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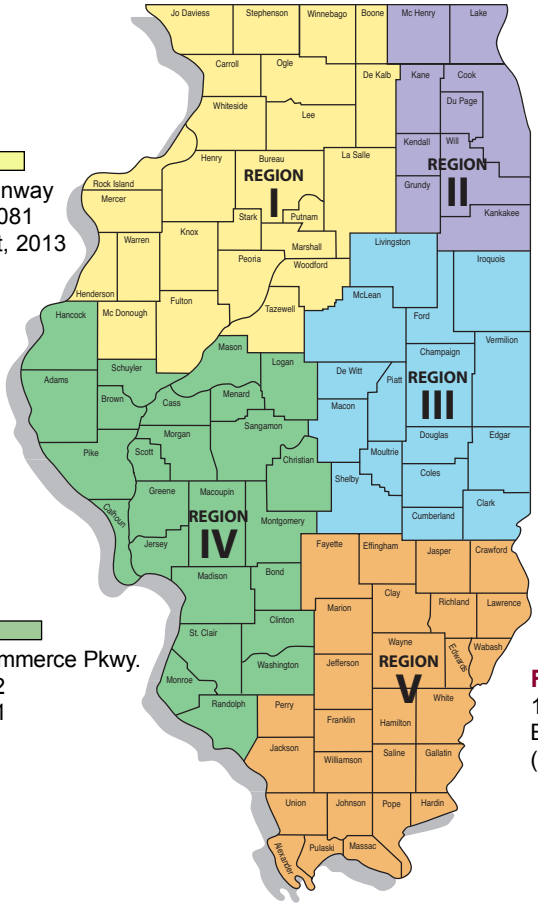

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Message from the Director

Thank you for picking up a copy of the 2013-2015 Illinois Fishing Information guide. It is a useful handbook for everyone interested in enjoying fishing in the Land of Lincoln.

This booklet presents an up-to-date summary of statewide fishing regulations in Illinois. The booklet also includes details on site-specific regulations organized by the body of water or water area at which those regulations apply.

While the Illinois Fishing Information guide is updated annually, some site-specific regulations may be changed in emergency situations through administrative rule – and in those cases, the emergency changes to site-specific regulations will be posted at the site, as well as on the website at www.ifishillinois.org.

Illinois anglers have long been guardians of our state's aquatic resources. To ensure that we continue to enjoy good fishing opportunities for years to come, anglers are encouraged to team with law enforcement officers and fisheries biologists to protect and conserve the waters and aquatic resources of our great state.

Mentoring a child or interested adult about fishing will also help ensure that our outdoor heritage continues for future generations, helping develop lifelong connections to the natural world.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support; your activities, investment in licenses and fishing-related purchases support conservation.

Marc Miller, Director
Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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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 (Fees subject to change) (INCLUDES AGENT'S FEES):
Resident sport fishing; annual $15.00*
Resident sport fishing;
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 sport fishing 24-hour license $5.50
(does not include salmon or trout fishing privileges)
Non-resident sport fishing 24-hour license . . $10.50
(does not include salmon or trout fishing privileges)
Non-resident sport fishing. (3 days) $15.50
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. Licenses purchased via the Internet can be reprinted at no charge by visiting www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR. Vendor transactions will incur a fee.
2. Replacement licenses, permits and stamps are available for $3 from Regional offices (except Region 2), the Chicago office and the Springfield Public Service area (see inside front cover map).
3. Vendors can issue replacement licenses with a DNR Direct terminal. There is a $3 replacement fee per item plus a small transaction fee.

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 AND CURRENT FEES:
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.

BOW AND ARROW FISHING / SPEARING

Legal Methods of Taking
Carp, buffalo, suckers, gar, shad, drum, and bowfin may be taken by means of a pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or bow and arrow device, spear, or gig. Each person taking fish by these means shall possess a valid sport fishing license. Fish taken by these means shall not be sold or bartered. No other fish may be taken in this State by these means. It is unlawful to discharge any bow and arrow device along, upon, across or from any public right-of-way or highway in this Sate.

Species of Fish and Catch Limit
Only fish species listed on page 57 may be taken by bowfishing and other legal methods as per creel limits identified for each.

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 (filleted 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

New regulations for the 2013-2015 fishing season are identified by gray shading.
Anglers should refer to all applicable regulations prior to fishing any body of water.

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, mooneye, 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.

A commercial musseling license is required for any person who commercially harvests 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.

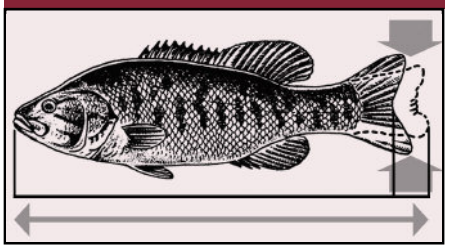
Crayfish may be collected with traps of metal screen or hardware cloth, plastic, or nylon mesh or netting. Such traps may not be more than 24 inches in width or diameter or more than 36 inches in length nor use a mesh of more than 1/2 inch bar measurement. Each entrance aperture may not exceed 1 1/2 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.

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.

HOW TO MEASURE FISH



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

DAILY CREEL AND SIZE LIMITS (STATEWIDE)

1. 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.

2. No fish species may be dressed (filleted 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.

3. Statewide limits by type of fish:

(A) *Channel Catfish*
There are no daily creel or size limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.

(B) *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.

(C) *Muskellunge, Northern Pike and their Hybrids*
1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. No more than 3 northern pike may be taken per day, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations.

(D) *Crappie (White, Black or Hybrid Crappie)*
There are no creel or length limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.

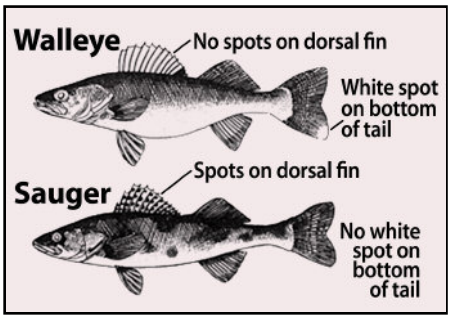
(E) *Bluegill and Redear Sunfish*
There are no creel or length limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.

(F) *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.

(G) *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.

(H) *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.



(I) *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:

Bighead Carp	**Rusty Crayfish**
Black Carp	**Silver Carp**
Eurasian Ruffe	**Snakeheads**
Rudd	**Tubenose Goby**
Round Goby	**Walking Catfish**

These injuries fish species may not be released back into any Illinois waters!
To view the complete list of regulated species and full text of Ad. Code 805, please visit ***www.dnr.illinois.gov/adrules/documents/17-805.pdf***.

For more information on aquatic nuisance species, log on to ***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/*** 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 DISPOSAL – FISH ABANDONMENT

It is unlawful for any person at any time to take or possess any fish in Illinois waters by sportfishing methods and then intentionally leave or abandon such fish or portions thereof resulting in wanton or needless waste. It is also unlawful for any person to intentionally allow the fish or a portion thereof to be wantonly or needlessly wasted or to fail to dispose thereof in a reasonable and sanitary manner. No disposal of fish or fish portions shall be allowed on State owned or leased properties except at designated fish cleaning stations.

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 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2013 and June 6, 7, 8, and 9, 2014, 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 (Bullfrogs Only)

Methods of Taking and Capture
A sport fishing license is required to take bullfrogs. Bullfrogs may be taken by hook and line, gig, pitchfork, spear, bow and arrow, hand, or landing net.

No person shall take bullfrogs or any other reptile or amphibian by commercial fishing devices, including, hoop nets, traps or seines or by the use of firearms, air guns or gas guns.

All other species of unprotected reptiles and amphibians (excluding common snapping turtles and bullfrogs) may only be taken by hand. This shall not restrict the use of legally taken reptiles or amphibians as bait by anglers.

Any captured reptiles or amphibians which are not to be retained in the possession of the captor shall be immediately released at the site of capture, unless taken with a lethal method (such as bow and arrow, gig, spear, pitchfork) which does not permit "release with no harm". All such taken common snapping turtles and bullfrogs must be kept and counted in the daily catch creel or bag. No culling of such taken species is permitted.

No person shall take or possess any species of reptile or amphibian listed as endangered or threatened in Illinois (17 Ill. Adm. Code 1010 except as provided by 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1070).

Season
Bullfrogs may be taken only between June 15 and August 31, both dates inclusive.

Daily Catch and Possession Limits
The daily catch limit for bullfrogs is 8 with a possession limit of 16.

For indigenous amphibian and reptile taxa, which may only be taken by hand, (excluding common snapping turtles and bullfrogs) the possession limit is 8 collectively with no more than 4 per taxa.

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 does not include 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 musselor 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 or resulting offspring) taken by sport fishing license methods (including snagging) may be bought, sold or bartered.

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 does not include 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 immediate 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)

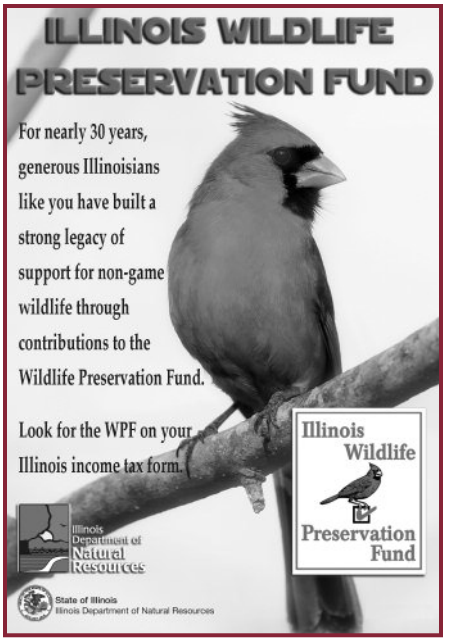
Disposition of Snagged Salmon and Paddlefish
All snagged salmon and paddlefish must be removed from the area from which they are taken and disposed of properly, in accordance with Article 5, Section 5-5 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

SPORTFISH

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. 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.
d. For catch, weigh-in, and release muskie tournaments, all boats must have a fish cradle (made from netting) to temporarily hold the muskie in the water while an official determines the length of 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 (Common Snapping Turtle only)

Methods of Taking and Capture
Common snapping turtles (*Chelydra serpentina*) may be taken only by hand, hook and line, or bow and arrow **except in the following Illinois counties where bowfishing for common snapping turtles is not permitted:** Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Hamilton, White, Gallatin, Saline, Williamson, Jackson, Union, Johnson, Pope, Hardin, Massac, Pulaski, and Alexander.

The alligator snapping turtle (*Macrochelys temminckii*) is protected and may not be taken by any sport fishing method.

No person shall take common snapping turtles or any other reptile or amphibian by commercial fishing devices, including, hoop nets, traps or seines or by the use of firearms, air guns or gas guns.

All other species of unprotected reptiles and amphibians (excluding common snapping turtles and bullfrogs) may only be taken by hand. This shall not restrict the use of legally taken reptiles or amphibians as bait by anglers.

Any captured reptiles or amphibians which are not to be retained in the possession of the captor shall be immediately released at the site of capture, unless taken with a lethal method (such as bow and arrow, gig, spear, pitchfork) which does not permit "release with no harm". All such taken common snapping turtles and bullfrogs must be kept and counted in the daily catch creel or bag. No culling of such taken species is permitted.

No person shall take or possess any species of reptile or amphibian listed as endangered or threatened in Illinois (17 Ill. Adm. Code 1010 except as provided by 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1070).

Season
Common snapping turtles may be taken only between June 15 and August 31, both dates inclusive.

Daily Catch and Possession Limits
The daily catch limit for common snapping turtles is 2 with a possession limit of 4.

For indigenous amphibian and reptile taxa, which may only be taken by hand, (excluding common snapping turtles and bullfrogs) the possession limit is 8 collectively with no more than 4 per taxa.

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, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations. In streams and rivers (excluding the mainstem of the Mississippi, Ohio including the Golconda Marina, and Wabash Rivers) the daily creel can contain no more than 3 smallmouth bass. In streams and tributaries statewide, except for the Mississippi, Ohio including the Golconda Marina, 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.
Common Snapping Turtles and Bullfrogs (season June 15 to August 31 both dates inclusive)	The daily catch limit for common snapping turtles is 2 with a possession limit of 4. The daily catch limit for bullfrogs is 8 with a possession limit of 16.
Indigenous Amphibian and Reptile taxa (excluding common snapping turtles and bullfrogs)	Possession limit is 8 collectively with no more than 4 per taxa.

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.

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.

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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 per day, 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 theEmbarras 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".

48) Sport fishermen may take carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears, except when closed under site regulations, 17 Ill. Adm. Code 110, and posted on site.

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Altamont Reservoir, City of Altamont (Effingham County)		
	Large of Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large of Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Anderson Lake Fish and Wildlife Area (Fulton County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Andover Lake, City of Andover (Henry County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Anna City Lake, City of Anna (Union 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 of Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large of Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Apple River, Within Apple River Canyon State Park and Satellite Boundaries (Jo Daviess County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Apple River and tributaries (Jo Daviess County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Argyle Lake, Argyle Lake State Park (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)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Hybrid Walleye	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish over 15" and 5 Fish under 12" Daily Creel Limit (12)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
Arrowhead Heights Lake, Village of Camp Point (Adams 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
Arrowhead Lake, City of Johnston City (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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Ashland City Old Reservoir, City of Ashland (Morgan County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Ashland City Reservoir, City of Ashland (Morgan 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
Auburn Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Axehead Lake, Cook County Forest Preserve (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)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Bakers Lake, City of Peru (LaSalle 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
Baldwin Lake, Baldwin Lake Conservation Area (Randolph County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" 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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
Banana Lake, Lake County Forest Preserve District (Lake County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Banner Marsh Lake & Ponds, Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area (33) (Peoria/Fulton 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) (34)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12" - 18" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession)
	Pure Muskellunge	42" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
Bass Lake, 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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Batchtown Wildlife Management Area (Calhoun County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Baumann Park Lake, 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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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Beall Woods Lake, Beall Woods Conservation Area (Wabash 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)
Beaver Dam Lake, Beaver Dam State Park (Macoupin 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	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	White,Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
Beck Lake, 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
Belk Park Pond, City of Wood River (Madison 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
Belleau Lake, 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)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
	White,Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Belvidere Ponds, City of Belvidere (Boone County)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Bevier Lagoon, Waukegan Park District (Lake County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Bird Park Quarry, City of Kankakee (Kankakee County)		
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Bloomington Park District Lakes, (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)
	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
Blue Pond, 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
Borah Lake, City of Olney (Richland 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
Boston Pond, Stephen A. Forbes State Park (Marion County)		
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Bowen Lake, City of Washington (Tazewell County)		
	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
Boyd-Wesley Park Pond, Village of Towanda (McLean 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
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Braidwood Lake, 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.)
	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
	Striped, White or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Creel/3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (17)
Breeze JC's Park Pond, City of Breeze (Clinton 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
Buckner City Reservoir, City of Buckner (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
Buffalo Prairie Pheasant Habitat Area Lakes and Ponds (Buffalo Lake South, Buffalo Lake North, Buffalo Pond Northwest, Buffalo Wetland), State of Illinois (Knox County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	(Buffalo Prairie Pheasant Habitat Area is closed to all fishing during the northern zone upland hunting season)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish > or equal to 15" and 2 fish < 15" daily (25)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Bullfrog Lake, 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
Bunker Hill Lake, City of Bunker Hill (Macoupin County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Charleston Lower Channel Lake, City of Charleston (Coles County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) (36)
Charleston Side Channel Lake, City of Charleston (Coles 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
	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)
Charlie Brown Lake & Pond, City of Flora (Clay 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
Charter Oak North - Peoria Park District Lake, Peoria Park District (Peoria 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
Charter Oak South - Peoria Park District Pond, Peoria Park District (Peoria 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
Chautauqua Lake North and South Pools, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Mason County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Lake Chautauqua North and South Pools will be closed to boat fishing from October 6 through January 31. Bank Fishing will be allowed in selected areas only. Ice fishing will be allowed following February 1 re-opening.
	Largemouth Bass	12" Minimum Length Limit
Chenoa City Lake, City of Chenoa (McLean County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Chicago River (including its North Branch, South Branch, and the North Shore Channel) (Cook County)		
	Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Yellow Perch	Closed Season During July
Christopher Old City Lake, City of Christopher (Franklin County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Citizen's Lake, City of Monmouth (Warren 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 (14)	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit 1 Fish over 15" and 5 Fish under 12" Daily Creel Limit (12)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Clear Lake, Kickapoo State Park (Vermilion County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
	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)
Clinton Lake, Clinton Lake State Recreation Area (DeWitt County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36) (18) – **No bowfishing allowed in spillway** which is considered a developed recreational area.
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	16" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Striped, 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
Coffeen Lake, 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
Coles County Airport Lake, 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
Columbus Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Commissioners Park Pond, Alsip Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Conservation World Ponds, 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	
Cook Co. Forest Preserve District Lakes, 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

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Coulterville City Lake, City of Coulterville (Randolph County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge - Crab Orchard Lake, 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
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge - Devil's Kitchen Lake, 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)
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge - Little Grassy Lake, 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)
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge - Visitors Pond, 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
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Restricted Use Area Ponds (30), except Visitor Pond, and Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – all other Ponds, 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	16" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Crawford Co. Cons. Area-Picnic Pond, 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)
Crawford Co. Cons. Area Ponds, 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
Crull Impoundment Wildlife Management Area (Jersey County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Crystal Lake, Urbana Park District (Champaign County)		
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge - All Ponds, 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
Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge - Cache River From Rt. 37 to Rt. 51 in Ullin, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Johnson/Pulaski Counties)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	All Fish	No Seines
Dawson Lake & Park Ponds, 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
Decatur Park District Ponds, 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)
Deep Quarry Lake, 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
Defiance Lake, 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
Des Plaines River Basin - (Hoffman Dam to 47th Street Bridge, including tributaries) (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
Diamond Lake, 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
Dieterich Park Pond, 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
Dolan Lake, 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

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Donnelley State Wildlife Area (Bureau County)		
Recreational Use Restrictions		Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Double "T" State Fish and Wildlife Area Waters, State of Illinois (Fulton County)		
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
Douglas Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
DuPage County Forest Preserve District Lakes and Ponds, (excluding Bass Lake, Deep Quarry Lake, and Grove Lake), DuPage County Forest Preserve District (DuPage County)		
	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
DuPage River - West Branch (Between the Dams Located in the McDowell Grove Forest Preserve and the Warrenville Grove Forest Preserve), (DuPage County)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
DuQuoin City Lake, City of DuQuoin (Perry County)		
	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
East Fork Lake, City of Olney (Richland 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	15" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Eldon Hazlet State Park (Clinton County) (See Also Carlyle Lake)		
Recreational Use Restrictions		Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
Elkville City Reservoir, City of Elkville (Jackson County)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Elliot Lake, Wheaton Park District (DuPage County)		
	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
Emiquon Preserve – Thompson Lake (Fulton County)		
	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
Evergreen Lake, City of Bloomington (McLean 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)
	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
Fairgrounds Pond - Fort Massac State Park, State of Illinois (Massac County)		
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Fairview Park - Dreamland Pond, City of Decatur (Mason County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Ferne Clyffe Lake, Ferne Clyffe State Park (Johnson 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)
Flatfoot Lake, 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
	White,Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Fletcher Park Pond, City of Mt. Zion (Macon County)		
	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
Foli Park Pond, Village of Plano (Kendall County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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Forbes State Lake, (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)
Forbes State Park Ponds, 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
Forest Park Lagoon, 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)
Four Lakes, 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)
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 Wilmot Road Bridge) (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)
Fox Ridge State Park (see also Hurricane Pond, Wilderness Pond and Ridge Lake) (Coles County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
Fox River, Algonquin Dam to confluence with the Illinois River including tributaries, State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)		
	Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish 12" or over, and 2 Fish under 12" Daily Creel Limit
Fox River (at Moraine Hills State Park and Dam and on Bolger Lock and Dam Properties), 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
Fox River Marina, Lake County Forest Preserve, (Lake County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only; Bank Fishing Only (in areas designated by Lake County Forest Preserves District
Fox Valley Park District Lakes and Ponds (except Jericho Lake and Lake Gregory), 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
Frank Holten Lakes, 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)
Franklin Creek (within the boundaries of Franklin Creek State Natural Area) (Lee County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Franklin Creek Mill Pond - Franklin Creek State Park, State of Ilinois (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
Fuller Lake (Calhoun County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Fulton County Camping And Recreation Area Waters, 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
Gages Lake, 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
Garfield Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Gebhard Woods Pond, 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)

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Germantown Lake, 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
Giant City Park Ponds, Giant City State Park (Jackson and Union Counties)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth and Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Gillespie New City Lake, City of Gillespie (Macoupin 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)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Gillespie Old City Lake, City of Gillespie (Macoupin 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
Glades - 12 Mile Island Wildlife Management Area (Jersey County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Gladstone Lake, Henderson County Conservation Area (Henderson County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish>or=15" and/or 2<12"Daily(31)
Glen O. Jones Lake, State of Illinois (Saline County)		
	see Jones State Lake	
Glen Oak Park Lagoon, Peoria Park District (Peoria County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Glen Shoals Lake, City of Hillsboro (Montgomery County)		
	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)	1 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
Godar-Diamond/Hurricane Island Wildlife Management Area (Calhoun County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Gompers Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Gordon F. More Park Lake, City of Alton (Madison 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	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Governor Bond Lake, City of Greenville (Bond County)		
	Channel Catfish	All jugs must be attended at all times while fishing (2)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit

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	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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Grayslake Park District (Grayslake and Park Ponds), City of Grayslake (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
Greenfield City Lake, City of Greenfield (Greene 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	12" - 15" Protective Slot Length Limit (no possession)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	5 Fish <12" and 1 Fish >15" Daily Creel Limit
Greenville Old City Lake, Kingsbury Park District (Bond 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)
Grove Lake, 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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Hanover Lake - Apple River Canyon State Park, State of Illinois (Jo Daviess 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
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Harrisburg New City Reservoir, City of Harrisburg (Saline County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	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
Heidecke Lake, 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)

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	Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	12" to 18" protected slot (no possession); 1 over 18" and 2 under 12" daily creel limit (48)
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Creel/3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (17)
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Helmbold Slough (Calhoun County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Henderson Creek State Fish & Wildlife Area, (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)
Hennepin Canal-Mainline & Feeder, 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)
Hennepin-Hopper Lakes, 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
Herrin Lake #1, 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
Herrin Lake #2, 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
Hidden Springs State Forest Ponds, 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
Highland Old City Lake, 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)
Hillsboro Old City Lake, 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)
Homer Guthrie Pond - Eldon Hazlet State Park, 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
Homer Lake, 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
Hormel Pond, 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
Horseshoe Lake-Alexander Co., 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
Horseshoe Lake-Madison Co., 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
Horsetail Lake, 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
Horton Lake, Nauvoo State Park (Hancock County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Humbolt Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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Hurricane Pond, 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
Illinois & Michigan Canal, 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)
Illinois Beach State Park Ponds, Illinois Beach State Park (Lake County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Illinois Department of Transportation Lake, State of Illinois (Sangamon 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)
Illinois River - Pool 26 (Calhoun County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Illinois River - Starved Rock and Marseilles Pools (LaSalle and Grundy Counties)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Illinois River, State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12" Minimum Length Limit
Indian Boundary South Pond, Frankfort Square Park District (Will County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Iroquois - Kankakee Rivers and their Tributaries, State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)		
	Walleye, Sauger and Hybrid Walleye	14" Minimum Length Limit
	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)
Island Pond, 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
Jackson Park (Columbia Basin) Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Jericho Lake, Fox Valley Park District, (Kane 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

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	Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
	Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area, All Lakes and Ponds, 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)
	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
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area - Drake Lake, Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (Cass County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area, Gurney Road Pond, 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
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Johnson Sauk Trail Lake & Pond, 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)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Jones Lake Trout Pond, Saline County Conservation Area (Saline County)		
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Jones Park Lake, City of East St. Louis (St. Clair 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)
Jones State Lake, Saline County Conservation Area (Saline 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) (38)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	5 Fish under 14" and 1 Fish over 18" Daily Creel Limit
Jubilee College State Park Pond, Jubilee College State Park (Peoria 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
Kankakee - Iroquois Rivers and their Tributaries, State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)		
	Walleye, Sauger, and Hybrid Walleye	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, and Hybrid	

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	Walleye (14)	18" to 26" Protected Slot (no possession); 3 Fish Daily Creel of which only 1 can be >26" (47)
Kankakee River, 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)
	Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish over 18" and 2 Fish under 12" Daily Creel Limit (37)
Kaskaskia River Fish and Wildlife Area - Doza Creek Wildlife Management Area (St. Clair County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Kendall Co. Lake #1, Kendall County Forest Preserve District (Kendall 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	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Kent Creek (Winnebago County)		
	Trout	Catch and Release fishing Only (9)
Kickapoo State Park Lakes & Pond (see also Clear Lake), Kickapoo State Park (Vermilion 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 (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)
Kincaid City Reservoir, City of Kincaid (Christian County)		
	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
Kinkaid Lake, 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)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	16" 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	9" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Kinmundy Reservoir, City of Kinmundy (Marion County)		
	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)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Kishwaukee River and South Branch of Kishwaukee River and Tributaries, State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)		
	Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Atwood, McHenry County Conservation District (McHenry 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
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Lake Bloomington, City of Bloomington (McLean County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" 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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Carlton, 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)
	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
	Pure Muskellunge	36" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Chaminwood, Will County Forest Preserve District (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
Lake County Forest Preserve District Lakes (except Independence Grove Lake), Lake Co. Forest Preserve District (Lake County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel 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
Lake Decatur, City of Decatur (Macon County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(29)(36)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake DePue Fish and Wildlife Area (Bureau County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Lake Eureka, City of Eureka (Woodford 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
Lake George, 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)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Pure Muskellunge	36" Minimum Length Limit
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17" Minimum Length Limit
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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Lake Jacksonville, City of Jacksonville (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
	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
Lake Kakusha, City of Mendota (LaSalle 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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Le-Aqua-Na Kids Only Fishing Pond, Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park (Stephenson County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Only kids under 16 years of age permitted to fish
	Channel Catfish	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish and Their Hybrids	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Le-Aqua-Na, Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park (Stephenson County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Mendota, City of Mendota (LaSalle County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish ≥ 15" and/or 2 Fish < 12" Daily Creel Limit (31)
Lake Michigan (Illinois Portion), State of Illinois (Lake/Cook Counties)		
	Trout and Salmon	10" Minimum Length Limit
	Trout and Salmon	No more than 5 fish of any species daily, except for Lake Trout
	Lake Trout	2 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Yellow Perch	Closed Season During July (exception: 10 fish daily limit during July for youth under age 16)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	21" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Lake Whitefish and Round Whitefish	12 Fish (in aggregate) Daily Creel Limit
Lake Milliken, Des Plaines Conservation Area (Will 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)
Lake Mingo & Kennekuk Cove Park Ponds, 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)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(44)

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	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	No more than 5 fish over 7" permitted; unlimited daily creel for fish 7" and under
	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
Lake Murphysboro, 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
Lake Nellie, City of St. Elmo (Fayette 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
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake-of-the-Woods & Elk's Pond, 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)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	No more than 5 fish over 7" permitted; unlimited daily creel for fish 7" and under
	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
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Lake Owen, Hazel Crest Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Paradise, City of Mattoon (Coles County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Sara, City of Effingham (Effingham County)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Shelbyville (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)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit with only 5 fish under 10" and 10 fish 10" and over permitted
Lake Shelbyville-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Ponds & Wood Lake, and Lake Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Management Area Ponds (33) (Moultrie/Shelby Counties)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" 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
Lake Shermerville, Northbrook Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Sinnissippi (Whiteside County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Lake Springfield, City of Springfield (Sangamon County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10" Minimum Length Limit
Lake Storey, City of Galesburg (Knox 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)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish>15" and/or 5<12" Daily (12)
	Pure Muskellunge	42" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel
Lake Strini, Village of Romeoville (Will County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Sule, 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)
	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	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Pure Muskellunge	36" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Taylorville, City of Taylorville (Christian County)		
	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
Lake Vandalia, City of Vandalia (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
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17" Minimum Length Limit
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lake Vermilion, 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
Lake Victoria, 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
Lake Williamsville, City of Williamsville (Sangamon County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
LaSalle Lake, LaSalle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (LaSalle County)		
	Recreational Restrictions	Waterfowl refuge or hunting area; contact site staff for more information
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Creel/3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (17)
Levings Lake, Rockford Park District (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
Lincoln Log Cabin Pond, Lincoln Log Cabin Historical Site (Cole 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
Lincoln Park North Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lincoln Park South Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Lincoln Trail Lake, Lincoln Trail State Park (Clark County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14-18" Slot Length Limit (14" or greater to 18" protected)
	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)
Litchfield City Lake, 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 Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Loami Reservoir, City of Loami (Sangamon 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
Lou Yeager Lake, 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
Mackinaw Ponds 1, 2 and 3, Mackinaw State Fish And Wildlife Area (Tazewell County)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Macon Co. Cons. Dist. Ponds (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)
Mallard Lake, DuPage County Forest Preserve District (DuPage 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	3 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
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)
	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
Maple Lake, 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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Marine Heritage Lake, Village of Marine (Madison County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Bluegill, Redear Sunfish (14)	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
Marrisa City Lake, City of Marrisa (St. Clair County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Marquette Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Marshall County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch), Marshall County Conservation Area (Marshall County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Marshall County Conservation Area-Sparland Unit (Marshall County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Mascoutah Reservoir, City of Mascoutah (St. Clair 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
Matthiessen Lake, Matthiessen State Park (LaSalle 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	14" Minimum Length Limit
Mattoon Lake, City of Mattoon (Coles County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Mautino Fish and Wildlife Area, Mautino Fish and Wildlife Area (Bureau County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(34)
	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
Mauvaise Terre/Morgan Lake, City of Jacksonville (Morgan County)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Mazonia Lakes & Ponds (excluding Ponderosa Lake), Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area (Grundy/Kankakee/Will Counties)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
	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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
McCullom Lake, City of McHenry (McHenry 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	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
McKinley Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
McLeansboro City Lakes, City of McLeansboro (Hamilton 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
Mechanicsburg Park Pond, City of Mechanicsburg (Sangamon 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)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Meredosia Lake-Cass County Portion (meandered waters only) (Cass County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Meredosia Lake Cass County Portion (Cass County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	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

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
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		
Mermet State Lake, Mermet Lake Conservation Area (Massac County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
	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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Middle Fork Forest Preserve Pond, Champaign Co. F.P. Dist. (Champaign 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
Middle Fork of the Vermilion River, Kickapoo State Park and Middle Fork Fish and Wildlife Area (Vermilion County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Mill Creek Lake, Clark County Park District (Clark 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 (14)	2 Fish < 15" and 1 fish > or equal to 15" daily (25)
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit, of which only 2 fish can be 12" or longer
	Pure Muskellunge	42" Minimum Length Limit
Mill Pond, Pearl City Park District (Stephenson County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Mill Race Ponds, Belvidere Park District (Boone County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Miller Park Lake, Bloomington Park District (McLean 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)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Mineral Springs Park Lagoon, City of Pekin (Tazewell County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Mississippi River Pools 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, (Multiple Counties)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Mississippi River Pools 25 and 26, (Multiple Counties)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Mississippi River (between IL & IA), Illinois waters (Multiple Counties) 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.		

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Any tagged sport fishing device may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours or must be completely removed. Maximum treble hook size is 5/0; gaffs may not be used to land paddlefish.
	All Fish	Anglers must not use more than 2 poles and each pole must not have more than 2 hooks or lures while trolling
	Bluegill or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit singly or in the aggregate
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	5 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Northern Pike	5 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Paddlefish	Snagging for paddlefish 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; daily catch limit is 2 fish; 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); no sorting allowed; once the daily limit of paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease.
	Rock Bass	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Striped, White, Yellow or Hybrid Striped Bass	25 Daily Creel Limit singly or in the aggregate - statewide regulation limiting daily creel to 3 fish 17" or longer is not in effect on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa
	Walleye and Sauger (14)	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit with no more than 1 walleye greater than 27" in total length
	Walleye	15" Minimum Length Limit with a 20"-27" Protected Slot Length Limit (24)
	White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit singly or in the aggregate
	Yellow Perch	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Mississippi River (between IL & MO), Illinois waters (Multiple Counties) 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.		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (Boating prohibited on refuge area (Ellis Bay) Immediately upstream of Melvin Price Lock and Dam 26 overflow dike from October 15-April 15. Any tagged sport fishing device may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours or must be completely removed.)
		All Nongame Species Combined — 100 Fish Daily Creel Limit (Excludes endangered and threatened species and the following game species: Crappie, Channel/Blue/Flathead Catfish, Rock Bass, Warmouth, White/Yellow/Striped/Hybrid Striped Bass, Trout, Largemouth/Smallmouth/Spotted Bass, Muskellunge, Northern Pike, Chain/Grass Pickerel, Walleye, Sauger, Paddlefish.)
	Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	20 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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	Flathead Catfish	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	12" Minimum Length Limit
	Northern Pike	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Paddlefish	24" Eye to Fork Minimum Length Limit
	Paddlefish	Snagging for paddlefish is permitted from September 15 through December 15 and March 15 through May 15 within a 300 yard downstream limit below locks and dams on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri, except for the Chain of Rocks low water dam at Chouteau Island, also known as Dam 27 at the Chain of Rocks (Madison County) where no snagging is permitted; daily catch limit is 2 fish, sorting is permitted. Every paddlefish greater than or equal to 24 inches in eye to fork length must be taken into immediate possession and included in the daily catch limit. Paddlefish less than 24 inches in eye to fork length must be returned immediately to the water. Once the daily limit of paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease.
	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.
	Walleye and Sauger (14)	8 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	30 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Monee Reservoir, Will County Forest Preserve District (Will County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Montrose Lake, City of Montrose (Cumberland 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
Mt. Olive City Lakes (Old and New), City of Mt. Olive (Macoupin 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
Mt. Pulaski Park District Lake, Mt. Pulaski Park District (Logan County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Mt. Sterling Lake, City of Mt. Sterling (Brown 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)
Mt. Vernon City Park Lake, City of Mt. Vernon (Jefferson 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
Mt. Vernon Game Farm Pond, Mt. Vernon Game Farm (Jefferson County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Mundelein Park District Ponds, 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
Nashville City Lake, City of Nashville (Washington 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
Newton Lake, Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area (Jasper County) (41)(33)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area 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
	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
Norris City Reservoir, City of Norris City (White 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
Oakland City Lake, City of Oakland (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
Oblong Lake, City of Oblong (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
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Ohio River (between Illinois & Kentucky), Illinois waters (Multiple Counties) 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.		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12" Minimum Length Limit
	Northern Pike	No Length or Creel Limit
	Muskie or Tiger Muskie	2 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Muskie or Tiger Muskie	30" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	30 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Striped, White, Yellow or Hybrid Striped Bass	30 Creel/4 Fish 15" or Longer Daily (32)
Ohio River - Smithland Pool Tributary Streams (in Pope/Hardin/Gallatin Counties, excluding Wabash River and Saline River Above Route 1 Bridge) (Multiple Counties)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12" Minimum Length Limit

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Old Kinmundy Reservoir, City of Kinmundy (Marion County)		
	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
Olsen Lake, 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
Omaha City Reservoir, City of Omaha (Gallatin 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
Omaha Township Reservoir, City of Omaha, City of Omaha (Gallatin 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
Otter Lake, 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)
	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 (16)	10 Creel/3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily(17)
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)
Palmissano Pond, (Stern's Park Quarry), Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
Palmyra-Modesto Water Commission Lake, Cities of Palmyra and Modesto (Macoupin 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
Pana Lake, 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)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Paris East & West Lakes, City of Paris (Edgar 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
Peabody River King, Pit #3 Lakes and Ponds, 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
	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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
Pecatonica River and Tributaries, State of Illinois (Winnebago/Stephenson Counties)		
	Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Perry Farm Pond, Bourbonnais Park District (Kankakee County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Piasa, (Madison/Jersey Counties)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Pierce Lake, 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	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (7)
	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
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Pinckneyville Lake, City of Pinckneyville (Perry County)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Pine Creek, (Ogle County)		
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Pine Creek (within the boundaries of White Pines Forest State Park) (Ogle County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Pine Lake, Village of University Park (Will County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Piscasaw Creek (McHenry County)		
	Trout	9" Minimum Length Limit
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Pittsfield City Lake, City of Pittsfield (Pike County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (7)
	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
Pocahontas Park Ponds, City of Pocahontas (Bond County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Ponderosa Lake, Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area (33) (Grundy 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	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Powerton Lake, Powerton Lake Fish and Wildlife Area (Tazewell County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (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 regular Canada goose and duck season
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit

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	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Creel/3 Fish 17" or Longer Daily (17)
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18" Minimum Length Limit
Prospect Pond, City of Moline (Rock Island County)		
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Pyramid State Park - Blue Wing Lake, Green Wing Lake and Goldeneye Lake, 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 from1/2 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
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, 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
Pyramid State Park Lakes & Pond (excluding Captain, Denmark, Galum and East Conant Areas), 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)
Raccoon Lake, City of Centralia (Marion County)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Ramsey Lake, 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
Ramsey Lake State Park Ponds, 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
Randolph County Lake, 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)
Red Hills Lake, 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
Red's Landing Wildlife Management Area (Calhoun County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19) Walk-in area closed to trespassing 7 days prior to duck season.
Redwing Slough/Deer Lake (Lake County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Rend Lake, 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
Rend Lake Project Ponds - Jackie Branch Pond, Ina N. Borrow Pit, Green Heron Pond, North Marcum Campground Pond, 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
Rice Lake Fish and Wildlife Area (Fulton County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Ridge Lake, 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
Riis Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Riprap Landing (Calhoun County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
River Bend Forest Preserve Lakes (Sunset Lake and Shadow Lake), 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

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
	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
Riverside Park Lagoon, Moline Park District (Rock Island County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Rochester Park Pond, 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
Rock Creek, State of Illinois (Kankakee County)		
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Rock River, from the Sears and Steel Dam downstream to confluence of the Mississippi River, State of Illinois (Rock Island County)		
	Walleye	15" Minimum Length Limit with a 20"-27" Protected Slot Length Limit (24)
	Walleye and Sauger (14)	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit with no more than 1 walleye greater than 27" in total length
Rock River, Wisconsin State Line downstream to confluence of the Mississippi River, including tributaries, State of Illinois (Multiple Counties)		
	Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Rock Springs Bike Trail Pond, Macon County Conservation District (Macon 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
Rock Springs Pond, Macon County Conservation District (Macon 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
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Roodhouse Park Lake, City of Roodhouse (Greene County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Route 6 Quarries (East and West), Will County Forest Preserve District (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
Route 154 Day Use Pond, State of Illinois (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
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Sag Quarry East, Cook County Forest Preserve District (Cook County)		
	Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Rainbow Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Sahara Woods Fish and Wildlife Area, State of Illinois (Saline 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 (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
St. Elmo South Lake, City of St. Elmo (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
Salem Reservoir, City of Salem (Marion 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
Sam Dale Lake, Sam Dale Conservation Area (Wayne 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 (1) (5)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit
Sam Dale Trout Pond, Sam Dale Conservation Area (Wayne 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
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Sam Parr Lake, Sam Parr State Park (Jasper 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
Sand Lake, Illinois Beach State Park (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)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Sanganois Conservation Area (Mason/Cass/Schuyler/Menard Counties) (33)(42)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12" Minimum Length Limit
Sangchris Lake, Sangchris Lake State Park (Christian/Sangamon Counties)		
	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.
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (45)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" 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
Sangchris Lake Park Pond, Sangchris Lake State Park (Sangamon County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Schiller Pond, 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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Schuy-Rush Lake, City of Rushville (Schuyler County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
Senior Citizen's Pond, Kankakee River State Park (Kankakee County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Sesser City Lake, City of Sesser (Franklin 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
Shabbona Lake, 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)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(48)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 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	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit (40)
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17" Minimum Length Limit
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Shawnee National Forest Lakes & Ponds less than 10 acres, U.S. Forest Service (Multiple Counties)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest - Bay Creek Lake #5 and #8 (Sugar Creek Lake), U.S. Forest Service (Pope County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest - Dutchman Lake, U.S. Forest Service (Johnson County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest - Lake Glendale, U.S. Forest Service (Pope County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest - Little Cache #1, U.S. Forest Service (Johnson County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest - Little Cedar Lake, U.S. Forest Service (Jackson County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14"-18" Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	5 Fish Under 14" and 1 Fish over 18" Daily Creel Limit (40)
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped	17" Minimum Length Limit
	Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped (16)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Shawnee National Forest - One Horse Gap Lake, U.S. Forest Service (Pope County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest - Pounds Hollow Lake, U.S. Forest Service (Gallatin County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest - Tecumseh Lake, U.S. Forest Service (Hardin County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest - Turkey Bayou, U.S. Forest Service (Jackson County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest - Whoopie Cat Lake, U.S. Forest Service (Hardin County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
Sherman Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Siloam Springs Lake, Siloam Springs State Park (Adams County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (7)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12-15" Slot Length Limit (3)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Siloam Springs State Park - Buckhorn Unit Waters, Siloam Springs State Park (Brown County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8" Minimum Length 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
Silver Lake, City of Highland (Madison County)		
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15"Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Silver Lake, 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	15" Minimum Length 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
Silver Springs State Park (Big Lake) & Ponds, 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)
Skokie Lagoons, 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
Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area - McMaster Lake & Other Site Waters, 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
Sparta City Lakes, 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
Sparta City Reservoir (South), 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
Sparta "T" Lake, 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
	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
Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex – Derby Lake, 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)
Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex Lakes, 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
Spencer Lake, 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
Sportsman's Club Pond, Macon County Conservation District, (Macon County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Spring Lake, 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
Spring Lakes (North & South), 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

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	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
Spring Pond, Flagg-Rochelle Park District, (Ogle County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Starved Rock State Park (LaSalle County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Staunton City Lake, City of Staunton (Macoupin 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	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Pure Muskellunge	36" Minimum Length Limit
Stephen A. Forbes State Park (see also Forbes State Lake and Forbes State Park Ponds) (Marion County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Sterling Lake, Lake County Forest Preserve District (Lake 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 (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Pure Muskellunge	48" Minimum Length Limit
	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16" Minimum Length Limit
Storm Lake, DeKalb Park District (DeKalb 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
Stump Lake Wildlife Management Area (Jersey County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Tampier Lake, Cook County Forest Preserve (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
Taylorville Park District Pond, Taylorville Park District (Christian County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Ten Mile Creek Lakes, Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area (Hamilton/Jefferson Counties)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
	(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
Three Oaks North Lake, City of Crystal Lake (McHenry County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
Three Oaks South Lake, City of Crystal Lake (McHenry County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
Tilton City Lake, City of Tilton (Vermilion County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Toledo Reservoir, City of Toledo (Cumberland County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Tri-Township Park Pond, City of Troy (Madison 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	15" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Turkey Bluff Ponds, State of Illinois (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
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Turner Lake, Chain O'Lakes State Park (Lake County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	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
Turtle Lake (East Lake Renwick), Will County Forest Preserve District (Will County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18" Minimum Length Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Tuscola City Lake, City of Tuscola (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
Union County Fish and Wildlife Area, (Union County)		
	(All fishing and boat traffic prohibited October 16 through the last day of February.)	
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Valley Lake, Wildwood Park District (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

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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Statewide Sportfishing Regulations are enforced in addition to each area's Site Specific Regulations

WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Valmeyer Lake, City of Valmeyer (Monroe 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
Vanhorn Woods Pond, Plainfield Park District (Will 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
Vernor Lake, 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
Villa Grove East Lake, 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
Villa Grove West Lake, 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)
Virginia City Reservoir, 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
Waddams Creek (Stephenson County)		
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Walnut Point Lake, Walnut Point St. Fish and Wildlife Area (Douglas County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	20 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)
Walton Park Lake, 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
Wampum Lake, 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
Washington County Lake, Washington Co. Conservation Area (Washington County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing only (1)(5)

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
	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
Washington Park Lagoon, Chicago Park District (Cook County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Washington Park Pond, 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)
Watseka City Ponds, (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
Waverly Lake, 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
Weinberg-King Pond, Weinberg-King State Park (Schuyler County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Weldon Springs Lake, 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
West Frankfort New City Lake, 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
West Frankfort Old City Lake, City of West Frankfort (Franklin County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
West Salem Reservoir, 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
Whalon Lake, 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
White Hall City Lake, City of White Hall (Greene County)		
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)(5)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
Wilderness Pond, 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
Wildlife Prairie State Park, State of Illinois (Peoria 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	12-18" 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
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Pure or Hybrid Muskellunge	42" Minimum Length Limit
William W. Powers Conservation Area (Cook County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Willow Lake, Peabody River King State Conservation Area (St. Clair 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

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WATER AREA	FISH SPECIES OR GROUP	SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9" Minimum Length Limit
	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Wolf Lake, 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)
	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit
	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Woodford County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch), Woodford County Conservation Area (Woodford County)		
	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Woodlawn Pond, Frankfort Square Park District (Will 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
Wyman Lake, City of Sullivan (Moultrie 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
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Yellow Creek (Stephenson County)		
	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)

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DON'T TAKE AN ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE!

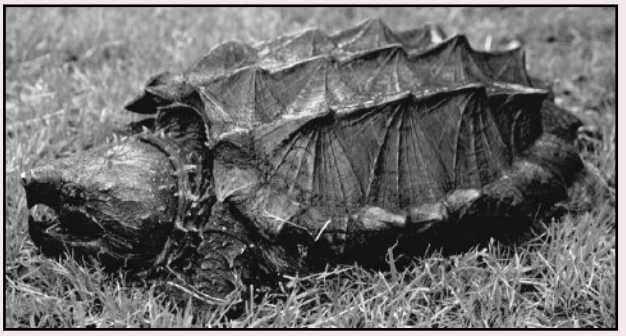
ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLES ARE A STATE ENDANGERED SPECIES AND FULLY PROTECTED BY LAW

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.

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 2 turtles and possession limit is 4.



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.

ILLINOIS SPEAR/BOW 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).

2. 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.

3. 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 FISH SPECIES

Eligible Fish	Minimum Weight (lbs)	State Record (lbs)	Water Body	County	Date Shot
Common Carp	20	*20.9	Grass Lake	Lake	6-12-11
Grass Carp (white amur)	20	*42 lbs 10oz	CECO Rec. Club	Grundy	5-25-2011
Bighead Carp	20	*59 lbs 4 oz	Illinois River	LaSalle	7-16-2011
		43 lbs 5.6 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	6-25-10
		24 lbs 8.5 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	5-29-10
Silver Carp	15	*16 lbs 2 oz	Ohio River	Hardin	8-20-11
Buffalo (bigmouth)	15	*49 lbs 15 oz	Mermet Lake	Massac	3-20-10
Buffalo (smallmouth)	20	*22 lbs 6 oz	Rock River	Winnebago	5-4-11
Shortnose Gar	5	*	*	*	*
Spotted Gar	5	*10 lbs 2.4 oz	Rend Lake	Franklin	4-9-10
Longnose Gar	10	*24 lbs10 oz	Big Muddy River	Union	5-4-10
Bowfin (dogfish)	5	*10 lbs 12 oz	Big Muddy River	Franklin	5-9-10
		10 lbs 9.6 oz	Kaskaskia River	Clinton	5-10-10
		8 lbs 6.88 oz	Rend Lake	Franklin	3-20-10
Freshwater Drum	4	*10 lbs 2 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	10-5-11
		8 lbs 3 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	10-6-10
		7 lbs 5 oz	Private Lake	Jefferson	na
		5 lbs 9 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	3-27-10
Gizzard Shad	1	*	*	*	*
Goldfish/hybrid	1	*1 lb 8 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	7-29-11

** current state record*

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

- Bowfishing Association of Illinois • ***www.illinoisbowfishing.net***
- Illinois Bowfishers • ***www.illinoisbowfishers.com***
- Bowfishing Association of Southern Illinois • ***ultimateoutdoorsnetwork.com/basi/***
- Old River Bowfishing Association • ***www.oldriverbowfishing.com/***
- Northern Illinois Bowfishing Association • **Contact: Gary Ostrowski @ 847-409-3103**

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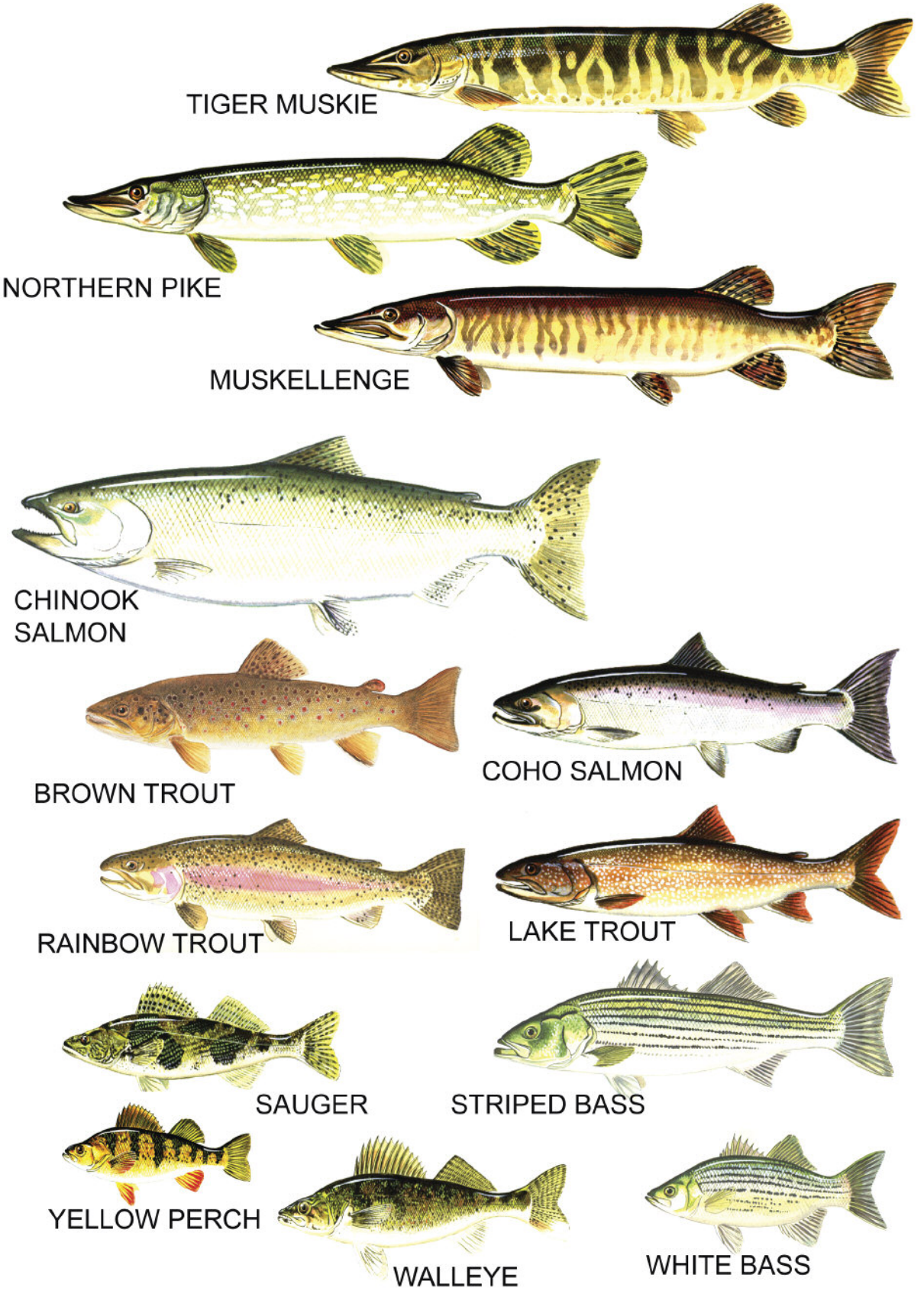

ILLINOIS AND NORTH AMERICAN HOOK & LINE RECORD FISH

As of December 2012*

COMMON NAME		WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY
BASS, Largemouth	(IL)	13 lb./1 oz.	2/15/76	Stone Quarry Lk.	LAKE
	(NA)	22 lb./4 oz.	6/2/32	Montgomery Lk., GA	
BASS. Rock	(IL)	1 lb./10 oz.	5/5/87	Aux Sable Creek	GRUNDY
	(NA)	3 lb./ 0 oz.	8/1/74	York River, Ontario,	CAN.
	(NA)	3 lb./ 0 oz.	6/13/69	Sugar Creek, IN	
BASS, Smallmouth	(IL)	6 lb./7 oz.	3/26/85	Strip Mine	FULTON
	(NA)	11 lb./15 oz.	7/9/55	Dale Hollow Lake, TN	
BASS, Spotted	(IL)	7 lb./ 3.12 oz.	3/15/92	Strip Mine	FULTON
	(NA)	10 lb./4 oz.	4/21/01	Pine Flat Lake, CA	
BASS, Striped	(IL)	31 lb./ 7oz.	5/23/94	Sangchris Lake	CHRISTIAN
	(NA)	67 lb./1 oz.	8/15/97	Colorado River, AZ	
BASS, Hybrid Striped	(IL)	20 lb./.32 oz.	6/20/93	Lake of Egypt	JOHNSON
	(NA)	27 lb./5 oz.	4/24/97	Greer's Ferry Lake, AR	
BASS, White	(IL)	4 lb./14 oz.	10/7/81	Kaskaskia River	CLINTON
	(NA)	6 lb./7 oz.	9/19/89	Saginaw Bay, MI	
BASS, Yellow	(IL)	2 lb./0 oz.	5/5/94	Farm Pond	MADISON
	(NA)	2 lb./8 oz.	4/12/00	Tennessee River, AL	
BASS, Yellow Hybrid	(IL)	2 lb./.96 oz.	11/3/08	Rend Lake	FRANKLIN
	(NA)	2 lb./11 oz.	3/10/97	Sabine River, TX	
BLUEGILL	(IL)	3 lb./8 oz.	5/10/87	Farm Pond	JASPER
	(NA)	4 lb./12 oz.	4/9/50	Ketona Lake, AL	
BOWFIN	(IL)	16 lb./6 oz.	9/23/84	Rend Lake	JEFFERSON
	(IL)	16 lb./6 oz.	9/14/92	Bay Creek	POPE
	(NA)	21 lb./8 oz.	1/29/80	Forest Lake, SC	
BUFFALO	(IL)	48 lb./0 oz.	1936	Mississippi River	ADAMS
(Bigmouth)	(NA)	73 lb./1 oz.	3/22/04	Lake Koshkonong, WI	
(Smallmouth)	(NA)	88 lb./0 oz.	11/14/93	Lake Wylie, NC	
BUFFALO, Black	(IL)	23 lb./12 oz.	7/27/84	Rock River	LEE
	(NA)	63 lb./6 oz.	8/14/99	Mississippi River, IA	
BULLHEAD, Black	(IL)	5 lb./6 oz.	4/24/88	Strip Mine	FULTON
	(NA)	8 lb./15 oz.	8/19/87	Sturgis Pond, MI	
BULLHEAD, Brown	(IL)	2 lb./10.4 oz.	4/25/93	Weldon Springs	DE WITT
	(NA)	7 lb./6 oz.	8/1/09	Mahopac Lake, NY	
BULLHEAD, Yellow	(IL)	5 lb./4 oz.	1955	Fox River	KANE
	(NA)	6 lb./4 oz.	5/25/08	Forest Lake, MA	
BURBOT	(IL)	8 lb./13.6 oz.	4/27/12	Lake Michigan	LAKE
	(NA)	25 lb./2 oz.	3/27/10	Diefenbaker Lake, Saskatchewan, CAN	
CARP, Common	(IL)	51 lb./0 oz.	5/1/94	Lake Hillcrest	MADISON
	(NA)	57 lb./13 oz.	6/19/83	Tidal Basin Washington, D.C.	
CARP, Bighead	(IL)	69 lb./0 oz.	5/4/10	Kaskaskia River	CLINTON
	(NA)	90 lb./0 oz.	7/22/00	Kirby Lake, TX	
CATFISH, Blue	(IL)	124 lb./0 oz.	5/21/05	Mississippi River	MADISON
	(NA)	124 lb./0 oz.	5/21/05	Mississippi River, IL	
CATFISH, Channel	(IL)	45 lb./4 oz.	2/7/87	Baldwin Lake	ST. CLAIR
	(NA)	58 lb./0 oz.	7/7/64	Santee Cooper Rsv., SC	
CATFISH, Flathead	(IL)	78 lb./0 oz.	8/11/95	Carlyle Lake	CLINTON
	(NA)	123 lb./0 oz.	5/14/98	Elk City Rsvr., KS	
CRAPPIE, Black	(IL)	4 lb./8 oz.	5/15/76	Rend Lake	FRANKLIN
	(NA)	6 lb./0 oz.	11/28/69	Westwego Canal, LA	
CRAPPIE, Hybrid	(IL)	4 lb./8.3 oz.	5/14/08	Farm Pond	JEFFERSON
	(NA)	2 lb./11 oz.	1/28/05	Shabbona Lake	DEKALB
CRAPPIE, White	(IL)	4 lb./7 oz.	4/8/73	Farm Pond	MORGAN
	(NA)	5 lb./3 oz.	7/31/57	Enid Dam, MS	
DRUM,	(IL)	35 lb./0 oz.	1960	DuQuoin City Lake	PERRY
Freshwater	(NA)	54 lb./8 oz.	4/20/72	Nickajack Lake, TN	
GAR, Longnose	(IL)	22 lb./1 oz.	5/6/06	Ohio River	MASSAC
	(NA)	50 lb./5 oz.	7/30/54	Trinity River, TX	
GAR, Shortnose	(IL)	5 lb./.96 oz.	7/20/99	Vermilion River	LA SALLE
	(NA)	6 lb./6 oz.	6/15/01	Kentucky Lake, TN	
GAR, Spotted	(IL)	7 lb./13.44 oz.	7/10/04	Horseshoe lake	ALEXANDER
	(NA)	28 lb./8 oz.	3/4/87	Lake Seminole, FL	

COMMON NAME		WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY
GOLDEYE	(IL)	2 lb./1 oz.	7/26/98	Embarras River	CUMBERLAND
	(NA)	3 lb./13 oz.	8/9/87	Oahe Tailwater, SD	
GRASS CARP	(IL)	69 lb./8 oz.	7/13/00	Lake Petersburg	MENARD
	(NA)	79 lb./0 oz.	4/12/11	Crescent Lake, IL	
LAKE WHITEFISH	(IL)	2 lb./7.8 oz.	5/8/12	Lake Michigan	LAKE
	(NA)	15 lb./6 oz.	5/21/83	Webster Clear Lake, Ontario, CAN	
MUSKELLUNGE	(I)	38 lb./8 oz.	4/20/02	Kaskaskia River	SHELBY
	(NA)	69 lb./11 oz.	10/20/49	Chippewa Flowage, WI	
MUSKIE, Tiger	(IL)	31 lb./3 oz.	8/6/04	Lake Will	WILL
	(NA)	51 lb./3 oz.	7/16/19	Lake Vieux Desert, WI/MI	
NORTHERN HOGSUCKER	(IL)	1 lb./12.3 oz.	3/22/12	Little Vermillion River	LASALLE
	(NA)	1 lb./12 oz.	3/17/04	Fox River, WI	
NORTHERN PIKE	(IL)	26 lb./15 oz.	11/9/89	Strip Mine Lake	KANKAKEE
	(NA)	46 lb./2 oz.	9/15/40	Sacandaga Rsvr., NY	
PERCH, Yellow	(IL)	2 lb./8.75 oz.	1/5/74	Arrowhead Club Lake	WILL
	(NA)	4 lb./3 oz.	5/1865	Bordentown, NJ	
SALMON, Atlantic	(IL)	18 lb./11.25 oz.	5/26/79	Lake Michigan	COOK
(Inland)	(NA)	22 lb./14 oz.	4/5/05	Jamaica Pond, MA	
SALMON, Chinook	(IL)	37 lb./0 oz.	8/7/76	Lake Michigan	LAKE
(Inland)	(NA)	44 lb./14 oz.	7/19/94	Lake Michigan, WI	
SALMON, Coho	(IL)	20 lb./9 oz.	5/24/72	Lake Michigan	LAKE
(Inland)	(NA)	33 lb./4 oz.	9/27/89	Salmon River, NY	
SALMON, Pink	(IL)	3 lb./8 oz.	9/29/07	Lake Michigan	LAKE
(Inland)	(NA)	4 lb./0 oz.	8/28/01	Garden River, Ontario, CAN.	
SAUGER	(IL)	5 lb./12.5 oz.	7/30/67	Mississippi River	JO DAVIESS
	(NA)	8 lb./12 oz.	10/6/71	Lake Sakakawea, ND	
SAUGER-WALLEYE,	(IL)	9 lb./10.88 oz.	12/7/01	Evergreen Lake	MCLEAN
Hybrid	(NA)	15 lb./10 oz.	1/11/95	Ft. Peck Rsvr., MT	
SHORTHEAD REDHORSE	(IL)	3 lb./11.8 oz.	4/25/08	Fox River	KANE
	(NA)	11 lb./5 oz.	5/21/83	Brunet River, WI	
SILVER REDHORSE	(IL)	6 lb./11.4 oz.	4/24/08	Fox River	KANE
	(NA)	14 lb./ 14 oz.	4/2/95	Pickwick Lake, AL	
SKIPJACK HERRING	(IL)	1 lb./10.3 oz.	6/28/12	Mississippi River	CALHOUN
	(NA)	3 lb./ 12 oz.	2/14/82	Goddard Watts Bar Lake, TN	
STURGEON,	(IL)	8 lb./5.76 oz.	11/4//03	Rock River	WHITESIDE
Shovelnose	(NA)	8 lb./5.76 oz.	11/4/03	Rock River, IL	
SUNFISH, Green	(IL)	2 lb./1 oz.	6/28/81	Farm Pond	DE WITT
	(NA)	2 lb./2 oz.	6/18/71	Stockton Lake, MO	
	(NA)	2 lb./2 oz.	5/28/61	Cherokee Co. Pit, KS	
SUNFISH, Hybrid	(IL)	2 lb./9.4 oz.	9/20/05	Farm Pond	HENRY
	(NA)	2 lb./10 oz.	5/17/99	Farm Pond, KS	
SUNFISH,	(IL)	11.2 oz.	1/15/10	Mississippi River	CARROL
Pumpkinseed	(NA)	2 lb./4 oz.	5/26/97	North Saluda River, SC	
SUNFISH, Redear	(IL)	2 lb./12.3 oz.	9/7/85	Marion CC Lake	WILLIAMSON
	(NA)	5 lb./7.5 oz.	11/6/98	Diversion Canal, SC	
TROUT, Brook	(IL)	7 lb./5 oz.	11/3/98	Lake Michigan	LAKE
	(NA)	14 lb./8 oz.	7/1916	Nipigon River, Ontario, CAN	
TROUT, Brown	(IL)	36 lb./11.5 oz.	6/22/97	Lake Michigan	COOK
	(NA)	41 lb./8 oz.	9/9/09	Big Manistee River, MI	
TROUT, Lake	(IL)	38 lb./4 oz.	8/22/99	Lake Michigan	LAKE
	(NA)	72 lb./4 oz.	8/19/95	Great Bear Lake, N.W.T. Canada	
TROUT, Rainbow	(IL)	31 lb./6.72 oz.	7/10/93	Lake Michigan	LAKE
(Inland)	(NA)	48 lb./0 oz.	9/5/09	Lake Diefenbaker, Saskatchewan, CAN	
TROUT, Tiger	(IL)	8 lb./12.5 oz.	6/26/77	Lake Michigan	COOK
	(NA)	20 lb./13 oz.	8/12/78	Lake Michigan, WI	
WALLEYE	(IL)	15 lb./1 oz.	3/11/12	Pecatonica River	WINNEBAGO
	(NA)	25 lb./0 oz.	8/1/60	Old Hickory Lake, TN	
WARMOUTH	(IL)	1 lb./13 oz.	5/22/71	Farm Pond	CUMBERLAND
	(NA)	2 lb./7 oz.	10/19/85	Yellow River, FL	

North American Records from the 2012 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** 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** 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** 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 (Catfish, Black Bass, Temperate Bass, Esocid, Salmonid, and Perch). Applications for the GRAND SLAM award are available to download from the **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** 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** 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** website.
- A **JUNIOR ANGLER AWARD** certificate is available for download from the **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 FISH (LBS.)	CATCH & RELEASE (INS.)
Largemouth bass	6	19
Smallmouth bass	3	16
Spotted bass	3	16
White bass	2	15
Yellow bass	1	11
Striped bass	12	28
Hybrid striped bass	7	20
Northern pike	13	30
Muskellunge	15	36
Tiger muskie	13	30
Walleye	5	22
Sauger	3	18
Saugeye (hybrid)	3	18
Yellow perch	1	12
Bluegill	1	10
Redear sunfish	1	10
Green sunfish	1	10
Rock bass	1	9
Warmouth	1	9
Other sunfish	1	10
Hybrid sunfish	1	10
White crappie	2	13
Black crappie	2	13
Hybrid crappie	2	13
Channel catfish	14	28
Blue catfish	20	30
Flathead catfish	20	30
Black bullhead	2	12
Yellow bullhead	2	12
Brown bullhead	2	12
Coho salmon	10	25
Chinook salmon	18	34
Pink salmon	2	15
Atlantic salmon	9	25
Lake trout	15	27
Brown trout	15	27
Rainbow trout	12	30
Brook trout	2	15
Tiger trout	3	19
Common carp	15	32
*Bighead carp	15	
Bowfin	6	24
Freshwater drum	10	24
Bigmouth buffalo	15	25
Black buffalo	15	25
Smallmouth buffalo	15	25
Shovelnose sturgeon	2	24
Longnose gar	5	32
Shortnose gar	5	30
Spotted gar	5	30
Grass carp (white amur)	15	27
Goldeye	1	12
Mooneye	1	12
Skipjack herring	1	12
Burbot	5	22

* 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 ANLGER 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.

ILLINOIS FISHING PROSPECTS

WATER AREA	LOCATION	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH
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	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

ILLINOIS FISHING PROSPECTS

WATER AREA	LOCATION	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH
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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WATER AREA	LOCATION	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH
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., 5 mi. W of Andalusia	Summer	3	Shallows of upper end & dam
Lake Jacksonville - 476 acres	Morgan Co., 2 mi. S 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-Muscatine	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
Monee Reservoir - 44 acres	Will Co., Rt. 50 near Monee	July - Sept.	1 to 5	Shoreline

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WATER AREA	LOCATION	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH
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 Kinmundy	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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WATER AREA	LOCATION	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH
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 or 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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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

ILLINOIS FISHING PROSPECTS

WATER AREA	LOCATION	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH
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 or 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
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., Carterville	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

Lake Michigan
Illinois portion - 976,000 acres

FISH SPECIES	BEST TIMES TO FISH	WEIGHT (LBS.)	AREAS TO FISH	BEST BAITS
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	Minnows, 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 6, 2013 and April 5, 2014 while fall season opens at 5 a.m. on Oct. 19, 2013 and Oct. 18, 2014.**

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 apportionment 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 2012 apportionment of Sport Fish Restoration Program monies to Illinois was $7,086,724. 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.

WHEN BUYING A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE...

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You will be asked to make a donation to the Illinois Conservation Foundation. By generously agreeing to donate, you will be supporting the Torstenson Youth Conservation Education Center, a facility designed to provide a place where youth can explore, grow awareness, develop teamwork skills and become future stewards of our natural resources and environment.

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Help Protect Your Fishing!

Many aquatic nuisance species (ANS), such as zebra mussels and Asian carp, have invaded lakes and rivers in Illinois. These non-native species can negatively impact fishing and other types of water recreation.

BE A HERO TRANSPORT ZERO

FIGHT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVADERS

REMOVE PLANTS, ANIMALS AND MUD FROM ALL EQUIPMENT.
DRAIN ALL WATER FROM YOUR BOAT AND GEAR.
DRY EVERYTHING THOROUGHLY WITH A TOWEL.

Effective January 1, 2013, the Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act has been amended to prevent the spread of invasive aquatic plants and animals by boats, trailers and vehicles. It is now illegal to enter *OR* leave a waterbody with aquatic plants and animals attached to your boat or trailer. Travel on Illinois highways with aquatic plants or animals attached is also prohibited. Always **Remove**, **Drain**, and **Dry** to comply with the new law!

For More Information…

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On ANS: contact Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant at (217) 333-6444 or visit **www.iiseagrant.org**

On catching, cleaning, and cooking Asian carp: **www.iiseagrant.org/asiancarp/**

On recognizing and identifying Asian carp: **www.iiseagrant.org/speciesinfo/asiancarpwatch.pdf**

On recognizing and identifying Hydrilla: **www.iiseagrant.org/speciesinfo/hydrillawatch.pdf**

Bighead and Silver Carp WATCH

Bighead and silver carp (Asian carp) are invasive fish spreading within the Mississippi River and Great Lakes regions causing harm to humans, native fish and wildlife. Both species have low-set eyes and a large, upturned mouth, and may grow to be more than 60 lbs. and 4 ft.

Bighead carp

Silver carp

Juvenile Asian carp may be difficult to distinguish from local baitfish species such as gizzard shad.

Bighead Carp

Gizzard Shad (native)

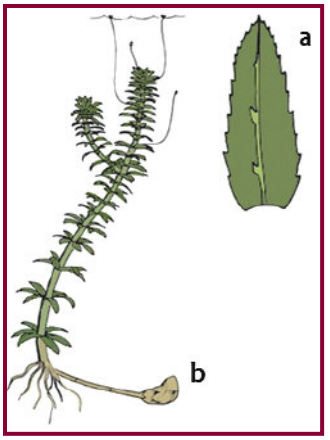
Silver Carp

You can help!

- **Report new sightings** – note exact location, take a photo, freeze specimen in a sealed plastic bag and call 1-877-STOP-ANS (1-877-786-7267).
- **Harvest bait only** from uninfested waters.
- **Dispose** of bait in the trash.
- **Know the rules** – release of live Asian carp is prohibited in Illinois.
- **Catch and eat** these tasty fish to help reduce their numbers.

Hydrilla WATCH

Hydrilla is a non-native plant invading and causing harm to waters in nearby states. It forms thick, submersed mats that hinder fishing and boating, and harm fish and wildlife.



Hydrilla looks similar to native elodea, which is found in many Illinois lakes and rivers. However, Hydrilla has whorls of 4 or more spear-shaped[a] leaves around the stem (native = 2-3), leaves with coarse teeth[a] along the edges (native = no teeth), and bulb-like tubers[b] in the soil (native = no tubers).

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You can help!

Early detection of new populations of Hydrilla may limit the spread and allow for its removal. Report new sightings of this plant – call 1-877-STOP-ANS (1-877-786-7267).

More Places...

IRAP
Illinois Recreational Access Program

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!

To go FISHING

By leasing ponds from private landowners, families will have more places to fish. Who knows, maybe the next state record will be caught by you!

To LAUNCH your CANOE

Additional access points along public rivers will be available for "put ins" and "take outs" of your non-motorized water craft. Grab your paddle!

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?

For more information on IRAP contact your local County Soil and Water District
or contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources at http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation

State of Illinois

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 footgear 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
Northwestern Illinois - (815) 625-2903
Central Illinois - (217) 782-6424
Southern Illinois - (618) 786-3323

ILLINOIS FISH AND YOUR HEALTH

Because some fish have become contaminated with chemicals, Illinois has established fish advisories for certain bodies of water in the state. These advisories are issued by the Illinois Fish Contaminant Monitoring Program (IFCMP), which consists of staff from the departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Public Health, and Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. A copy of the current fish advisory can be obtained where fishing licenses are sold or by going to: www.ifishillinois.org or www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/fishadvisory/index.htm

What are the criteria for the fish advisories?

Fish from areas with suspected or known contamination and from areas with no suspected contamination have been collected and analyzed by the IFCMP since 1974.The samples are tested for 14 chemicals known to cause adverse human health effects. After analysis, the advisory is created by determining which fish are unsafe to eat, which should be eaten in limited quantities and which can be eaten in unlimited amounts.

The most recent Illinois advisories are related to fish contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), chlordane and mercury. A statewide methyl mercury advisory for predator fish in every Illinois water body also has been established. 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.

How do fish become contaminated with PCBs?

Fish get PCBs in their bodies from living in contaminated water or near contaminated sediment, and by eating contaminated food. PCBs are a group of more than 200 similar manmade chemicals that were used widely in electrical equipment like capacitors and transformers. More than 1 billion pounds of PCBs were manufactured in the United States. Because of the health effects associated with exposure to PCBs, commercial production of PCBs ended in 1977. In 1979, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) banned all use of PCBs.

How do fish become contaminated with chlordane?

Chlordane builds up in the fatty tissue of fish living in contaminated water or near contaminated sediment, and by eating contaminated food. Chlordane is a manmade pesticide used in the United States from 1948 to 1988. Chlordane is a thick liquid that has a mild, irritating smell. In 1983, USEPA limited chlordane to only killing termites because of concern about the damage to the environment and harm to human health. In 1988, all uses of chlordane were banned.

How do fish become contaminated with mercury?

Mercury is stored in the muscle of fish that eat mercury-contaminated food or live in mercury-contaminated water. Mercury is a metal that occurs naturally in small amounts in the environment. It also is thought to come from burning coal or trash, as well as from industrial waste. Mercury gets into lakes and rivers several ways, including rain and runoff. When conditions are right in the water, certain kinds of bacteria change inorganic mercury into methylmercury. This form of mercury is one of the most likely to get into fish.

How can eating contaminated fish affect human health?

Eating contaminated fish does not necessarily mean adverse health effects will occur. The potential for exposed persons to experience adverse health effects depends on:

- the specific chemicals in the fish,
- the amount of chemicals in the fish,
- the amount of contaminated fish eaten, and
- the health condition of the person eating the contaminated fish.

While there is no immediate health threat from eating contaminated fish, there may be from long-term, low-level exposure to chemicals found in fish listed in the advisories.

Laboratory tests in animals have shown that long-term exposure to high doses of some PCBs and chlordane cause adverse health effects, including cancer, liver damage, reproductive damage and developmental damage. Health effects associated with long-term mercury exposure may include damage to the brain, kidney, lungs and a developing fetus.

The fish advisory is intended to protect children from potential developmental problems. Women who eat highly-contaminated fish for many years before becoming pregnant may have children who are slower to develop and learn. Adults are less likely to have health problems at the same low levels of exposure that affect children, so the meal advice contained in the advisory may be overprotective for women beyond child bearing years and adult men.

Should people stop eating fish?

No! Fish are nutritious. When properly prepared, fish provide a diet high in protein and generally low in saturated fats and play a role a maintaining a healthy, well-balanced diet. Many doctors suggest eating a half pound of fish each week is helpful in preventing heart disease. Almost any kind of fish may have health benefits when it replaces a high-fat source of protein in the diet. Steps can be taken to reduce risks from eating contaminated fish. The fat of the fish is where most of the contaminants, except mercury, are stored. As fish grow older, they tend to develop a higher overall body fat content. By choosing to eat younger, smaller fish, exposure to contaminants is reduced. Smaller fish have less fat and have retained fewer contaminants. By following the cooking and cleaning advice in the advisory, exposure to contaminants in fish will be reduced.

Where can I get more information?

www.ifishillinois.org or www.idph.state.il.us/envhealth/fishadvisory/index.htm

STATEWIDE AND SITE SPECIFIC BOWFISHING REGULATIONS

Fish Code (statewide application):

(515 ILCS 5/10-110) (from Ch. 56, par. 10-110)

Sec. 10-110. Taking carp, buffalo, suckers, gar, shad, drum, and bowfin. Carp, buffalo, suckers, gar, shad, drum, and bowfin may be taken by means of a pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or bow and arrow device, spear, or gig. Each person taking fish by these means shall possess a valid sport fishing license. Fish taken by these means shall not be sold or bartered. No other fish may be taken in this State by these means.
(Source: P.A. 89-66, eff. 1-1-96.) as amended in 2009.

Fish Administrative Rule 810:

- Only fish species listed in A.R. 810 may be taken by bowfishing and other legal methods as per creel limits identified for each.

- No live possession of Asian Carp species is permitted. Bowfishing and other legal methods are not permitted in waters listed in the Site Specific Regulations as “2 pole and line fishing only” except as listed by notation.

- Fish Species permitted (except as noted below) to be taken by bowfishing and other archery/spear fishing legal methods in Illinois waters include:

Order Lepisosteiformes
- Family Lepisosteidae:

Lepisosteus oculatus (Winchell) - spotted gar
Lepisosteus osseus (Linnaeus) - longnose gar
Lepisosteus platostomus Rafinesque - shortnose gar

Order Amiiformes
- Family Amiidae:

Amia calva Linnaeus – bowfin

Order Cypriniformes
- Family Cyprinidae:

Ctenopharyngodon idella (Valenciennes) - grass carp I
Cyprinus carpio Linnaeus - common carp I
Hypophthalmichthys molitrix (Valenciennes) - silver carp I
Hypophthalmichthys nobilis (Richardson) - bighead carp I
Carassius auratus Linnaeus - goldfish I

- Family Catostomidae:

Carpiodes carpio (Rafinesque) - river carpsucker
Carpiodes cyprinus (Lesueur) – quillback carpsucker
Carpiodes velifer (Rafinesque) - highfin carpsucker
Catostomus commersoni (Lacepede) - white sucker
Cycleptus elongatus (Lesueur) - blue sucker
Ictiobus bubalus (Rafinesque) - smallmouth buffalo
Ictiobus cyprinellus (Valenciennes) - bigmouth buffalo
Ictiobus niger (Rafinesque) - black buffalo
Minytrema melanops (Rafinesque) - spotted sucker
Moxostoma anisurum (Rafinesque) - silver redhorse
Moxostoma carinatum (Cope) - **river redhorse** (ST) **may not be legally taken; release immediately**
Moxostoma duquesnei (Lesueur) - black redhorse
Moxostoma erythrurum (Rafinesque) - golden redhorse
Moxostoma macrolepidotum (Lesueur) - shorthead redhorse
Moxostoma valenciennesi Jordan - **greater redhorse** (SE) **may not be legally taken; release immediately**

- Family Sciaenidae:

Aplodinotus grunniens Rafinesque - freshwater drum

- Family Clupeidae:

Dorosoma cepedianum (Lesueur) - gizzard shad

(Y) = Extinct
FE = Federally Endangered
X = Extirpated from Illinois
SE = Illinois State Endangered
ST = Illinois State Threatened
WL = Illinois Watch List
I = Introduced

In Illinois, the **river redhorse** is protected as a State threatened species. Though biologists have found the fish in stretches of the Fox, Des Plaines, DuPage, Kankakee Rivers, and also in the Illinois River upstream of Spring Valley, pollution and sedimentation from agriculture and urbanization compromise many of the clean spawning gravels the fish needs and reduce populations of the filter-feeding animals it depends on for food. For these reasons, scientists now treat the sensitive redhorse as an indicator species to show where river conditions have declined or improved.

In Illinois, the **greater redhorse** is protected as a State Endangered Species. Biologists have found the fish in stretches of the Fox, Des Plaines, DuPage, Kankakee Rivers, and also in the Illinois River upstream of Spring Valley. The largest of the redhorse (Moxostoma) species, the greater redhorse (Moxostoma valenciennesi) is a large, stout freshwater fish with a dark brown to copper back, yellowish sides and a whitish belly. The scales on the back and sides have a dark spot at their base. The greater redhorse’s tail fin is red, and the other fins are yellow to orange or reddish. The greater redhorse has a large head and a large mouth, with thick lips that are covered in folds In adults, the dorsal fin has a straight or slightly convex edge, and the tail fin is large and forked, with two pointed lobe. The female greater redhorse is generally larger than the male, and breeding males have large, white tubercles on the tail fin and anal fin.

- **Illinois waters open to bowfishing and other legal methods include all public site specific waters as noted in A.R. 810.35 (DNR, Fisheries) and all public rivers and streams as noted in A.R. 3704 (DNR, Water Resources)**

Public Waters in Illinois (DNR, Water Resources listing in Ad Rule 3704)
1) Lake Michigan
2) Chicago River: Main Branch;
3) Chicago River: North Branch to North Shore Channel;
4) Chicago River: South Branch;
5) Chicago River: South Fork of South Branch;
6) Chicago River: East and West Arms of South Fork of South Branch;
7) Chicago River: West Fork of South Branch to Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal;

8) Calumet River;
9) Lake Calumet and entrance channel to Calumet River;
10) Grand Calumet River;
11) Little Calumet River;
12) Wolf Lake (Cook County);
13) Mississippi River (including all backwater lakes such as Frentress Lake in JoDaviess County, Boston Bay in Mercer County and Quincy Bay in Adams County);
14) Sinsiniwa River to North Line of Sec. 9, T28N, R1W, 4th PM in Jo Daviess County, which is located approximately two-thirds mile downstream from the U.S. Highway 20 bridge. This area is shown on the Galena, Ill.-Iowa, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
15) Galena River to East Line of Sec. 6, T28N, R1E, 4th PM in Jo Daviess County, which is located approximately one-half mile upstream from the
16) Apple River to North Line of Sec. 35, T26N, R2E, 4th PM in Jo Daviess County;
17) Plum River to North Line, T24N, R3E, 4th PM in Carroll County, which is located approximately one and one-half miles upstream from the U.S. Highway 52 bridge. This area is shown on the Savanna, Ill., 15 minute USGS quadrangle map;
18) Rock River;
19) Pecatonica River;
20) Sugar River (Winnebago County);
21) Stillman Creek to South Line, T25N, R11E, 4th PM in Ogle County, which is located approximately one-third mile downstream from the Illinois Highway 72 bridge. This area is shown on the Stillman Valley, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
22) Henderson Creek (new channel) to East Line, SW 1/4, Sec. 6, T10N, R5W, 4th PM in Henderson County. The river has been relocated and the old channel abandoned;
23) The Sny in Adams, Pike and Calhoun Counties. The area has been drained with levees and ditches and it is uncertain that any descendent body of water exists;
24) Bay Creek to West Line, Sec. 29, T8S, R3W, 4th PM in Calhoun County. The head of navigation is the limit of meanders on the official plat of survey; but it is uncertain that any descendent body of water exists;
25) Illinois River (including all backwater lakes such as Peoria Lake in Peoria, Tazewell and Woodford Counties; Matanzas Bay in Mason County; and Meredosia Lake in Cass and Morgan Counties);
26) Des Plaines River to Hoffman Dam in Cook County, which is located one-half mile downstream from the junction with Salt Creek. This area is shown on the Berwyn, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
27) Kankakee River;
28) Iroquois River to South Line, SW 1/4, Sec. 30, T27N, R12W, 2nd PM in Iroquois County, which is located approximately one mile downstream from the junction with Sugar Creek. This area is shown on the Gilman, 15 minute USGS quadrangle;
29) Fox River (Illinois River Basin);
30) Griswold Lake (McHenry County);
31) Fox Chain-O-Lakes (Lake and McHenry Counties): Bluff Lake, Lake Catherine, Channel Lake, Fox Lake, Grass Lake, Lake Marie, Nippersink Lake, Dunns Lake, Pistakee Lake, Lake Jerilyn, Lac Louette, Redhead Lake;
32) Vermilion River (Illinois River Basin) to approximately one-half mile above the mouth near Oglesby in LaSalle County;
33) Spring Lake (Tazewell County);
34) Spoon River to North Line, Sec. 24, T6N, R1E, 4th PM in Fulton County, which is located approximately one-half mile upstream from the Illinois Highway 95 bridge. This area is shown on the Smithfield, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
35) Sangamon River to South Line, NE 1/4, Sec. 1, T15N, R4W, 3rd PM in Sangamon County, which is located approximately one mile south of the Mechanicsburg Road bridge. This area is shown on the Mechanicsburg, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
36) Sangamon River: South Fork to South Line, Sec. 33, T16N, R4W, 3rd PM in Sangamon County, which is located approximately two miles upstream from the mouth. This area is shown on the Springfield-East, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
37) Macoupin Creek to East Line, Sec. 25, T9N, R13W, 3rd PM in Green and Jersey Counties, which is located approximately one mile downstream from the junction with Boyer Creek. This area is shown on the Boyer Creek, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
38) Otter Creek to East Line of Sec. 3, T7N, R13W, 3rd PM in Jersey County, which is located approximately two miles east of the Illinois Highway 100 bridge. This area is shown on the Nutwood, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
39) Kaskaskia River to East Line, SW 1/4, Sec. 31, T8N, R2E, 3rd PM, which is located nine miles south and two miles west of Herrick. This area is shown on the Vera, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
40) Big Muddy River to East Line T8S, R2W, 3rd PM in Jackson County, which is located approximately one mile northwest of the Southern Illinois Airport. This area is shown on the Murphysboro, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
41) Ohio River;
42) Wabash River;
43) Vermilion River (Wabash River Basin) to West Line, T19N, R11W, 2nd PM in Vermilion County, which is located approximately one mile upstream from the junction with the North Fork. This area is shown on the Danville, SW, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
44) Little Wabash River to the Illinois Highway 1 bridge in Carmi in White County;
45) Saline River to junction of North Fork and South Fork;
46) Saline River: North Fork to North Line, Sec. 5, T8S, R8E, 3rd PM in Gallatin County, which is located approximately three miles south of the junction of Illinois Highway 141 and U.S. Highway 45. This area is shown on the Ridgway, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
47) Saline River: South Fork to West Line, T9S, R8E, 3rd PM in Gallatin County, which is located at the Gallatin-Saline County line. This area is shown on the Equality, 7.5 minute USGS quadrangle map;
48) Horseshoe Lake (Alexander County).

The following public bodies of water are primarily artificial navigable waters that were opened to public use.

1) Illinois and Michigan Canal;
2) Illinois and Mississippi (Hennepin) Canal and Canal Feeder;
3) North Shore Channel (Cook County);
4) North Branch Canal of North Branch Chicago River(Cook County);
5) Relocated South Branch Chicago River (Cook County);
6) Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal;
7) Calumet Sag Channel;
8) Marseilles Canal (LaSalle County);
9) Chain of Rocks Canal (Madison County);
10) Relocated Kaskaskia River.

The following public bodies of water are navigable waters that were dedicated to public use. This list is incomplete. It is believed there are numerous channels and slips in subdivisions on the margins of public bodies of water which have been dedicated by plat. Additional channels and slips have been dedicated by common law.

1) Petite Lake, Spring Lake and connecting channels between Bluff Lake and Fox Lake in Lake County.

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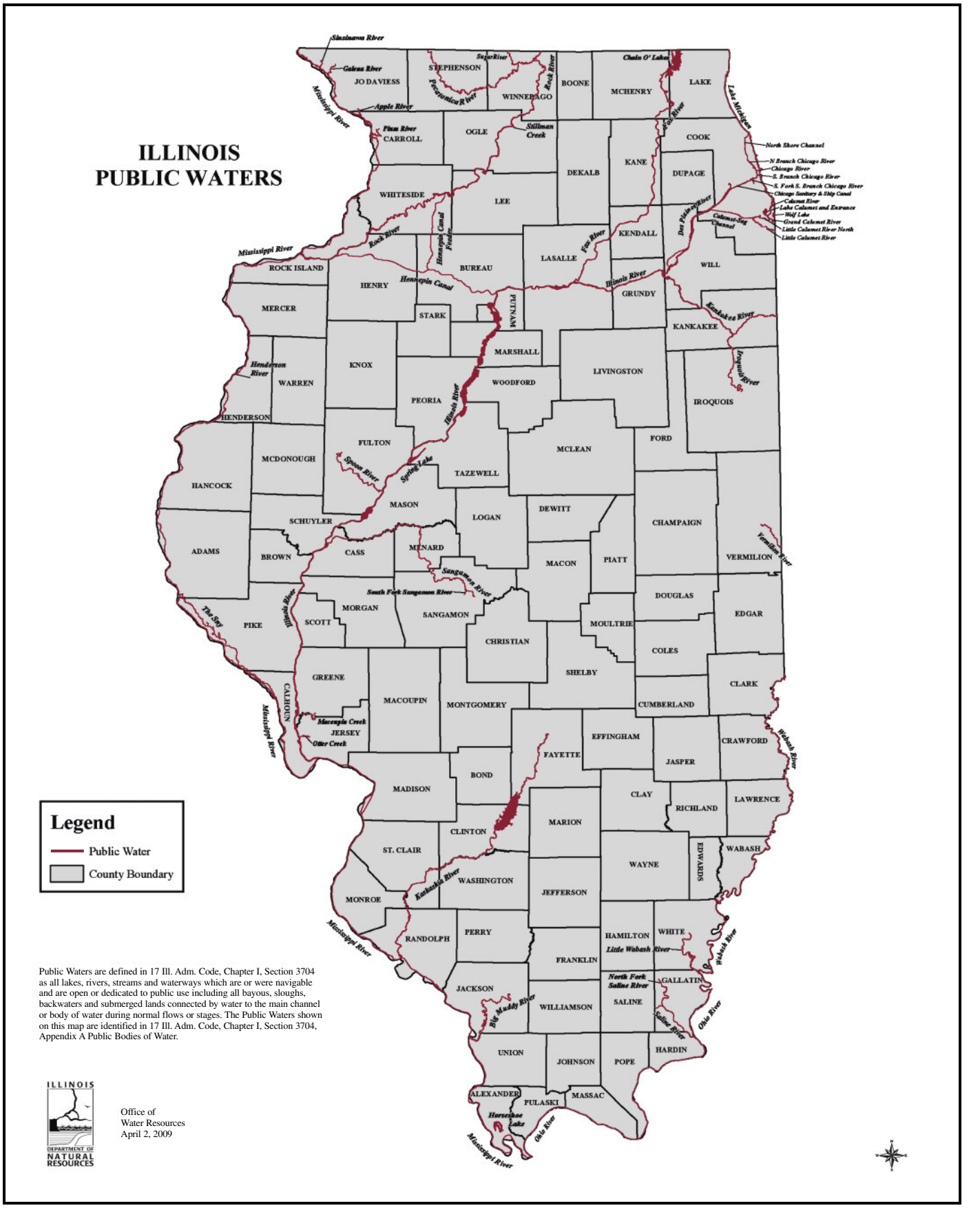

ILLINOIS CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Created in 1994 upon recommendation of the first Conservation Congress, the Conservation Foundation (an IRS 501 (c)(3) organization) provides a means by which individuals, families and businesses can contribute to conservation efforts that might otherwise be underfunded.

The Foundation can accept financial contributions and bequests as well as gifts of land, equipment, investments, or securities. The Foundation offers menus of projects in need of financial assistance, and contributors can direct their gifts to benefit specific conservation projects, endowments or memorials.

For more information, contact the Illinois Conservation Foundation at 217-785-2003 or check out our website at www.ilcf.org

Invaders in our Waters!

Your help is needed to prevent the introduction and reduce the spread of aquatic nuisance species (ANS), including viruses such as viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS).

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 hunting and impeding navigation. For more information, contact Illinois Natural History Survey/Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant at 847-872-8677 or visit www.iisgcp.org/il-ans.

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!™

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.

Prevent the transport of nuisance species. Clean all recreational equipment. Particularly waders/boots.

www.ProtectYourWaters.net

CARE TO COMMENT?

We'd like to hear from you ... so tell us what's on your mind.
Please send any comments/suggestions on this booklet or ways you feel the Division of Fisheries would better serve you.

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Please return to: Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries
One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271

BUY YOUR LICENSE OVER THE INTERNET!

- ***Fishermen and hunters, you now have the ability to purchase fishing and hunting licenses and stamps over the Internet and immediately print it out on your printer! Boat registration renewals may also be done over the Internet.***
- ***The transaction is encrypted for security purposes when traveling through the Internet. You merely complete the application and send it to us over the Internet. The system upon receipt, and provided the information submitted is correct, will process your payment (credit card payment only) and send back to your screen a web page containing an electronic license for printing and placing in your wallet. You can reduce the license size and you can retain multiple copies for your wallet, tackle box, etc. Each copy must have an original signature.***
- ***To buy an internet license, please visit the Department's internet home page at:***
  http://www.dnr.illinois.gov

ANGLER CREEL SURVEYS

Regular Creel Surveys

A creel survey is one of the most valuable tools available to the fisheries manager, since it provides both angler characteristics and a measure of anglers' catch of fish (both harvest and release). Thus, careful analyses and evaluation of creel data indicate the relative success of fisheries management activities and fish stocking efforts. Creel surveys, usually conducted by trained clerks, are designed to provide a great variety of information on fish caught by anglers such as: number of fish caught, catch rate, and length/weight characteristics of fish caught. In addition, angler characteristics such as length of fishing trip, distance traveled and fish species sought are determined from the creel interview. The Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries conducts a number 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***

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 Striper	Trout	Muskellunge	Salmon	Warmouth	Smelt
Anderson Lake, Fulton Co.	1,364	X	X	X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X										
Argyle Lake, McDonough Co.	95	X	X	X		NW		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X						X							
Ashland New City Reservoir, Morgan Co.	10	X		X				P	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						
Banner Marsh, Peoria Co.	1,200	X		X		25		P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X							
Baumann Lake, Winnebago Co.	26							P	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							
Braidwood Lake, Will Co.	2,308	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					
Coffeen Lake, Montgomery Co.	1,100	X		X		25		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X												
Crab Orchard Lake, Williamson Co.	6,965	X	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										
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				
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		10		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														
DuPage River											X				X		X				X								
Dutchman Lake, Johnson Co.	118	X		X		10			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							
Evergreen Lake, McLean Co.	925	X	X	X		10	X	X	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										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					
Four Lakes, Winnebago Co.	19							P	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			
Frank Holten Lakes, St.Clair Co.	180	X	X	X		10		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X					
Gebhard Woods Ponds, Grundy Co.	3							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						
Governor Bond Lake, Bond Co.	775	X		X		120	P	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			
Hennepin Canal, Bureau Co.	-	X		X		A		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												
Homer Lake, Champaign Co.	80	X		X			X	P	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												
I&M Canal, Will/Grundy/LaSalle Co.	-	X				E		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	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								
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				
Kinkaid City Reservoir, Christian Co.	31	X		X				P	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				X			
Lake Bloomington, McLean Co.	635	X		X	X	40			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				X			
Lake Charleston, Upper Side Channel, Coles Co.	346	X		X		X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X					
Lake Chatauqua, Mason Co.	1,200	X		X		NW			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					
Lake George, Rock Island Co.	167	X	X	X		0		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 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				
Lake Mingo, Vermillion Co.	170	X		X		10		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X						X			X			
Lake of Eqypt, Johnson Co.	2,400	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X						X	
Lake of the Woods, Champaign Co.	25	X	X	X				P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X									X			
Lake Pittsfield, Pike Co.	220	X		X		10		P	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							
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			

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 Striper	Trout	Muskellunge	Salmon	Warmouth	Smelt
Lake Taylorville, Christian Co.	1286	X		X	X	X	X	P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X							
Lake Vermillion, Vermillion Co.	666	X		X		X		P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X												
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					
Levings Lake, Winnebago Co.	25.5	X				0	X	P	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	
Little Grassy Lake, Williamson Co.	1,000	X	X	X		10	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										
Lyerla Lake, Union Co.	260	X		X		10				X		X	X	X	X	X	X											X	
♿ Mallard Lake, DuPage Co.	89									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								
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							
♿ Mautino State Fish & Wildlife Area, Bureau Co.	74.2	X		X		E		P	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								
♿ 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			
Mechanicsburg Park Pond, Sangamon Co.	7								X	X		X			X														
♿ Mermet Lake, Massac Co.	452	X	X	X		NW		P	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			
Mt. Pulaski Park District Pond, Logan Co.	20								X	X		X			X														
♿ Murphysboro Lake, Jackson Co.	144	X	X	X		10		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										
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								
Otter Lake, Macoupin Co.	765	X		X	X	115		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X		X			
Paris Twin Lakes, Edgar Co.	220	X		X		X	X	P	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	
Pierce Lake, Winnebago Co.	162	X	X	X		NW		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						
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													
♿ Randolph County Lake, Randolph Co.	65	X	X	X		10		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												
♿ 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	
Rice Lake, DuPage Co.	36									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						
Saganashkee Slough, Cook Co.	325	X		X		E		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X		X						
Sahara Woods FWA, Saline Co.	275								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												
♿ Sam Parr Lake, Jasper Co.	180	X		X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X												
Sand Lake, Lake Co.	18							X	X	X		X			X														
Sanganois Lakes, Cass Co.	1,550	X		X		10		P		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X						
Sangchris Lake, Christion Co.	2,165	X		X		25		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X									
Schuy-Rush Lake, Schuyler Co.	220	X		X		X		P	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			
Siloam Springs Lake, Adams Co.	58	X	X	X		0		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				
♿ Silver Springs Lakes, Kendall Co.	21	X	X	X		0		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							
Spring Creek Reservoir, DuPage Co.	49									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			
Spring Lake (South), Tazewell Co.	610	X	X	X		25		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						
Ten Mile Creek Lake, Jefferson/Hamilton Cos.	200	X		X		10			X	X		X	X	X	X														
Turner Lake, Lake Co.	35	X				0		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													
Wampum Lake, Cook Co.	35							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	
♿ Weldon Springs Lake, Dewitt Co.	29	X	X	X		E		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							
Woodford County Conservation Area Lakes, Woodford Co.	2,790	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			

***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*

- Zebra mussels have been found in these waters.

- Some handicapped accessible fishing facilities present.

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
The point system applies to revocations/suspensions authorized under the following conservation laws: 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.	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. 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.	Group A Wildlife Code, Endangered Species Protection Act (Wildlife) and Federal Offenses (Wildlife) Group B Fish and Aquatic Life Code, Endangered Species Protection Act (Aquatic Life) and Federal Offenses (Aquatic Life) Group C Timber Buyers Licensing Act Group D Ginseng Harvesting Act, Endangered Species Protection Act (Plants) and Federal Offenses (Plants)

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.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

For more information, contact the Department of Natural Resources - Office of Law Enforcement at (217) 782-6431, or visit *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

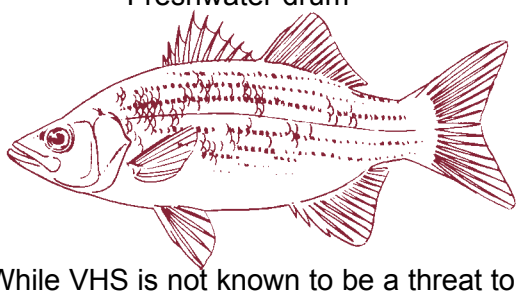
Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS) is a disease of fish caused by a virus previously unidentified in the Midwest. While it does not affect humans, VHS can kill a substantial number of fish and has been spreading throughout the Great Lakes.

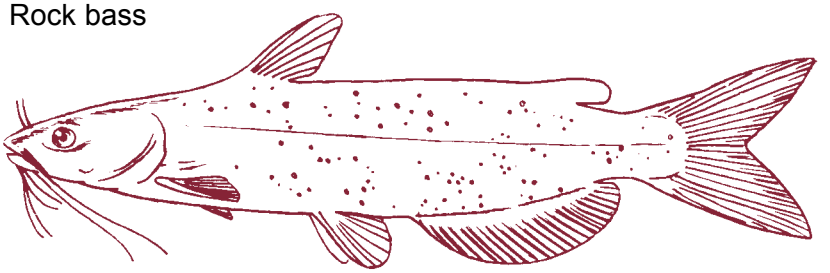
The new regulations we are implementing are immediate and appropriate steps in trying to slow the spread of this dangerous aquatic virus in Illinois. Sport fishing and boating are both very popular and important to the Illinois economy. The cooperation of anglers and boaters is essential in combating 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	Gizzard shad	Round goby
Bluegill	Hybrid (Tiger) muskie	Silver redhorse
Bluntnose minnow	Lake whitefish	Smallmouth bass
Brown bullhead	Largemouth bass	Spottail shiner
Brown trout	Muskellunge	Trout-Perch
Burbot	Shorthead redhorse	Walleye
Channel catfish	Northern Pike	White bass
Chinook salmon	Pumpkinseed	White perch
Emerald shiner	Rainbow trout	Yellow perch
Freshwater drum	Rock bass	





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 website at **http://www.dnr.illinois.gov**

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.

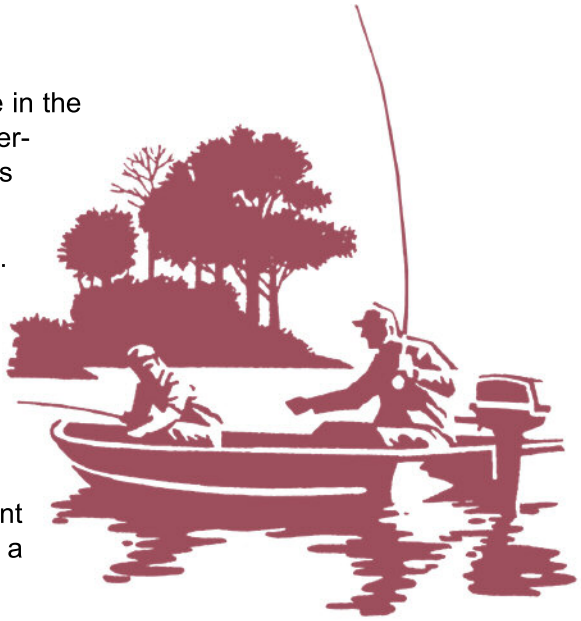
HOW ANIMALS COME IN CONTACT WITH MONOFILAMENT

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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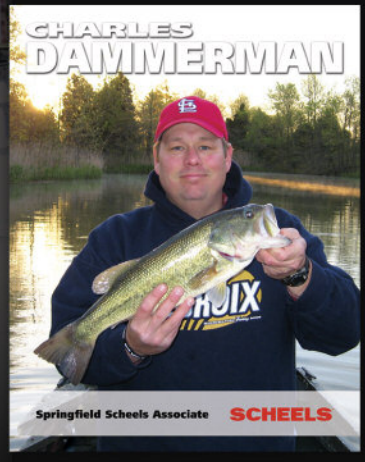

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