this booklet; or
3. Special exemption to the daily creel and size limits is requested for: (a) catch, hold for weigh-in, and release tournaments for muskies (all waters); (b) black bass catch and release tournaments, Lake Michigan, rivers and streams except the Mississippi, Ohio, and Wabash Rivers are not eligible for permits that exempt participants from daily catch and size limits due to regulation agreements with neighboring states; (c) special catch and release tournaments for which the proceeds go towards youth education and/or a charitable event in which, at a minimum, 50% of all entry fees accrue to the charitable organization for which the event was created. If requested, documentation of charitable donations shall be furnished to the Department; (d) national circuit series catch and release tournaments; and (e) special fishing tournaments/events for which participants are children under 16, disabled persons, or adults over 65.

Requests for a permit will be made on applications provided by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries. Applications must be received not less than 60 days prior to the first tournament date and must be completely filled out or they will be rejected.

Issuance or denial of a permit shall be based upon the following criteria:

1. The capability of the fishery resource to absorb the tournament with minimal impact to its well-being.
2. The locations of the tournament; catch and release management zones on streams are not eligible for permits.
3. The evaluation of the adverse impacts

resulting from the additional fishing pressure generated by the tournament on the fish population and the targeted fish species. The evaluation must demonstrate minimal and short-term impacts in order for the Department of Natural Resources to issue the permit. Specific items to be considered include:

- a. biological status of the fish population including the species sought;
  - b. length of the tournament;
  - c. number of boats and anglers participating in the tournament;
  - d. for tagged fish tournaments; provisions for obtaining and tagging targeted fish species; and
  - e. safety of anglers and potential boater-user conflicts.
4. Demonstrates adequate provisions for holding, handling, and releasing caught fish. Specific criteria are:
    - a. Tournament officials must be able to certify that all boats must possess a livewell (except muskie fishing tournaments) measuring at least 18" long, 12" deep, and 12" wide and be fitted with a functioning aerator and water pump.
    - b. Following the weigh-in, fish must be released away from the weigh in site and as near to the spot where the catch was made as possible by means of a common release boat or vehicle, or by individual boats. When impractical to release away from the ramp, fish shall be released into the lake as quickly as possible to avoid undue stress. Protecting fish health is the most critical aspect of this subsection.
    - c. If a common release boat or vehicle is utilized, the anglers transporting the fish to be released are exempt from the daily creel limit. A common release boat and holding tank used to transport fish for release shall be adequate to carry a tank constructed of a suitable material (aluminum or fiberglass) with smooth interior walls with no obstructions to trap or injure fish. The tank must be able to hold at least one gallon of water per pound of fish, provide adequate aeration, and maintain constant desirable temperatures to sustain their well-being. The tank must have operating hatches to prevent fish from jumping out of the tank and allow quick opening and closing for introduction and removal of fish. Detailed specification on the design and use of a fish holding tank are available upon request from the IDNR, Division of Fisheries.
    - d. Individual boats and anglers returning their catches of fish back to a release site must adhere to daily creel limits. Tournament officials must be able to certify that a common release boat is being utilized for this tournament.

ting) to temporarily hold the muskie in the water while an official determines the length or weight of the fish prior to release. Muskies may not be transported to a weigh-in site.

5. Adequate identification of participants in fishing tournament for law enforcement purposes. Specific criteria include:
  - a. Tournament officials must keep and have available on site a written record of log of daily participants (including names and boat registration numbers) for inspection by Department of Natural Resources officials.
  - b. Each participant and boat must be identified in an easily recognizable manner at a distance (such as a ribbon on the trolling motor and patch on the hat or back). On US Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) reservoirs (Lake Shelbyville, Carlyle Lake, and Rend Lake) a fishing tournament permit and fee is required from the USACOE Lake office prior to applying for an IDNR Fishing Tournament Permit. For all other State-owned and managed sites you must contact that site to see if a usage permit is required from them.

Failure to acquire a permit as referenced above is a petty offense and will result in denial of future applications for a Fishing Tournament Permit by that applicant, sponsor or group for a period up to 5 years.

## TROLLING

Trolling is permissible, provided the angler has not more than three poles and lines with not more than two hooks or lures on each.

## TROT AND TROLLEY LINES

Hooks on trot lines, throw lines and similar devices shall be spaced not less than 24 inches apart, except on trolley or power lines used in Lake Michigan. Trot, throw lines and similar devices are unlawful on "2 Pole and Line Fishing Only" areas unless specifically authorized in the Site Specific Regulations section of this booklet

## TURTLES

Turtles may not be taken by commercial fishing devices, including hoop nets, traps or seines, or by using firearms, air guns or gas guns. Turtles may be taken only by hand, landing net or by hook and line. Locating turtles by rodding, and then taking by hand is permissible. The daily catch limit is 8 turtles (of each species) per day with a possession limit of 16 of each turtle species.

## UNATTENDED DEVICES

Any unattended devices used to catch aquatic life or to hold aquatic life is required to have the angler's name and address clearly displayed on the device.

## WATERFOWL BLINDS

No fishing within 250 yds. of an occupied Department owned or managed waterfowl blind. This includes all sites listed and not listed in this regulations booklet.

# STATEWIDE SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

AQUATIC LIFE	STATEWIDE CREEL AND SIZE LIMITS*
Black Bass (Largemouth, Smallmouth & Spotted Bass)	Daily catch limit is 6 bass, either singly or in the aggregate. In rivers and streams (excluding the mainstem of the Mississippi, Ohio, and Wabash Rivers) the daily creel can contain no more than 3 smallmouth bass. In streams and tributaries statewide except for the Mississippi, Ohio, Wabash and Illinois Rivers, all smallmouth bass must be immediately released between April 1 and June 15. There is no statewide size limit.
Tiger and Pure Muskies	1 fish (singly or collectively) daily creel limit; minimum length is 36 inches; refer to the Site Specific Sportfishing Regulations. In some waters the minimum length is 42 or 48 inches for pure muskies.
Northern Pike	3 fish daily creel limit with 24 inches minimum length limit except in the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers (refer to Site Specific Sportfishing Regulations.)
Salmon and Trout in Lake Michigan	5 fish (singly or collectively) daily creel limit; no more than 5 fish of any one species (except for Lake Trout where 2 fish is the daily creel limit); for all species the minimum length limit is 10 inches.
Salmon and Trout outside of Lake Michigan	5 fish (singly or collectively) daily creel limit.
Temperate Bass (Striped, White & Hybrid Striped Bass)	No creel limit for fish less than 17 inches long except for certain waters. The creel limit for fish 17 inches or longer is 3 fish in all waters excluding the Mississippi River bordering Missouri where there is a 30 fish daily creel limit and in the Mississippi River bordering Iowa where there is a 25 fish daily creel limit (refer to site specific regulations).
Walleye, Sauger, and Hybrid Walleye/Sauger	6 fish (singly or collectively) daily creel limit except in the Mississippi River (refer to Site Specific Sportfishing Regulations); minimum length limit is 14 inches (except in the Mississippi River, Ohio River, Wabash River, or as specified under Site Specific Sportfishing Regulations.
Bullfrogs (season June 15 to August 31 both dates inclusive)	8 bullfrogs daily limit with 16 bullfrogs possession limit ( <i>see page 4 "Frogs"</i> )
Turtles or Frogs	8 turtles or frogs of each species daily catch limit; 16 turtles or frogs of each species possession limit (excludes reptiles or amphibians protected by the Endangered Species Act.) Turtles may only be taken by hand, landing net or by hook and line.

\*The above are statewide sportfish regulations. Specific water areas may have sportfish regulations which differ and are more restrictive. Please check the Site Specific Sportfish Regulations which follow and are posted (at boat launches and at site offices) at each water area where applicable. State Endangered and Threatened Species may not be taken for any purpose.

## SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Fishing regulations, including species of fish, fishing methods and daily creel limits are listed for each water area. The numbers in parentheses refer to the corresponding numbered definitions appearing on pages 8 and 9. If a water area is not listed, or if a specific species is not listed, then statewide restrictions apply. Check the bulletin boards at the specific site for any emergency changes to regulations.

The Department of Natural Resources prefers not to limit fishing opportunities unless it's needed to sustain quality fishing or protect the fisheries resources found in a particular water body. Increasing numbers of people participating in fishing, coupled with more sophisticated anglers, are placing enormous pressure on existing fisheries resources in Illinois.

In order to offset intense fishing pressure on Illinois waters, fisheries managers study both fish populations and angler harvest characteristics to identify overharvest problems. If determined necessary, a special regulation to restrict angler harvest may be implemented to improve the structure and abundance of the fish population, which could result in an improvement of quality fishing.

Various special regulations are used by fisheries managers to restrict angler harvest. A **MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT** means that fish below a designated length must be released immediately. A **SLOT LENGTH LIMIT** means that fish within a designated length range must be released immediately. A **DAILY CREEL LIMIT** means that no more than a maximum number fish may be taken daily. If a daily creel limit

covers more than one fish species, the number of fish permitted to be taken includes all fish species covered by the regulation added together (in aggregate).

A **2 POLE AND LINE FISHING ONLY** regulation permits the angler to take fish with no more than 2 poles with no more than 2 hooks or lures per line. Also permitted (unless otherwise noted) are legal-sized cast nets, shad scoops and minnow seines for bait fishing. Bullfrogs may be taken by hand, gig, pitchfork, spear, landing net, and hook and line during bullfrog season.

**ON WATERS WITHOUT THE 2 POLES AND LINES FISHING ONLY** restriction, up to 50 hooks in total may be used legally on devices permitted under a sport fishing license. Legal devices include: bank poles and lines, dip nets, throw lines, trot lines, buoyed devices (jug fishing), gigs, spears, bow and arrow, and bow and arrow devices. No more than two untagged sport fishing devices (no more than 50 hooks total) under the angler's immediate control are allowed. Each legal device more than two, up to 50 hooks total, must be tagged with the angler's name and address. If attached to a tree, the device must be attached to the main trunk below the water line.

A **CLOSED SEASON** means that fish may not be taken between the specified dates. Waters receiving catchable rainbow trout have closed seasons (spring and/or fall). A closed season prohibiting harvest of rainbow trout is necessary in order for the State to have the trout stocked and permit all anglers to have an equal opportunity to harvest fish on "opening day."

# SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Site Specific Regulations are listed by water area affected. The coverage of the regulation is dictated by the extent of the water area listed and not by the county. In some cases, regulations for a given water area or site may extend beyond the counties listed. The counties listed refer to the location of the dam or outfall for impoundments or mouths of small streams. Since large rivers or streams usually flow through many counties, the term "Multiple" is used rather than listing all counties where the large stream or river flows.

**The subsections listed below are referred to by number in the Site Specific Regulations listed. Water areas listed in that section may have numbers in parenthesis which refer to definitions listed below.**



- 1) Anglers must not use more than 2 poles and each pole must not have more than 2 hooks or lures attached while fishing, except that legal size cast nets, (in accordance with subsection 810.50(a)(1)) shad scoops, and minnow seines may be used to obtain shad, minnows, and crayfish to use as bait, provided that they are not sold, and except that bullfrogs may be taken by hand, gig, pitchfork, spear, landing net, and hook and line during bullfrog season.
- 2) All jugs set in a body of water shall be under the immediate supervision of the fisherman. Immediate supervision shall be defined as the fisherman being on the water where the jugs are set and readily available to identify jugs to law enforcement officers.
- 3) All largemouth and smallmouth bass taken must be less than 12 inches in total length or greater than 15 inches in total length.
- 4) Except that sport fishermen shall be allowed to use trotlines, jugs, and by hand, except that the use and aid of underwater breathing devices is prohibited. West of Wolf Creek Road, fishing from boats is permitted all year. Trotlines/jugs must be removed from sunrise until sunset from Memorial Day through Labor Day. East of Wolf Creek Road, fishing from boats is permitted from March 15 through September 30. Fishing from the bank is permitted all year only at the Wolf Creek and Route 148 causeways. On the entire lake, jugs and trotlines must be checked daily and must be removed on the last day they are used. It is illegal to use stakes to anchor any trotlines; they must be anchored only with portable weights and must be removed on the last day they are used. The taking of carp, carpsuckers, shad, drum, buffalo, gar, bowfin and suckers with spear, gig, bow and arrow or archery device is permissible.
- 5) Except that sport fishermen may take carp, carpsuckers, buffalo, gar, bowfin and suckers by pitchfork, gigs, bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices.
- 6) Including the Fox River south of the Illinois-Wisconsin line to the Algonquin Dam and the Nippersink Creek upstream to the Wilmot Road Bridge.
- 7) Except that sport fishermen may take carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears during May and June.
- 8) Daily catch limit includes striped bass, white bass, yellow bass and hybrid striped bass either singly or in the aggregate.
- 9) Catch and Release Fishing Only means that fish (all or identified species) caught must be immediately released alive and in good condition back into the water from which they came.
- 10) It shall be illegal to possess trout during the period of October 1 to 5 a.m. on the third Saturday in October (both dates inclusive) that were taken during that period.
- 11) It shall be illegal to possess trout during the period of March 15 to 5 a.m. on the 1st Saturday in April (both dates inclusive) that were taken during that period.
- 12) Daily catch limit for largemouth or smallmouth bass, singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed 6 fish per day, no more than one of which shall be greater than 15 inches in length and none of which shall be greater than 12 inches and less than or equal to 15 inches in length.
- 13) Except that jug fishing is permitted from the hours of sunset to sunrise, and except that carp and buffalo may be taken by bow and arrow devices from May 1 through September 30. All jugs must have owner's/user's name and complete address affixed.
- 14) Daily catch limit includes all fish species (either singly or in the aggregate) caught within each of the following fish groupings.
  - 1) Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass
  - 2) Walleye, Sauger, or their hybrid
  - 3) Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, or Pumpkinseed
  - 4) Channel or Blue Catfish
- 15) Daily catch limit includes white, black, or hybrid crappie either singly or in the aggregate.
- 16) Daily catch limit includes striped bass, white bass and hybrid striped bass either singly or in the aggregate.
- 17) Daily catch limit shall not exceed 10 fish daily, no more than 3 of which may be 17 inches or longer in length.
- 18) Except that sport fishermen shall be allowed to use trotlines, jugs and bank poles in the portions of the lake that lie north of the Davenport Bridge and northeast of the Parnell Bridge. Sport fishermen may take carp, carpsuckers and buffalo by bow and arrow, bow and arrow devices, gigs and spears on the entire lake, but not within 150 feet of any developed recreation areas.
- 19) It shall be unlawful to enter upon a designated duck hunting area between sunset of the Sunday immediately proceeding opening day of regular duck season through the day before regular duck season and Canada goose season as posted at the site, or to fish on such areas during the regular duck season except in areas posted as open to fishing. It shall be unlawful to enter upon areas designated as waterfowl rest areas or refuges from 2 weeks prior to the start of the regular duck season through the end of duck and Canada goose season.
- 20) Carlyle Lake (including its tributary streams and those portions of the Kaskaskia River and Hurricane Creek up to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Carlyle Lake Project boundaries), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bond, Clinton, and Fayette Counties. Does not include the tailwaters, except that sport fishermen may not use a minnow seine, cast net, or shad scoop for bait collecting between U.S. Route 50 and the Carlyle Lake dam and spillway.
- 21) Lake Shelbyville (including its tributary streams and those portions of the West Okaw and Kaskaskia Rivers up to Lake Shelbyville Project boundaries – including parts of the Lake Shelbyville Fish and Wildlife Management Area), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Shelby and Moultrie Counties. Does not include the tailwater except for the 48" total length and live bait rig requirement for muskellunge (see subsections (b)(40) and (43)).
- 22) Rend Lake (including its tributary streams and those portions of the Big Muddy and Casey Fork Rivers up to the Rend Lake Project boundaries), Rend Lake Project Ponds, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Franklin and Jefferson Counties. Does not include tailwaters, except that sport fishermen may not use a minnow seine, cast net, or shad scoop for bait collecting within 1,000 yards downstream of the Rend Lake Dam and Spillway.

# SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

- 23) Daily catch limit for black, white or hybrid crappies, singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed 20 fish daily, no more than 10 of which can be below 10" in total length and no more than 10 of which can be 10" or longer in total length.
- 24) 15" minimum length limit for walleye with no possession of walleye greater than or equal to 20" and less than or equal to 27" in total length – protected slot limit.
- 25) Daily catch limit for largemouth or smallmouth bass, singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed 3 fish daily, no more than one of which may be equal to or greater than 15 inches in total length and no more than 2 of which may be less than 15 inches in total length.
- 26) Lake Vermilion – Trotline and jug fishing allowed north of Boiling Springs Road.
- 27) Except that bank fishing is prohibited. Boat fishing is permitted May 1 through August 31 during the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. See site for additional regulations and exact opening and closing dates.
- 28) Except that trotlines may be set within 300 feet from shore.
- 29) Except that carp, buffalo, suckers and carpsuckers may be taken by means of pitchfork and gigs (no bow and arrow devices).
- 30) Fishing is permitted from March 15 through September 30, both dates inclusive, from sunrise to sunset. Fishing during all other times of the year is illegal and not permitted.
- 31) Daily catch limit for largemouth or smallmouth bass, singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed 3 fish daily, no more than one of which may be equal to or greater than 15 inches in total length and no more than 2 of which may be less than 12 inches in total length.
- 32) Daily catch limit includes striped bass, white bass, yellow bass and hybrid striped bass, either singly or in the aggregate, no more than 4 of which may be 15 inches or longer in length.
- 33) It shall be unlawful to trespass upon a designated waterfowl hunting area during the 7 days prior to the regular duck season, or to fish on such areas during the regular duck and Canada goose season except in areas posted as open to fishing. It shall be unlawful to trespass upon areas designated as waterfowl rest areas or refuges from 2 weeks prior to the start of the regular duck season through the end of duck and Canada goose season.
- 34) Except that sport fishermen may take carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs, or spears from May 1 through August 31.
- 35) 14" minimum length limit for walleye, sauger or hybrid walleye with a protected slot (no possession) of fish 18" to 24" in total length. There is a 4 fish daily creel of which only 1 can be greater than 24".
- 36) Except that sportfishermen may not use a minnow seine, minnow trap, cast net, or shad scoop for bait collecting in the following water areas:
  - Charleston Lower Channel Lake tailwaters from that portion of the Embarras River from the Charleston Lower Channel Lake Dam downstream to the Route 130 Bridge.
  - Clinton Lake tailwaters from that portion of Salt Creek from the Clinton Dam downstream to the Route 10 Bridge
  - Cook County Forest Preserve District Waters (except in the Des Plaines River)
  - Lake Decatur tailwaters from that portion of the Sangamon River from the Lake Decatur Dam downstream to the Route 48 Bridge.
- 37) All smallmouth bass taken must be less than 12 inches in total length or greater than 18 inches in total length. Only 1 bass greater than 18 inches and 2 bass less than 12 inches may be taken in the creel daily.
- 38) All largemouth and smallmouth bass taken must be less than 14 inches in total length or greater than 18 inches in total length. Only 1 bass greater than 18 inches and 5 bass less than 14 inches may be taken in the creel daily.
- 39) Powerton Lake shall be closed to boat traffic, except for legal waterfowl hunters, from one week prior to regular waterfowl season to February 15, and closed to all unauthorized entry during the regular goose and duck season.
- 40) The 48 inch total length limit on pure muskellunge applies to that body of water listed as well as any tailwaters as defined below:
  - Evergreen Lake (McLean County) – including the portion of Six Mile Creek below the Evergreen Lake Dam downstream to its confluence with the Mackinaw River.
  - Forbes State Lake (Marion County) – including tailwaters.
  - Fox Chain O' Lakes (Lake/McHenry Counties) – including the Fox River south of the Wisconsin-Illinois boundary to the Algonquin Dam and the Nippersink Creek upstream to the Wilmot Road Bridge.
  - Kinkaid Lake (Jackson County) – including the portion of Kinkaid Creek below the Kinkaid Lake Dam downstream to the Route 149 Bridge.
  - Lake Mingo and Kennekuk Cove Park Ponds (Vermilion County) – no tailwaters.
  - Lake Shelbyville (Moultrie/Shelby Counties) – including the portion of the Kaskaskia River below the Lake Shelbyville Dam downstream to the State Route 128 Road Bridge near Cowden.
  - Otter Lake (Macoupin County) – including the portion of Otter Creek below Otter Lake Dam downstream to its confluence with East Otter Creek.
  - Pierce Lake (Winnebago County) – including the portion of Willow Creek below the Pierce Lake Dam downstream to Forest Hills Road.
  - Shabbona Lake (DeKalb County) – including that portion of Indian Creek below the Shabbona Lake Dam downstream to Shabbona Grove Road.
  - Spring Lakes (North and South) (Tazewell County) – no tailwaters.
- 41) It shall be unlawful to enter upon areas designated as waterfowl hunting areas during the 10 days prior to the start of the regular duck season, or to fish on such areas during the regular duck season except in areas posted as open to fishing. It shall be unlawful to enter upon areas designated as waterfowl rest areas or refuges from 10 days prior to the start of the regular duck season through the end of duck and Canada goose season.
- 42) During duck season, walk-in only access for fishing from the bank is permitted after 1:00 p.m.
- 43) When using live bait, all live bait in excess of 8" in total length shall be rigged with a quick set rig. The hook shall be immediately set upon the strike. A quick set rig is defined as follows: a live bait rig with up to 2 treble hooks attached anywhere on the live bait; single hooks are prohibited. This subsection (b)(43) does not apply to trotlines, jug lines, etc., if allowed on the lake.
- 44) Except that sport fishermen may take carp from boat by bow and arrow and bow and arrow devices, but not within 150 feet of any developed recreation areas.
- 45) Except that sport fishermen may take carp, buffalo, suckers, and gar by bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears (except during waterfowl season) but not within 200 yards of any developed recreational areas.
- 46) All large or smallmouth bass taken must be less than 12 inches in total length or greater than 18 inches in total length. Only 1 bass greater than 18 inches and 2 bass less than 12 inches may be taken in the creel daily.
- 47) 14" minimum length limit for walleye, sauger or hybrid walleye with a protected slot (no possession) of fish 18" to 26" in total length. There is a 3 fish daily creel of which only 1 can be greater than 26".

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
<b>Altamont Reservoir</b> , City of Altamont (Effingham County)	Large of Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Axehead Lake</b> , Cook County Forest Preserve (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
	Large of Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Bluegill, Redear or Pumpkinseed	
<b>Anderson Lake Fish and Wildlife Area</b> (Fulton County)			Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Recreational Use Restrictions		Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	
<b>Andover Lake</b> , City of Andover (Henry County)			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)	
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)	
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	White, Black, or Hybrid		
<b>Anna City Lake</b> , City of Anna (Union County)			Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Bakers Lake</b> , City of Peru (LaSalle County)		
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish		8" Minimum Length Limit	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)		10 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	
Large of Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Large of Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Baldwin Lake</b> , Baldwin Lake Conservation Area (Randolph County)		
<b>Apple River</b> , Within Apple River Canyon State Park and Satellite Boundaries (Jo Daviess County)			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)	
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit	
Smallmouth Bass		Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)	Striped, White or Hybrid		
Trout		Spring Closed Season (11)	Striped Bass	17" Minimum Length Limit	
<b>Apple River and tributaries</b> (Jo Daviess County)			Striped, White or Hybrid		
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Smallmouth Bass		14" Minimum Length Limit	White, Black, or Hybrid		
Trout		Spring Closed Season (11)	Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Argyle Lake</b> , Argyle Lake State Park (McDonough County)			White, Black, or Hybrid		
Recreational Use Restrictions		All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)	Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit	
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Banana Lake</b> , Lake County Forest Preserve District (Lake County)		
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)		25 Fish Daily Creel Limit	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Hybrid Walleye		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		1 Fish over 15" and 5 Fish under 12" Daily Creel Limit (12)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	
Trout		Fall Closed Season (10)	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)	
White, Black, or Hybrid			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)	
Crappie (15)		10 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Banner Marsh Lake &amp; Ponds</b> , Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area (33) (Peoria/Fulton Counties)		
White, Black, or Hybrid			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)	
Crappie		9" Minimum Length Limit	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (34)	
<b>Arrowhead Heights Lake</b> , Village of Camp Point (Adams County)			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12" - 18" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession)	
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Pure Muskellunge	42" Minimum Length Limit	
<b>Arrowhead Lake</b> , City of Johnston City (Williamson County)			White, Black, or Hybrid		
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	White, Black, or Hybrid		
Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit	Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit	
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Bass Lake</b> , DuPage County Forest Preserve District (DuPage County)		
White, Black, or Hybrid			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
Crappie (15)		15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Ashland City Old Reservoir</b> , City of Ashland (Morgan County)			Channel Catfish	12" Minimum Length Limit	
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit	
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Ashland City Reservoir</b> , City of Ashland (Morgan County)			White, Black, or Hybrid		
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit	
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)		10 Fish Daily Creel Limit	White, Black, or Hybrid		
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Auburn Park Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County)			<b>Batchtown Wildlife Management Area</b> (Calhoun County)		
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)	
Channel Catfish		4 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Baumann Park Lake</b> , City of Cherry Valley (Winnebago County)		
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	

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<b>Beall Woods Lake</b> , Beall Woods Conservation Area (Wabash County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Borah Lake</b> , City of Olney (Richland County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	
Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)				
<b>Beaver Dam Lake</b> , Beaver Dam State Park (Macoupin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Boston Pond</b> , Stephen A. Forbes State Park (Marion County)	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)	
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Bowen Lake</b> , City of Washington (Tazewell County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	12" - 15" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession)	
Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit				
White, Black or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit		<b>Braidwood Lake</b> , Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area (41) (Will County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	(Braidwood Lake is closed to all fishing and boat traffic, except for legal waterfowl hunters, from 10 days prior to duck season through the day before duck season and is closed to all fishing during waterfowl season commencing with regular duck season through the close of the Canada goose and regular duck season.)
<b>Beck Lake</b> , Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
Bluegill, Redear or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit	
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		Striped, White or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Creel/3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (17)	
Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18" Minimum Length Limit				
White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Breeze JC's Park Pond</b> , City of Breeze (Clinton County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Belk Park Pond</b> , City of Wood River (Madison County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit				
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Buckner City Reservoir</b> , City of Buckner (Franklin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Belleau Lake</b> , Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	
Bluegill, Redear or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit				
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		<b>Bullfrog Lake</b> , Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(36)
Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)		Bluegill, Redear or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	
White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Belvidere Ponds</b> , City of Belvidere (Boone County)	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Bunker Hill Lake</b> , City of Bunker Hill (Macoupin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Bevier Lagoon</b> , Waukegan Park District (Lake County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Burrells Wood Park Pond</b> (White County)	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit				
			<b>Busse Lake</b> , Cook County Forest Preserve (Cook County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
<b>Bloomington Park District Lakes</b> , (Anglers Lake, Holiday Lake, Miller Park Lake, Tipton Lake and White Oaks Lake) City of Washington (McLean County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(36)	
Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Bluegill, Redear or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18" Minimum Length Limit	
<b>Blue Pond</b> , Boone County Conservation District (Boone County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit				
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit				
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit				

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<b>Cache River State Natural Area</b> (Pulaski/Johnson Counties) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . .	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area; no fishing in Nature Preserve – Section 8 Woods, Heron Pond/Little Black Slough		<b>Casey Park Pond</b> , City of Casey (Clark County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
	All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)		Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . . .	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit of which only 5 fish over 8" are allowed
<b>Calhoun Point Wildlife Management Area</b> (Calhoun County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . .	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)		Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	All Fish . . . . .	No Seines		Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . .	18" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Calumet River</b> (Cook County) Yellow Perch . . . . .	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . .	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Yellow Perch . . . . .	Closed Season During July			
<b>Campbell Pond Wildlife Management Area</b> (Jackson County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . .	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)		<b>Casters Pond</b> , Boone County Conservation District (Boone County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only	
	All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)		Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Campus Lake - Southern Illinois University</b> , State of Illinois (Jackson County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . .	14"-18" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession)	
	Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . .	5 Fish Under 14" and 1 Fish Over 18" Daily Creel Limit (38)
<b>Campus Pond - Eastern Illinois University</b> , State of Illinois (Coles County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass . . . . .	17" Minimum Length Limit	
	Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) . . . . .	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Trout . . . . .	Fall Closed Season (10)		White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . .	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Spring Closed Season (11)				
<b>Canton Lake</b> , City of Canton (Fulton County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . .	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		<b>Centennial Park Pond</b> , Coloma Township Park District (Whiteside County) Trout . . . . .	Fall Closed Season (10)	
	All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Trout . . . . .	Spring Closed Season (11)
Channel or Blue Catfish (14) . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Centralia Foundation Park Catfish Pond</b> , Centralia Park Foundation (Marion County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
	Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . .	15" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . .	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Centralia Lake</b> , City of Centralia (Marion County) Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . .	15" Minimum Length Limit	
Pure Muskellunge . . . . .	42" Minimum Length Limit				
<b>Carbondale City Reservoir</b> , City of Carbondale (Jackson County) Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . .	15" Minimum Length Limit		<b>Cermack Quarry</b> , Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)	
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . .	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Bluegill, Redear or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14) . . . . .	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Carlinville Lake #1</b> , City of Carlinville (Macoupin County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . .	14" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Carlinville Lake #2</b> , City of Carlinville (Macoupin County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . .	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
<b>Carlton Silt Basin</b> , State of Illinois (Whiteside County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		<b>Champaign Park District Lakes (Kaufman, Heritage, and Mattis Lakes)</b> , Champaign Park District, (Champaign County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish . . . . .	8" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . . .	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . .	15" Minimum Length Limit	
Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . .	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . .	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Carlyle Lake</b> , U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Clinton/Bond/Fayette Counties) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . .	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (20)(33)		<b>Charleston Lower Channel Lake</b> , City of Charleston (Coles County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) (36)	
	Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . .	14" Minimum Length Limit			
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . .	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Charleston Side Channel Lake</b> , City of Charleston (Coles County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)	
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . .	10" Minimum Length Limit			Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Carthage Lake</b> , City of Carthage (Hancock County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . .	14" Minimum Length Limit	
	Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass . . . . .	17" Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) . . . . .	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
			White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . .	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit for Fish Under 10"; 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit for Fish 10" and longer (23)	

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<b>Charlie Brown Lake &amp; Pond</b> , City of Flora (Clay County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Clinton Lake</b> , Clinton Lake State Recreation Area (DeWitt County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (18) (36) Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 16" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) . . . . . 10 Creel/3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (17)  White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . . 9" Minimum Length Limit								
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit									
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit									
<b>Charter Oak North - Peoria Park District Lake</b> , Peoria Park District (Peoria County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		<b>Coffeen Lake</b> , Coffeen Lake State F & W Area (Montgomery County) Channel Catfish . . . . . All jugs must be attended at all times while fishing (2) Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish > or equal to 15" and 2 Fish < 15" daily (25)  White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . . 10" Minimum Length Limit Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass . . . . . 17" Minimum Length Limit Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Limit							
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit									
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit									
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit									
<b>Charter Oak South - Peoria Park District Pond</b> , Peoria Park District (Peoria County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			<b>Coles County Airport Lake</b> , Coles County Airport (Coles County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit						
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit									
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit									
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit									
<b>Chautauqua Lake North and South Pools, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service</b> (Mason County)	Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Lake Chautauqua North and South Pools will be closed to boat fishing from October 15 through January 14. Bank Fishing will be allowed in selected areas only. Ice fishing will be allowed following January 15 re-opening.					<b>Columbus Park Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 4 Fish Daily Creel Limit					
	Largemouth Bass	12" Minimum Length Limit									
<b>Chenoa City Lake</b> , City of Chenoa (McLean County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)					<b>Commissioners Park Pond</b> , Alsip Park District (Cook County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit				
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit									
<b>Chicago River (including its North Branch, South Branch, and the North Shore Channel)</b> (Cook County)	Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit						<b>Conservation World Ponds</b> , Illinois State Fairgrounds (Sangamon County) Fishing by special permit only for senior groups, children's groups or group guests of the Director. Apply for permit by writing to: Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield IL 62702			
	Yellow Perch	Closed Season During July									
<b>Christopher Old City Lake</b> , City of Christopher (Franklin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)							<b>Cook Co. Forest Preserve District Lakes</b> , Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(36) Bluegill, Redear or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit									
<b>Citizen's Lake</b> , City of Monmouth (Warren County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)								<b>Coulterville City Lake</b> , City of Coulterville (Randolph County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit									
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit									
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 1 Fish over 15" and 5 Fish under 12" Daily Creel Limit (12)									
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)									
<b>Clear Lake</b> , Kickapoo State Park (Vermilion County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge - Crab Orchard Lake</b> , U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Williamson County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (4) Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 16" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit								
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit									
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	12" to 15" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession); 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit of which no more than 1 fish may be greater than or equal to 15" and no more than 2 may be less than 12" (31)									
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)									
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)									



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<b>Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge - Devil's Kitchen Lake,</b> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Williamson County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			<b>Decatur Park District Ponds,</b> City of Decatur (Macon County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit (except for Fairview Park - Dreamland Pond, which has a 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit)		
<b>Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge - Little Grassy Lake,</b> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Williamson County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 12-15" Slot Length Limit (3)			<b>Deep Quarry Lake,</b> DuPage County Forest Preserve District (DuPage County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 12" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye . . . . . 16" Minimum Length Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14) . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . . 9" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge - Visitors Pond,</b> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Williamson County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Defiance Lake,</b> Moraine Hills State Park (McHenry County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Restricted Use Area Ponds (30) and Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge - All Other Ponds,</b> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Williamson County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit			<b>Des Plaines River Basin - (Hoffman Dam to 47th Street Bridge, including tributaries)</b> (Cook County) Channel Catfish . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . Catch and Release Only - No Harvest Permitted (9) Northern Pike . . . . . 30" Minimum Length Limit Northern Pike . . . . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14) . . . . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Crawford Co. Cons. Area-Picnic Pond,</b> Crawford Co. Cons. Area (Crawford County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Trout . . . . . Fall Closed Season (10)			<b>Diamond Lake,</b> City of Mundelein (Lake County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Crawford Co. Cons. Area Ponds,</b> Crawford Co. Cons. Area (Crawford County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit			<b>Dieterich Park Pond,</b> City of Dieterich (Effingham County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Crull Impoundment Wildlife Management Area</b> (Jersey County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)			<b>Dolan Lake,</b> Hamilton County Conservation Area (Hamilton County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Crystal Lake,</b> Urbana Park District (Champaign County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit			<b>Donnelley State Wildlife Area</b> (Bureau County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)		
<b>Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge - All Ponds,</b> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Johnson/Pulaski/Union Counties) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit					
<b>Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge - Cache River From Rt. 37 to Rt. 51 in Ullin,</b> U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Johnson/Pulaski Counties) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) All Fish . . . . . No Seines					
<b>Dawson Lake &amp; Park Ponds,</b> Moraine View State Park (McLean County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(44) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14) . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit					

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<b>Double "T" State Fish and Wildlife Area Waters, State of Illinois (Fulton County)</b> Recreational Use Restrictions . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all use other than waterfowl hunting is prohibited from October 1 through the end of the central zone Canada goose season). All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel or Blue Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 21" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit Pure Muskellunge . . . . . 42" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie . . 10" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Emiquon Preserve – Thompson Lake (Fulton County)</b> All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . . 9" Minimum Length Limit Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit Bluegill, Redear, Pumpkinseed, Green, or Orange Spotted Sunfish and Hybrid Sunfish (14) . . . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14) . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Douglas Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)</b> All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 4 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Evergreen Lake, City of Bloomington (McLean County)</b> Recreational Use Restrictions . . All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Pure Muskellunge . . . . . 48" Minimum Length Limit (40) White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>DuPage County Forest Preserve District Lakes and Ponds, (excluding Bass Lake, Deep Quarry Lake, and Grove Lake), DuPage County Forest Preserve District (DuPage County)</b> All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 12" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye . . . . . 16" Minimum Length Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14) . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . . 9" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Fairgrounds Pond - Fort Massac State Park, State of Illinois (Massac County)</b> Trout . . . . . Fall Closed Season (10) Trout . . . . . Spring Closed Season (11)		
<b>DuPage River - West Branch (Between the Dams Located in the McDowell Grove Forest Preserve and the Warrenville Grove Forest Preserve), (DuPage County)</b> Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)			<b>Fairview Park - Dreamland Pond, City of Decatur (Mason County)</b> All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>DuQuoin City Lake, City of DuQuoin (Perry County)</b> Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14"-18" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession) (38) Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . 5 Fish under 14" and 1 Fish over 18" Daily Creel Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Ferne Clyffe Lake, Ferne Clyffe State Park (Johnson County)</b> All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Trout . . . . . Fall Closed Season (10) Trout . . . . . Spring Closed Season (11)		
<b>East Fork Lake, City of Olney (Richland County)</b> All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Flatfoot Lake, Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County)</b> All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36) Bluegill, Redear or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Eldon Hazlet State Park (Clinton County) (See Also Carlyle Lake)</b> Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area			<b>Fletcher Park Pond, City of Mt. Zion (Macon County)</b> All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill, Redear Sunfish (14) . . . 5 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Elkville City Reservoir, City of Elkville (Jackson County)</b> Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Foli Park Pond, Village of Plano (Kendall County)</b> All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Elliot Lake, Wheaton Park District (DuPage County)</b> All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . 15" Minimum Length Limit					

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<b>Forbes State Lake</b> , (including Forbes State Lake tailwaters and that portion of Lost Fork Creek within Stephen A. Forbes State Park) Stephen A. Forbes State Park (Marion County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass . . . . . 17" Minimum Length Limit Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Pure Muskellunge . . . . . 48" Minimum Length Limit (40)			<b>Fox River Marina, Lake County Forest Preserve</b> , (Lake County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only; Bank Fishing Only (in areas designated by Lake County Forest Preserves District)		
<b>Forbes State Park Ponds</b> , Stephen A. Forbes State Park (Marion County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit			<b>Fox Valley Park District Lakes and Ponds (except Jericho Lake and Lake Gregory)</b> , Fox Valley Park District, (Kane/DuPage Counties) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Forest Park Lagoon</b> , City of Shelbyville (Shelby County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Trout . . . . . Fall Closed Season (10) Trout . . . . . Spring Closed Season (11)			<b>Frank Holten Lakes</b> , Frank Holten State Park (St. Clair County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Trout . . . . . Fall Closed Season (10) Trout . . . . . Spring Closed Season (11)		
<b>Four Lakes</b> , Winnebago County Forest Preserve (Winnebago County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit Trout . . . . . Spring Closed Season (11)			<b>Franklin Creek (within the boundaries of Franklin Creek State Natural Area)</b> (Lee County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		
<b>Fox Chain O'Lakes (including the Fox River south of the Wisconsin-Illinois boundary to the Algonquin Dam and the Nippersink Creek upstream to the Wilnot Road Bridge)</b> (6), (Applies to Grass Lake and Nippersink Lake Managed Blind Areas Only, State of Illinois (Lake and McHenry Counties) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) only on State Park Property bordering the Fox River and Grass Lake Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit (6) Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 6 Fish Daily Creel of which no more than 3 can be Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge . . . . . 48" Minimum Length Limit (40) Smallmouth Bass . . . . . All Fish must be immediately released between April 1 and June 15 Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit with an 18-24" Protected Slot Length Limit (No possession) (6) Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14) . . . . . 4 Fish Daily Creel of which only 1 can be > 24" (35)			<b>Franklin Creek Mill Pond - Franklin Creek State Park</b> , State of Illinois (Lee County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Fox Ridge State Park</b> (see also Hurricane Pond, Wilderness Pond and Ridge Lake) (Coles County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area			<b>Fuller Lake</b> (Calhoun County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)		
<b>Fox River, Algonquin Dam to confluence with the Illinois River including tributaries</b> , State of Illinois (Multiple Counties) Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 1 Fish 12" or over, and 2 Fish under 12" Daily Creel Limit			<b>Fulton County Camping And Recreation Area Waters</b> , Fulton County Board (Fulton County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 12"-15" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession) Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Fox River (at Moraine Hills State Park and Dam and on Bolger Lock and Dam Properties)</b> , State of Illinois (McHenry County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) on Moraine Hills State Park and Dam Property and on Property at the Bolger Lock and Dam along the Fox River			<b>Gages Lake</b> , Wildwood Park District (Lake County) Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye . . . . . 16" Minimum Length Limit Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14) . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
			<b>Garfield Park Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 4 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
			<b>Gebhard Woods Pond</b> , Gebhard Woods State Park (Grundy County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Trout . . . . . Spring Closed Season (11)		
			<b>Germantown Lake</b> , City of Germantown (Clinton County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		

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<b>Giant City Park Ponds</b> , Giant City State Park (Jackson and Union Counties)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Grayslake Park District (Grayslake and Park Ponds)</b> , City of Grayslake (Lake County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Largemouth and Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	
				Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Gillespie New City Lake</b> , City of Gillespie (Macoupin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		<b>Greenfield City Lake</b> , City of Greenfield (Greene County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12-15" Slot Length Limit (3)			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Large or Smallmouth Bass	12" - 15" Protective Slot Length Limit (no possession)
<b>Gillespie Old City Lake</b> , City of Gillespie (Macoupin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	5 Fish <12" and 1 Fish >15" Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Greenville Old City Lake</b> , Kingsbury Park District (Bond County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit				Channel Catfish
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Glades - 12 Mile Island Wildlife Management Area</b> (Jersey County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
					Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
<b>Gladstone Lake</b> , Henderson County Conservation Area (Henderson County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		<b>Grove Lake</b> , DuPage County Forest Preserve District (DuPage County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit				Channel Catfish
	Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Channel Catfish	12" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish >or=15" and/or 2<12"Daily(31)			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Glen O. Jones Lake</b> , State of Illinois (Saline County)	see Jones State Lake				Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
					White, Black, or Hybrid	
<b>Glen Oak Park Lagoon</b> , Peoria Park District (Peoria County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			White, Black, or Hybrid	
				Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Glen Shoals Lake</b> , City of Hillsboro (Montgomery County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)	<b>Hanover Lake - Apple River Canyon State Park</b> , State of Illinois (Jo Daviess County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	
	Striped, White, or Hybrid			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Striped Bass	17" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Harrisburg New City Reservoir</b> , City of Harrisburg (Saline County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
	Striped, White, or Hybrid				Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Striped, White, or Hybrid		
<b>Godar-Diamond/Hurricane Island Wildlife Management Area</b> (Calhoun County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)		Striped Bass	17" Minimum Length Limit	
				Striped, White, or Hybrid		
<b>Gompers Park Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Heidecke Lake</b> , Heidecke Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (Grundy County) (41) Recreational Use Restrictions. Heidecke Lake shall be closed to all fishing and boat traffic except for legal waterfowl hunters from 10 days prior to duck season through the day before duck season and is closed to all fishing during waterfowl season commencing with regular duck season through the close of the Canada goose and regular duck season. All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
<b>Gordon F. More Park Lake</b> , City of Alton (Madison County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			Black, White, or Hybrid	
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	12" to 18" protected slot (no possession); 1 over 18" and 2 under 12" daily creel limit (48)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Governor Bond Lake</b> , City of Greenville (Bond County)	Channel Catfish	All jugs must be attended at all times while fishing (2)			Striped, White, or Hybrid	
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit			Striped Bass (16)	10 Creel/3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (17)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid	
	Striped, White or Hybrid				Walleye	16" Minimum Length Limit
	Striped Bass	17" Minimum Length Limit			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid	
	Striped, White, or Hybrid				Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit				
	White, Black, or Hybrid					
	Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit				

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<b>Helmbold Slough</b> (Calhoun County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)			<b>Homer Guthrie Pond - Eldon Hazlet State Park</b> , State of Illinois (Clinton County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Henderson Creek State Fish &amp; Wildlife Area</b> , (Henderson County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . It shall be unlawful to trespass upon a designated waterfowl hunting area during the 7 days prior to regular duck hunting season or to fish on such areas during the regular duck season except in areas posted as open to fishing; it shall be unlawful to trespass upon areas designated as waterfowl rest areas or refuges from 2 weeks prior to the start of the regular duck season through the end of duck and Canada Goose season (33)			<b>Homer Lake</b> , Champaign County Forest Preserve District (Champaign County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . . 9" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Hennepin Canal-Mainline &amp; Feeder</b> , Hennepin Canal Parkway S.P. (Multiple Counties) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (13) Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Trout . . . . . Fall Closed Season (10) Trout . . . . . Spring Closed Season (11)			<b>Hormel Pond</b> , Donnelley State Fish and Wildlife Area (Bureau County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit		
<b>Hennepin-Hopper Lakes</b> , The Wetlands Initiative (Putnam County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . . 9" Minimum Length Limit Black, White or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Pure Muskellunge . . . . . 42" Minimum Length Limit Walleye, Sauger or Hybrid Walleye . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Walleye, Sauger or Hybrid Walleye (14) . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Horseshoe Lake-Alexander Co.</b> , Horseshoe Lake Cons. Area (Alexander County) Recreational Use Restriction . . . Only trolling motors will be allowed in the refuge from October 15 through March 1. All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit		
<b>Herrin Lake #1</b> , City of Herrin (Williamson County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Horseshoe Lake-Madison Co.</b> , Horseshoe Lake State Park (Madison County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)(28) Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Herrin Lake #2</b> , City of Herrin (Williamson County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Horsetail Lake</b> , Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(36) Bluegill, Redear or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Trout . . . . . Fall Closed Season (10) White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Hidden Springs State Forest Ponds</b> , Hidden Springs State Forest (Shelby County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Horton Lake</b> , Nauvoo State Park (Hancock County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Highland Old City Lake</b> , City of Highland (Madison County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Trout . . . . . Fall Closed Season (10)			<b>Humbolt Park Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 4 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Hillsboro Old City Lake</b> , City of Hillsboro (Montgomery County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 12-15" Slot Length Limit (3)			<b>Hurricane Pond</b> , Fox Ridge State Park (Coles County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . 5 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
			<b>Illinois &amp; Michigan Canal</b> , State of Illinois (Grundy/LaSalle/Will Counties) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Trout . . . . . Spring Closed Season (11)		

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<b>Illinois Beach State Park Ponds</b> , Illinois Beach State Park (Lake County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area - Drake Lake</b> , Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (Cass County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Illinois Department of Transportation Lake</b> , State of Illinois (Sangamon County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area, Gurney Road Pond</b> , Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (Cass County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Illinois River - Pool 26</b> (Calhoun County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
				Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
<b>Illinois River - Starved Rock and Marseilles Pools</b> (LaSalle and Grundy Counties)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Johnson Sauk Trail Lake &amp; Pond</b> , Johnson Sauk Trail State Park (Henry County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Illinois River</b> , State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Indian Boundary South Pond</b> , Frankfort Square Park District (Will County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Jones Lake Trout Pond</b> , Saline County Conservation Area (Saline County)	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
<b>Iroquois - Kankakee Rivers and their Tributaries</b> , State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)	Walleye, Sauger and Hybrid Walleye	14" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Jones Park Lake</b> , City of East St. Louis (St. Clair County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Walleye, Sauger and Hybrid Walleye (14)	18" to 26" Protected Slot (no possession); 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit of which only 1 can be > 26" (47)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
				Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
<b>Island Pond, Boone County Conservation District</b> , (Boone County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Jones State Lake</b> , Saline County Conservation Area (Saline County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14"-18" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession) (38)
<b>Jackson Park (Columbia Basin) Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	5 Fish under 14" and 1 Fish over 18" Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Jubilee College State Park Pond</b> , Jubilee College State Park (Peoria County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
<b>Jericho Lake, Fox Valley Park District</b> , (Kane County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Kankakee - Iroquois Rivers and their Tributaries</b> , State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)	Walleye, Sauger, and Hybrid Walleye	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit		Walleye, Sauger, and Hybrid Walleye (14)	18" to 26" Protected Slot (no possession); 3 Fish Daily Creel of which only 1 can be >26" (47)
	Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Kankakee River</b> , from the Kankakee Dam to the mouth of the Kankakee River including tributaries, State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)	Smallmouth Bass	12"-18" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession)
<b>Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area, All Lakes and Ponds</b> , Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (Cass County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish over 18" and 2 Fish under 12" Daily Creel Limit (37)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Kaskaskia River Fish and Wildlife Area - Doza Creek Wildlife Management Area</b> (St. Clair County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Kendall Co. Lake #1</b> , Kendall County Forest Preserve District		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit			

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(Kendall County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Lake Carlton</b> , Morrison-Rockwood State Park (Whiteside County) Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)					
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit		All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)				
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit				
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit				
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit				
<b>Kent Creek</b> (Winnebago County)	Trout	Catch and Release fishing Only (9)		Pure Muskellunge	36" Minimum Length Limit				
				White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit				
<b>Kickapoo State Park Lakes &amp; Pond</b> (see also Clear Lake), Kickapoo State Park (Vermilion County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		<b>Lake Chaminwood</b> , Will County Forest Preserve District (Will County) All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)				
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	12" to 15" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession) 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit of which no more than 1 fish may be greater than or equal to 15" and no more than 2 may be less than 12" (31)			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit			
					Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
<b>Kincaid City Reservoir</b> , City of Kincaid (Christian County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			<b>Lake County Forest Preserve District Lakes (except Independence Grove Lake)</b> , Lake Co. Forest Preserve District (Lake County) All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit				Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit				Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
			Large or Smallmouth Bass			15" Minimum Length Limit			
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye			16" Minimum Length Limit			
<b>Kinkaid Lake</b> , Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (Jackson County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)	<b>Lake Decatur</b> , City of Decatur (Macon County) All Fish			2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(29)(36)			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	16" Minimum Length Limit				Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit				White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10" Minimum Length Limit		
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)				White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit							
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Lake DePue Fish and Wildlife Area</b> (Bureau County) Recreational Use Restrictions		Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)			
<b>Kinmundy Reservoir</b> , City of Kinmundy (Marion County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)				<b>Lake Eureka</b> , City of Eureka (Woodford County) All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit					Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit					Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit					Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Kishwaukee River and South Branch of Kishwaukee River and Tributaries</b> , State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)	Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit			<b>Lake George</b> , Loud Thunder Forest Preserve (Rock Island County) Recreational Use Restrictions		All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		
<b>Lake Atwood</b> , McHenry County Conservation District (McHenry County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)					All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit					Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit					Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit					Pure Muskellunge	36" Minimum Length Limit	
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass				17" Minimum Length Limit		
<b>Lake Bloomington</b> , City of Bloomington (McLean County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)				1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)				25 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Lake Jacksonville</b> , City of Jacksonville (Morgan County) All Fish				2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17" Minimum Length Limit					Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass			15" Minimum Length Limit		
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass		17" Minimum Length Limit			
				Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
				White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)		15 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
				White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie		9" Minimum Length Limit			

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<b>Lake Kakusha</b> , City of Mendota (LaSalle County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Lake Nellie</b> , City of St. Elmo (Fayette County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
<b>Lake Le-Aqua-Na Kids Only Fishing Pond</b> , Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park (Stephenson County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Only kids under 16 years of age permitted to fish	<b>Lake-of-the-Woods &amp; Elk's Pond</b> , Champaign Co. F.P. District (Champaign County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
	Channel Catfish	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish and Their Hybrids	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	No more than 5 fish over 7" permitted; unlimited daily creel for fish 7" and under
<b>Lake Le-Aqua-Na</b> , Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park (Stephenson County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Lake Owen</b> , Hazel Crest Park District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
<b>Lake Mendota</b> , City of Mendota (LaSalle County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Lake Paradise</b> , City of Mattoon (Coles County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish ≥ 15" and/or 2 Fish < 12" Daily Creel Limit (31)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Lake Michigan (Illinois Portion)</b> , State of Illinois (Lake/Cook Counties)	Trout and Salmon	10" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Lake Sara</b> , City of Effingham (Effingham County)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Trout and Salmon	No more than 5 fish of any species daily, except for Lake Trout		White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Lake Trout	2 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Lake Shelbyville</b> (21), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Moultrie/Shelby Counties)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (During the regular waterfowl season, no bank or boat fishing shall be permitted on the Kaskaskia River from the Strickland Boat. Access north to the Illinois Central Railroad Bridge from one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.) All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
	Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Yellow Perch	Closed Season During July (exception: 10 fish daily limit during July for youth under age 16)		Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	21" Minimum Length Limit		White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit with only 5 fish under 10" and 10 fish 10" and over permitted
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Lake Shelbyville-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Ponds &amp; Wood Lake, and Lake Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Management Area Ponds</b> (33) (Moultrie/Shelby Counties)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
<b>Lake Milliken</b> , Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)		White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit with only 5 fish under 10" and 10 fish 10" and over permitted
<b>Lake Mingo &amp; Kennekuk Cove Park Ponds</b> , Vermilion County Conservation Area (Vermilion County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)	<b>Lake Shermerville</b> , Northbrook Park District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(44)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	No more than 5 fish over 7" permitted; unlimited daily creel for fish 7" and under	<b>Lake Sinnissippi</b> (Whiteside County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit			
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)			
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit			
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
<b>Lake Murphysboro</b> , Lake Murphysboro State Park (Jackson County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			

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<b>Lake Springfield</b> , City of Springfield (Sangamon County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)	<b>Lake Williamsville</b> , City of Williamsville (Sangamon County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid				
	Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>LaSalle Lake</b> , LaSalle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (LaSalle County)	Recreational Restrictions	Waterfowl refuge or hunting area; contact site staff for more information
	White, Black, or Hybrid			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Crappie	10" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Lake Storey</b> , City of Galesburg (Knox County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)		Striped, White, or Hybrid	
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Striped Bass (16)	10 Creel/3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (17)
	Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Levings Lake</b> , Rockford Park District (Winnebago County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish >15" and/or 5<12" Daily (12)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Pure Muskellunge	42" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel	<b>Lincoln Log Cabin Pond</b> , Lincoln Log Cabin Historical Site (Cole County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
<b>Lake Strini</b> , Village of Romeoville (Will County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Lake Sule</b> , Flagg-Rochelle Park District (Ogle County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Lincoln Park North Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	5 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Lincoln Park South Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Lincoln Trail Lake</b> , Lincoln Trail State Park (Clark County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Pure Muskellunge	36" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14-18" Slot Length Limit (14" or greater to 18" protected)
	Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	4 Creel/1 Fish >18" Daily (Daily Catch Limit for large or smallmouth bass, singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed 4 fish per day, no more than one of which shall be greater than 18" in length, and none of which shall be greater than 14" and less than or equal to 18" in length)
<b>Lake Taylorville</b> , City of Taylorville (Christian County)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Litchfield City Lake</b> , City of Litchfield (Montgomery County)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit - 1 Fish 15" or Over and 2 Fish Under 15" Total Length (25)
	White, Black, or Hybrid			White, Black or Hybrid	
	Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit		Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid		<b>Loami Reservoir</b> , City of Loami (Sangamon County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Lake Vandalia</b> , City of Vandalia (Fayette County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Lou Yeager Lake</b> , City of Litchfield (Montgomery County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Striped, White, or Hybrid			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Striped Bass	17" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Striped, White, or Hybrid		<b>Mackinaw Ponds 1, 2 and 3</b> , Mackinaw State Fish And Wildlife Area (Tazewell County)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Lake Vermilion</b> , Vermilion County Conservation District (Vermilion County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (26) (except that sport fishermen may take carp, carpsuckers, buffalo, gar, bowfin, and suckers by pitchfork, gigs, bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices north of Boiling Springs Road, but not within 300 feet around the wetland boardwalk)			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit			
	White, Black, or Hybrid				
	Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit			
	White, Black, or Hybrid				
	Crappie(15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
<b>Lake Victoria</b> , City of South Beloit (Winnebago County)	Public bank fishing allowed. Boat fishing requires a city permit.				
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit			

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
<b>Macon Co. Cons. Dist. Ponds</b> (see also Rock Springs Pond and Rock Springs Bike Trail Pond), Macon Co. Cons. Dist. (Macon County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Mautino Fish and Wildlife Area</b> , Mautino Fish and Wildlife Area (Bureau County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(34)
<b>Mallard Lake</b> , DuPage County Foreset Preserve District (DuPage County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Channel Catfish	12" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Mauvaise Terre/Morgan Lake</b> , City of Jacksonville (Morgan County)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Mazonia Lakes &amp; Ponds (excluding Ponderosa Lake)</b> , Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area (Grundy/Kankakee/Will Counties)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)		All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Walleye	16" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		White, Black, or Hybrid	
	White, Black, or Hybrid			Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit	<b>McCullom Lake</b> , City of McHenry (McHenry County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	White, Black, or Hybrid			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Maple Lake</b> , Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>McKinley Park Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid		<b>McLeansboro City Lakes</b> , City of McLeansboro (Hamilton County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Marine Heritage Lake</b> , Village of Marine (Madison County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Bluegill, Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Mechanicsburg Park Pond</b> , City of Mechanicsburg (Sangamon County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Marrisa City Lake</b> , City of Marrisa (St. Clair County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Meredosia Lake-Cass County Portion (meandered waters only)</b> (Cass County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Meredosia Lake</b> Cass County Portion (Cass County)	Recreational Use Restrictions
<b>Marquette Park Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			Meandered waters only; All boat traffic is prohibited from operating on meandered waters (except non-motorized boats may be used to assist in the retrieval of waterfowl shot from private land) from the period from one week before waterfowl season opens until the season closes; hunting and/or any other activity is prohibited during the period from one week before waterfowl season opens until the season closes
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Mermet State Lake</b> , Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
<b>Marshall County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch)</b> , Marshall County Conservation Area (Marshall County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)		All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Marshall County Conservation Area-Sparland Unit</b> (Marshall County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	<b>Mascoutah Reservoir</b> , City of Mascoutah (St. Clair County)			White, Black, or Hybrid	
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Middle Fork Forest Preserve Pond</b> , Champaign Co. F.P. Dist. (Champaign County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Matthiessen Lake</b> , Matthiessen State Park (LaSalle County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit			
<b>Mattoon Lake</b> , City of Mattoon (Coles County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit			

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		immediately to the water. Once the daily limit of paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease.	<b>Newton Lake</b> , Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (Jasper County) (41)(33)		
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)		30 Fish Daily Creel Limit - statewide regulation limiting daily creel to 3 fish 17" or longer is not in effect on the Mississippi River between IL and MO.	Recreational Use Restrictions		Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
Walleye and Sauger (14) White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)		8 Fish Daily Creel Limit			The cold water arm of Newton Lake shall be closed daily from one-half hour before sunrise until 1:00 p.m. to all fishing and boat traffic except for legal waterfowl hunters during waterfowl season commencing with regular duck season through the close of the Canada goose and regular duck season; fishing tournaments prohibited from June 1 through August 31
		30 Fish Daily Creel Limit	All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass		18" Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)		10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie		10" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Monee Reservoir</b> , Will County Forest Preserve District (Will County)			<b>Norris City Reservoir</b> , City of Norris City (White County)		
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit	<b>North Marcum Campground Pond</b> , U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Franklin County)		
<b>Montrose Lake</b> , City of Montrose (Cumberland County)			All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass		14" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass		14" Minimum Length Limit	<b>North Marcum Campground Pond</b> , U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Franklin County)		
<b>Mt. Olive City Lakes (Old and New)</b> , City of Mt. Olive (Macoupin County)			All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass		14" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Oakland City Lake</b> , City of Oakland (Coles County)		
<b>Mt. Pulaski Park District Lake</b> , Mt. Pulaski Park District (Logan County)			All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Channel Catfish		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass		14" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Mt. Sterling Lake</b> , City of Mt. Sterling (Brown County)			<b>Oblong Lake</b> , City of Oblong (Crawford County)		
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass		12-15" Slot Length Limit (3)	Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Mt. Vernon City Park Lake</b> , City of Mt. Vernon (Jefferson County)			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Ohio River (between Illinois &amp; Kentucky)</b> , Illinois waters (Multiple Counties)		
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	All fishermen shall conform with the regulations of the state in which they are fishing unless the regulations of the fishermen's licensing state are more restrictive, then the fishermen must conform with the more restrictive regulations.		
Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit	Recreational Use Restrictions		Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass		12" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Mt. Vernon Game Farm Pond</b> , Mt. Vernon Game Farm (Jefferson County)			Northern Pike		No Length or Creel Limit
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Muskie or Tiger Muskie		2 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Trout		Fall Closed Season (10)	Muskie or Tiger Muskie		30" Minimum Length Limit
Trout		Spring Closed Season (11)	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)		10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Mundelein Park District Ponds</b> , City of Mundelein (Lake County)			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)		30 Fish Daily Creel Limit
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Striped, White, Yellow or Hybrid Striped Bass		30 Creel/4 Fish 15" or Longer Daily (32)
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Ohio River - Smithland Pool Tributary Streams (in Pope/Hardin/Gallatin Counties, excluding Wabash River and Saline River Above Route 1 Bridge)</b> (Multiple Counties)		
Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit	Recreational Use Restrictions		Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass		12" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Nashville City Lake</b> , City of Nashville (Washington County)			<b>Old Kimmundy Reservoir</b> , City of Kimmundy (Marion County)		
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass		18" Minimum Length Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit
			<b>Olsen Lake</b> , Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago County)		
			All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass		14" Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		1 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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<b>Omaha City Reservoir</b> , City of Omaha (Gallatin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Pierce Lake</b> , Rock Cut State Park (Winnebago County) Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)	All Fish
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (7)
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Omaha Township Reservoir, City of Omaha</b> , City of Omaha (Gallatin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit			Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)
<b>Otter Lake</b> , Otter Lake Water Commission (Macoupin County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)			<b>Pinckneyville Lake</b> , City of Pinckneyville (Perry County)	Large or Smallmouth Bass
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit			<b>Pine Creek</b> , (Ogle County)	Trout
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit				Spring Closed Season (11)
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Creel/3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily(17)			<b>Pine Creek (within the boundaries of White Pines Forest State Park)</b> (Ogle County)	All Fish
Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)				2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
<b>Palmissano Pond</b> , (Stern's Park Quarry), Chicago Park District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			Trout
All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)			<b>Pine Lake</b> , Village of University Park (Will County)	All Fish
<b>Palmyra-Modesto Water Commission Lake</b> , Cities of Palmyra and Modesto (Macoupin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Piscasaw Creek</b> (McHenry County)	Trout
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit				9" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit				Spring Closed Season (11)
<b>Pana Lake</b> , City of Pana (Shelby and Christian Counties)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		<b>Pittsfield City Lake</b> , City of Pittsfield (Pike County)	All Fish
All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)				2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (7)
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17" Minimum Length Limit	
<b>Paris East &amp; West Lakes</b> , City of Paris (Edgar County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Pocahontas Park Ponds</b> , City of Pocahontas (Bond County)	All Fish	
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit			2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
<b>Peabody River King, Pit #3 Lakes and Ponds</b> , River King State Conservation Area (St. Clair County) (see also Willow Lake)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Ponderosa Lake</b> , Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area (33) (Grundy County)	All Fish	
Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit			2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	
<b>Pecatonica River and Tributaries</b> , State of Illinois (Winnebago/Stephenson Counties)	Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
<b>Perry Farm Pond</b> , Bourbonnais Park District (Kankakee County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Powerton Lake</b> , Powerton Lake Fish and Wildlife Area (Tazewell County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	
<b>Piasa</b> , (Madison/Jersey Counties)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)		Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (39)	

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<b>Pyramid State Park - Blue Wing Lake, Green Wing Lake and Goldeneye Lake</b> , Pyramid State Park (Perry County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . Waterfowl Hunting Area (from October 28 through February 28 fishing is permitted in designated areas only, and fishing hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 2 p.m.) All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . 25 Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" to 18" Protected Slot (no possession) Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . 1 Fish over 18" and 5 Fish under 14" (38) Pure Muskellunge . . . . . 48" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Red Hills Lake</b> , Red Hills State Park (Lawrence County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit																
	<b>Pyramid State Park - Captain, Denmark and Galum and East Conant Areas - All Lakes and Ponds except Blue Wing Lake, Green Wing Lake and Goldeneye Lake</b> , Pyramid State Park (Perry County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all use other than waterfowl hunting prohibited from October 28 through February 28) All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" to 18" Protected Slot (no possession) Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . 1 Fish over 18" and 5 Fish under 14" (38) Pure Muskellunge . . . . . 48" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit				<b>Red's Landing Wildlife Management Area</b> (Calhoun County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)  Walk-in area closed to trespassing 7 days prior to duck season.														
		<b>Pyramid State Park Lakes &amp; Pond (excluding Captain, Denmark, Galum and East Conant Areas)</b> , Pyramid State Park, (Perry County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (5) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" to 18" Protected Slot (no possession) Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . 1 Fish over 18" and 5 Fish under 14" (40)					<b>Redwing Slough/Deer Lake</b> (Lake County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)												
				<b>Raccoon Lake</b> , City of Centralia (Marion County) Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit					<b>Rend Lake</b> , U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Franklin and Jefferson Counties) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (22) (33) Channel Catfish . . . . . All jugs must be attended at all times while fishing (2) Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Striped, White, Yellow, or Hybrid Striped Bass (8) . . . . . 20 Creel/3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 25 Creel/10 Fish 10" or Longer Daily										
						<b>Ramsey Lake</b> , Ramsey Lake State Park (Fayette County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . 25 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . . 9" Minimum Length Limit					<b>Rend Lake Project Ponds - Jackie Branch Pond, Ina N. Borrow Pit, Green Heron Pond, North Marcum Campground Pond</b> , U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Franklin and Jefferson Counties) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit								
								<b>Ramsey Lake State Park Ponds</b> , Ramsey Lake State Park (Fayette County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit					<b>Rice Lake Fish and Wildlife Area</b> (Fulton County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)						
										<b>Randolph County Lake</b> , Randolph County Conservation Area (Randolph County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Trout . . . . . Fall Closed Season (10)					<b>Ridge Lake</b> , Fox Ridge State Park (Coles County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (27) Channel Catfish . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit				
																<b>Riis Park Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 4 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
																	<b>Riprap Landing</b> (Calhoun County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)		
																		<b>River Bend Forest Preserve Lakes (Sunset Lake and Shadow Lake)</b> , Champaign County Forest Preserve District (Champaign County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish . . . . . 8" Minimum Length Limit Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . . 9" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
												<b>Riverside Park Lagoon</b> , Moline Park District (Rock Island County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit							
			<b>Rochester Park Pond</b> , City of Rochester (Sangamon County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit																

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
<b>Rock Creek, State of Illinois (Kankakee County)</b>	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)	<b>Salem Reservoir, City of Salem (Marion County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
<b>Rock River, from the Sears and Steel Dam downstream to confluence of the Mississippi River, State of Illinois (Rock Island County)</b>	Walleye	15" Minimum Length Limit with a 20"-27" Protected Slot Length Limit (24)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Walleye and Sauger (14)	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit with no more than 1 walleye greater than 27" in total length		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Rock River, Wisconsin State Line downstream to confluence of the Mississippi River, including tributaries, State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)</b>	Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Sam Dale Lake, Sam Dale Conservation Area (Wayne County)</b>	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
<b>Rock Springs Bike Trail Pond, Macon County Conservation District (Macon County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing (1) (5)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Rock Springs Pond, Macon County Conservation District (Macon County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Sam Dale Trout Pond, Sam Dale Conservation Area (Wayne County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
<b>Roodhouse Park Lake, City of Roodhouse (Greene County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Sam Parr Lake, Sam Parr State Park (Jasper County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
<b>Route 6 Quarries (East and West), Will County Forest Preserve District (Will County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Sand Lake, Illinois Beach State Park (Lake County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Route 154 Day Use Pond, State of Illinois (Randolph County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Sanganois Conservation Area (Mason/Cass/Schuyler/Menard Counties) (33)(42)</b>	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Sag Quarry East, Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County)</b>	Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed		<b>Sangchris Lake, Sangchris Lake State Park (Christian/Sangamon Counties)</b>	Recreational Use Restrictions	Posted waterfowl refuge closed to all boat traffic during waterfowl season. Bank fishing along the dam shall be permitted. Fishing shall be prohibited in the east and west arms of the lake during the period from 10 days prior to duck season through the end of the duck season. Fishing shall be prohibited in the west arm of the lake south of the power lines during that portion of the Canada goose season that follows the duck season.
	Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (45)
	Rainbow Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		White, Black, or Hybrid	
<b>Sahara Woods Fish and Wildlife Area, State of Illinois (Saline County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Crappie	10" Minimum Length Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Sangchris Lake Park Pond, Sangchris Lake State Park (Sangamon County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Schiller Pond, Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
	White, Black, or Hybrid			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed	
	Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>St. Elmo South Lake, City of St. Elmo (Fayette County)</b>	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		White, Black, or Hybrid	
				Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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<b>Schuy-Rush Lake</b> , City of Rushville (Schuyler County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Shawnee National Forest - Little Cedar Lake</b> , U.S. Forest Service (Jackson County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	14"-18" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession)		
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	5 Fish Under 14" and 1 Fish over 18" Daily Creel Limit (40)		
				Striped, White, or Hybrid			
<b>Senior Citizen's Pond</b> , Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Striped		17" Minimum Length Limit		
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Striped, White, or Hybrid			
<b>Sesser City Lake</b> , City of Sesser (Franklin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Striped (16)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit					
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit					
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit					
<b>Shabbona Lake</b> , Shabbona Lake State Park (DeKalb County)	Recreational Use Restrictions . . . All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		<b>Shawnee National Forest - One Horse Gap Lake</b> , U.S. Forest Service (Pope County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(7)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Spotted Bass			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit					
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		<b>Shawnee National Forest - Pounds Hollow Lake</b> , U.S. Forest Service (Gallatin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Striped, White, or Hybrid				Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	
	Striped Bass	17" Minimum Length Limit					
	Striped, White, or Hybrid				<b>Shawnee National Forest - Tecumseh Lake</b> , U.S. Forest Service (Hardin County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit				Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid					Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Walleye	18" Minimum Length Limit						
White, Black, or Hybrid		<b>Shawnee National Forest - Turkey Bayou</b> , U.S. Forest Service (Jackson County)	All Fish			2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish			6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
			Large or Smallmouth Bass			15" Minimum Length Limit	
			Spotted Bass				
<b>Shawnee National Forest Lakes &amp; Ponds less than 10 acres</b> , U.S. Forest Service (Multiple Counties)	All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Shawnee National Forest - Whoopie Cat Lake</b> , U.S. Forest Service (Hardin County)		All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass					Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Spotted Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit			Spotted Bass	
<b>Shawnee National Forest - Bay Creek Lake #5 and #8 (Sugar Creek Lake)</b> , U.S. Forest Service (Pope County)	All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Sherman Park Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
	Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit	
	Large or Smallmouth Bass						
	Spotted Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit				
<b>Shawnee National Forest - Dutchman Lake</b> , U.S. Forest Service (Johnson County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Siloam Springs Lake</b> , Siloam Springs State Park (Adams County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (7)		
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass			Large or Smallmouth Bass	12-15" Slot Length Limit (3)		
	Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)		
<b>Shawnee National Forest - Lake Glendale</b> , U.S. Forest Service (Pope County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit					
	Large or Smallmouth Bass		<b>Siloam Springs State Park - Buckhorn Unit Waters</b> , Siloam Springs State Park (Brown County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		
	Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
		Bluegill or Redear Sunfish		8" Minimum Length Limit			
		Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)		10 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
<b>Shawnee National Forest - Little Cache #1</b> , U.S. Forest Service (Johnson County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass						
	Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit					
		<b>Silver Lake</b> , City of Highland (Madison County)	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit			
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			

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<b>Silver Lake</b> , DuPage County Forest Preserve District (DuPage County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit
	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	12" Minimum Length Limit	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie		9" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)		10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)			
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid				
	Walleye	16" Minimum Length Limit			
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid				
	Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	White, Black or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit			
	White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
<b>Silver Springs State Park (Big Lake) &amp; Ponds</b> , Silver Springs State Fish & Wildlife Area (Kendall County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit			
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)			
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)			
<b>Skokie Lagoons</b> , Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)			
	Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit			
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid				
	Walleye	18" Minimum Length Limit			
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
<b>Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area - McMaster Lake &amp; Other Site Waters</b> , State of Illinois (Knox County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (All use other than waterfowl hunting prohibited from 14 days prior to duck season through the end of the central zone Canada goose season); All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)			
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit-with only one fish 15" or longer			
	Pure Muskellunge	42" Minimum Length Limit			
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid				
	Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	5 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
<b>Sparta City Lakes</b> , City of Sparta (Randolph County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit			
<b>Sparta City Reservoir (South)</b> , City of Sparta (Randolph County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit			
<b>Sparta "T" Lake</b> , City of Sparta (Randolph County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8" Minimum Length Limit			
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			

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Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie		9" Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)		10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex – Derby Lake</b> , State of Illinois (Randolph County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)		15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass		18" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie		10" Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)		10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Trout		Fall Closed Season (10)
Trout		Spring Closed Season (11)
<b>Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex Lakes</b> , State of Illinois (Randolph County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)		15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass		18" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie		10" Minimum Length Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)		10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Spencer Lake</b> , Boone County Conservation District (Boone County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass		14" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Sportsman's Club Pond</b> , Macon County Conservation District, (Macon County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Trout		Spring Closed Season (11)
<b>Spring Lake</b> , City of Macomb (McDonough County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass		17" Minimum Length Limit
Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Spring Lakes (North &amp; South)</b> , Spring Lake Conservation Area (33) (Tazewell County)	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
All Fish		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)
Channel Catfish		6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass		15" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)		3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Pure Muskellunge		48" Minimum Length Limit (40)
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)		25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie		9" Minimum Length Limit

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<b>Spring Pond</b> , Flagg-Rochelle Park District, (Ogle County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Three Oaks North Lake</b> , City of Crystal Lake (McHenry County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
<b>Starved Rock State Park</b> (LaSalle County)			<b>Three Oaks South Lake</b> , City of Crystal Lake (McHenry County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)		All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
<b>Staunton City Lake</b> , City of Staunton (Macoupin County)			<b>Tilton City Lake</b> , City of Tilton (Vermilion County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Pure Muskellunge	36" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Toledo Reservoir</b> , City of Toledo (Cumberland County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
<b>Stephen A. Forbes State Park</b> (see also Forbes State Lake and Forbes State Park Ponds) (Marion County)				Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)	<b>Tri-Township Park Pond</b> , City of Troy (Madison County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
<b>Sterling Lake</b> , Lake County Forest Preserve District (Lake County)				Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Turkey Bluff Ponds</b> , State of Illinois (Randolph County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Walleye	16" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Turner Lake</b> , Chain O'Lakes State Park (Lake County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
<b>Storm Lake</b> , DeKalb Park District (DeKalb County)				Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Tuscola City Lake</b> , City of Tuscola (Douglas County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Stump Lake Wildlife Management Area</b> (Jersey County)				Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)	<b>Union County Fish and Wildlife Area</b> , (Union County)		
<b>Tampier Lake, Cook County Forest Preserve (Cook County)</b>				(All fishing and boat traffic prohibited October 16 through the last day of February.)	
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)		All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)
	Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Valley Lake</b> , Wildwood Park District (Lake County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Walleye	18" Minimum Length Limit	<b>Valmeyer Lake</b> , City of Valmeyer (Monroe County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	White, Black, or Hybrid			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Taylorville Park District Pond</b> , Taylorville Park District (Christian County)				Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Vanhorn Woods Pond</b> , Plainfield Park District (Will County)	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)		Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)		Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
<b>Ten Mile Creek Lakes</b> , Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (Hamilton/Jefferson Counties)				Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (Areas designated as waterfowl rest areas are closed to all access during the Canada goose season only.)			
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit			
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS	WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
<b>Vernor Lake</b> , City of Olney (Richland County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit			<b>Washington Park Pond</b> , Springfield Park District (Sangamon County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Trout . . . . . Fall Closed Season (10) Trout . . . . . Spring Closed Season (11)		
<b>Villa Grove East Lake</b> , City of Villa Grove (Douglas County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit			<b>Watseka City Ponds</b> , (Clements Pond, Kapers Pond and Municipal Center Pond) City of Watseka (Iroquois County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie . . . . . 9" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (14) . . . . . 10 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Villa Grove West Lake</b> , City of Villa Grove (Douglas County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass . . . . . 17" Minimum Length Limit Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) . . . . . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit Trout . . . . . Fall Closed Season (10)					
<b>Virginia City Reservoir</b> , City of Virginia (Cass County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit			<b>Waverly Lake</b> , City of Waverly (Morgan County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit		
<b>Waddams Creek</b> (Stephenson County) Trout . . . . . Spring Closed Season (11)			<b>Weinberg-King Pond</b> , Weinberg-King State Park (Schuyler County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Walnut Point Lake</b> , Walnut Point St. Fish and Wildlife Area (Douglas County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . 15 Fish (either singly or in aggregate) Daily Creel Limit, of which only 5 fish can be 8" or longer Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 12-15" Slot Length Limit (3)			<b>Weldon Springs Lake</b> , Weldon Springs State Park (DeWitt County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Walton Park Lake</b> , City of Litchfield (Montgomery County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>West Frankfort New City Lake</b> , City of West Frankfort (Franklin County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Wampum Lake</b> , Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(36) Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>West Frankfort Old City Lake</b> , City of West Frankfort (Franklin County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
<b>Washington County Lake</b> , Washington Co. Conservation Area (Washington County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing only (1)(5) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass . . . . . 17" Minimum Length Limit Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>West Salem Reservoir</b> , City of West Salem (Edwards County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 14" Minimum Length Limit		
<b>Washington Park Lagoon</b> , Chicago Park District (Cook County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 4 Fish Daily Creel Limit			<b>Whalon Lake</b> , Forest Preserve district of Will County (Will County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . 15 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 3 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
			<b>White Hall City Lake</b> , City of White Hall (Greene County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
			<b>White Oaks Park Lake</b> , City of Bloomington (McLean County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 15" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
			<b>Wilderness Pond</b> , Fox Ridge State Park (Coles County) All Fish . . . . . 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . 5 Fish Daily Creel Limit Channel Catfish . . . . . 6 Fish Daily Creel Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass . . . . 18" Minimum Length Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . 1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		

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<b>Wildlife Prairie State Park</b> , State of Illinois (Peoria County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . .	All live bait in excess of 8" must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)		<b>Wolf Lake</b> , William W. Powers Conservation Area (Cook County) Recreational Use Restrictions. . . . .	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)			
	All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)		
	Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass. . . . .	12-18" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession)		Large or Smallmouth Bass. . . . .	14" Minimum Length Limit		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . .	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		<b>Woodford County Conservation Area</b> (Fishing Ditch), Woodford County Conservation Area (Woodford County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . .	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)		
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . . .	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit			All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie. . . . .	9" Minimum Length Limit			<b>Woodlawn Pond</b> , Frankfort Square Park District (Will County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . .	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit				Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Pure or Hybrid Muskellunge. . . . .	42" Minimum Length Limit				Large or Smallmouth Bass. . . . .	15" Minimum Length Limit
	<b>William W. Powers Conservation Area</b> (Cook County) Recreational Use Restrictions . . . . .	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)				Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . .	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
<b>Willow Lake</b> , Peabody River King State Conservation Area (St. Clair County) All Fish . . . . .		2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)	<b>Wyman Lake</b> , City of Sullivan (Moultrie County) All Fish . . . . .	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
	Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Channel Catfish . . . . .	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass. . . . .	15" Minimum Length Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass. . . . .	15" Minimum Length Limit		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . .	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit		Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . . .	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit		
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie. . . . .	9" Minimum Length Limit		Trout . . . . .	Spring Closed Season (11)		
White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) . . . . .	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit	<b>Yellow Creek</b> (Stephenson County) Trout . . . . .	Spring Closed Season (11)				
Trout . . . . .	Fall Closed Season (10)						

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## DON'T TAKE AN ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE!

ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLES ARE A STATE ENDANGERED SPECIES AND FULLY PROTECTED BY LAW

**The State of Illinois is reintroducing the native alligator snapping turtle to strategic watersheds in Illinois.**

*You can help recover this unique reptile by:*

- Learning the difference between common snapping turtles and alligator snappers.
- Reporting observations of alligator snapping turtles. *PLEASE SEND PHOTOS*
- Protecting river corridors and associated wetland habitat.
- Reporting any illegal capture, take or possession of alligator snapping turtles.



**Alligator:** 3 rows of prominent, pyramid-shaped projections on shell; large head; pronounced beak; worm-like lure on tongue. May NOT be taken in Illinois.



**Common:** Smooth shell with moderate projections; long neck and tail with sawtooth projections. These turtles may legally be taken with an Illinois fishing license. The daily catch limit is 8 turtles and possession limit is 16.

# ILLINOIS SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW STATE RECORDS

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has inaugurated state record recognition awards for spearing and bowfishing in designated Illinois' waters. Archery and spearing harvest of eligible fish species has grown dramatically in the past decade and the Department wants to acknowledge those angler's and their sport. Those rules are summarized below:

1. Fish must be legally harvested using spear or gig, pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or archery devise. Spearing and bowfishing is not permitted in waters listed in Site Specific

Regulations as "2 Pole and Line Fishing Only" (except as listed by notation).

- All certification rules and procedures in place for hook and line state record acknowledgement apply for spearing/bowfishing. See Rules for Sport Fishing Awards on page 39.
- To be considered for a Spearing/Bowfishing State Record Award, the fish must be an eligible species and exceed the minimum weight requirement or the current record.

## CURRENT STATE RECORD SPEAR/BOW AND ARROW FISH SPECIES

Eligible Fish	Minimum Weight (lbs)	State Record (lbs)	Water Body	County	Date
Common Carp	20	20 lbs/14.4 oz	Grass lake	Lake	6-12-11
Grass Carp (white amur)	20	42 lbs/10 oz	Des Plaines River	Grundy	5-25-11
Bighead Carp	20	59 lbs/4 oz	Illinois River	LaSalle	7-16-11
Silver Carp	15	16 lbs/2 oz	Ohio River	Hardin	8-20-11
Buffalo (smallmouth)	15	49 lbs/15 oz	Mermet Lake	Massac	3-20-10
Buffalo (Bigmouth)	20	22 lbs/6 oz	Rock River	Winnebago	5-4-11
Shortnose Gar (Bigmouth)	5	*	*	*	*
Spotted Gar	5	10 lbs/2.4 oz	Rend Lake	Franklin	4-9-10
Longnose Gar	10	24 lbs/10 oz	Big Muddy River	Union	5-4-10
Bowfin (dogfish)	5	10 lbs/12 oz	Big Muddy River	Franklin	5-9-10
Freshwater Drum	4	10 lbs/2 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	10-5-11
Gizzard Shad	1	*	*	*	*
Goldfish/Hybrid	1	1 lbs/8 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	7-29-11

\* No record submitted yet.

Records as of December 1, 2011.

### The sites below provide a wealth of information on Bowfishing in Illinois.

Bowfishing Association of Illinois

Illinois Bowfishers

Bowfishing Association of Southern Illinois

Old River Bowfishing Association

Northern Illinois Bowfishing Association

• [www.illinoisbowfishing.net](http://www.illinoisbowfishing.net)

• [www.illinoisbowfishers.com](http://www.illinoisbowfishers.com)

• [ultimateoutdoorsnetwork.com/basi/](http://ultimateoutdoorsnetwork.com/basi/)

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SMALLMOUTH BASS



BLACK BULLHEAD



FLATHEAD CATFISH



YELLOW BULLHEAD



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CHANNEL CATFISH



BLUE CATFISH



SHORTNOSE GAR



BOWFIN



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PADDLEFISH



LONGNOSE GAR



SHOVELNOSE STURGEON

# MAJOR ILLINOIS SPORT FISH

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NORTHERN PIKE



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CHINOOK SALMON



BROWN TROUT



COHO SALMON



RAINBOW TROUT



LAKE TROUT



SAUGER



STRIPED BASS



YELLOW PERCH



WALLEYE



WHITE BASS



# ILLINOIS AND NORTH AMERICAN HOOK & LINE RECORD FISH

As of December 2011\*

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY	COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY
BASS, Largemouth	(I) 13 lb./1 oz. (NA) 22 lb./4 oz.	2/15/76 6/2/32	Stone Quarry Lk. Montgomery Lk., GA	LAKE	GOLDEYE	(I) 2 lb./1 oz. (NA) 3 lb./13 oz.	7/26/98 8/9/87	Embarras River Oahe Tailwater, SD	CUMBERLAND
BASS, Rock	(I) 1 lb./10 oz. (NA) 3 lb./0 oz. (NA) 3 lb./0 oz.	5/5/87 8/1/74 6/13/69	Aux Sable Creek York River, Ontario, Sugar Creek, IN	GRUNDY CAN.	GRASS CARP	(I) 69 lb./8 oz. (NA) 78 lb./12 oz.	7/13/00 7/3/03	Lake Petersburg Flint River, GA	MENARD
BASS, Smallmouth	(I) 6 lb./7 oz. (NA) 11 lb./15 oz.	3/26/85 7/9/55	Strip Mine Dale Hollow Lake, TN	FULTON	MUSKELLUNGE	(I) 38 lb./8 oz. (NA) 69 lb./11 oz.	4/20/02 9/15/49	Kaskaskia River Chippewa Flowage, WI	SHELBY
BASS, Spotted	(I) 7 lb./3.12 oz. (NA) 10 lb./4 oz.	3/15/92 4/21/01	Strip Mine Pine Flat Lake, CA	FULTON	MUSKIE, Tiger	(I) 31 lb./3 oz. (NA) 51 lb./3 oz.	8/6/04 7/16/19	Lake Will Lake Vieux Desert, WI/MI	WILL
BASS, Striped	(I) 31 lb./7 oz. (NA) 67 lb./1 oz.	5/23/94 8/15/97	Sangchris Lake Colorado River, AZ	CHRISTIAN	NORTHERN PIKE	(I) 26 lb./15 oz. (NA) 46 lb./1 oz.	11/9/89 10/20/40	Strip Mine Lake Sacandaga Rsvr., NY	KANKAKEE
BASS, Hybrid Striped	(I) 20 lb./32 oz. (NA) 27 lb./5 oz.	6/20/93 4/24/97	Lake of Egypt Greer's Ferry Lake, AR	JOHNSON	PERCH, Yellow	(I) 2 lb./8.75 oz. (NA) 4 lb./3 oz.	1/5/74 5/1865	Arrowhead Club Lake Bordentown, NJ	WILL
BASS, White	(I) 4 lb./14 oz. (NA) 6 lb./7 oz.	10/7/81 9/19/89	Kaskaskia River Saginaw Bay, MI	CLINTON	SALMON, Atlantic (Inland)	(I) 18 lb./11.25 oz. (NA) 22 lb./14 oz.	5/26/79 4/5/05	Lake Michigan Jamaica Pond, MA	COOK
BASS, Yellow	(I) 2 lb./0 oz. (NA) 2 lb./8 oz.	5/5/94 4/12/00	Farm Pond Tennessee River, AL	MADISON	SALMON, Chinook (Inland)	(I) 37 lb./0 oz. (NA) 44 lb./14 oz.	8/7/76 7/19/94	Lake Michigan Lake Michigan, WI	LAKE
BASS, Yellow Hybrid	(I) 2 lb./96 oz. (NA) 2 lb./11 oz.	11/3/08 3/10/97	Rend Lake Sabine River, TX	FRANKLIN	SALMON, Coho (Inland)	(I) 20 lb./9 oz. (NA) 33 lb./4 oz.	5/24/72 9/27/89	Lake Michigan Salmon River, NY	LAKE
BLUEGILL	(I) 3 lb./8 oz. (NA) 4 lb./12 oz.	5/10/87 4/9/50	Farm Pond Ketona Lake, AL	JASPER	SALMON, Pink (Inland)	(I) 3 lb./8 oz. (NA) 4 lb./0 oz.	9/29/07 8/28/01	Lake Michigan Garden River, Ontario, CAN.	LAKE
BOWFIN	(I) 16 lb./6 oz. (NA) 16 lb./6 oz. (NA) 21 lb./8 oz.	9/23/84 9/14/92 1/29/80	Rend Lake Bay Creek Forest Lake, SC	JEFFERSON POPE	SAUGER	(I) 5 lb./12.5 oz. (NA) 8 lb./12 oz.	7/30/67 10/6/71	Mississippi River Lake Sakakawea, ND	JO DAVIESS
BUFFALO (Bigmouth) (Smallmouth)	(I) 48 lb./0 oz. (NA) 73 lb./1 oz. (NA) 88 lb./0 oz.	1936 3/22/04 11/14/93	Mississippi River Lake Koshkonong, WI Lake Wylie, NC	ADAMS	SAUGER-WALLEYE, Hybrid	(I) 9 lb./10.88 oz. (NA) 15 lb./10 oz.	12/7/01 1/11/95	Evergreen Lake Ft. Peck Rsvr., MT	MCLEAN
BUFFALO, Black	(I) 23 lb./12 oz. (NA) 63 lb./6 oz.	7/27/84 8/14/99	Rock River Mississippi River, IA	LEE	SHORTHEAD REDHORSE	(I) 3 lb./11.8 oz. (NA) 11 lb./5 oz.	4/25/08 5/21/83	Fox River Brunet River, WI	KANE
BULLHEAD, Black	(I) 5 lb./6 oz. (NA) 8 lb./15 oz.	4/24/88 8/19/87	Strip Mine Sturgis Pond, MI	FULTON	SILVER REDHORSE	(I) 6 lb./11.4 oz. (NA) 14 lb./14 oz.	4/24/08 4/2/95	Fox River Pickwick Lake, AL	KANE
BULLHEAD, Brown	(I) 2 lb./10.4 oz. (NA) 6 lb./2 oz.	4/25/93 1/19/91	Weldon Springs Pearl River, MS	DE WITT	STURGEON, Shovelnose	(I) 8 lb./5.76 oz. (NA) 8 lb./5.76 oz.	11/4/03 11/4/03	Rock River Rock River, IL	WHITESIDE
BULLHEAD, Yellow	(I) 5 lb./4 oz. (NA) 6 lb./4 oz.	1955 5/25/08	Fox River Forest Lake, MA	KANE	SUNFISH, Green	(I) 2 lb./1 oz. (NA) 2 lb./2 oz. (NA) 2 lb./2 oz.	6/28/81 6/18/71 5/28/61	Farm Pond Stockton Lake, MO Cherokee Co. Pit, KS	DE WITT
CARP, Common	(I) 51 lb./0 oz. (NA) 57 lb./13 oz.	5/1/94 6/19/83	Lake Hillcrest Tidal Basin Washington, D.C.	MADISON	SUNFISH, Hybrid	(I) 2 lb./9.4 oz. (NA) 2 lb./10 oz.	9/20/05 5/17/99	Farm Pond Farm Pond, KS	HENRY
CARP, Bighead	(I) 69 lb./0 oz. (NA) 90 lb./0 oz.	5/4/10 7/22/00	Kaskaskia River Kirby Lake, TX	CLINTON	SUNFISH, Pumpkinseed	(I) 11.2 oz. (NA) 2 lb./4 oz.	1/15/10 5/26/97	Mississippi River North Saluda River, SC	CARROL
CATFISH, Blue	(I) 124 lb./0 oz. (NA) 124 lb./0 oz.	5/21/05 5/21/05	Mississippi River Mississippi River, IL	MADISON	SUNFISH, Redear	(I) 2 lb./12.3 oz. (NA) 5 lb./7.5 oz.	9/7/85 11/6/98	Marion CC Lake Diversion Canal, SC	WILLIAMSON
CATFISH, Channel	(I) 45 lb./4 oz. (NA) 58 lb./0 oz.	2/7/87 7/7/64	Baldwin Lake Santee Cooper Rsvr., SC	ST. CLAIR	TROUT, Brook	(I) 7 lb./5 oz. (NA) 14 lb./8 oz.	11/3/98 7/19/16	Lake Michigan Nipigon River, Ontario, CAN	LAKE
CATFISH, Flathead	(I) 78 lb./0 oz. (NA) 123 lb./0 oz.	8/11/95 5/14/98	Carlyle Lake Elk City Rsvr., KS	CLINTON	TROUT, Brown	(I) 36 lb./11.5 oz. (NA) 41 lb./7 oz.	6/22/97 9/9/09	Lake Michigan Big Manistee River, MI	COOK
CRAPPIE, Black	(I) 4 lb./8 oz. (NA) 6 lb./0 oz.	5/15/76 11/28/69	Rend Lake Westwego Canal, LA	FRANKLIN	TROUT, Lake	(I) 38 lb./4 oz. (NA) 72 lb./4 oz.	8/22/99 8/19/95	Lake Michigan Great Bear Lake, N.W.T. Canada	LAKE
CRAPPIE, Hybrid	(I) 4 lb./8.3 oz. (NA) 2 lb./11 oz.	5/14/08 1/28/05	Farm Pond Shabbona Lake	JEFFERSON DEKALB	TROUT, Rainbow (Inland)	(I) 31 lb./6.72 oz. (NA) 43 lb./10 oz.	7/10/93 6/9/07	Lake Michigan Lake Diefenbaker, Saskatchewan, CAN	LAKE
CRAPPIE, White	(I) 4 lb./7 oz. (NA) 5 lb./3 oz.	4/8/73 7/31/57	Farm Pond Enid Dam, MS	MORGAN	TROUT, Tiger	(I) 8 lb./12.5 oz. (NA) 20 lb./13 oz.	6/26/77 8/12/78	Lake Michigan Lake Michigan, WI	COOK
DRUM, Freshwater	(I) 35 lb./0 oz. (NA) 54 lb./8 oz.	1960 4/20/72	DuQuoin City Lake Nickajack Lake, TN	PERRY	WALLEYE	(I) 14 lb./0 oz. (NA) 22 lb./11 oz.	1961 3/14/82	Kankakee River Greer's Ferry Lake, AR	KANKAKEE
GAR, Longnose	(I) 22 lb./1 oz. (NA) 50 lb./5 oz.	5/6/06 7/30/54	Ohio River Trinity River, TX	MASSAC	WARMOUTH	(I) 1 lb./13 oz. (NA) 2 lb./7 oz.	5/22/71 10/19/85	Farm Pond Yellow River, FL	CUMBERLAND
GAR, Shortnose	(I) 5 lb./96 oz. (NA) 6 lb./6 oz.	7/20/99 6/15/01	Vermilion River Kentucky Lake, TN	LA SALLE					
GAR, Spotted	(I) 7 lb./13.44 oz. (NA) 28 lb./8 oz.	7/10/04 3/4/87	Horseshoe lake Lake Seminole, FL	ALEXANDER					

\*North American Records from the 2010 Edition National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame (NFWFHOF)

Note: Illinois Record Fish are updated as new records are set. North American Records are updated once a year when the new edition of the NFWFHOF is published.

# ILLINOIS SPORT FISHING AWARDS PROGRAM

The Division of Fisheries offers several angler recognition awards for fish caught in Illinois waters. Junior angler awards are for young anglers under 16 years of age catching their first Illinois fish. Catch and Release, Big Fish, Master Angler, Grand Slam, and State Record are available to any angler meeting the eligibility requirements outlined in the rules. Refer to the rules section for more information.

Available on the [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org) website are the Jr. Angler, Catch & Release, and Big Fish certificates. They may be downloaded and printed from your personal computer. Completed applications with associated information for Master Angler, Grand Slam, and State Record must be sent to the Division of Fisheries for processing. Awards are returned to the angler at the end of the current fishing season.

APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT  
ANY DNR REGIONAL OFFICE OR BY CALLING 217/782-6424  
OR BY DOWNLOADING FROM THE [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org) WEBSITE

## SPORT FISHING AWARDS (see RULES SECTION for further information)

- A **STATE RECORD AWARD** patch, engraved wall plaque, and certificate will be awarded to the angler who catches a fish, only of the species listed above, which equals or exceeds the weight of the current STATE RECORD. All STATE RECORD fish must be certified by a DNR fisheries biologist. Applications for the STATE RECORD award are available to download from the [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org) website. Completed applications, DNR certification, and a photo documenting your catch must be mailed into the DNR Division of Fisheries.
- A **GRAND SLAM AWARD** certificate, pin, and patch are awarded annually to anglers catching at least one representative fish (which meets or exceeds the minimum lengths or minimum weights – see eligible fish species table) from five (5) of the six (6) family categories of Illinois fish (Cattfish, Black Bass, Temperate Bass, Esocid, Salmonid, and Perch). Applications for the GRAND SLAM award are available to download from the [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org) website and mail (along with a photo of each catch for documentation) into the DNR Division of Fisheries no later than January 30.
- A **MASTER ANGLER AWARD** certificate and pin are awarded annually to anglers catching five (5) different species of fish (see listing of eligible fish) which meet or exceed the minimum lengths or minimum weights. Applications for the MASTER ANGLER award are available to download from the [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org) website. Once completed, the application must be mailed into the DNR Division of Fisheries no later than January 30.
- A **BIG FISH AWARD** certificate will be awarded to the angler who catches and keeps a fish, only of the species listed above, which equals or exceeds the minimum qualifying weight. Certificates for successful anglers may be printed directly from the [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org) website.
- A **CATCH AND RELEASE AWARD** certificate will be awarded to the angler who catches and releases an eligible fish (see list), which equals or exceeds the minimum qualifying length. Award certificates for successful anglers may be printed directly from the [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org) website.
- A **JUNIOR ANGLER AWARD** certificate is available for download from the [www.ifishillinois.org](http://www.ifishillinois.org) website to an angler under 16 years of age who catches their first Illinois fish. Award certificates for successful anglers may be printed directly from the website.

Further information and requirements for each award is provided in the "RULES SECTION".

## ELIGIBLE FISH SPECIES TABLE

Fish Species (Minimum Requirements)	BIG CATCH & FISH RELEASE (LBS.) (INS.)	Fish Species (Minimum Requirements)	BIG CATCH & FISH RELEASE (LBS.) (INS.)
Largemouth bass	6 . . . 19	Yellow bullhead	2 . . . 12
Smallmouth bass	3 . . . 16	Brown bullhead	2 . . . 12
Spotted bass	3 . . . 16	Coho salmon	10 . . . 25
White bass	2 . . . 15	Chinook salmon	18 . . . 34
Yellow bass	1 . . . 11	Pink salmon	2 . . . 15
Striped bass	12 . . . 28	Atlantic salmon	9 . . . 25
Hybrid striped bass	7 . . . 20	Lake trout	15 . . . 27
Northern pike	13 . . . 30	Brown trout	15 . . . 27
Muskellunge	15 . . . 36	Rainbow trout	12 . . . 30
Tiger muskie	13 . . . 30	Brook trout	2 . . . 15
Walleye	5 . . . 22	Tiger trout	3 . . . 19
Sauger	3 . . . 18	Common carp	15 . . . 32
Saugeye (hybrid)	3 . . . 18	*Bighead carp	15 . . . 15
Yellow perch	1 . . . 12	Bowfin	6 . . . 24
Bluegill	1 . . . 10	Freshwater drum	10 . . . 24
Redear sunfish	1 . . . 10	Bigmouth buffalo	15 . . . 25
Green sunfish	1 . . . 10	Black buffalo	15 . . . 25
Rock bass	1 . . . 9	Smallmouth buffalo	15 . . . 25
Warmouth	1 . . . 9	Shovelnose sturgeon	2 . . . 24
Other sunfish	1 . . . 10	Longnose gar	5 . . . 32
Hybrid sunfish	1 . . . 10	Shortnose gar	5 . . . 30
White crappie	2 . . . 13	Spotted gar	5 . . . 30
Black crappie	2 . . . 13	Grass carp (white amur)	15 . . . 27
Hybrid crappie	2 . . . 13	Goldeye	1 . . . 12
Channel catfish	14 . . . 28	Mooneye	1 . . . 12
Blue catfish	20 . . . 30	Skipjack herring	1 . . . 12
Flathead catfish	20 . . . 30	Burbot	5 . . . 22
Black bullhead	2 . . . 12		

\* may not be possessed alive

## RULES FOR SPORT FISHING AWARDS

These rules apply to STATE RECORD, GRAND SLAM, MASTER ANGLER, BIG FISH, CATCH AND RELEASE, AND JUNIOR ANGLER award entries:

1. Fish must be caught legally by pole and line from Illinois waters. Fish caught by trot line, jugs, bank poles, gigs, spears, bow and arrow, nets, seines, and snagging are not eligible.
2. Fish caught from Licensed Daily Fee Fishing Areas are not eligible.
3. Total length is to be measured from the tip of the snout, with mouth closed to the tip of the tail to the nearest 1/8 inch. Girth is measured at the greatest distance around the fish circumference).
4. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject an entry based upon its investigation on the identification, methods used in catching, and the accuracy of measurement and weighing.
5. Fish eligible for all SPORT FISHING AWARDS (excluding the GRAND SLAM AWARD) are listed in the "Eligible Fish Species Table" along with qualifying minimum lengths and weights.
6. Fish species eligible for the GRAND SLAM AWARD by family category include:

Catfish	Blue Catfish, Channel Catfish, and Flathead Catfish
Black Bass	Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, and Kentucky Spotted Bass
Temperate Bass	Striped Bass, Hybrid Striped Bass, and White Bass
Esocid	Muskie and Northern Pike
Salmonid	Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon, and Rainbow Trout (Steelhead)
Perch	Walleye and Sauger

Anglers catching at least one eligible fish species from five (5) of the six (6) above family categories meeting or exceeding the qualifying minimum lengths or weights must complete an application (along with a photo documenting the catch) and mail the entry to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, no later than January 30 to cover the previous calendar year's fishing activities.

7. Fish species eligible for the MASTER ANGLER AWARD include all listed fish species (see the "Eligible Fish Species Table") which meet or exceed the qualifying minimum lengths or weights. Successful anglers must complete an application (along with a photo documenting the catch) and mail the entry to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, no later than January 30 to cover the previous calendar year's fishing activities.
8. Each STATE RECORD, GRAND SLAM, AND MASTER ANGLER award application must be accompanied by a clear, side-view photograph for each of the fish caught, preferably of the angler with the fish. The entry and photograph become property of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Photos cannot be returned.
9. Fish entered for a STATE RECORD award must be weighed on a scale certified legal for trade in front of two witnesses.
10. A fish entered for STATE RECORD fish must be kept intact until it has been certified, and when necessary, genetically confirmed by an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Fishery Biologist.
11. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reproduce, duplicate, or otherwise copy, via a body cast, any certified STATE RECORD fish. Duplicate mounts will be used solely by the Department for display purposes and will acknowledge the record holder.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is requesting this information as outlined under the Fish Code, Chapter 515. This information is required in order for you to qualify for a STATE RECORD, GRAND SLAM, OR MASTER ANGLER award.

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WATER AREA	LOCATION	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH
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## Blue Catfish (best baits - crayfish, shrimp, large shad, stinkbait)

Baldwin Lake - 2,018 acres	Randolph Co., 3 mi. N of Baldwin	Oct. - May	30 to 60	Deep holes
Mississippi River,				
Lock & Dam 24 to Cairo	Calhoun to Alexander Co.	July - Sept.	2 to 5	Shoreline on bottom & below dam, rip-rap, side chutes
Ohio River	Pope, Hardin, Gallatin Cos.	June - Sept.	2 to 5	Around brush & riffles
Powerton Lake - 1,426 acres	Tazewell Co. - Pekin	April - May	1 to 7	Warm water discharge
Wabash River	Wabash, Lawrence, White & Gallatin Cos.	June - Sept.	2 to 5	Around brush & riffles

## Bluegill (best baits - worms, crickets, night crawlers)

Baldwin Lake - 2,018 acres	Randolph co., 3 mi. N of Baldwin.	Dec. - May	1/4	North bank
Beaver Dam Lake - 57 acres	Macoupin Co., 6 mi. SW of Carlinville	May - Oct.	1/4	Shoreline & fish cribs
Borah Lake - 118 acres	Richland Co., 1 mi. N of Olney.	Spring - Fall	1/3	Shoreline & weed beds
Braidwood Lake - 2,308 acres	Will Co. near Braidwood.	April - Oct.	1/4	Rip rap areas
Busse Lake - 590 acres	Cook Co., S. of Higgins & I 290.	Sept. - Oct.	1/3	Near rip-rap & dams
Fox Chain O'Lakes - 7,110 acres	Lake & McHenry Cos.	Spring-Fall, ice.	1/3	Best lakes: Catherine, Marie, Bluff, Petite. Fish weed beds & edges, piers, brush & snags
Crab Orchard Lake - 6,965 acres	Williamson Co., 3 mi. E of Carbondale	May - June	1/4	Stumps, brush & spawn beds
Dawson Lake - 158 acres	McLean Co., 4 mi. N of LeRoy.	May - Sept.	1/4 to 1/3	Weed beds & backs of coves
Devil's Kitchen - 810 acres	Williamson Co., 8 mi. SE of Carbondale	May - June	1/4 to 1/2	Spawn beds
Dutchman Lake - 118 acres	Johnson Co., 3 mi. SE of Goreville.	April - May	1/4	Spawn beds
Frank Holten Lakes - 80 & 97 acres	St. Clair Co., E St. Louis	May - June	1/4	Shoreline
Greenville New City Lake - 775 acres	Bond Co., 1 mi. NE of Greenville.	May - Oct.	1/3	Shoreline
Hennepin Canal - 926 acres	Bureau, Henry & Whiteside Cos.	May - June	1/3	Shoreline
Hennepin-Hopper Lake - 1,200 acres	Putnam Co., 2 mi. S of Hennepin	May	1/3 to 1	Brushy areas
Lake Bloomington - 635 acres	McLean Co., 10 mi. N of Bloomington	May - Aug.	1/4 to 1/2	Shoreline, weed beds, spawn beds
Lake Carlton - 77 acres	Whiteside Co., 2 mi. N of Morrison	April, Sept. - Nov.	1/4 to 1/3	Weed beds & brush
Lake Mingo - 170 acres	Vermilion Co., 4 mi. N of Danville.	June - Sept, ice.	1/4 to 1/3	Standing timber, weed beds & brush
LaSalle Lake - 2,035 acres	LaSalle Co.	April - May	1/3	Shoreline
Lincoln Trail Lake - 146 acres	Clark Co., 2 mi. S of Marshall	May - Sept.	1/4 to 1/2	Brush & edge of weed beds
Little Grassy Lake - 1,000 acres	Williamson Co., 7 mi. SE of Carbondale	May - June	1/4	Spawn beds & weed edges
Mazonia FWA - 576 acres	Grundy & Kankakee Cos., 2 mi. W of Braceville	Spring-Fall, ice.	1/3	Best Lakes #3, #10, Ponderosa
McCullom Lake - 245 acres	McHenry Co., in McHenry	May - Sept, ice.	1/3	Anywhere in lake
Mermet Lake - 452 acres	Massac Co., 1 mi. W of Mermet	May - June	1/4 to 1/2	Around brush and stumps
Mississippi River - Pool 12,				
Frentress Lake	Jo Daviess Co., 2 mi. S of E Dubuque	June - Sept.	1/4	Brush piles along shoreline
Mississippi River - Pool 19,				
Burlington Island R.M. - 339.5 mi.	Henderson Co., Shokokon, Illinois	May - June, Sept.	1/4	Shoreline cover
Ramsey Lake - 56 acres	Fayette County, 3 mi. N of Ramsey	May - June	1/3 to 1/2	Spawn beds
Red Hills Lake - 40 acres	Lawrence Co., 10 mi. E of Olney	April - Oct.	1/3 to 1/2	Shoreline
Rend Lake - 18,900 acres	Franklin & Jefferson Co., 3 mi E of Sesser.	April - Oct.	1/4	Brush & timber, Nason Point, Big Muddy & Casey Fork Arms
Sam Dale Lake - 194 acres	Wayne Co., 1 mi. W of Johnsonville.	April - Oct.	1/3	Shoreline & stickups
Sam Parr Lake - 180 acres	Jasper Co., 2-1/2 mi. NE of Newton	April & Oct.	1/4	Stickups, bays & spawn beds
Shabbona Lake - 318 acres	DeKalb Co., 2 mi. S of Shabbona	May - Sept.	1/3	Brush & weed beds
Siloam Springs - 58 acres	Adams Co., 3 mi. SW of Kellerville	May - June	1/3 to 1/2	Back of small coves
Smithland Pool/Ohio River - Tributaries	Hardin & Pope Cos.	May - June	1/3	Shoreline
Sugar Creek Lake - 96 acres	Pope Co., 2 mi. NW of Dixon Springs	April - Oct.	1/3	Fallen trees & stumps
Tampier Lake - 160 acres	Cook Co., 131st & Wolf Rd.	May - June	1/4	N. of 131st Street
Weldon Springs Lake - 29.4 acres	DeWitt Co., 2 mi. E of Clinton	June - Aug.	1/4 to 1/3	Weed beds & Christmas trees
Walnut Point Lake - 59 acres	Douglas Co., 5 mi. N of Oakland	April - Feb.	1/4 to 1/2	Spawn beds, deep brush, ice
Wolf Lake - 391 acres	Cook Co., in Chicago	May - Sept.	1/4	Anywhere in lake

## Bullheads (best baits - worms, crayfish, night crawlers, cut bait)

Anderson Lake - 1,364 acres	Fulton Co., 8 mi. SW of Havana	April - June	1/2	Shoreline
Lake Le-Aqua-Na - 43 acres	Stephenson Co., 3 mi. N or Lena	June - Sept.	3/4	Shoreline
Levings Lake - 24 acres	Winnebago Co., SW Rockford	May - Sept.	1/2	Shoreline
Mill Creek Lake - 811 acres	Clark Co., 5 mi. W of Marshall	May - Sept.	1/2 to 1 1/4	Shallow areas
Olson Lake - 45 acres	Winnebago Co., 2 mi W of Caledonia.	May - Sept.	1	Upper end
Peabody River King - 526 acres	St. Clair Co., 1 mi. E of New Athens	May - Sept.	1/2 to 1	Eagle, Levee Island & Goose Lakes
Pierce Lake - 162 acres	Winnebago Co., 2 mi. W of Caledonia	May - Sept.	1/2 to 1	Shallow bays
Rice Lake - 1,383 acres	Fulton Co., 4 mi. S of Banner	April - June	3/4	Shoreline
Shabbona Lake - 319 acres	DeKalb Co., 2 mi. S of Shabbona	May - Aug.	1/2 to 2	Shallow bays
Skokie Lagoons - 226 acres	Cook Co., Willow Rd at I-94.	June - Sept	1/2	Anywhere in lake
Spring Lake North - 578 acres	Tazewell Co., 12 mi. SW of Pekin	June - Aug.	2/3	Around S shore
Spring Lake South - 610 acres	Tazewell Co., 12 mi. SW of Pekin	April - Sept.	1	Along turnouts of W shore

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## Bullheads—continued

Virginia City Reservoir - 18 acres	Cass Co., 1 mi. N of Virginia	April - Sept.	3/4	Shoreline
Washington County Lake - 248 acres	Washington Co., 7 mi. S of Nashville	April - Aug.	3/4	Shallow bays

## Carp (best baits - prepared baits, sweet corn, worms, night crawlers)

Baldwin Lake - 2,018 acres	Randolph Co., 3 mi. N of Baldwin	Dec. - May	4	Shoreline & bays
Braidwood Lake - 2,308 acres	Will Co., near Braidwood	April - Oct.	1 to 5	Entire lake
Canton Lake - 250 acres	Fulton Co., 2 mi. E of Canton	May - Oct.	3	Submerged tree tops
Carlyle Lake - 24,580 acres	Clinton, Bond & Fayette Co.; NE of Carlyle	June - Sept.	2	Bays, shoreline areas & tailwaters
Cedar Lake - 1,750 acres	Jackson Co., 4 mi. SW of Carbondale	May - Oct.	4 to 30	Shallow shorelines
Crab Orchard Lake - 6,965 acres	Williamson Co., Carterville IL	March - Nov.	2 to 20	Entire lake
Dawson Lake - 158 acres	McLean Co., 4 mi. N of LeRoy	May - Sept.	2 to 10	Shoreline & bays
Des Plaines River	Lake & Cook Counties	May - Oct.	2 to 10	Entire river
DuPage River	DuPage & Will Counties	May - Oct.	2 to 5	Entire river
East Fork Lake - 935 acres	Richland Co., 1 mi. NE of Olney	May - Oct.	2 to 30	Upper end of lake
Evergreen Lake - 925 acres	McLean Co., 1 mi. N of Bloomington	May - Sept.	2 to 10	Shoreline & bays
Flatfoot Lake - 15 acres	Cook Co., 130th St. & I 390	June - Aug.	10	North shallow flats
Fox River - 98 mi.	McHenry, Kane, Kendall & LaSalle Cos.	May - Oct.	2 to 5	Entire river
Fox Chain O'Lakes System - 7,110 acres	Lake & McHenry Cos.	May - Sept.	7	Best lakes: Grass, Fox, Pistakee. Fish shoreline bays & channel areas.
Heidecke Lake - 1,955 acres	Grundy Co., 1 mi. S & 6 mi. E of Morris	April - Sept.	2	Shoreline
Hennepin Canal - 926 acres	Bureau, Henry & Whiteside Cos. Wyanet to Geneseo	June - Aug.	4	Shoreline & snags
Harrisburg New City Reservoir - 209 acres	Saline Co., E of Galatia	May - Sept.	2 to 20	Along shoreline & in shallow coves
Horseshoe Lake - 2,430 acres	Madison Co.	May - Aug.	1 to 2	Entire lake
Kankakee River - 59 miles	Kankakee & Will Cos.	May - Sept.	6	State line-early fall, backwaters- Des Plaines Cons. Area, entire river
Kaskaskia River	Randolph & St. Clair Cos.	April - Oct.	6	Entire river
Kinkaid Lake - 2,750 acres	Jackson Co., 3 mi. NW of Murphysboro	May - Oct.	4 to 30	Upper end of bays
Lake Charleston - Side Channel - 346 acres	Coles Co., 2 mi. SE of Charleston	April - Oct.	1 to 20	Entire lake
Lake Decatur - 3,093 acres	Macon Co., in Decatur	May - Oct.	3	Rock rip-rap, fallen trees, brush
Lake Sara - 586 acres	Effingham Co., 5 mi NW of Effingham	April - Oct.	6	Shoreline
Lake Victoria - 17 acres	Winnebago Co., in South Beloit	May - Sept.	2 to 10	Shorelines
LaMoine and East Fork LaMoine River	McDonough & Schuyler Cos.	May - Aug.	2 to 5	Shoreline & snags
Levings Lake - 24 acres	Winnebago Co., SW Rockford	May - Sept.	2	Shoreline
Midlothian Reservoir - 25 acres	Cook Co.; 167th & Cicero Av	June-Sept.	2 to 7	Shorelines of eastern section
Mississippi River, Lock & Dam 14	Rock Island Co., Hampton, Illinois	June - Sept.	2 to 6	Below dam on Illinois side
Mississippi River, Pool 13	Carroll Co., Savanna	May - Sept.	3	Savanna Bay
Mississippi River, Pool 16	Rock Island Co., Moline	April - Oct.	3-1/2	Sylvan Slough
Mississippi River, Pool 21	Adams Co., 5 mi. N of Quincy	April - Oct.	3	Canton Chute
Mississippi River, Pool 22	Pike Co., 3 mi. NE of Hannibal	April - Oct.	4	Armstrong Island
North Branch of Chicago River	from Foster Ave. south	May - Oct.	2 to 10	Entire river
Paris East Lake - 163 acres	Edgar Co., N edge of Paris	April - Sept.	3	Brush, weed beds, fallen trees
Pierce Lake - 162 acres	Winnebago Co., 2 mi. W of Caledonia	May - Sept.	2 to 6	Shoreline, cribs, upper end
Powderhorn Lake - 35 acres	Cook Co., Brainard & Burnham	May - Aug.	2 to 4	Shallow flats
Rock River - 20 miles	Rock Island Co. in Moline	May - Aug.	3	Below dams
Saganashkee Slough - 325 acres	Cook Co.; 107th & 1/2 Mile W of LaGrange Rd.	June - Sept.	2 to 5	Shorelines
Sam Parr Lake - 180 acres	Jasper Co., 2 1/2 mi. NE of Newton	May - Oct.	2 to 30	Upper end of both arms
Schuy-Rush Lake - 225 acres	Schuyler Co., 2 mi. SW of Rushville	June - Aug.	2 to 5	Upper end
Shabbona Lake - 318 acres	DeKalb Co., 2 mi. S. of Shabbona	May - Sept.	2 to 15	Upper end
Siloam Springs Lake - 58 acres	Adams Co., 3 mi. SW of Kellerville	May - Oct.	2 to 5	North end of lake
Skokie Lagoons - 226 acres	Cook Co.; Willow Rd & I-94	June - Sept.	2 to 6	Shallows of entire lake
Smithland Pool/Ohio River - Tributaries	Hardin & Pope Cos.	April - Oct.	3 to 5	Stream channels
Stephen Forbes Lake - 525 acres	Marion Co., 4 mi. E & 2 mi. S of Kinmundy	April - Oct.	5 to 25	Along weedlines & in shallow coves; bow fishing in April & May
Tampier Lake - 160 acres	Cook Co., 131st & Wolf Rd.	June - Aug.	2 to 3	Shallow flats
Turkey Bayou - 20 acres	Jackson Co., 5 mi. SW of Murphysboro	April - Oct.	1 to 5	Shorelines
Washington Co. Lake - 300 acres	Washington Co., 7 mi. S of Nashville	May - Sept.	2 to 20	Upper half of lake
Wolf Lake - 391 acres	Cook Co., in Chicago	April - Sept.	2 to 6	Shoreline & channels

## Channel Catfish (best baits - cut bait, shrimp, small shad or minnows, chicken livers, night crawlers)

Argyle Lake - 95 acres	McDonough Co., 2 mi. N of Colchester	June - Sept.	1	Shallow bays at dusk or daylight
Baldwin Lake - 2,018 acres	Randolph Co., 3 mi. N of Baldwin	April - Oct.	1-1/2	Entire lake
Banner Marsh - 1,200 acres	Peoria Co., 4 mi. NE of Banner of Rt. 24	May - July	3	Shallow bays
Baumann Park Lake - 26 acres	Winnebago Co., in Cherry Valley	June - Sept.	1 to 2	Shoreline
Beaver Dam Lake - 57 acres	Macoupin Co., 6 mi. SW of Carlinville	July - Sept.	1-1/2 to 3	Off the peninsula & fish attractors
Braidwood Lake - 2,308 acres	Will Co., near Braidwood	April - Oct.	1	Entire lake, especially current breaks
Carlyle Lake - 24,580 acres	Clinton, Bond, Fayette Cos., NE of Carlyle	May - Oct.	1-1/2	Creek channels, bridges, tailwater

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Cedar Lake - 1,750 acres	Jackson Co., 4 mi. SW of Carbondale	June - Aug.	3	Upper creek channels & along dam
Clinton Lake - 5,000 acres	DeWitt Co., 3 mi. E of Clinton	June - Aug.	4 to 6	N. Fork Arm, Parnell Access & 48 bridge
Coffeen Lake - 1,100 acres	Montgomery Co., 1 mile W of Coffeen	March - Oct.	1-1/2	Weed beds, back of coves, shoreline
Crab Orchard Lake - 6,965 acres	Williamson Co., 3 mi. E of Carbondale	April - Oct.	2 to 6	Grassy bay, Wolf Creek, Cambria
Dawson Lake - 158 acres	McLean Co., 4 mi. N of LeRoy	May - Oct.	1 to 1-1/2	Flats & points at night
Dolan Lake - 71 acres	Hamilton Co., 8 mi. E of McLeansboro	June - July	2 to 3	Off dam, steep shoreline, points
East Fork Lake	Richland Co., 1 mile NE of Olney	June - Sept.	2-10	Covers and main lake flats
Embarras River	Coles to Lawrence Cos.	June - Aug.	1 to 2	Around brush & below riffles
Evergreen Lake - 925 acres	McLean Co., 10 mi. N of Bloomington	June - Sept.	4	Upper end of lake
Flatfoot Lake - 15 acres	Cook County	May - Sept.	2	Anywhere in lake
Fox Chain O'Lakes System - 7,110 acres	Lakes & McHenry Cos.	June - Sept., ice	1 to 2	Best lakes: Grass, Fox, Pistakee. Fish shoreline, islands, bays & channel areas near brush & snags, & deeper areas thru ice.
Fox River - 98 miles	McHenry, Kane, Kendall & LaSalle Cos.	May - Sept.	1	Entire river
Frank Holton Main Lake - 97 acres	St. Clair Co., E. St. Louis	March - Oct.	1-1/2	Shoreline
Gillespie New City Lake - 207 acres	Macoupin Co., 2 mi. W Gillespie on Rt. 16	May - Oct.	1 to 10	Rip-rap, points, bays
Glen Shoals Lake - 1,200 acres	Montgomery Co., 1-1/2 mi. N of Hillsboro	May - Oct.	1 to 3	Rip-rap, points, bays
Harrisburg New City Reservoir - 209 acres	Saline Co., E of Galatia	June - Aug.	2 to 8	Shoreline near trees & brush
Heidecke Lake - 1,955 acres	Grundy Co., 1 mi. S & 6 mi. E of Morris	June - Sept.	1-1/2	Shoreline & drift fishing open waters
Hennepin Canal & Feeder - 926 acres	Bureau, Henry & Whiteside Cos.	June - Sept.	1	Entire shoreline & snags
Hennepin-Hopper Lake - 1,200 acres	Putnam Co., 2 mi. S of Hennepin	April	1/3 to 1/2	Brushy areas
Homer Lake - 81 acres	Champaign Co., 2 mi. NW of Homer	May - Oct.	2 to 4	Flats & points
Illinois River - 61 miles	Scott Co., Naples; Peoria, Woodford & Marshall Cos.	July - Sept.	1 to 3	Below grain loading facilities Sugar Island near Morris Dresden Dam
Iroquois River - 50 miles	Iroquois Co., Watseka area	June - Sept.	1-1/2	Deep water in Watseka area
Jim Edgar Panther Creek SF & W Area (Gridley Lake - 25 acres, Prairie Lake - 210 acres, Drake Lake - 35 acres)	Cass Co.	May - Oct.	3	Shoreline
Jones Lake - 105 acres	Saline Co., 4 mi. SW of Equality	June - July	3	Fishing piers, dam, shoreline
Kankakee River - 59 miles	Will & Kankakee Cos., Des Plaines Cons. Area & Kankakee River State Park	May - Sept.	1	Entire river
Kaskaskia River - 35 miles	Douglas, Coles & Moultrie Cos.	June - Aug.	1-1/2	Around brush & below riffles
Kaskaskia River - 36 miles	Clinton, Washington, Randolph, and St. Clair Cos.	May - Oct.	2	Brush, trees, pools, rock rip-rap
Kinkaid Lake - 2,750 acres	Jackson Co., 3 mi. NW of Murphysboro	June - July	2 to 10	Flats, bays, rip-rap
Lake Bloomington - 635 acres	McLean Co., 10 mi N of Bloomington	June - Sept.	4	Upper end of lake
Lake Charleston-Lower Channel - 58 acres	Coles Co., 2 mi. SE of Charleston	June - Aug.	2	North end
Lake Charleston-Side Channel - 346 acres	Coles Co., 2 mi. SE of Charleston	June - Aug.	2	Entire lake
Lake Decatur - 3,093 acres	Mason Co.; in Decatur	May - Sept.	1 to 3	Entire lake
Lake George - 167 acres	Rock Island Co., 4 mi. N of Andalusia	Summer	3	Shallows of upper end & dam
Lake Jacksonville - 476 acres	Morgan Co., 2 mi. N of Jacksonville	June - Sept.	1 to 2	Shallow flats
Lake Le-Aqua-Na - 43 acres	Stephenson Co., 3 mi. N of Lena	June - Sept.	2 to 6	Shoreline
Lake Mattoon - 1,050 acres	Shelby Co.; S of Mattoon	May - Sept.	2 to 10	Entire lake
Lake Mingo - 170 acres	Vermilion Co., 4 mi. N of Danville	May - Oct.	1 to 3	Shoreline & dam
Lake Murphysboro - 145 acres	Jackson Co., 1 mi W of Murphysboro	May - July	2	Dam rip-rap & coves (4 to 6 ft. deep)
Lake of the Woods - 25 acres	Champaign Co., 1 mi N of Mahomet	May - Oct.	4 to 6	Points, flats, dam
Lake Sara - 568 acres	Effingham Co., 5 mi. NW of Effingham	May - Sept.	1-1/2 to 3	Upper lake, arms, along weed lines
Lake Shelbyville - 11,100 acres	Shelby & Moultrie Cos.	May - Sept.	2	Kaskaskia River, shallow bays, timber, tailwaters, flats, submerged ridges
Lake Springfield - 4,234 acres	Sangamon Co.	May - Sept.	2	Entire lake
Lake Storey - 133 acres	Knox Co., NW edge of Galesburg	June - Sept.	2	Points and coves
Lake Sule - 77 acres	Ogle Co., Rochelle	June - Sept.	1 to 2	Shoreline
Lake Victoria - 16.5 acres	Winnebago Co., South Beloit	July - Aug.	1 to 2	Shoreline
LaSalle Lake - 2,035 acres	LaSalle co.	April - Sept.	1-1/2	Entire lake
Lincoln Trail Lake - 146 acres	Clark Co., 2 mi. S of Marshall	June - Aug.	2	Entire lake
Little Grassy Lake - 1,000 acres	Williamson Co., 7 mi. SE of Carbondale	June - Sept.	1 to 3	Shoreline
Little Wabash River - 36 miles	Wayne & White Cos.	May - Sept.	1 to 3	Brushpiles
Mermet Lake - 452 acres	Massac Co., 1 mi W of Mermet	June - Aug.	2 to 8	Main water pump, new boat ramp, & levee road
Mississippi River - 160 miles	Monroe Co. to Alexander Co.	June - Oct.	2	Side chutes & rock rip-rap dikes
Mississippi River - Lock & Dam 24	Calhoun Co. at Clarksville, MO	July - Sept.	3	Shoreline on bottom
Mississippi River, Pool 16	Rock Island Co., Rock Island-Muscataine	July - Sept.	1 to 2	Wing dams, log jams
Mississippi River, Pool 21 - O'Dell Chute	Adams Co., 4 mi. downstream of Bear Creek Public Use Area	July - Sept.	1 to 3	Log jams and stumps
Monsee Reservoir - 44 acres	Will Co., Rt. 50 near Monsee	July - Sept.	1 to 5	Shoreline

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## Channel Catfish—continued

Newton C.I.P.S. Lake - 1,750 acres	Jasper Co., 8 mi SW of Newton	Year round	1 to 2	Bays, stick ups, rip-rap
Ohio River	Alexander & Gallatin Cos.	May - Sept.	1 to 5	Dams, brushpiles, rocky areas
Olson Lake - 45 acres	Winnebago Co., 2 mi. W of Caledonia	June - Sept.	2 to 4	Along dam
Otter Lake - 765 acres	Macoupin Co., 6 mi. W of Girard	May - Oct.	1 to 12	Rip-rap, points, & bays
Pana Lake - 219 acres	Shelby Co., 2 mi. E of Pana	May - Sept.	1 to 4	Points, coves
Paris Twin Lakes - 220 acres	Edgar Co., N side of Paris	March - Oct.	1 to 4	Entire lake
Pierce Lake - 162 acres	Winnebago Co., 2 mi. E of Caledonia	June - Oct.	2	Shoreline
Pittsfield Lake - 241 acres	Pike Co., 3 mi. NE of Pittsfield	July - Aug.	1 to 2-1/2	Brushy areas
Powerton Lake - 1,426 acres	Tazewell Co., SW of Pekin	Dec. - Oct.	2	Discharge in winter, intake in summer
Raccoon Lake - 970 acres	Marion Co., 1 mi NE of Centralia	June - Aug.	1-1/2	Along weed beds
Ramsey Lake - 56 acres	Fayette Co., 3 mi. N of Ramsey	June - Sept.	1-1/2 to 4	Upper ends of major coves
Randolph Co. Lake - 78 acres	Randolph Co., 5 mi. N of Chester	May - Oct.	1 to 4	Shoreline
Red Hills Lake - 40 acres	Lawrence Co., 10 mi. E of Olney	June - Sept.	1 to 3	Shoreline
Rend Lake - 18,900 acres	Franklin & Jefferson Co., 3 mi. E of Sesser	May - mid Oct.	2 to 6	Channels, flats, flooded timber
Rock River - 150 miles	Winnebago, Ogle, Lee, Whiteside & Rock	March, May-Sept.	1 to 2-1/2	Tailwaters below dams, below riffles, tributary streams, deep holes
Saganashkee Slough - 325 acres	Cook Co., W. of 107th & 104th.	July - Aug.	4 to 7	Stump fields, undercut bank
Sam Dale Lake - 194 acres	Wayne Co., 1 mi W of Johnsonville	June Sept.	2 to 4	Upper end points
Sam Parr Lake - 180 acres	Jasper Co., 2-1/2 mi. NE of Newton	May - Sept.	1 to 3	Bays & coves
Sangchris Lake - 2,165 acres	Christian Co., 14 mi. SE of Springfield	Spring to Fall	1 to 2	Shallow arms & East end
Schuy-Rush Lake - 225 acres	Schuyler Co., 2 mi. SW of Rushville	July - Aug.	1 to 5	Shallow arms & East end
Shabbona Lake - 318 acres	DeKalb Co., 2 mi. S of Shabbona	June - Oct.	2 to 12	Shoreline
Silver Lake - 550 acres	Madison Co., 1 mi N of Highland	June - Sept.	1 to 3	Shoreline & coves
Skokie Lagoons - 226 acres	Cook Co., I-94 & Willow Rd.	July & Aug.	2 to 4	Shallow bays
Smithland Pool/Ohio River - Tributaries	Hardin & Pope Cos.	April - Oct.	2 to 3	Creek channels
Spoon River - 113.4 miles	Fulton & Knox Cos.	March, June-Aug.	1 to 2	Upstream side of snags & brush piles
Spring Lake North - 578 acres	Tazewell Co., 12 mi. SW of Pekin	May - July	3	Along west levee
Spring Lake South - 610 acres	Tazewell Co., 12 mi. SW of Pekin	May - July	4	Along center levee & turnouts
Turner Lake - 35 acres	Lake Co., 2 mi. E of Spring Grove	June - Sept.	1	Shoreline
Vandalia City Lake - 660 acres	Fayette Co., 3 mi. NW of Vandalia	June - Oct.	1 to 5	Bays, along rip-rap, upper lake
Virginia City Reservoir - 18 acres	Cass Co., 1 mile N of Virginia	May - Sept.	1	Entire lake
Wabash River - 150 miles	Clark to Gallatin Cos.	June - Sept.	1 to 5	Areas of rapid water & brushpiles
Walnut Point Lake - 59 acres	Douglas Co., 5 mi. N of Oakland	June - Aug.	2	Entire lake
Washington County Lake - 248 acres	Washington Co., 7 mi. S of Nashville	May - Sept.	1 to 12	Shallow bays
Weldon Springs Lake - 29.4 acres	DeWitt Co., 2 mi. E of Clinton	May - Sept.	2	Flats at night
Wolf Lake - 391 acres	Cook Co., in Chicago	May - Sept.	1 to 2	Along weed beds & rip-rap

## Crappie (best baits - minnows, jigs, spinners)

Anderson Lake - 1,364 acres	Fulton Co., 8 mi. SW of Havana	Spring & Fall	1/2 to 3/4	Fish attractors
Banner Marsh - 1,200 acres	Peoria Co., 4 mi. NE of Banner of Rt. 24	April - May	1/3	Submerged tree tops
Beaver Dam Lake - 57 acres	Macoupin Co., 6 mi. SW of Carlinville	Spring & Fall	1/2 to 3/4	Tree tops, fish attractors
Canton Lake - 250 acres	Fulton Co., 2 mi. E of Canton	April - May	1/3	Over submerged brush
Cedar Lake - 1,750 acres	Jackson Co., 4 mi. SW of Carbondale	March - April	1/2 to 3/4	Standing timber & brush
Clinton Lake - 5,000 acres	DeWitt Co., 3 mi. E of Clinton	Spring, Fall, ice	1/2	Flooded brush & timber, rip-rap
Coffeen Lake - 1,100 acres	Montgomery Co., 1 mi W of Coffeen	Spring & Fall	1/2	Points, drop offs, submerged structures
Crab Orchard Lake - 6,965 acres	Williamson Co., Carterville	Spring & Fall	1/3	Points, drop offs, submerged structures, rip-rap, bridges
Diamond Lake - 149 acres	Lake Co., in Village of Mundelein	Spring, Fall, Winter	1/3	Edge of weed beds & deeper holes
East Fork Lake - 935 acres	Richland Co., 1 mi NE of Olney	Spring & Fall	1/3 to 3/4	Brush piles
Evergreen Lake - 925 acres	McLean Co., 10 mi. N of Bloomington	Spring	1/2	Points, brush piles
Fox Chain O'Lakes System - 7,110 acres	Lake & McHenry Cos.	Spring & Fall, ice	1/3 to 1/2	Best lakes: Channel/Catherine, Marie, Bluff, Petite. Fish channels & main lakes near weeds, brush, snags & piers, & deeper areas thru ice.
Kinkaid Lake - 2,750 acres	Jackson Co., 3 mi. NW of Murphysboro	April - May	1/2 to 1-1/2	Dead falls, weed beds
Lake Bloomington - 635 acres	McLean Co., 10 mi N of Bloomington	Spring & Fall	1/2	Points, tree tops
Lake Carlton - 77 acres	Whiteside Co., 2 mi N of Morrison	April - Sept.	1/3 to 1/2	Brush & trees
Lake Charleston - 346 acres	Coles Co., 2 miles SE of Charleston	Spring & Fall	1/2 to 1/3	Rip-rap and brush
Lake Decatur - 3,093 acres	Macon Co., in Decatur	Spring & Fall	1/2 to 1	Rock rip-rap, fallen trees, cover
Lake George - 167 acres	Rock Island Co., 5 mi. W of Andalusia	Spring & Fall	1/2	Cribs & tree tops
Lake Jacksonville - 476 acres	Morgan Co., 3 mi. S of Jacksonville	Spring & Fall	1/3 to 1/2	Stickups
Lake Lou Yaeger - 1,300 acres	Montgomery Co., 1 mi NE of Litchfield	Spring & Fall	1/2	Underwater structures & brush piles
Lake Mattoon - 1,050 acres	Shelby Co., S of Mattoon	Spring & Fall	1/2 to 3/4	Brush, drop offs
Lake Murphysboro - 145 acres	Jackson Co., 1 mi W of Murphysboro	April	3/4	Tree tops, brush, fish attractors
Lake of Egypt - 2,300 acres	Williamson/Johnson Cos., 6 mi S of Marion	Spring & Fall	1/4 to 3/4	Brush & stickups

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Lake Shelbyville - 11,100 acres	Shelby & Moultrie Cos.	Spring & Fall	1/2 to 3/4	Brush & timber, rock rip-rap, tailwaters
Lake Sule - 77 acres	Ogle Co., Rochelle	Spring & Fall	3/4	Mid. lake deep
Lake Taylorville - 1,286 acres	Christian Co., 1 mi E of Taylorville	Spring & Fall	1/3 to 1/2	Fallen trees
Lake Vermilion - 900 acres	Vermilion Co., E of Danville	Spring & Fall	1/2 to 3/4	Fallen trees around islands
Lincoln Trail Lake - 146 acres	Clark Co., 1/2 mile W of Clarksville	April-June, Oct.	1/2 to 1	Around brush
Mazonia FWA - 576 acres	Grundy /Kankakee Cos., 2 mi. W of Braceville	Spring, Fall, ice	1/2	Brush, shoreline weeds, fish attractors
Mermet Lake - 452 acres	Massac Co., 1 mi W of Mermet	Spring & Fall	1/4 to 3/4	Fish attractors & cypress trees
Mill Creek Lake - 811 acres	Clark Co., 5 mi W of Marshall	Spring & Fall	1/2 to 1	Standing timber, vegetation
Mississippi River, Pool 17	Mercer Co., Eagle Fill	April - Sept., ice	1/2	Brush piles
Mississippi River, Pool 18	Mercer Co., Boston Bay	April - Sept.	1/2	Points, brush
Mississippi River, Pool 19	Henderson Co., Burlington Island	April - Sept.	1/2	Brush piles
Pana Lake - 219 acres	Shelby Co., 2 mi. E of Pana	Spring - Fall	1/3 to 3/4	Points & fallen trees
Paris Twin Lakes - 220 acres	Edgar Co., N side of Paris	Spring & Fall	1/3 to 1/2	Rip-rap and brush
Peabody River King Pit #3				
Lakes and Ponds - 526 acres	St. Clair Co.	Spring	1/2 to 3/4	Shoreline
Pierce Lake - 162 acres	Winnebago Co., 2 mi W of Caledonia	April - Sept.	1/2	Cribs, submerged trees, brush
Raccoon Lake - 970 acres	Marion Co., 1 mi NE of Centralia	Spring & Fall	1/3	Along weed beds
Ramsey Lake - 51 acres	Fayette Co., 3 mi. N of Ramsey	Jan. - Dec.	1/3 to 1/2	Deep shorelines, fish attractors & fallen trees
Rend Lake - 18,900 acres	Franklin & Jefferson Co., 3 mi E of Sesser	Spring & Fall	1/2	Brush, timber, & fish attractors
Saganashkee Slough - 325 acres	Cook Co., W of 107th & 104th	April - Oct.	1/2 to 3/4	South shoreline
Shabbona Lake - 318 acres	DeKalb Co., 2 mi. S of Shabbona	Spring & Fall	1/3 to 1/2	Standing timber
Siloam Springs Lake - 58 acres	Adams Co., 3 mi. SW of Kellerville	April & Oct.	1/2 to 1	Brush
Skokie Lagoons - 226 acres	Cook Co., Willow Rd & I-94	April - Sept.	1/5	Bays/brush
Smithland Pool/Ohio River-Tributaries	Hardin & Pope Cos.	April - Nov.	1/2 to 3/4	Trees & brush
Spring Lake - 277 acres	McDonough Co., 1 mi N of Macomb	April - May	1/4 to 1/3	Rock rip-rap & submerged brush
Spring Lake South - 610 acres	Tazewell Co., 12 mi SW of Pekin	March - April	1/2	Duck blinds
Stephen Forbes Lake - 525 acres	Marion Co., 4 mi E & 2 mi S of Kimmundy	Spring & Fall	1/3	Weed beds & submerged tree tops
Sugar Creek Lake - 96 acres	Pope Co., 2 mi NW of Dixon Springs	April - Oct.	1/4 to 1/3	Fallen trees & stumps
Weldon Springs Lake - 29.4 acres	DeWitt Co., 2 mi E of Clinton	May, Sept., ice	1/2	Fallen trees, brush piles, old dam

## Flathead Catfish (best baits - Artificial lures/crankbaits, other live bait such as minnows, sunfish, shad, crayfish)

Carlyle Lake - 24,580 acres	Clinton, Bond, Fayette Cos., NE of Carlyle	June - Sept.	5 to 20	Rock rip-rap, channels, tailwaters
Fox River	Algonquin to Sheridan	June - Oct.	10 to 20	Deep holes
Illinois River - 54 miles	Tazewell & Peoria Cos., Peoria dam	June - Sept.	10	Channel & deep holes, tailwater, mouth of Mackinaw River
Kankakee River	Will County	June - Oct.	10 to 20	Wilmington downstream to the Des Plaines C.A.
Kaskaskia River - 36 miles	Randolph & St. Clair Cos.	May - Sept.	5	Rock rip-rap, deep holes, brush
Lake Decatur - 3,093 acres	Macon County, in Decatur	June - Sept.	2 to 30	Rock rip-rap, brush
Lake Springfield - 4,234 acres	Sangamon Co., S edge of Springfield	May - Sept.	10 to 20	Shoreline near downed trees
Mississippi River, Lock & Dam 19	Hancock Co. at Hamilton	May - Sept.	5 to 10	Tailwater, deep holes
Mississippi River, Below Lock & Dam 26	Madison Co.	June - Sept.	10 to 20	Deep holes
Ohio River	Alexander & Gallatin Cos.	May - Sept.	2 to 10	Dams & rocky areas
Rend Lake - 18,900 acres	Franklin & Jefferson Cos., 3 mi E of Sesser	June - Sept.	5 to 30	Rock rip-rap, channels
Rock River - 49 miles	Lee & Whiteside Cos.	June - Sept.	5 to 30	Deep holes
Spoon River	Fulton & Knox Cos.	June - Sept.	2 to 20	Deep holes
Wabash River - 150 miles	Clark to Gallatin Cos.	May - Sept.	2 to 10	Channel & riffle areas

## Freshwater Drum (best baits - small jigs, minnows, worms, night crawlers)

Fox Chain O'Lakes System - 7,110 acres	Lake & McHenry Cos.	May - Sept.	1	Best lakes: Fox, Pistakee. Fish shoreline near piers & seawalls.
Fox River	Kane, Kendall, and LaSalle Counties	April - Oct.	1/2 to 3	Algonquin to Ottawa, all areas
Heidecke Lake - 1,955 acres	Grundy Co., 1 mi S & 6 mi E of Morris	April - Sept.	1	Shoreline, open water, near bridge
Illinois River	Mason Co., at Havana	May - Sept.	1	Cons. Dept. Havana Fisheries Station
	Peoria, Woodford, Marshall Cos.	May - Sept.	1	Channel, rip-rap, gravel
Kankakee River - 59 miles	Will & Kankakee Cos., Des Plaines Cons. Area & Kankakee State Park	April - Sept.	1-1/2	Wilmington Dam downstream to Des Plaines C.A.'s river launch access
Lake Decatur - 3,093 acres	Macon Co., in Decatur	April - Sept.	1 to 2	Shoreline, flats
Lake Shelbyville - 11,100 acres	Shelby & Moultrie Cos.	April - Sept.	1/2 to 4	Shoreline, flats
Mississippi River, Sylvan Slough	Rock Island Co., in Moline	May - Aug.	1-1/2	
Powerton Lake - 1,426 acres	Tazewell Co., SW of Pekin	April-May, Oct.	4	Intake & discharge channels

## Largemouth Bass (best baits - plastic worms, jigs, spinners, crank baits, minnows, crayfish, worms)

Baldwin Lake - 2,018 acres	Randolph Co., 3 mi N of Baldwin	Dec. - May	2	Channels & rip-rap
Banner Marsh - 1,200 acres	Peoria Co., 4 mi NE of Banner of Rt. 24	April-May, Oct.	1-1/2	Weed beds

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## Largemouth Bass—continued

Busse Lake - 560 acres	Cook Co., S of Higgins & I 290	May - June	1 to 3	Weed beds & timber
Carlyle Lake - 24,580 acres	Clinton, Bond, Fayette Cos., NE of Carlyle	April - Oct.	2-1/2	Rip-rap, coves, flooded timber
Cedar Lake - 1,750 acres	Jackson Co., 4 mi SW of Carbondale	March - April	1 to 3	Coves & points
Clinton Lake - 5,000 acres	DeWitt Co., 3 mi E of Clinton	Spring & Fall	2	Shoreline cover, points, coves
Coffeen Lake - 1,100 acres	Montgomery Co., 1 mi W of Coffeen	Year round	2 to 5	Points, weed beds in back of coves
Crab Orchard Lake - 6,965 acres	Williamson Co., Carterville	March - Dec.	2	Brush piles, points, & rip-rap
Dawson Lake - 158 acres	McLean Co., 4 mi N of LeRoy	March - Nov.	1 to 3	Stump & weed beds, points & channel
Deep Quarry Lake - 40 acres	DuPage Co., Army Trail Rd. in Bartlett	April - Oct.	1 to 3	Drop offs, fishing pier, north shore line
East Fork Lake - 935 acres	Richland Co., 1 mi NE of Olney	April - Oct.	2 to 5	Points & weed beds
Evergreen Lake - 925 acres	McLean Co., 10 mi N of Bloomington	April - Oct.	2	Tree tops, points
Ferne Clyffe Lake - 16 acres	Johnson Co., 1/2 mi. S of Goreville	March - Nov.	1	Entire shoreline
Fox Chain O'Lakes System - 7,110 acres	Lake & McHenry Cos.	May - Sept.	1 to 2	Best lakes: Channel/Catherine, Marie, Bluff, Petite, Fox. Fish main lakes & channels in weed beds & edges, near brush, snags & piers.
Gillespie New City Lake - 207 acres	Macoupin Co., 2 mi W of Gillespie	May - June	1 to 5	Brush & weed beds
Glen Shoals Lake - 1,200 acres	Montgomery Co., 1-1/2 mi N of Hillsboro	Spring & Fall	3	Points, brush, shoreline
Greenville New City Lake - 775 acres	Bond Co., 1 mi NE of Greenville	Spring & Fall	2	Points, brush, underwater structures
Harrisburg New City Reservoir - 209 acres	Saline Co., E of Gallatia	April - Oct.	1 to 6	Shoreline cover, points & coves
Hennepin Canal - Pools 17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25	Bureau & Henry Cos., 8 mi W of Geneseo	April-May, Oct.	1 to 2	Brush piles & lily pads
Hennepin-Hopper Lake - 1,200 acres	Putnam Co., 2 mi. S of Hennepin	May	1 to 5	Brushy areas
Homer Lake - 81 acres	Champaign Co., 2 mi N of Homer	Spring & Fall	2	Around brush, weed beds, channels
Illinois River - 61 miles	Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Marshall Cos.	May - Oct.	1	
Johnson Sauk Trail - 58 acres	Henry Co., 5 mi N of Kewanee	April - Sept.	2	Weed bed edges
Kinkaid Lake - 2,750 acres	Jackson Co., 3 mi NW of Murphysboro	March - April	1 to 4	Flooded timber, points, weed beds
Lake Bloomington - 635 acres	McLean Co., 10 mi N of Bloomington	April - Oct.	2	Stickups, fallen trees, submerged stumps
Lake Carlton - 77 acres	Whiteside Co., 2 mi N of Morrison	May - Oct.	1-1/2	Shoreline in weeds & brush
Lake Centralia - 450 acres	Marion Co.	April-June, Sept.	2-1/2	Submerged tree tops & weed beds
Lake George - 167 acres	Rock Island Co., 5 mi W of Andalusia	May - June	2	Bays, points, fish attractors
Lake Jacksonville - 476 acres	Morgan Co., 3 mi. S of Jacksonville	Spring & Fall	2 to 3	Stickups, fallen trees, submerged stumps
Lake Lou Yaeger - 1,300 acres	Montgomery Co., 1 mi NE of Litchfield	April - Oct.	2 to 3	Shoreline, underwater structures
Lake Mattoon - 1,050 acres	Shelby Co., S of Mattoon	Spring	1 to 3	Coves, rip-rap
Lake Mingo - 170 acres	Vermilion Co., 4 mi N of Danville	Spring & Fall	1-1/2	Timber, points, brush piles
Lake Murphysboro - 145 acres	Jackson Co., 1 mi W of Murphysboro	March - April	1 to 3	Shoreline & points
Lake of Egypt - 2,300 acres	Williamson/Johnson Cos. 6 mi S of Marion	March - April	1 to 3	Weed beds & brush
Lake Sara - 586 acres	Effingham Co., 5 mi NW of Effingham	April - Aug.	1	Points & shallow bays
Lake Shelbyville - 11,100 acres	Shelby & Moultrie Cos.	April - Oct.	2	Flooded timber, stickups, points, bays
Lake Springfield - 4,234 acres	Sangamon Co., S edge of Springfield	Spring & Fall	1-1/2 to 2	Rip-rap, points, underwater structures
Lake Taylorville - 1,286 acres	Christian Co., SE of Taylorville	Spring & Fall	2	Downed logs & stumps
Lake Vermilion - 900 acres	Vermilion Co., in Danville	May - Oct.	2 to 4	Shoreline & bridges
LaSalle Lake - 2,035 acres	LaSalle Co.	April - Sept.	4-1/2	Entire lake
Lincoln Trail Lake - 146 acres	Clark Co., 2 mi S of Marshall	Spring & Fall	1	Around brush & edge of weed beds
Little Grassy Lake - 1,000 acres	Williamson Co., 7 mi. SE of Carbondale	Spring & Fall	1 to 5	Plants, weed edges, brush, timber
Long Lake - 56.6 acres (Kickapoo State Park)	Vermilion Co., 2 mi E of Oakwood	May - Sept.	1 to 2	Weed beds, fallen trees, shoreline
Mazonia FWA Lakes and Ponds	Grundy/Kankakee Cos., near Braidwood	Spring & Fall	1 to 4	Best lakes: #3, #7, #8, #9, Monster, Ponderosa, and remote ponds
Mermet Lake - 452 acres	Massac Co., 1 mi W of Mermet	Spring & Fall	1 to 3	Logs, stumps in timber, levee rip-rap
Mill Creek Lake - 811 acres	Clark Co., 5 mi W of Marshall	April - Oct.	2 to 4	Points & shoreline cover
Mississippi River, Pool 12	JoDaviess Co., 2 mi SE of Dubuque	May - Oct.	1-1/2	Frentress Lake
Mississippi River, Pool 13	Carroll Co., 5 mi S of Savanna	May - Oct.	1-1/2	Spring Lake
Mississippi River, Pool 18	Mercer Co., Boston Bay	May - Oct.	1-1/2	Points, brush
Mississippi River, Pool 24	Pike Co., to Cincinnati Landing	April - Oct.	1 to 3	Wing dams & backwater area
Monee Reservoir - 44 acres	Will Co., Rt. 50 near Monee	May - Sept.	2 to 4	Deep weed edges, fish attractors
Newton C.I.P.S. Lake - 1,750 acres	Jasper Co., 8 mi SW of Newton	March - Dec.	3-1/2	Points, fallen trees & stumps
North Branch Chicago River	Cook County area in Chicago	April - Oct.	1 to 3	All areas from Foster Ave. south
Pana Lake - 219 acres	Shelby Co., 2 mi. E of Pana	April - Oct.	1 to 2	Points, coves
Paris East Lake - 163 acres	Edgar Co., N edge of Paris	Spring & Fall	2	Around brush & edge of weed beds
Peabody River King				
Pit #3 Lakes & Ponds - 526 acres	St. Clair Co.	Spring	2	Shoreline
Pittsfield Lake - 241 acres	Pike Co., 3 mi. NE of Pittsfield	April & Oct.	1 to 3	Fallen trees & rip rap

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WATER AREA	LOCATION	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH
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Prairie Lake - Jim Edgar Panther Creek SF & W. Area - 210 acres	Cass Co.	April - Oct.	3 to 5	Weed beds, shoreline with flooded brush, timber
Raccoon Lake - 970 acres	Marion Co., 1 mi NE of Centralia	April-June, Sept.	2	Along weed beds
Rend Lake - 18,900 acres	Franklin & Jefferson Co., 3 mi E of Sesser	April - Oct.	1 to 3	Bays, shoreline with flooded brush, timber, rock rip-rap
Sam Dale Lake - 194 acres	Wayne Co., 1 mi W of Johnsonville	April - Oct.	2	Points & structures
Sam Parr Lake - 180 acres	Jasper Co., 2-1/2 mi NE of Newton	April - Oct.	1 to 3	Stickups & points
Sangchris Lake - 2,165 acres	Christian Co., 14 mi SE of Springfield	Spring & Fall	1 to 2	Rip-rap & underwater structures
Shabbona Lake - 318 acres	DeKalb Co., 2 mi S of Shabbona	April, Sept.-Nov.	1 to 6	Brush, stumps, weed beds
Skokie Lagoons - 226 acres	Cook Co., Willow Rd & I 94	May - Sept.	1 to 4	Fish cribs & timber
Smithland Pool/Ohio River-Tributaries	Hardin & Pope Cos.	April - Oct.	2	All areas with structure
Spring Lake - 277 acres	McDonough Co., 2 mi MW of Macomb	Spring & Fall	2 to 5	Rip-rap & fallen trees
Spring Lake North - 578 acres	Tazewell Co., 12 mi SW of Pekin	March - May	2	Aquatic weed beds
Spring Lake South - 610 acres	Tazewell Co., 12 mi SW of Pekin	April-May, Sept.	1-1/2	Edge of weed beds
Stephen Forbes Lake - 525 acres	Marion Co., 4 mi E & 2 mi S of Kinmundy	Spring & Fall	3/4 to 5+	Fallen trees, fish attractors & weed lines
Sugar Creek Lake - 96 acres	Pope Co., 2 mi NW of Dixon Springs	April - Oct.	1 to 4	Fallen trees & stumps
Turner Lake - 35 acres	Lake Co., 2 mi E of Spring Grove	May - Oct.	2	Weed lines
Walnut Point Lake - 59 acres	Douglas Co., 5 mi N of Oakland	Spring & Fall	1-1/2	Weed beds, points, fallen trees
Washington County Lake - 248 acres	Washington Co., 7 mi S of Nashville	March - June	2	Submerged trees
Weldon Springs Lake - 29.4 acres	DeWitt Co., 2 mi E of Clinton	Spring & Fall	2	Fallen trees
Wolf Lake - 391 acres	Cook Co., in Chicago	May - Sept.	1 to 3	Weed areas & S channels

## Muskellunge (best baits - minnows, jerk baits, jigs, crank baits, spoons, spinners)

Evergreen Lake - 925 acres	McLean Co., 10 mi N of Bloomington	Spring & Fall	10 to 15	Flats, points, fallen trees
Fox Chain O'Lakes System - 7,110 acres	Lake & McHenry Cos.	Spring & Fall	10 to 20	Best lakes: Channel/Catherine, Marie, Petite. Fish points, weed lines, dropoffs, channel areas.
Fox River - 98 miles	McHenry, Kane, Kendall & LaSalle Cos.	Spring & Fall	8 to 12	Creek mouths & riffle areas
Heidecke Lake - 1,955 acres	Grundy Co., 1 mi S & 6 mi E of Morris	April, June, Sept. & Oct.	6 to 15	Natural shoreline
Lake Carlton - 77 acres	Whiteside Co., 2 mi N of Morrison	April - Oct.	10 to 20	Offshore weed beds
Kinkaid Lake - 2,750 acres	Jackson Co., 3 mi NW of Murphysboro	Nov. - June	10 to 40	Weed beds & bays
Lake George - 167 acres	Rock Island Co., 5 mi W of Andalusia	Spring & Fall	10 to 20	Bays & shoreline near fallen trees
Lake Mingo - 170 acres	Vermilion Co., 4 mi. N of Danville	Spring & Fall	6	Entire lake
Lake Shelbyville - 11,100 acres	Shelby & Moultrie Cos.	Spring & Fall	5 to 30	Rock bars, gravel points, dead falls
Lake Sule - 77 acres	Ogle Co., Rochelle	April - Nov.	5 to 20	Entire lake
Mill Creek Lake - 811 acres	Clark Co., 5 mi. W of Marshall	Spring & Fall	6 to 30	Weedline, fallen trees, points
Otter Lake - 765 acres	Macoupin Co., 5 mi W of Girard	March - Nov.	10 to 40	Coves & shoreline
Pierce Lake - 162 acres	Winnebago Co., 2 mi E of Caledonia	April - Nov.	6 to 10	Entire lake
Prairie Lake - Jim Edgar Panther Creek SF & W Area - 210 acres	Cass Co.	Spring & Fall	10 to 15	Weed beds
Shabbona Lake - 318 acres	DeKalb Co., 2 mi S of Shabbona	Sept. - Oct.	10 to 40	Shallow, weedy areas
Spring Lake North - 578 acres	Tazewell Co., 12 mi SW of Pekin	June - Sept.	10 to 20	Weed beds & along east shore

## Northern Pike (best baits - minnows, jerk baits, jigs, crank baits, spoons, spinners)

Banner Marsh (Johnson Lake) - 600 acres	Peoria Co., 4 mi. NE of Banner on Rt. 24	April - Oct.	5	Flat bays
Beck Lake - 38 acres	Cook Co., Des Plaines & Central Ave.	April - Oct.	2 to 4	Deep drop offs/holes
Defiance Lake - 47 acres	McHenry Co., 3 mi. SE of McHenry	May - Sept., ice	3	Vegetated areas
Des Plaines River	Lake & Cook Counties	March - Oct.	3 to 8	Entire river
Four Lakes - 19 acres	Winnebago Co., 5 mi. NW of Rockford	May & Fall, ice	3	Along shoreline and weed edges
Fox Chain O'Lakes System - 7,110 acres	Lake & McHenry Cos.	Spring & fall, ice	3 to 5	Best lakes: Channel/Catherine, Marie, Bluff, Petite. Fish weed beds & edges.
Fox River	Kane, Kendall, LaSalle Cos.	Spring - Fall	5 to 8	Creek mouths & eddies
Hennepin- Hopper Lake - 1,200 acres	Putnam Co., 2 mi. S of Hennepin	Spring	3 to 7	Brushy areas
Lake Le-Aqua-Na - 43 acres	Stephenson Co., 3 mi. N of Lena	April & Fall	3	Weedy shoreline
Maple Lake - 55 acres	Cook Co., 1/2 mi. E of 95th & 104th	April - Oct.	2 to 4	Brush piles/drop offs
McCullom Lake - 245 acres	McHenry Co. in McHenry	Spring & fall, ice	2 to 5	Vegetated areas
Saganashkee Slough - 325 acres	Cook Co., 107th & 104th Ave.	Spring & fall	2 to 4	Stump fields
Skokie Lagoons - 226 acres	Cook Co., Willow Rd & I 94	Early spring	2 to 4	Bays, near weed beds
Spring Lake South - 610 acres	Tazewell Co., 12 mi. SW of Pekin	March - April	2 to 15	Along bluff
Sterling Lake- 73 acres	Lake Co., Rt. 173 & Rt 41	May, Sept., ice	4	Along shoreline
Tampier Lake - 121 acres	Cook Co., 131st & Wolf Rd.	April - Oct.	2 to 4	Drop offs/weed beds
Wolf Lake - 391 acres	Cook Co., in Chicago	Early Spring	3	Weedy sections of lake

## Redear Sunfish (best baits - crickets, red and wax worms, night crawlers)

Borah Lake	Richland Co., 1 mi. N of Olney	May - Oct.	1/2 to 1	Shoreline & edge of weed beds
Dawson Lake - 158 acres	McLean Co., 4 mi N of LeRoy	May - Oct.	1/3	Spawn beds & edge of weed beds
Devil's Kitchen Lake - 810 acres	Williamson Co., 8 mi. SE of Carbondale	May - June	1/4 to 1/2	Spawn beds, weed edges

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WATER AREA	LOCATION	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH
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## Redear Sunfish—continued

Dutchman Lake - 118 acres	Johnson Co., 3 mi SE of Goreville	May - June	1/4	Spawn beds
Ferne Clyffe Lake - 16 acres	Johnson Co., S of Goreville	May - June	1/3 to 1	Spawn beds
Johnson Sauk Trail Lake - 58 acres	Henry Co., 4 mi S of Annawan	June - Sept.	1/3	Entire shoreline
Jones Lake - 105 acres	Saline Co., 4 mi SW of Equality	May - June	1/3	Fish attractors
Lake Carlton - 77 acres	Whiteside Co., 2 mi N of Morrison	May - June	1/2	Spawn beds
Lake Mingo - 170 acres	Vermilion Co., 4 mi N of Danville	May - June	1/3	Spawning beds & timber
Lake Murphysboro - 145 acres	Jackson Co., 1 mi W of Murphysboro	May - June	3/4	Spawn beds
Lincoln Trail Lake - 146 acres	Clark Co., 2 mi S of Marshall	May - Sept.	3/4 to 1	Spawn beds & edge of weed beds
Mermet Lake - 452 acres	Massac Co., 1 mi W of Mermet	June	1/4 to 1/2	Spawn beds & fish attractors
Mill Creek Lake - 811 acres	Clark Co., 1/2 mi W of Clarksville	May - Sept.	1/3 to 1/2	Spawn beds, edge of weed beds & brush
Monee Reservoir - 44 acres	Will Co., Rt. 50 near Monee	May - Sept.	1/3 to 1/2	Along weed bed edges
Olson Lake - 45 acres	Winnebago Co., 2 mi W of Caledonia	May - June	1/2	Entire shore
Ramsey Lake - 56 acres	Fayette Co., 3 mi N of Ramsey	May - June	1/3 to 1/2	Spawn beds
Randolph Co. Lake - 65 acres	Randolph Co., 5 mi N of Chester	May - June	1/3	Shoreline
Red Hills Lake - 40 acres	Lawrence Co., 10 mi E of Olney	April - Oct.	1/2	Stickups & weed beds
Sam Parr Lake - 180 acres	Jasper Co., 2-1/2 mi NE of Newton	April & Oct.	1/2	Stickups & deeper bays
Siloam Springs - 58 acres	Adams Co., 3 mi. SW of Kellerville	May - June	1/3 to 1/2	North & east arms of lake
Spring Lake South - 610 acres	Tazewell Co., 12 mi. SW of Pekin	May - June	1/2	Brush & weed beds
Virginia City Reservoir - 18 acres	Cass Co., 1 mi. N of Virginia	May - June	1/3	Stickups & deep coves
Walnut Point Lake - 59 acres	Douglas Co., 5 mi. N of Oakland	May - June	1/4 to 1/2	Spawning beds
Weldon Springs Lake - 29.4 acres	DeWitt Co., 2 mi. E of Clinton	June - Sept.	1/2 to 3/4	Edge of weed beds & dropoffs

## Smallmouth Bass (best baits - minnows, night crawlers, crayfish, spinners, small crank baits)

Axehead Lake - 17 acres	Cook Co.; Touhey Av. & River Rd.	Early Spring/Fall	1 to 3	Entire lake
Belleau Lake - 12 acres	Cook Co.; I-284 & Busse Hwy	Early Spring/Fall	1 to 3	Entire lake
DuPage River	Mainstem, entire length West Branch South of Warrenville Dam	April - Oct.	1 to 2	Below riffles, deep pools
Fox River - 98 miles	McHenry, Kane, Kendall & LaSalle Cos.	April - Oct.	1	Fast flowing areas near boulders, current breaks and woody debris
Heidecke Lake - 1,955 acres	Grundy Co., 1 mi. S & 6 mi E of Morris	May - Oct.	1 to 3	Rip-rap
Iroquois River - 50 miles	Iroquois Co., Iroquois to Aroma Park	April - June	1	Deep pools near brush piles
Kankakee River - 59 miles	Will & Kankakee Cos., Des Plaines Cons. Area & Kankakee River State Park	April - Oct.	1	Fast flowing areas near boulders, current breaks and woody debris
Kishwaukee River	Winnebago & Boone Cos.	April-June, Sept.	1 to 3	Rocky ledges, below dam
Kyte River	Ogle Co., 1-1/2 mi. S of Chana	April - June	1 to 2	Pools below riffles & obstructions
Lake Michigan	Chicago	April - Sept.	1 to 3	Harbors & rip-rap along shorelines, piers, and breakwaters
LaSalle Lake - 2,035 acres	LaSalle Co.	April - Sept.	4-1/2	Entire lake
Mackinaw River - 30 miles	Woodford & Tazewell Cos.	April - May	1	Brush piles, cutoff banks, deep pools
Middle Fork Vermilion River - 50 miles	Champaign & Vermilion Cos. from Penfield to Oakwood	April - June	1 to 2	Deep pools near brush
Pierce Lake - 162 acres	Winnebago Co., 2 mi. W of Caledonia	Fall	1 to 5	Island & dam
Powerton Lake - 1,426 acres	Tazewell Co. SW of Pekin	March - April	3	Points & around current breaks
Rock River	Ogle Co., at Grand Detour	May - June	3/4	Riffles & areas of fast current, below dams, mouths of trib. streams
Shabbona Lake - 318 acres	DeKalb Co., 2 mi. S of Shabbona	Fall	1	Rip-rap along dam
Sugar River - 5 miles	Winnebago Co., 10 mi. W of S. Beloit	April - June	1	Pools behind riffles or bars
Wolf Lake - 391 acres	Cook Co., in Chicago	April - Oct.	1	Northwest section

## Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass (best baits - large minnows, spoons, spinners, crank baits, jigs, crayfish)

Baldwin Lake - 2,018 acres	Randolph Co., 3 mi N of Baldwin	Oct. - May	3 to 5	Points & discharge canal
Clinton Lake - 5,000 acres	DeWitt Co., 3 mi E of Clinton	Spring - Fall	6	Submerged bars, rip-rap, spillway area
Glenn Shoals Lake - 1,200 acres	Montgomery Co., 1-1/2 mi N of Hillsboro	Spring - Fall	1 to 15	Points & creek channels
Heidecke Lake - 1,955 acres	Grundy Co., 1 mi S & 6 mi E of Morris	April - Sept.	1 to 10	Shoreline, troll open water, N arm
Lake Bloomington - 635 acres	McLean Co., 10 mi N of Bloomington	Spring - Fall	3 to 4	Points & around island
Lake Charleston - Side Channel - 346 acres	Coles Co., 2 mi SE of Charleston	April - Sept.	1 to 15	Rip-rap, and pump station
Lake Decatur - 3,093 acres	Macon Co., in Decatur	Spring - Fall	1 to 15	Bridges, flats, dam area, Sangamon River tailwaters
Lake Mattoon - 1,050 acres	Shelby Co., S of Mattoon	Spring - Fall	1 to 3	Flats, points
LaSalle Lake - 2,035 acres (Winter-Discharge Canal)	LaSalle Co.	April - Sept.	7-1/2	Drop-offs near deep areas in lake
Ohio River	Alexander through Gallatin Cos.	Spring & Fall	3 to 10	Rocky areas & dam tailwaters
Otter Lake - 765 acres	Macoupin Co., 5 mi. W of Girard	Spring - Fall	1 to 15	Points & creek channels
Pittsfield Lake - 241 acres	Pike Co., 3 mi. NE of Pittsfield	March - Oct.	5 to 10	Troll open water near dam
Rend Lake - 18,900 acres (Spring)	Franklin & Jefferson Co., 3 mi E of Sesser	April - Oct.	1 to 10	Points, river channels, tailwater
Sangchris Lake - 2,165 acres	Christian Co., 14 mi. SE of Springfield	Oct. - April	12 to 16	Deep water points, dam area, warm water arm in winter
Shabbona Lake - 318 acres	DeKalb Co., 2 mi. S of Shabbona	Spring - Fall	3 to 11	Deep over stumps

# ILLINOIS FISHING PROSPECTS

WATER AREA	LOCATION	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH
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## Walleye, Sauger, and Saugeye (best baits - minnows, night crawlers, jigs, crank baits, spoons, spinners)

Banner Marsh - 1,200 acres	Peoria Co., 4 mi. NE of Banner of Rt. 24	Spring & Fall	2	Points & weed beds
Busse Lake - 560 acres	Cook Co., S of Higgins & I 290	June - July	1 to 2	Higgins Bridge & dam
Carlyle Lake - 24,580 acres (Sauger)	Clinton, Bond & Fayette Co., NE of Carlyle	May - Oct.	1-1/2	Rock rip-rap, around islands, tailwaters
Clinton Lake - 5,000 acres	DeWitt Co., 3 mi. E of Clinton	April - Oct.	3 to 4	Shoreline, between dam & marina, along W side, points, rip-rap
Dawson Lake - 158 acres	McLean Co., 4 mi. N of LeRoy	April - Oct	1 to 2	Points & drop-offs
Des Plaines River	Cook County	March - Oct.	1 to 4	From Lyons/Riverside to Lockport
East Fork Lake - 935 acres	Richland Co., 1 mi. NE of Olney	Spring & Fall	1 to 5	Main lake points & weed beds
Evergreen Lake (Saugeye) - 925 acres	McLean Co., 10 mi. N of Bloomington	Spring & Fall	1 to 5	Shoreline & points
Fox Chain O'Lakes System - 7,110 acres	Lake & McHenry Cos.	Spring & Fall	1 to 2	Best lakes: Marie, Channel/Catherine, Pistakee & Fox. Fish dropoffs, sand & gravel bars, islands, Rts. 12 & 173, Grass Lake Road bridges.
Fox River	Algonquin to Yorkville	Spring & Fall	1 to 3	Creek mouths, edge of deep holes
Heidecke Lake - 1,955 acres	Grundy Co., 1 mi. S & 6 mi E of Morris	April-June, Sept.	1 to 5	Shoreline, troll open water, especially north side
Illinois River - 50 miles (Walleye & Sauger)	LaSalle, Bureau, Putnam, Marshall & Peoria Cos.	Feb. - May	2	Dropoffs, sandbars, ledges, holes, wing dams, gravel, old shell beds
Kankakee River - 59 miles	Will & Kankakee Cos. Des Plaines Cons. Area & Kankakee State Park	Early Spring, mid-Summer, Fall	1 to 3	Spring-tribs, below dams; mid-summer - below bridge; fall - below dams
Kinkaid Lake - 2,750 acres	Jackson Co., 3 mi. NW of Murphysboro	Spring & Fall	2 to 5	Points & weed beds
Lake Bloomington - 635 acres	McLean Co., 10 mi. N of Bloomington	May - Oct.	3 to 4	Points in 5 to 15 feet
Lake Charleston Side Channel Lake - 346 acres	Coles Co., 2 mi. SE of Charleston	May - June	1 to 2	Flats & rip-rap
Lake Decatur - 3,093 acres	Macon Co., in Decatur	April - Nov.	1 to 6	Bridge, flats, points
Lake Shelbyville - 11,100 acres	Shelby & Moultrie Cos.	April - Oct.	1 to 10	Flooded ridges, dropoffs, flats, Kaskaskia River, tailwater
Lake Springfield - 4,234 acres	Sangamon Co., S edge of Springfield	Feb. - Oct.	1 to 4	Flats, points, hot water ditch
Mississippi River, Pools 12 to 19	JoDaviess to Hancock Cos.	March-April, Oct.	1 to 3	Below locks & dams, wing dams
Pierce Lake - 162 acres	Winnebago Co., 2 mi. W of Caledonia	April - Nov.	1 to 3-1/2	Points, island, dam
Pittsfield Lake - 241 acres	Pike Co., 3 mi. NE of Pittsfield	March - Oct.	1 to 5	Points on the west bank
Rock River - 114 miles	Winnebago, Ogle, Lee & Whiteside Cos.	Spring & Fall	1	Below dams, area where current breaks
Shabbona Lake - 318 acres	DeKalb Co., 2 mi. S of Shabbona	Spring & Fall	3 to 9	Dam, submerged road, standing-timber
Skokie Lagoons - 226 acres	Cook Co., I-94 and Willow Rd.	Spring & Fall	1 to 4	Points & timber
Sterling Lake - 73 acres	Lake Co., Rt. 173 & Rt. 44	Spring & Fall	1	Dropoffs & gravel bar
Tampier Lake - 160 acres	Cook Co., 131st & Wolf Rd.	Spring - Fall	2 to 10	Points, coves & north rip rap
Wolf Lake - 391 acres	Cook Co., in Chicago	Spring & Fall	1	Railroad bridge & rip-rap

## White Bass (best baits - minnows, small spinners, small jigs)

Carlyle Lake - 24,580 acres	Clinton, Bond & Fayette Cos.	July - Sept.	3/4	Islands, rip-rap, points, tailwater, knobs
Clinton Lake - 5,000 acres	DeWitt Co., 3 mi. E of Clinton	July - Sept.	1/2 to 1	Open water, rip-rap
Crab Orchard Lake - 6,965 acres	Williamson Co., Cartersville	May - Oct.	1/2	Points, flats, & humps
Fox Chain O'Lakes System - 7,110 acres	Lake & McHenry Cos.	Spring & Fall, ice	1/2	Best lakes: Marie, Petite, Fox, Pistakee. Fish open water, deeper thru ice.
Heidecke Lake - 1,955 acres	Grundy Co., 1 mi. S & 6 mi. E of Morris	April-May, Sept.	1/2	Shoreline & near bridge
Illinois River (Below Dams)	LaSalle Co., Starved Rock State Park & Peoria Co., Peoria Lock & Dam	May - June	3/4	Rocky shore & tailwaters (below dam)
Lake Decatur - 3,093 acres	Macon Co., in Decatur	May - Oct.	1/2 to 2	Points, bridges, flats, tailwaters
Lake Shelbyville - 11,100 acres	Shelby & Moultrie Cos.	May - Oct.	2/3	Points, flats, points, Kaskaskia River
Lake Springfield - 4,234 acres	Sangamon Co., S edge of Springfield	Jan. - April	3/4	Discharge area
LaSalle Lake - 2,035 acres	LaSalle Co.	April-May, Sept.	1/2	Open waters
Mississippi River - Pool 18 - Boston Bay	Mercer Co., New Boston	May, Aug. - Sept.	1/2 to 1	Open water where schools of shad or minnows are breaking surface
Mississippi River - Pool 24	Pike Co.	April - Oct.		Wing dams
Mississippi River - Sylvan Slough	Rock Island Co., in Moline	Spring & Fall	1/2 to 1	Hydro-dams
Newton Lake - 1,750 acres	Jasper Co., 8 mi. SW of Newton	Sept. - June	1/2 to 1 1/2	Points & flats
Powerton Lake - 1,426 acres	Tazewell Co., SW of Pekin	Feb. - March, May	3/4 to 2	Discharge & intake
Otter Lake - 765 acres	Macoupin Co., 5 mi. W of Girard	May - Oct.	1/2 to 1-1/2	Points, rip-rap, flats

# ILLINOIS FISHING PROSPECTS

FISH SPECIES	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH	BEST BAITS
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## Lake Michigan Illinois portion - 976,000 acres



COHO SALMON	Spring & Fall	2 spring, 4 fall	Troll mid-depth to surface at water temperatures from 52-59 degrees F	Night crawlers and alewives (April-May) from shore; trolling offshore (May-June), using flies, squids, plugs and spoons
BROWN TROUT	Oct. - May	4	Along shoreline and at warmwater discharges	Nightcrawlers, spawn, smelt, alewives, spoonspinners and plugs
CHINOOK SALMON	July - Oct.	7 spring, 15 fall	Trolling in 52-59 degrees F water	Trolling offshore (July-Aug.) Using flies, squids, plugs, and spoons; spawn from shore; plugs and spoons near harbor areas in Sept. - Oct.
COHO SALMON	Spring & Fall	2 spring, 4 fall	Troll mid-depth to surface at water temperatures from 52-59 degrees F	Night crawlers and alewives (April-May) from shore; trolling offshore (May-June), using flies, squids, plugs and spoons
LAKE TROUT	June - Aug.	7	Troll mid-depth to bottom at water temperatures near 50 degrees F	Spoons, plugs, flies and dodgers
RAINBOW TROUT	Spring & Fall	5	Shore (spring & fall); trolling (May-Aug.) In water 55-60 degrees F; warm water discharges (winter)	Night crawlers, spawn, alewives, flies, squids, spoons and plugs
SMALLMOUTH BASS	April - Sept.	1 to 3	Harbors & rip-rap along shorelines	Minnnows, worms, crayfish, piers, and breakwaters crank baits, and spinners
SMELT	March 1 - April 30.	1 to 2 ounces	Chicago Park District areas (check regs), piers, Illinois Beach State Park, North Point Marina, and Waukegan Power Plant	Legal small mesh gill nets, dip nets and seines
YELLOW PERCH	May - June, Aug. - Sept., ice	1/3	Harbors & rocky shorelines (summer); harbors & through ice (winter)	Red worms, minnows, crayfish, spinners and jigs; grubs and maggots in winter



## ILLINOIS ICE FISHING REGULATIONS

**A sport fishing license is required for ice fishing. The ice angler may use a maximum of three poles or tip-ups with no more than two hooks on each line. Sites with two pole and line fishing only restriction may use a maximum of two poles or tip-ups. Holes cut in the ice are limited to 12-inch diameter or less. Shelter structures are limited to portable construction of metal or wood framework, covered with canvas, paper, plastic material or similar fabric. Each shelter shall have the name and address of the owner attached, and after March 1 the shelter must be removed when not in use, and not left unattended at any time. All poles and tip-ups shall be constantly attended and kept under observation by the angler.**

## CATCHABLE TROUT PROGRAM

# Catchable



# Trout Program

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources reinstated its Catchable Trout Program in 1994. Various lakes and streams are annually stocked with catchable size (10-11 inches) trout in the spring or fall. Anglers are prohibited from taking (harvesting) trout at any of the stocking sites before the legal opening. **Spring catchable trout season opens at 5 a.m. on April 7, 2012 while fall season opens at 5 a.m. on Oct. 20, 2012.**

To legally take (harvest) rainbow and/or brown trout from any waters which receive catchable trout or hatchery stockings of trout, anglers must have a fishing license and inland trout stamp, unless they are under 16 years of age, blind or disabled, or Illinois residents on leave from the Armed Forces. A daily limit of five trout per angler is enforced.

Fishing licenses and inland trout stamps are available at sporting good stores and other vendors located near the catchable trout fishing sites, and at the IDNR's five regional offices at Sterling, Bartlett, Clinton, Alton, and Benton. This program is funded through the sale of inland trout stamps.

Individuals wanting more information about the catchable trout program can contact the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271; phone 217/782-6424, TDD 217/782-9175. **Anglers wanting more information about site regulations, access areas or boat rentals should contact individual sites and the "I Fish Illinois" website: <http://www.ifishillinois.org>.**

## FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION ACT

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources receives monies authorized by the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act of 1950 (Dingell-Johnson Act). This money is received as 75 percent reimbursement on approved projects. This Act imposed a manufacturer's excise tax on fishing rods, reels, creels, and artificial lures. The Act also protects angler's license fees by prohibiting their diversion to other than approved purposes. In 1984, the Wallop-Breaux Amendment of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (D-J) was passed and allowed for expansion of the tax base to include essentially all items of fishing tackle, electric trolling motors and "flasher" type fish finders (sonar devices), motorboat fuel taxes, and import duties on fishing tackle and boats. Again in 1990, the Fund was increased by an additional increase in the federal excise tax on gasoline, and also the deposit of the federal tax on gasoline from small non-highway engines into the fund. This Sport Fish Restoration Program is administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in partnership with the states.

Funds may be used for almost any type of sport fishery restoration, management, or enhancement project. The 1984 Wallop-Breaux Amendment mandated that each state must spend at least 10% for boat access projects, and allowed each state to use up to 10% of its apportion-

ment for aquatic resources education. The required 10% to be spent for boating improvements was increased to 12.5% in 1992, and 15.0% in 1998. The Aquatic Resources Education allowance was increased to 15.0% in 1998.



An annual apportionment of these monies is made available to each state. Forty percent of this amount is based on the state's land and water area in relation to the total land water of the U.S. Sixty percent of this amount is based on the number of paid sport fishing license holders in each state in relation to all the paid fishing license holders in the U.S.

The 2011 apportionment of Sport Fish Restoration Program monies to Illinois was \$7,195,999. This was used by the Department for fisheries management of state and public waters, fish production and stocking, federal aid coordination; for state Universities and research agencies to conduct investigations throughout the State to manage the fisheries resources in our streams, boundary rivers, impoundments, reservoirs and Lake Michigan; and for boat access improvements.

The future of sport fishing in Illinois has been greatly enhanced thanks to Dingell-Johnson/Wallop-Breaux.

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# AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

## *Invaders in our Waters!*

**Your help is needed to prevent the introduction and reduce the spread of aquatic nuisance species (ANS).**

Many nuisance species, such as the zebra mussel and Asian carp, have invaded the lakes and rivers of Illinois. These non-native species impact our native species through competition, predation and

habitat alteration. They can also impact our economy by clogging water intake pipes, disrupting fishing and impeding navigation.



## **STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™**

Prevent the transport of nuisance species.  
Clean all recreational equipment.

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### **When you leave a body of water:**

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting.
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

**And remember ...**



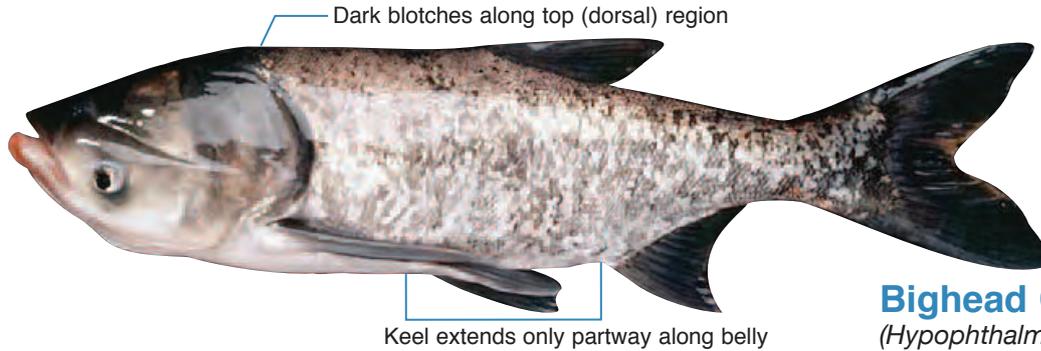
**Dispose of bait  
in the trash.**

**For more information**  
on aquatic nuisance species, contact  
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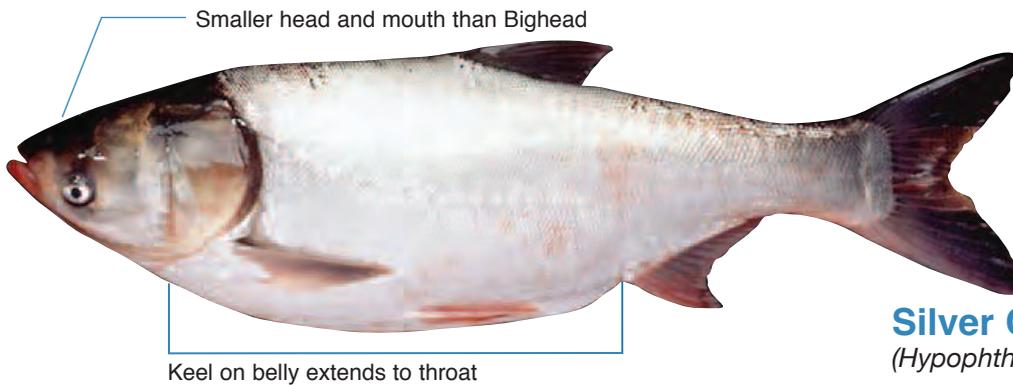
# AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

## Bighead and Silver Carp Watch

Bighead and silver carp are invasive fish spreading within the Mississippi River and Great Lakes regions causing harm to native fish and wildlife.



**Bighead Carp**  
(*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*)



**Silver Carp**  
(*Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*)

## Bighead & Silver Carp Characteristics

- Low-set eye; large upturned mouth without barbels
- Scaleless head; body scales very small
- Adults may be more than 60 lbs. in weight and 4 ft. in length
- May jump out of the water when disturbed by boat motors
- Juveniles difficult to distinguish from local baitfish species such as gizzard shad (see photos)

## What You Can Do

- Learn to identify bighead and silver carp.
- Never release live fish from one body of water into another.
- Report new sightings—note exact location; freeze specimen in a sealed plastic bag; and call the Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Program (217-333-6444), the Illinois DNR (217-785-8772), or the Indiana DNR (317-234-3883).



**Bighead Carp**  
Juvenile



**Gizzard Shad** (native)  
Juvenile



**Silver Carp**  
Juvenile



# More Places...

## For YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING

IRAP is providing more places for turkey hunters, less than 16 years of age, to hunt on private land. Tune up your turkey call!



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With a grant from the USDA Farm Service Agency, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources is coordinating this new public access program. Land will be leased from private landowners and made available to the public for specific activities. This is a win-win situation for all. The IRAP program provides land and water access to outdoor recreationalists and helps reduce landowner liability. In addition, landowners will have the opportunity for assistance with the management of their property to provide quality fish and wildlife habitat.

## Won't you join us?

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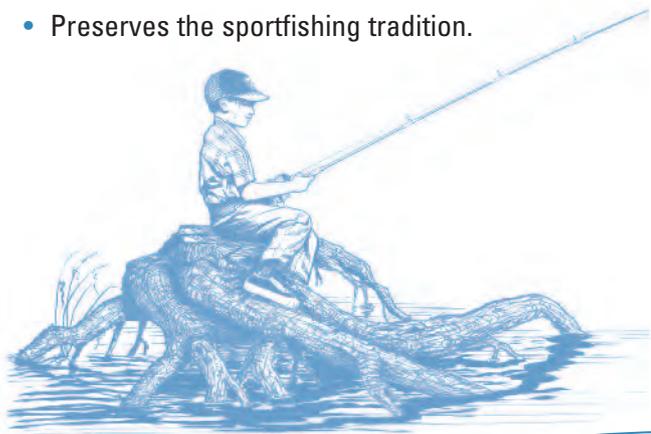
# FISHING ETHICS AND SAFETY

## Code of Angling Ethics

Ethics cannot be dictated. Angling ethics develop with time, experience and interaction with others. The following code is offered as a guideline to increase awareness and encourage discussion.

### An Ethical Angler:

- Understands fishing and boating regulations.
- Cares about aquatic and marine habitats.
- Keeps only fish they will eat, and properly releases the rest.
- Is respectful of others - anglers and non-anglers alike.
- Leaves no monofilament line or trash, even if left by others.
- Shares expertise with less experienced anglers.
- Cooperates with authorities.
- Fishes and boats safely.
- Preserves the sportfishing tradition.



## Fishing Safety Tips

- In selecting a waterfront site, be sure that the area is free from underwater hazards, clean and, if necessary, large enough to accommodate everyone in your group.
- Inspect waterfronts daily - the natural environment is subject to change without notice.
- When choosing a site for fishing, always consider safety factors. Because fishing is practiced in a variety of environments, evaluate factors specific to safety in each environment.
- Weather is always a factor. Set up a weather committee or rotate weather forecasting responsibilities. Carry a transistor National Weather Service radio.
- Always wear footwear appropriate to the conditions.
- Stay dry, warm, and protected from the elements. Wear a waterproof sunscreen with an SPF (sun protection factor) of at least 15. Wear thin layers of clothing, and progress outward to include water and wind protection as the final layer.
- Use appropriate insect protection measures, including dressing properly and using repellents.
- Keep fishing knives sharp and cover the blade when not in use.
- Handle fish carefully.
- Use safety glasses at all times when casting.
- Establish and enforce firm rules for behavior around hooks.

\*Source: Matthews, B.E. (1998). Fishing. In N.J. Dougherty IV (Ed.), *Outdoor Recreation Safety* (pp. 247 - 257), School and Community Safety Society of America.

## URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

### WHO?

For children and seniors.

### WHAT?

Conservation oriented educational fishing clinics free of charge.

### WHERE?

Clinics are held at various sites in Chicago, Rockford, Moline, Peoria, Alton, East St. Louis, Carbondale, Mt. Vernon, Springfield, Centralia, Decatur, and Urbana.

### WHEN?

Clinics are held during June, July, and August.

### WHY?

The purpose of these clinics is to teach sport fishing ethics, fish ecology, fish identification, fish techniques, and the proper care/preparation of caught fish.

### For more information call:

Chicago & Northeastern Illinois - (847) 294-4137

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Southern Illinois - (618)462-1181



# ILLINOIS FISH AND YOUR HEALTH

## A Guide to Your Health

Fish are nutritious, but some fish contain chemicals such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), chlordane and methyl mercury. These chemicals get into the water fish live in and the food they eat, and over time they can build up to levels that may cause health effects in people who eat the fish. It is important to keep exposure to these chemicals as low as possible. The Illinois fish advisory helps you plan what sport fish to eat as well as how often they can be eaten. *The fish advisory is not intended to discourage you from eating fish, but should be used as a guide to eating fish that are low in contaminants.*

## Statewide Methyl Mercury Advisory

Since 2002, the Illinois sport fish meal advice has been presented in an expanded format. Previously, advisories based on all contaminants in fish were found in one table. Due to a more restrictive approach for methyl mercury in fish, a general state-wide advisory for predator fish is needed for women of childbearing age and children. In addition, a second table lists those waters where stricter advice for methyl mercury is necessary. **This does not mean that fish have become more contaminated with methyl mercury, only that recent studies have shown that methyl mercury is more toxic than previously thought.**

## Health Benefits of Eating More Fish

Eating fish is good for you! When properly prepared, fish provide many health benefits. Many doctors suggest eating one-half pound of fish each week to help prevent heart disease. In fact, the American Heart Association recommends eating two to three fish meals per week. The benefits of eating fish include:

- Almost any kind of fish may have **real health benefits** when it replaces a high-fat source of protein in the diet. Possible health effects associated with high-fat diets include heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and several forms of cancer.
- Fish offer **high-quality protein with fewer calories** than a similar-sized portion of meat. For example, both catfish and ground beef are about 18% protein. However, an 8-ounce meal of the catfish will have only about 232 calories, while the regular ground beef will have about 640 calories.
- Freshwater and saltwater fish alike are both **low in sodium and good sources of potassium, vitamins, and other minerals.**
- Fish are generally **low in cholesterol and saturated fats**, which have been associated with high blood pressure and heart disease. Eating fish regularly may lower the levels of cholesterol and saturated fats in your body.
- Scientific research has revealed beneficial roles of certain fish oils in nutrition and general health. While the benefits of fish on nutrition are still being studied, much of the current research is focused on various kinds of beneficial fats in fish, particularly a kind called omega-3 fatty acids which are in some fish and fish oils. Some studies have indicated that these fatty acids play an important role in fetal development, and also have favorable effects on health conditions such as hardening of the arteries (atherosclerosis), high levels of cholesterol, high blood pressure, and perhaps even arthritis. Note that atherosclerosis, high blood pressure, and obesity are the three major diet-related factors which increase the risk of developing coronary heart disease the cause of nearly half of all deaths in the United States today. Also, one in five Americans has a problem with atherosclerosis or high blood pressure.

## Health Risks

Eating contaminated fish does **not** necessarily mean that you will experience health effects. The health problems that **may** result from chemicals that can build up in fish range from small changes that are hard to detect to birth defects and cancer. The most sensitive of these possible health effects are small changes in infant measurements, such as low birth weights (caused by PCBs), and small changes in the normal physical or mental development of infants and children (caused by PCBs, chlordane, and methyl mercury). Therefore, the meal advice contained in the following tables is primarily aimed at protecting mothers and their children. If you follow the guidance of the fish advisories, you will keep exposure to these chemicals low for both you and your children.

## Cleaning and Cooking

Many chemicals are found at higher levels in the fat of the fish. You can reduce the amount of these chemicals and your exposure by properly trimming, skinning and cooking your catch. **Cooking does not destroy chemicals in fish**, but heat from cooking melts some of the fat in fish and allows some of the contaminated fat to drip away. Do not use the drippings to prepare broth, sauce, chowder or soup. **These cleaning precautions will not reduce the amount of mercury in fish.** Mercury is found throughout a fish's muscle tissue (the part you eat) rather than in the fat and skin. Therefore, the only way to reduce mercury intake is to reduce the amount of contaminated fish you eat.

## Methyl Mercury

Mercury is found in the environment because of natural and human activities. When moving through the environment, mercury goes through a series of complex changes. Through these changes in lake and river sediments, an organic form of mercury, methyl mercury, is created. Methyl mercury is very persistent in the environment. Methyl mercury is transferred up the food chain to predator species, and can accumulate in people that eat these predator fish.

Methyl mercury is extremely toxic to humans and causes many adverse health effects. Health effects associated with eating methyl mercury-contaminated fish include impaired central nervous system function, kidney damage and failure, and gastro-intestinal damage with higher methyl mercury exposure, and development delays in children with lower exposure. A recent report by the National Academy of Sciences concluded that the population at highest risk for adverse health effects is the children of women who eat large amounts of fish and seafood during pregnancy. This is due to the greater sensitivity of the developing nervous system of infants.

**In order to protect the most sensitive populations, pregnant or nursing women, women of childbearing age, and children less than 15 years of age are advised to eat no more than one meal per week of predator fish.** This advisory is based on recent studies of families in several countries that eat many meals of fish having various amounts of methyl mercury, along with the most recent mercury data from predator fish at sample points throughout the state. Predator fish include all species of black bass (largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted), striped bass, white bass, hybrid striped bass, walleye, sauger, saugeye, flathead catfish, muskellunge, and northern pike. **Since women beyond childbearing age and males over 15 years of age are at less risk for the effects of methyl mercury, these groups may continue to enjoy as many meals of predator fish as they please, except as noted below.**

A few bodies of water have been found to have fish with higher levels of methyl mercury than in waters from the rest of the state. These waters require more restrictive meal advice than the general advice given above. The special advice is listed in the following table.

## Meal Advice for Eating Sport Fish From Illinois Waters

- Measure fish from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail.
- **One meal a week (52 meals per year), one meal a month (12 meals per year) and one meal every two months (six meals per year)** is advice for how long to wait before eating your next meal of sport fish.
- **Do not eat** means no one should eat those fish because of very high contamination. (Note that the amount of contamination in a fish listed on the “One meal a month” group is four times higher than the amount of contamination in a fish listed in the “One meal a week” group.)
- **One “meal”** is assumed to be one-half pound of fish (weight before cooking) for a 150-pound person. The meal advice is equally protective for larger people who eat larger meals and smaller people who eat smaller meals.
- Follow cooking and cleaning directions given above to prepare fish.

## SPECIAL MERCURY ADVISORY

**Due to levels of mercury greater than what has been found in most predator fish in Illinois, the following bodies of water require more restrictive consumption advice.**

Water	Fish Species	Advice for	
		women beyond childbearing age, males more than 15 years old	pregnant or nursing women, women of childbearing age, children less than 15 years old
Arrowhead Lake (Cook County)	Largemouth Bass (all sizes)	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Big Muddy River and Tributaries	Largemouth Bass (all sizes) Crappie (all sizes) Carp (all sizes)	1 meal/week unlimited 1 meal/week	1 meal/month 1 meal/week 1 meal/month
Campus Lake (Southern Illinois University)	Largemouth Bass (all sizes)	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Cedar Lake (Jackson County)	Largemouth Bass (larger than 12") White Crappie (all sizes)	1 meal/week unlimited	1 meal/month 1 meal/week
Devil's Kitchen Lake (Williamson County)	Largemouth Bass (all sizes) Black Crappie (all sizes)	1 meal/week 1 meal/week	1 meal/month 1 meal/month
DuPage River (Headwaters to Rt. 6)	Smallmouth Bass (larger than 15")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Evergreen Lake (McLean County)	Largemouth Bass (larger than 19")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Heidecke Lake (Grundy County)	Smallmouth Bass (larger than 18")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Kinkaid Lake (Jackson County)	Largemouth Bass (all sizes) Walleye (all sizes)	1 meal/week 1 meal/week	1 meal/month 1 meal/month
Lake Bracken (Knox County)	Largemouth Bass (larger than 17")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Lake in the Hills (McHenry County)	Largemouth Bass (larger than 15")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Lake Jacksonville (Morgan County)	Largemouth Bass (larger than 15")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Lake Renwick East (Will County)	Largemouth Bass (larger than 14")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Lake Sara (Effingham County)	Largemouth Bass (larger than 14")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Little Grassy Lake (Williamson County)	Largemouth Bass (all sizes) White & Black Crappie (all sizes)	1 meal/week unlimited	1 meal/month 1 meal/week
Little Wabash River & Tributaries	Carp (all sizes) Largemouth Bass (all sizes) Spotted Bass (all sizes) White Crappie (all sizes)	1 meal/week 1 meal/week 1 meal/week unlimited	1 meal/month 1 meal/month 1 meal/month 1 meal/week
Marquette Park Lagoon (Cook County)	Largemouth Bass (all sizes)	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Midlothian Reservoir (Cook County)	Largemouth Bass (larger than 14")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Monee Reservoir (Will County)	Largemouth Bass (all sizes)	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Mt. Olive New City Lake (Macoupin County)	Largemouth Bass (all sizes)	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Nippersink Creek (McHenry County)	Smallmouth Bass (larger than 14")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Ohio River	Largemouth Bass (all sizes) Striped Bass, Hybrid Striped Bass White Bass (all sizes)	1 meal/week 1 meal/week	1 meal/month 1 meal/month
Pana Lake (Christian County)	Largemouth Bass (larger than 16")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month
Rock River (Rockford to Milan Steel Dam)	Flathead Catfish (larger than 29") White Crappie (all sizes)	1 meal/week unlimited	1 meal/month 1 meal/week
Sam Parr Lake (Jasper County)	Largemouth Bass (larger than 12") Crappie (all sizes)	1 meal/week unlimited	1 meal/month 1 meal/week
Wabash River	Sauger (larger than 12")	1 meal/week	1 meal/month

\*These advisories were valid at the time of publication.

# CHLORDANE AND PCB ADVISORY

The following fish advisory is for eating trimmed and skinned fish (except smelt). The advice in this table has been developed to protect infants, children and women of child bearing age. The advice may be over protective for women beyond child bearing age and adult men.

Water	Fish Species	1 Meal/week	1 Meal/month	6 Meals/year	Do Not Eat
<b>BORDER WATERS</b>					
Lake Michigan (P)  Waukegan North Harbor (P) (includes Lake Michigan fish species advisories listed above with addition of.)	Chinook Salmon Coho Salmon Lake Whitefish Rainbow Trout Brown Trout Lake Trout Yellow Perch Smelt Channel Catfish Carp White Sucker Sunfish	Less than 22"  All Sizes All Sizes	Less than 36" All Sizes All Sizes Larger than 22" Less than 25" Less than 23"	Larger than 36"  Larger than 25" 23" to 27"	Larger than 27"  All Sizes All Sizes
Mississippi River (P) Entire River Entire River Except Pool 15 Pool 15 Lock and Dam 22 to Cairo	Channel Catfish Carp Carp Sturgeon	Less than 18" All Sizes	Larger than 18"  All Sizes All Sizes		
Ohio River (P)	Channel Catfish Blue Catfish Carp Drum Sauger Largemouth Bass (see special mercury advisory)	Less than 18" All Sizes Less than 22" Less than 14" All Sizes	Larger than 18"  Larger than 22" Larger than 14"		
Wabash River (P)	Carp Channel Catfish Drum White Bass	All Sizes Larger than 19" All Sizes	  All Sizes		
<b>LAKES</b>					
Busse Lake (P)	Carp Black Bullhead Channel Catfish	All Sizes All Sizes	All Sizes		
Campus Lake (P) (Southern Illinois U.)	Bluegill Largemouth Bass (see special mercury advisory)	All Sizes			
Crab Orchard Lake (P) East of Wolf Creek Road East of Wolf Creek Road East of Wolf Creek Road West of Wolf Creek Road West of Wolf Creek Road West of Wolf Creek Road	Largemouth Bass Channel Catfish Carp Largemouth Bass Channel Catfish Carp	All Sizes  All Sizes All Sizes	All Sizes All Sizes All Sizes		
Fox Chain-O-Lakes (P)	Channel Catfish Carp	18" to 26" Larger than 17"	Larger than 26"		
Frank Holten State Lakes (P)	Carp Channel Catfish	All Sizes All Sizes			
Herrin Lake #1 (P)	Carp Channel Catfish		All Sizes		All Sizes
Highland-Silver Lake (C)	Channel Catfish	Larger than 25"			
Horseshoe Lake (P) (Madison County)	Carp Channel Catfish	All Sizes Less than 23"	Larger than 23"		
Lake Bracken (P) (Knox County)	Largemouth Bass Channel Catfish Carp (see special mercury advisory)	All Sizes Less than 15"	Larger than 15" All Sizes		
Lake Calumet (P)	Largemouth Bass Carp	Less than 14"	Larger than 14" All Sizes		
Lake Decatur (P,C)	Channel Catfish Carp Flathead Catfish	All Sizes All Sizes			
Lake Depue (P)	Channel Catfish Carp White Bass		All Sizes All Sizes	Less than 24"	Larger than 24"
Lake of Egypt (P)	Carp	Larger than 23"			
Lake Taylorville (C)	Channel Catfish	Larger than 21"			
Marion City Reservoir (P)	Carp Bluegill Yellow Bullhead	Larger than 7" Larger than 9"	All Sizes		
McKinley Park Lagoon (P) (Cook County)	Carp	All Sizes			
Midlothian Reservoir (P)	Carp	Less than 20"	Larger than 20"		
Powerton Lake (P)	Channel Catfish	15" to 19"	Larger than 19"		
Raccoon Lake (P)	Carp	Less than 23"	Larger than 23"		
Saganashkee Slough (P)	Channel Catfish	Larger than 18"			
Schiller Pond (P)	Carp	All Sizes			
Sycamore Lake (P)	Channel Catfish Carp	Larger than 23" All Sizes			
Wolf Lake (P)	Channel Catfish Carp	All Sizes	All Sizes		

(C) = Listed due to Chlordane contamination

(P) = Listed due to Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) contamination

Please note that the advisory changes for Lake Taylorville channel catfish and Fox Chain O'Lakes carp have been relaxed as the sizes listed in the consumption categories have increased reflecting a decrease in PCB concentrations.

Additional information about Fish Advisories in Illinois can be found on the Illinois Dept. of Public Health website: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/factsheets/fishadv.htm>

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Water	Fish Species	1 Meal/week	1 Meal/month	6 Meals/year	Do Not Eat
<b>RIVERS</b>					
Big Muddy River (P) Rend Lake to Rt. 149	Carp	All Sizes			
Bureau Creek (P)	Carp Channel Catfish	Less than 25"	Larger than 22" Larger than 25"		
Calumet River, Cal Sag Channel, Little Calumet River (from Cal Sag Channel to the Calumet River) (P)	Black Bass Carp Sunfish Yellow Bass	All Sizes	All Sizes Less than 12" Less than 8"	Larger than 8"	Larger than 12"
Casey Fork Creek (P)	Carp Channel Catfish		All Sizes All Sizes		
Cedar Creek (Warren Co.) (P)	Carp			All Sizes	
Chicago River, North and South Branches of the Chicago River, North Shore Channel, Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal (P)	Carp Largemouth Bass Sunfish	All Sizes	All Sizes	Less than 12"	Larger than 12"
Des Plaines River (P) Rt. 120 to Hoffman Dam Hoffman Dam to Lockport Lockport to Kankakee River	Carp Channel Catfish Carp Channel Catfish Freshwater Drum Channel Catfish Carp	All Sizes	Larger than 19" All Sizes All Sizes All Sizes All Sizes	Less than 18"	Larger than 18"
Du Page River (P) Headwaters to Rt. 6 Rt. 6 to Des Plaines River	Carp Carp Channel Catfish Smallmouth Bass	All Sizes	All Sizes All Sizes All Sizes		
East Branch DuPage River (P)	Carp	All Sizes			
Elkhorn Creek (P) (Whiteside Co.)	Channel Catfish	Larger than 16"			
Fox River (P) Above I-90 I-90 to Dayton Dam Below Dayton Dam	Channel Catfish Carp Channel Catfish Carp Drum Channel Catfish Carp	Larger than 15" Larger than 15" All Sizes Less than 15" All Sizes Less than 15"	Larger than 15" All Sizes Larger than 15"		
Galena River (P)	Channel Catfish Carp	Less than 20"	All Sizes 20" to 24"		Larger than 24"
Illinois River (P) Headwaters to Marseilles Starved Rock Peoria Pool Peoria to Mississippi River	White Bass Channel Catfish Carp Smallmouth Bass White Bass Channel Catfish Carp Largemouth Bass Channel Catfish Carp Carp (includes Bighead & Silver Carp) Channel Catfish	All Sizes Less than 12" All Sizes Larger than 16"	All Sizes All Sizes All Sizes All Sizes 12" to 16" All Sizes	All Sizes 16" to 18"	All Sizes Larger than 18"
Indian Camp Creek (P) (Pulaski County)	Carp	Larger than 19"			
Kankakee River (P) Kankakee Dam to Wilmington Dam Wilmington Dam to Illinois River	Carp Carp	All Sizes	All Sizes		
Kaskaskia River (P) (above Lake Shelbyville)	Carp	Larger than 18"			
Kickapoo Creek (P) (Ill. R. Near Peoria)	Carp Channel Catfish	Larger than 17" Less than 17"	Larger than 17"		
Kishwaukee River (P)	Carp Channel Catfish	Less than 26" Larger than 18"	Larger than 26"		
Kishwaukee River So. Branch (P)	Carp		All Sizes		
Lake Fork Creek (P)	Carp	All Sizes			
Mackinaw River (P)	Carp	Larger than 17"			
Mazon River (P)	Carp Channel Catfish	All Sizes All Sizes			
Nippersink Creek (McHenry Co) (P)	Channel Catfish Carp	All Sizes All Sizes			
Pecatonica River (P)	Carp	Larger than 21"			
Rock River (P) State line to Fordam dam Rockford to Milan Steel dam Milan Steel Dam to Mississippi River	Carp Channel Catfish Carp Channel Catfish Flathead Catfish Carp Channel Catfish White Bass	Less than 23" Larger than 16" Larger than 16" Larger than 20" All Sizes All Sizes	Larger than 23" All Sizes All Sizes		
Salt Creek (P) (Des Plaines River Basin)	Carp		Less than 24"	Larger than 24"	
Sangamon River (P) (Lake Decatur to Roby) (Lake Decatur to IL River)	Carp Channel Catfish	Less than 21"	All Sizes Larger than 21"		
Skillet Fork Creek (P)	Carp	Larger than 21"			
Spring Creek (Sangamon County)(P)	Carp	All Sizes			
Sugar River (P) (Rock River Basin)	Carp	Larger than 18"			

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## ANGLER CREEL SURVEYS

### Regular Creel Surveys



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of creel surveys on different lakes and rivers each year. Anglers encountering creel clerks should make every effort to cooperate and provide the information requested by the creel clerk.

### Special Mail-In Muskie Creel Survey

The Department of Natural Resources and the Illini Muskie Alliance are co-sponsoring a mail-in Muskie Creel Survey for anglers catching any size muskie. Successful anglers should complete one of the postage-paid mail-in cards as soon as possible following the catch. Mail-in cards are available at the site office, concession stand, at most local bait and tackle stores, or by contacting any Department of Natural Resources office. Anglers can also report their muskie catch at the following web address: [www.dnr.state.il.us/fish/muskiecard.htm](http://www.dnr.state.il.us/fish/muskiecard.htm)



## Natural Shorelines are Good for Fishing

By keeping shorelines natural, you can help protect water quality and improve fish habitat. A shoreline without trees and shrubs can get washed away, making the water muddy and unsuitable for fish. If you live near a lake or river, plant a buffer strip along the water's edge using tree, shrubs, wildflowers or other native plants. Trees and other vegetation filter pollution and provide shade, shelter, habitat, and food critical for bass, trout, and other fish to thrive and reproduce. Keep your favorite fishing spots well vegetated! For more tips and information, visit <http://water.epa.gov/type/lakes/index.cfm>



# PLACES TO FISH

BODY OF WATER	Acres	Boat Fishing	Boat Rental	Ramps	Water Skiing	Motors*	Swimming	Camp/Picnic	Special Regs.	LM Bass	SM Bass	Bluegill	Crappie	Sunfish	Catfish	Bullhead	Carp	Yellow Perch	White Bass	Striped Bass	Northern Pike	Walleye/Sauger	Yellow Bass	Hybrid Stripper	Trout	Muskellunge	Salmon	Warmouth	Smelt	Tiger Muskie	
Anderson Lake, Fulton Co.	1,364	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X													
Argyle Lake, McDonough Co.	95	X	X	X		10	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X								X	
Baldwin Lake, Randolph Co.	2,018	X		X		50	P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X							
Banner Marsh, Peoria Co.	1,200	X	X			25	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X								
Baumann Lake, Winnebago Co.	26						P	X	X		X	X	X	X																	
Beall Woods Lake, Wabash Co.	14	X		X		0	X	X	X		X	X	X	X												X					
Beaver Dam, Macoupin Co.	57	X	X	X		E	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X										X						
Beck Lake, Cook Co.	38	X	X	E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X								
Braidwood Lake, Will Co.	2,308	X	X			X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X														
Busse Lake, Cook Co.	590	X	X	X		E	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X								
Carlyle Lake, Clinton, Fayette & Bond Cos.	24,580	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X							
Cedar Lake, Jackson Co.	1,750	X		X		10	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X								
Citizen's Lake, Warren Co.	27	X		X		E	X	X	X		X	X	X	X																	
Clinton Lake, DeWitt Co.	5,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X							X	
Coffeen Lake, Montgomery Co.	1,100	X		X		25	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
Crab Orchard Lake, Williamson Co.	7,000	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X							X	X			X			
Crab Orchard Visitor Pond, Williamson Co. (walk-in only, no boats)	40							X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X												
Dawson Lake, McLean Co.	150	X	X	X		NW	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X								
Deep Quarry Lake, DuPage Co.	40	X				E		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X			X					
Defiance Lake, McHenry Co.	47	X	X			E	P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X									
Des Plaines River								X			X		X	X	X								X								
Devil's Kitchen Lake, Williamson Co.	810	X	X	X		10	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X					X	X						
Dolan Lake, Hamilton Co.	71	X	X	X		10	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X								
DuPage River										X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X									
East Fork Lake, Richland Co.	935	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X									
Evergreen Lake, McLean Co.	925	X	X	X		10	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X									
Ferne Clyffe Lake, Johnson Co.	16					0	X	X	X		X	X	X	X																	
Fox Chain O'Lakes, Lake/McHenry	7,110	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X				
Forbes Lake, Marion Co.	525	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X						X	
Four Lakes, Winnebago Co.	19						P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X									
Fox River		X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X		X					
Frank Holten Lakes, St.Clair Co.	180	X	X	X		10	P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X			X					
Gebhard Woods Ponds, Grundy Co.	3							X	X	X	X		X		X											X					
Gladstone Lake, Henderson Co.	27	X		X		0	X	X	X		X		X	X	X																
Glenn Shoals Lake, Montgomery Co.	1,200	X	X	X		X	P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X							X	
Governor Bond Lake, Bond Co.	775	X		X		120	P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
Heidecke Lake, Grundy Co.	1,955	X	X	X		X	P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X					
Hennepin Canal, Bureau Co.	-	X		X		A	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X							
Herrick Lake, DuPage Co.	19		X					X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
Horseshoe Lake, Alexander Co.	1,890	X	X	X		10	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X								
Horseshoe Lake, Madison Co.	2,430	X		X		50	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
I&M Canal, Will/Grundy/LaSalle Co.	-	X				E	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X								X						
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State F&W Area, Gridley Lake, Cass Co.	25	X		X		NW	P	X	X		X		X	X																	
Prairie Lake, Cass Co.	210	X	X	X		NW	X	X	X		X		X	X													X				
Drake Lake, Cass Co.	35	X		X		E	P	X	X		X		X	X																	
Johnson Sauk Lake, Henry Co.	58	X	X	X		0	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X									
Jones Lake, Saline Co.	105	X	X	X		10	X	X	X		X	X	X	X																	
Kankakee River		X		X		X		X		X				X		X							X	X							
Kickapoo Lakes, Vermilion Co.	184	X	X	X		E	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X				X					
Kinkaid Lake, Jackson Co.	2,750	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X								
Lake Bloomington, McLean Co.	635	X	X	X	X	40	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X						
Lake Carlton, Whiteside Co.	77	X	X	X		10	X	X	X		X	X	X	X									X								
Lake Chatauqua, Mason Co.	1,200	X	X	X		NW	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
Lake Decatur, Macon Co.	3,093	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X						
Lake George, Rock Island Co.	167	X	X	X		0	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X				X				
Lake Le-Aqua-Na, Stephenson Co.	43	X	X	X		0	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X									
Lake of Egypt, Johnson Co.	2,400	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X							
Lake Mattoon, Shelby/Cumberland	1,050	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X	X						
Lake Michigan, Cook/Lake Cos.	976,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X								X	X								X	X	X			
Lake Milliken, Will Co.	26						P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X			X						
Lake Shelbyville, Shelby/Moultrie	11,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X		X					
Lake Springfield, Sangamon Co.	4,234	X		X	X	X	P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X							X	
Lake Storey, Knox Co.	133	X	X	X		E	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X			X					
Lake Sule (seasonal) Ogle Co.	77	X	X	X			P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X			X					
Lake Taylorville, Christian Co.	1286	X			X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X								

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Lake Victoria, Winnebago Co.	16.5	X	X					P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X												
LaSalle Lake, LaSalle Co.	2,050	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X									
Levings Lake, Winnebago Co.	25.5	X			0	X	P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X												
Lincoln Trail Lake, Clark Co.	146	X	X	X	10		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X						X					
Little Grassy Lake, Williamson Co.	1,000	X	X	X	10	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X										
Lou Yaeger Lake, Montgomery Co.	1268	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										X				
Lyerla Lake, Union Co.	260	X	X		10				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										X					
Mallard Lake, DuPage Co.	89								X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X											
Maple Lake, Cook Co.	55	X	X			E	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X												
Maple Lake, DuPage Co.	32								X		X	X		X																			
Marshall County Lake, Marshall Co.	2,557	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X											
Mautino State Fish & Wildlife Area, Bureau Co.	74.2	X	X		E		P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Mazonia Lakes, Grundy/Kankakee Cos.	576	X	X		B		P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X												
McCullom Lake, McHenry Co.	245	X	X		7.5	X	P	X	X		X		X								X												
McMaster Lake, Knox Co.	142	X	X		10		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X						X					
Mermet Lake, Massac Co.	452	X	X	X	NW		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Mill Creek Lake, Clark Co.	811	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										X					
Murphysboro Lake, Jackson Co.	144	X	X	X	10	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Newton Lake, Jasper Co.	1,750	X	X		25		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
North Branch Chicago River - Cook Co.									X							X	X							X									
Olson Lake, Winnebago Co.	45	X			0	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X												
Otter Lake, Macoupin Co.	765	X	X	X	115		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X					
Peabody River King Pit #3 Lakes and Ponds, St.Clair Co.	526	X	X		10		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X				
Pierce Lake, Winnebago Co.	162	X	X	X	NW		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X						X						
Powerton Lake, Tazewell Co.	1,426	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X										
Pyramid Lakes, Perry Co.	135	X	X		10		X	X	X	X	X		X	X																			
Ramsey Lake, Fayette Co.	47	X	X	X	0		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Randolph County Lake, Randolph Co.	65	X	X	X	10	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X											
Red Hills Lake, Lawrence Co.	40	X	X	X	E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Rend Lake, Franklin/Jefferson Cos.	18,900	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X				X					
Rice Lake, DuPage Co.	36								X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Rice Lake, Fulton Co.	1,383	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X									
Saganashkee Slough, Cook Co.	325	X	X		E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X										
Sam Dale Lake, Wayne Co.	194	X	X	X	10	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Sam Parr Lake, Jasper Co.	180	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Sand Lake, Lake Co.	18						X	X	X		X		X		X																		
Sanganois Lakes, Cass Co.	1,550	X	X		10		P	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X							X					
Sangchris Lake, Christian Co.	2,165	X	X		25		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X												
Shabbona Lake, DeKalb Co.	319	X	X	X	10		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X		X		X					
Siloam Springs Lake, Adams Co.	58	X	X	X	0		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										X					
Silver Lake, DuPage Co.	62	X	X	X	E			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X					X						
Silver Springs Lakes, Kendall Co.	21	X	X	X	0		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X										X					
Skokie Lagoons, Cook Co.	190	X	X		E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X											
Spring Creek Reservoir, DuPage Co.	49								X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Spring Lake (North), Tazewell Co.	578	X	X	X	25		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X			X						
Spring Lake (South), Tazewell Co.	610	X	X	X	25		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X		X										
Tampier Lake, Cook Co.	160	X	X	X	E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X								
Ten Mile Creek Lake, Jefferson/Hamilton Cos.	200	X	X		10			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Turner Lake, Lake Co.	35	X			0		X	X	X		X		X		X		X				X												
Walnut Point Lake, Douglas Co.	59	X	X	X	E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Wampum Lake, Cook Co.	35						X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X												
Washington County Lake, Washington Co.	247	X	X	X	10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X								X			
Weldon Springs Lake, Dewitt Co.	29	X	X	X	E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X															
Wolf Lake, Cook Co.	391	X	X	X	NW		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X									X		
Woodford County Conservation Area Lakes, Woodford Co.	2,790	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
Wildlife Prairie State Park, Peoria Co.	37	X				E		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X									X						

**SPECIAL REGULATIONS:** Those lakes marked with an (X) in the Special Regulations column above have regulations which differ from the statewide regulations. Please check the Site Specific Regulations section of this publication or as posted at each lake where applicable. All regulations and activities are subject to change.

\*10 = 10 h.p. limit; X=no h.p. limit; 0=no outboard motors allowed; E=electric trolling motors only. A=10 h.p. limit except from Lock 24 west to Rt. 82 bridge. E= Electric motors only except for Monster, Eagle, & Ponderosa Lakes where outboards are allowed. NW= motors of any size are allowed - 10 h.p. and under may operate at full speed while motors larger than 10 h.p. must operate at no wake, idle speed. P= Picnic Area Only

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# REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS FOR VIOLATIONS



## POINT SYSTEM

On July 6, 2004 several changes to the point system for license revocations/privilege suspensions went into effect. The changes are indicated in the shaded areas, and apply to violations occurring on or after July 6, 2004.

APPLICATION WITHIN ACTS	POINTS	GROUPS
<p>The point system applies to revocations/suspensions authorized under the following conservation laws:</p> <p>Fish and Aquatic Life Code (515 ILCS 5)                      Wildlife Code (520 ILCS 5)                      Endangered Species Protection Act (520 ILCS 10)                      Timber Buyers Licensing Act (225 ILCS 735)                      Ginseng Harvesting Act (525 ILCS 20)                      or any similar federal statutes or rules.</p>	<p>Each time a person is found guilty by a circuit court of the State of Illinois (including supervision or conditional discharge) or by a U.S. District Court in an Illinois District, the specific number of points assigned to such violation shall be charged against that person.</p> <p>Petty Offense = 3 points                      Class C Misdemeanor = 6 points                      Class B Misdemeanor = 9 points                      Class A Misdemeanor = 12 points                      Class 4 Felony = 24 points                      Class 3 Felony or higher = 60 points                      Any violation committed during a period of suspension = 60 points.</p>	<p><u>Group A</u>                      Wildlife Code, Endangered Species Protection Act (Wildlife) and Federal Offenses (Wildlife)</p> <p><u>Group B</u>                      Fish and Aquatic Life Code, Endangered Species Protection Act (Aquatic Life) and Federal Offenses (Aquatic Life)</p> <p><u>Group C</u>                      Timber Buyers Licensing Act</p> <p><u>Group D</u>                      Ginseng Harvesting Act, Endangered Species Protection Act (Plants) and Federal Offenses (Plants)</p>

## TYPES OF OFFENSES

Type I Offenses = those offenses related to commercial/business activities covered under the Timber Buyer, Taxidermist, Aquaculture, Fish Dealer, Minnow Dealer, Mussel Dealer, Game and Game Bird Breeder, Wild Game Food Dealer, Fur Bearing Animal Breeder, Fur Tanner or Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Area licenses and permits

Type II Offenses = All other offenses related to activities covered under licenses and permits. (Example: hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.)

## COMPUTATION OF SUSPENSION PERIODS

For Type I Offenses, any person who, within an 18 month period, accumulates 13 or more points in a single group shall have all licenses, permits and stamps relevant to engage in the activity revoked, and the person's privilege to engage in the activity shall be suspended for a period of time that equals one month for each point accumulated. All accumulated points shall remain in effect for 18 months from the date of arrest that resulted in the point accumulation and shall not be removed or reduced by a period of suspension. Any second or subsequent suspension imposed shall be served consecutively to any earlier suspension.

For Type II Offenses, any person who, within a 36 month period accumulates 13 or more points in a single group shall have all licenses, permits and stamps relevant to that type and group revoked, and the person's privilege to engage in the activity covered by the type and group shall be suspended for a period of time that equals one month for each point accumulated. All accumulated points shall remain in effect for 36 months from the date of arrest that resulted in the point accumulation and shall not be removed or reduced by a period of suspension. Any second or subsequent suspension imposed shall be served consecutively to any earlier suspension.

## SINGLE INCIDENT RULE

The Single Incident Rule shall not be applied in any cases where the highest level violation is a Class A Misdemeanor or higher (12 points or greater) or in cases where violations occurred while the individual was suspended.

In the event that multiple findings of guilt are entered against an individual arising out of a single incident or act, full points shall be assessed only for the finding of guilt with the highest point level with additional points being assessed for the remaining findings of guilt as follows:

Petty Offense = 1 point  
 Class C Misdemeanor = 2 points  
 Class B Misdemeanor = 3 points

# NEW POINT SYSTEM FOR REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS CONTD.

## EXAMPLES:

**A) Type I - Findings of Guilt for Separate Incidents:** A person found guilty of violations of no taxidermy license and failure to keep proper records (both Class B Misdemeanors, 9 points each) occurring on different dates is assessed the full 18 points, and revocation of taxidermy license and suspension of taxidermy privileges only is imposed for a period of 18 months.

**B) Type I - Findings of Guilt for a Single Incident:** A person found guilty of the same violations as A) above (2 Class B Misdemeanors) arising out of a single incident has no revocation/suspension imposed, with 12 points assessed (9+3).

**C) Type II - Findings of Guilt for Separate Incidents:** A person found guilty of unlawful possession of freshly killed whitetail deer during closed season (Class A Misdemeanor - 12 points) and taking an over limit of quail (Petty Offense - 3 points) has his/her hunting license, trapping license, migratory waterfowl stamp, habitat stamp, deer/turkey permits, etc. revoked, and Type II privileges suspended in Group A for a period of 15 months.

### D) Type II - Findings of Guilt for a Single Incident

1) A person found guilty of violations of taking game birds with a rifle and no hunting license (Class A Misdemeanor and Petty Offense) arising out of a single incident is assessed 15 points and suspension imposed as described in C) above. **The Single Incident Rule does not apply to cases where the highest level violation is a Class A Misdemeanor or higher.**

2) A person found guilty of violations of taking deer without a permit and no hunting license (Class B Misdemeanor and Petty Offense) arising out of a single incident has no revocation/suspension imposed, with 10 points assessed (9 + 1).

### E) Imposition of Subsequent Suspensions

1) The person in C) above completes the 15 month suspension, and two months later (less than 36 months from the date of the first violation) again unlawfully possesses a freshly killed whitetail deer during closed season and is found guilty (12 points). This person's licenses are again revoked and privileges suspended for a period of 27 months (15 + 12).

2) The person in C) above is found guilty of a violation under the Wildlife Code that occurred during the time that his/her privileges were suspended - 60 additional points are assessed and a second suspension is imposed, to run consecutively after the first suspension (15 + 60 = 75 months total).

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

The Department of Natural Resources may also hold an administrative hearing to revoke licenses/suspend privileges in certain egregious cases, wherein a person has had a finding of guilt (including supervision or conditional discharge) in a circuit court of the State of Illinois or by a U.S. District Court in an Illinois District, regardless of whether or not sufficient points for suspension have been reached.

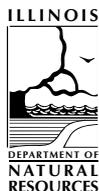
In addition, the Illinois Fish and Aquatic Life Code and Wildlife Code provisions regarding the revocation of licenses/permits and suspension of privileges also include the following: Any person whose license or permit has been revoked or his/her privileges suspended may not, during the period of revocation/suspension 1) be in the company of any person engaged in the activity covered by the revocation/suspension, or; 2) serve as a guide, outfitter or facilitator for any person who is engaged or prepared to engage in the activity covered by the revocation/suspension, until such time as the period of revocation/suspension is completed and the appropriate licenses/permits have been obtained.

## REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS IN OTHER STATES AND CANADA

It shall be unlawful for any person to be issued or obtain an Illinois license or permit or while in Illinois, engaged in any activity regulated by the Illinois Fish and Aquatic Life Code or Wildlife Code during the time that person's privileges to engage in the same or similar activities are suspended or revoked by another state, by a federal agency or by a province of Canada.

## PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS/DENIAL OF PRIVILEGE

Persons who violate the prohibitions of their revocation/suspension/denial of privileges shall be guilty of a Class A Misdemeanor with penalties of up to 364 days jail time and up to \$2500.00 in fines.



For more information, contact the Department of Natural Resources - Office of Law Enforcement at (217) 782-6431, or visit [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov)

# BOUNDARY RIVERS SPORT FISHING

## Illinois-Iowa

Officers of Illinois and Iowa will recognize and accept valid sport fishing licenses of either state when legally possessed and used by hook-and-line anglers on the Mississippi River proper forming a common boundary between Illinois and Iowa, including its backwater lakes and sloughs **contiguous with the flow of waters in the main channel; provided that you do not fish from or attach any device or equipment to the main bank of the Mississippi under the jurisdiction of the state where you are not licensed to fish.** You can not fish in any tributaries of the opposite state. You must conform to the regulations of the state in which you are fishing unless the regulations of your licensing state are more restrictive, then you must conform with the more restrictive regulations. The center of the navigation channel is the boundary between Illinois and Iowa. **Tournaments fishing Iowa waters must have Iowa tournament permits, even if launching from the Illinois side of the river.**

## Illinois-Missouri

Officers of Illinois and Missouri will recognize and accept valid sport fishing licenses of either state when legally possessed and used in the Mississippi River and its backwaters within the boundary of Missouri adjacent to the state of Illinois. **Persons licensed in only one state may also fish in the other state's portion of any oxbow lakes through which the Illinois-Missouri boundary passes, and may fish from or attach any device or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of the other state.** Persons licensed in only one state may not fish in tributaries of the Mississippi in the other state. Anglers shall comply with the regulations of the state in whose waters they are fishing unless the regulations of their licensing state are more restrictive, then must comply with the more restrictive regulations. The center of the navigation channel is considered the boundary between Illinois and Missouri, except in situations where it is clearly shown to be elsewhere.

## Illinois-Kentucky

Each state will recognize the sport fishing licenses and appropriate permits of the other state on the main stem and from the banks of the Ohio River, excluding embayments and tributaries where the Ohio River forms the state boundary. Embayments and tributaries shall be defined as a straight line between opposite points where the tributary or embayment connects with the main body of the Ohio River.

The fishing regulations adopted by the state issuing a sport fishing license apply to the licenses when fishing each state's respective waters, except that, all fishermen shall conform with the regulations of the state in which they are fishing, unless the regulations of the fishermen's licensing state are more restrictive, then the fishermen must conform with the more restrictive regulations. The regulations of the state where the sport fishing is occurring apply, if the licensee is fishing from the bank.

Wildlife law enforcement officials of either state shall have the right to inspect the licenses, harvest limits, creel limits, and equipment of any person on the Ohio River subject to the laws of either state.

Officers of Illinois and Kentucky will recognize and accept valid sport fishing licenses of either state when legally possessed and used on the main stem of the Ohio River, **excluding embayments and tributaries.**

## Illinois-Indiana

Officers of Illinois and Indiana will recognize and accept valid sport fishing licenses of either state when legally possessed and used on the Wabash River forming a common boundary between Illinois and Indiana. **Anglers shall not fish on water beyond the natural and ordinary river banks of the state in which they are not licensed to fish. Anglers shall not fish from land attached to or taxed by the state in which they are not licensed or fish in tributaries, bayous, or backwaters of the state. Anglers must abide by the laws of the state in which they are fishing.**

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## Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia

**Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS)** is a disease of fish caused by a virus previously unidentified in the Midwest. While it does not affect humans, VHS can kill a substantial number of fish and has been spreading throughout the Great Lakes.

The new regulations we are implementing are immediate and appropriate steps in trying to slow the spread of this dangerous aquatic virus in Illinois. Sport fishing and boating are both very popular and important to the Illinois economy. The cooperation of anglers and boaters is essential in combating VHS.

The new regulations being implemented by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) regarding VHS that affect **recreational anglers and boaters** include:

- Eliminating natural water from all equipment when leaving a body of water.
- Emptying and draining all bait buckets, livewells, baitwells, bilges, etc. or any other compartment capable of holding natural waters when leaving a body of water.
- Do not remove live VHS-susceptible species (see below) from any waters. Anglers may catch and keep VHS-susceptible species, but may not transport those fish live from the waters where caught.
- Use of wild-trapped fishes from within the state as bait will be restricted to the waters where legally captured.

Black crappie

Bluegill

Bluntnose minnow

Brown bullhead

Brown trout

Burbot

Channel catfish

Chinook salmon

Emerald shiner

Freshwater drum

Gizzard shad

Hybrid (Tiger) muskie

Lake whitefish

Largemouth bass

Muskellunge

Shorthead redhorse

Northern Pike

Pumpkinseed

Rainbow trout

Rock bass

Round goby

Silver redhorse

Smallmouth bass

Spottail shiner

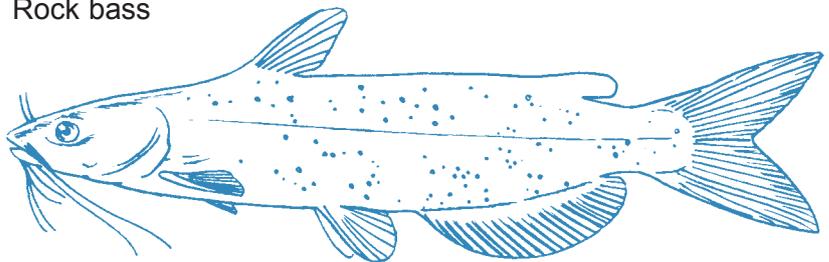
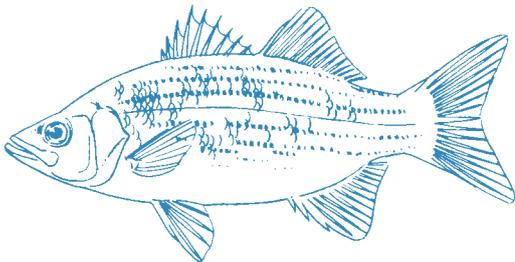
Trout-Perch

Walleye

White bass

White perch

Yellow perch



While VHS is not known to be a threat to human health, anglers are still advised to wash their hands after handling fish and to cook thoroughly any fish they plan to eat. If handling dead fish or fish that appear to be diseased, protective gloves should be worn. For more information on VHS and the new Illinois regulations aimed at slowing the spread of the virus in Illinois, check the IDNR web site at <http://dnr.state.il.us>

## LEAD TACKLE ADVISORY

The tackle industry, recognizing a growing awareness and concern about lead in the environment, has begun to create steel, tin, bismuth, or plastic sinkers. Consider using non-lead tackle when you go fishing.



### ***Here's what you can do to help:***

- Ask local sporting good stores to stock non-lead fishing tackle.
- Spread the word by telling other anglers about the problem.
- Dispose of old lead sinkers and jigs properly by locating a drop-off location.

## MONOFILAMENT ADVISORY

# Monofilament Can Kill

*if not used or disposed of properly!*

The Illinois DNR would like to remind all anglers that the improper use and disposal of fishing line (a.k.a. monofilament) can have a dramatic impact on our wildlife. In addition to being an eye-sore along our waterways, many shore birds, migratory birds, waterfowl, and raptors have become entangled in monofilament and died.

### **HOW ANIMALS COME IN CONTACT WITH MONOFILAMENT**

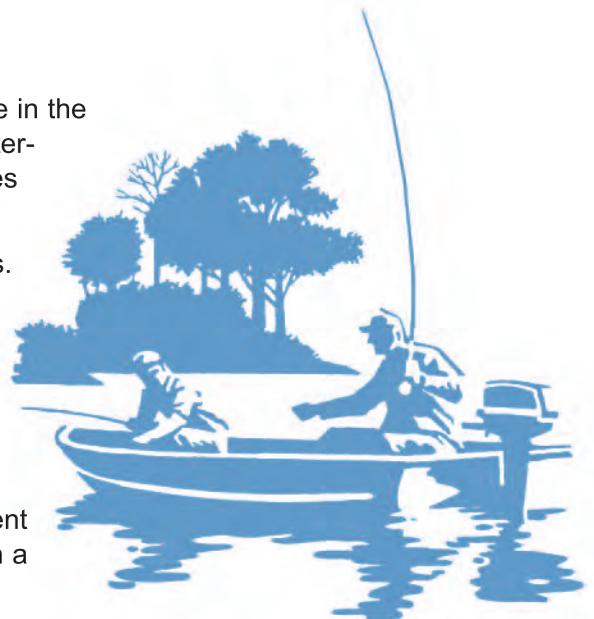
There are a variety of ways animals encounter monofilament. Shore birds and waterfowl have been entangled in the litter while wading or swimming. Raptors and fish-eating waterfowl have ingested hooks and monofilament from fish that broke the line. Some migratory birds have used it as nesting material.

Starvation is the most common demise for animals encountering monofilament. The line wraps around the neck or accumulates in the stomach, preventing the ingestion of food. It can also immobilize the animals by wrapping around the legs, or securing them to stationary objects.

### **HELP FROM ANGLERS**

Help from all anglers is needed to reduce the amount of fishing line in the environment. By using common knowledge and respecting our waterways, we can all help to reduce the risk of wildlife related mortalities due to monofilament.

- Properly dispose of unused monofilament in trash containers.
- Use the appropriate test line for the desired fish and fishing technique.
- Replace monofilament yearly. Replacing your monofilament annually can reduce the chance of breaking the line.
- Take the initiative while enjoying Illinois' waters. Help keep Illinois' waterways clean by picking-up discarded monofilament and tackle along the shores. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.



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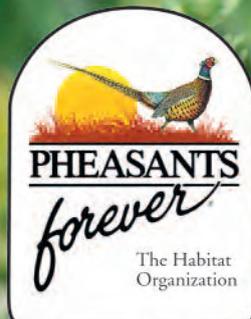
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