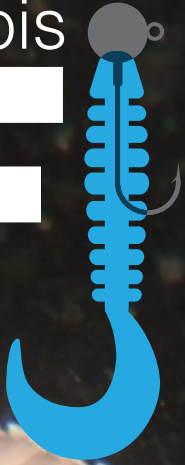




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FISHING



2023 REGULATION INFORMATION

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Message from the Chief



Thank you for your interest in fishing in Illinois – and for taking time to review the **2023 Illinois Fishing Information** guide.

Without the commitment of anglers like you who support the fishing regulations in Illinois waters, quality fishing cannot be maintained from year to year. The success of most fishing regulations depends on angler participation and your observation of those rules.

Our IDNR Division of Fisheries staff updates the **Illinois Fishing Information** guide each year to provide a comprehensive look at fishing in Illinois along with an updated summary of statewide and site-specific regulations organized by the body of water at which they apply. In addition, we post emergency changes to rules, fish stocking data, fish population information and many other fisheries communications of interest online at **www.ifishillinois.org**.

Those who enjoy fishing in Illinois provide the resources vital to Illinois' fisheries. The money you spend on fishing licenses and equipment helps fund our fisheries programs and helps ensure the future of fishing in Illinois. When you purchase a fishing license, you're helping to protect, preserve and enhance the sport of fishing for today and for generations to come. License fees help pay for fishery and hatchery management, habitat development and protection, endangered species programs, fishing and conservation education, and many other valuable programs.

Once again, we will have Illinois Free Fishing Days scheduled for the Father's Day weekend in June, occurring on the dates of Friday, June 16 through Monday, June 19. Free Fishing Days provide an opportunity for all anglers and families to go fishing even if they have not yet purchased a fishing license.

Thanks again for reviewing the **Illinois Fishing Information** guide, and for your support of Illinois fishing.

Mike McClelland
Chief of Fisheries

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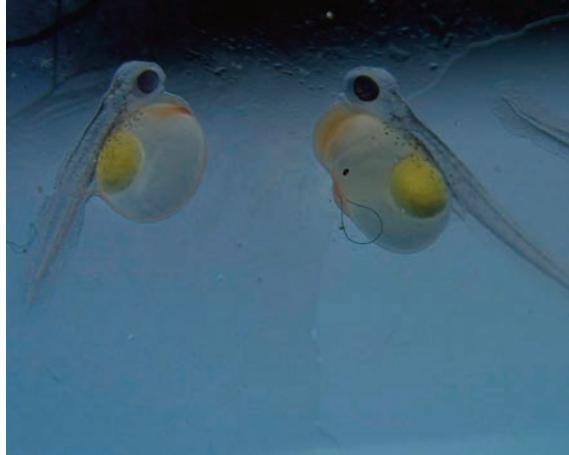
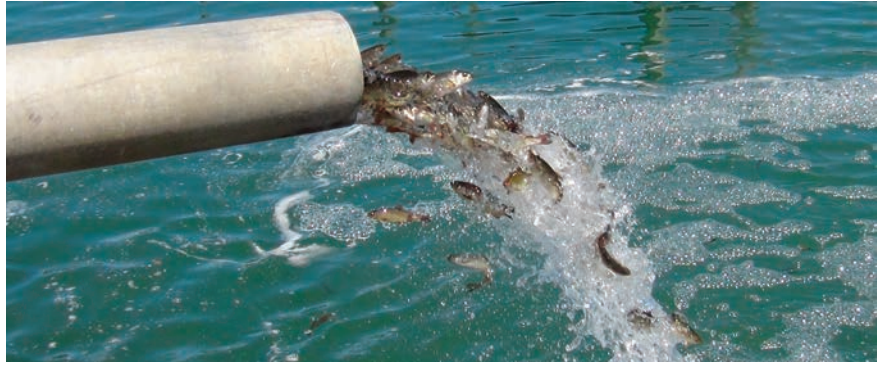
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Division of Law Enforcement.....	(217) 782-6431
License Replacement.....	(217) 782-2956
Biologist Contact Information.....	https://www.ifishillinois.org/FAQS/biologists.html
<i>(Record Fish, Fish Kills, Pond Management, Regulation Questions)</i>	
Aquaculture / Aquatic Nuisance Species	(217) 785-8772
Commercial Fishing	(217) 444-3078
State Hatcheries	
Northern Illinois – LaSalle Fish Hatchery	(815) 357-6986
Central Illinois – Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery	(309) 968-7531
Southern Illinois – Little Grassy Fish Hatchery	(618) 529-4100
Urban Fishing Program	
Chicago	(847) 294-4137
Northwest Illinois.....	(815) 625-2903
Central Illinois	(217) 784-4730
Southern Illinois	(618) 786-3323

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (TTY) (217) 782-9175

T.I.P. Target Illinois Poachers Report Violations to: 1-877-2DNRLAW(236-7529) 24 hours/day, 7 days/week

WHAT DOES YOUR ILLINOIS FISHING LICENSE PAY FOR?



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2022 STATE RECORD FISH

Four new pole and line state records were broken in 2022. We love big fish stories! Mention or tag us on Facebook using IFISHILLINOIS and we may share your story on our page or website.



Pink Salmon
taken by
Karri Cromwell
August 4, 2022
Lake Michigan – Lake County
4 lbs. 14.4 oz.



Pink Salmon
taken by
Alex Niemiec
July 10, 2022
Lake Michigan – Lake County
3 lbs. 14.4 oz.



Spotted Gar
taken by
Austin Downing
July 6, 2022
Kid Lake Canal – Monroe County
8 lbs. 14.7 oz.



Shovelnose Sturgeon
taken by
Kashten Gustafson
October 21, 2022
Rock River - Whiteside County
11 lbs. 13 oz.

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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. Sport fishermen 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.

****Half-priced sport fishing 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 contact the Springfield office to obtain a half-priced license. Please call 217-782-6302.***

NON-RESIDENTS:

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

Resident or non-resident sport fishermen 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 71 BOUNDARY RIVERS).

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

CURRENT FEES (Fees subject to change; additional transaction fee may apply) (INCLUDES AGENT'S FEES):

Resident sport fishing; annual	\$15.00*
Resident sport fishing;	
65 years old and over	\$7.75
75 years old and over	\$1.50
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
Resident Sportsmen's License	
(combined hunting and fishing licenses)...	\$26.25*
Resident Senior Sportsmen's License	
(combined hunting and fishing licenses;	
65 years old and over)	\$13.50
Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp	
(Licensed sport fishermen only)	\$6.50
Resident; 75 years and over	\$0.50
Inland Trout Stamp (all waters except Lake Michigan)	
(Licensed sport fishermen only)	\$6.50
Resident; 75 years and over	\$0.50
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 <https://www2.illi->

[nois.gov/dnr/LPR](https://www2.illi-nois.gov/dnr/LPR). Vendor transactions will incur a fee.

2. Replacement licenses, permits and stamps are available for \$3 from the Chicago office and the Springfield Public Service area.
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 driver's 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 any open season 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:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/>

Boat renewals may also be done at this site.

License sales for the year begin on March 1 and expire on March 31 of the following year. (e.g. Licenses bought on or after March 1, 2023 expire on March 31, 2024).

WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION AND SAFETY

WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION

All watercraft operated on the waters within the jurisdiction of this State shall be registered and titled except for unpowered vessels, including canoes, kayaks and paddleboards. Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act Information can be found at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/boating/Documents/BoatDigest.pdf>

HOW TO REGISTER OR RENEW YOUR BOAT

To register your boat, you must submit a boat application; required documents; and the appropriate fee (see registration application requirements). Applications are available from Department of Natural Resources offices, boat dealers, or on-line at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/boating/Pages/default.aspx>. If you have any questions regarding registration and ti-

ting please call 217-557-0180 or 1-800-382-1696. To renew your registration by phone please call 1-866-867-3542.

BOATING SAFETY EDUCATION

Boat safety education is a positive move toward a safe and enjoyable boating future. **Beginning on January 1, 2016**, no person born on or after January 1, 1998 shall operate a motorboat with over 10 horse power unless that person has a valid Boating Safety Certificate issued by the Department of Natural Resources or an entity or organization recognized and approved by the Department. Enroll in a Boat Safety Course now. For information on class locations call: **1-800-832-2599**, or visit: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/safety/Pages/BoatingSafety.aspx>

RIVER CLOSURES

Illinois Department of Natural Resources routinely monitors river conditions throughout the state to ensure that river conditions are safe for recreational and commercial boat traffic. For information on river closures in Illinois please visit the following websites:

Illinois Department of Natural Resources:
<https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/closures/Pages/default.aspx>

United States Coast Guard:
<https://www.uscg.mil/home/>

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 unique to a particular fishery or waterbody. These detailed regulations are set forth in administrative rules. Such administrative rules are enforced in the same manner as are provisions of the statutes, and are subject to the same penalties. See TITLE 17: CONSERVATION for more details: <http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/017/017parts.html>.

AQUATIC LIFE

Aquatic life is statutorily defined as all fish, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks, crustaceans, algae, aquatic plants, aquatic invertebrates, and any other aquatic animals or plants that the Department identifies in Administrative Rules.

AQUATIC LIFE APPROVED SPECIES LIST

The Aquatic Life Approved Species List is created and maintained by the Department and is comprised of specific species of aquatic life, within the categories of fish, crustaceans, gastropods, mollusks, and plants. The listed aquatic life species are considered approved for aquaculture, transportation, stocking, importation and/or possession in the State of Illinois. A complete list of Aquatic Life Approved Species can be found at: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/aquaculture.html>

BAIT FISHING

The following fish species may be taken by anglers with a valid sportfishing license with a legal size cast net or shad scoop and used for **LIVE or DEAD bait on the body of water where they are collected**: Mooneye *Hiodon tergisus*, Goldeye *Hiodon alosoides*, Skipjack Herring *Alosa chrysochloris*, and Common Carp *Cyprinus carpio*.

The following fish species may be taken by anglers with a valid sportfishing license with a cast net or shad scoop and used for **DEAD bait on the body of water where they are collected**: Bighead Carp *Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*, Black Carp *Mylopharyngodon piceus*, Grass Carp *Ctenopharyngodon idella*, and Silver Carp *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*.

All cast nets shall be not larger than 24 feet in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than 1 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.

Minnnows (any fish in the family Cyprinidae except Bighead Carp *Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*, Black Carp *Mylopharyngodon piceus*, Grass Carp

Ctenopharyngodon idella, and Silver Carp *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*) and crayfish may be taken by anglers with a valid sportfishing license and used as **LIVE or DEAD bait on the body of water where they are collected** using traps of metal screen or hardware cloth, plastic, or nylon mesh or netting or minnow seines. 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. Minnow seines shall not be longer than 20 feet, deeper than 6 feet or contain mesh size larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement. Minnows and crayfish collected in such devices may only be taken for personal use and may not be sold or bartered.

Aquatic life protected under 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1010 - Illinois List of Endangered and Threatened Fauna may not be taken for any purpose including bait fishing.

The use of LIVE injurious species (as described in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Part 805) as bait is prohibited. Possession of live specimens, progeny thereof, viable eggs, or gametes is prohibited.

Collected LIVE bait fish may NOT be transported between water bodies. Bait fish collected in the tailwaters of a waterbody (i.e., below a dam or spillway) may not be transported and used as bait in the upstream waterbody.

BOWFISHING (ARCHERY/SPEAR METHODS)

- Legal Methods of Taking
Aquatic life listed in subsection (b) may be taken by means of a pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or bow and arrow device, spear or gig. A valid sport fishing license is required for taking aquatic life under this rule. Aquatic life taken by these means shall not be sold or bartered. No other aquatic life (e.g. fish, amphibian, or reptile species) may be taken in this State by these means. It is unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take aquatic life as provided in subsection (b) along, upon, across, or from any public right-of-way or highway in this State.. [ILCS 5/10-110 (b)]
- Species
Only fish, amphibian, and reptile species listed may be taken by bowfishing and other legal methods and in accordance with harvest limits identified for each. Fish, amphibian, and reptile species permitted to be taken by bowfishing and other archery/spear fishing legal methods in Illinois waters include:

Native fish

Alligator Gar - *Atractosteus spatula*
Bigmouth Buffalo - *Ictiobus cyprinellus*
Black Buffalo - *Ictiobus niger*
Black Bullhead - *Ameiurus melas*
Black Redhorse - *Moxostoma duquesnei*

Blue Catfish - *Ictalurus furcatus*
Blue Sucker - *Cyplectus elongates*
Bowfin - *Amia calva*
Brown Bullhead - *Ameiurus nebulosus*
Channel Catfish - *Ictalurus punctatus*
Flathead Catfish - *Pylodictis olivaris*
Freshwater Drum - *Aplodinotus grunniens*
Gizzard Shad - *Dorosoma cepedianum*
Golden Redhorse - *Moxostoma erythrurum*
Highfin Carpsucker - *Carpiodes velifer*
Longnose Gar - *Lepisosteus osseus*
Quillback Carpsucker - *Carpiodes cyprinus*
River Carpsucker - *Carpiodes carpio*
Shorthead Redhorse - *Moxostoma macrolepidotum*
Shorthead Gar - *Lepisosteus platostomus*
Silver Redhorse - *Moxostoma anisurum*
Smallmouth Buffalo - *Ictiobus bubalus*
Spotted Gar - *Lepisosteus oculatus*
Spotted Sucker - *Minytrema melanops*
White Sucker - *Catostomus commersoni*
Yellow Bullhead - *Ameiurus natalis*

Non-Native fish

Bighead carp - *Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*
Black carp - *Mylopharyngodon piceus*
Common carp - *Cyprinus carpio*
Goldfish - *Carassius auratus*
Grass carp - *Ctenopharyngodon idella*
Northern snakehead - *Channa argus*
Oriental weatherfish - *Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*
Pacu - *Callisoma* spp.
Round goby - *Neogobius melanistomus*
Sea Lamprey - *Petromyzon marinus*
Silver carp - *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*
Tilapia - *Tilapia* spp.
White catfish - *Ameiurus catus*

Native Reptiles and Amphibians

American Bullfrog - *Lithobates catesbeianus*
Common Snapping Turtle - *Chelydra serpentina*

- No live possession of Non-Native Fish species listed in subsection (b) is permitted, with the exception of Common Carp and Goldfish.
- Waters Open to Bowfishing and Other Legal Archery and Spear Fishing Methods
 - Illinois waters open to bowfishing and other legal methods include all public rivers and streams noted in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Part 3704. Appendix A, except as restricted by subsections (d)(3) through (d)(15).
 - All public site specific waters as noted in this digest that are outlined in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 810.45.
 - Catfish species may only be taken in rivers and connected public (wholly accessible by boat) backwaters as listed in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 810.15 as noted in subsections (d)(4) through (d)(15).
 - Mississippi River and connected public (wholly accessible by boat) backwaters, including that portion of the Kaskaskia River below the navigation lock and dam, except:

- A) Quincy Bay, including Quincy Bay Waterfowl Management Area
- B) Spring Lake in the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge
- C) Mark Twain U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge Waters (except by special permit).
- 5) Illinois River and connected public (wholly accessible by boat) backwaters except for:
 - A) U.S. Fish and Wildlife National Wildlife Refuge Waters
 - B) Meredosia Lake in Cass and Morgan Counties during the central zone duck season
 - C) Clear Lake in Mason County 7 days prior to and during the central zone duck season
 - D) Route 89 highway bridge to Starved Rock Dam for the commercial removal of Asian carp only by a limited number of restricted period contracts.
- 6) Wabash River
- 7) Embarras River
- 8) Sangamon River, downstream of Belt Route 48 southwest of Decatur to mouth in Cass County
- 9) Kaskaskia River south of Route U.S. 50 Bridge to mouth in Randolph County
- 10) Little Wabash River
- 11) Big Muddy River
- 12) Skillet Fork
- 13) Cache River from Route 51 downstream to the Mississippi River via Cache Diversion Channel, but not including that portion of the Cache River between the Cache Diversion Channel Levee and the Ohio River
- 14) Saline River in Gallatin and Saline Counties
- 15) Ohio River, except for:
 - A) Olmsted Locks and Dam downstream to a line perpendicular with the end of the longest lock wall, including the circular cell portion
 - B) Smithland Dam downstream to a line perpendicular to the end of the outer lock wall
 - C) Within 50 yards of the mouth of any tributary or stream

CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING

Waterbodies may be listed as Catch and Release Fishing Only for all species, individual fish species, or may have special Catch and Release Only seasons. Catch and Release Only Fishing means no harvest of target fish species permitted. Caught fish must be returned to the same water immediately unharmed.

CLEANING FISH ON THE WATER

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 and harvest limits are applicable.

CLOSED SEASON

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 the "opening day" of the season.

COMMERCIAL FISH

The minimum size limit on Channel Catfish, Flathead Catfish, Blue Catfish and White Catfish taken by commercial fishermen is 15 inches, except in the Wabash and Ohio Rivers. No Channel Catfish, Blue Catfish or Flathead Catfish less than 13 inches in total length may be taken from the Wabash and Ohio Rivers. Only one Channel Catfish per day equal to or greater than 28 inches may be harvested from the Wabash and Ohio Rivers. Only one Blue Catfish and one Flathead Catfish per day equal to or greater than 35 inches may be harvested from the Wabash or Ohio Rivers. No Paddlefish less than 28 inches in length may be taken by commercial fisherman from the Illinois or Mississippi Rivers. No Paddlefish less than 32 inches may be taken by commercial fishermen from the Ohio River. No Shovelnose sturgeon under 24 inches or over 32 inches in length may be taken by commercial fishermen from the Mississippi River or the Ohio River. No Shovelnose Sturgeon under 25 inches in length may be taken by commercial fishermen from the Wabash River. There is no size limit on Carp, Drum, Bullhead, Buffalo,

Sucker, Shortnose Gar, Longnose Gar, Spotted Gar, Bowfin, 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. Additional information can be found at <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/commercialfish.html>

COMMERCIAL LICENSES

A commercial fishing license and sportfishing license is required for any person who uses a commercial device to harvest fish (including minnows) or crayfish. Any person assisting a licensed commercial fisherman in taking fish (including minnows) or crayfish must have a sportfishing license. 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. All commercial fishermen shall procure a commercial roe harvest permit in addition to their commercial fishing and sportfishing license before taking roe-bearing species (Bowfin, Paddlefish, and Shovelnose Sturgeon).

A commercial musseling license is required for any person who commercially harvests mussels. Any person assisting a licensed 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, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702. 217-785-3423 and <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/commercialfish.html>

CRAYFISH

It is a violation of state law to import, possess, sell or use as bait LIVE Rusty Crayfish. The Rusty Crayfish may be distinguished by a dark rusty spot on both sides of the carapace (body) and a rusty-red band followed by a dark stripe on the large pincers (claws). Rusty Crayfish destroy aquatic vegetation and eat the eggs of various fishes, which negatively affects fish reproduction. DEAD Rusty Crayfish may be used as bait.

Endangered or threatened species may NOT be taken for use as bait, LIVE or DEAD.

The following crayfish species are listed on the Illinois Aquatic Life Approved Species List and shall be allowed for use as LIVE bait in Illinois: White River Crayfish *Procambarus acutus*, Papershell Crayfish *Faxonius immutis*, Northern Crayfish *Faxonius virilis*, and Devil Crayfish *Lacunacambarus diogenes*. These approved crayfish may be captured using legal angling methods in Illinois including legal traps and cast nets, shad scoops, and minnow seines with a sportfishing license.

Those wild caught approved species (above) can be collected by any approved method but **may only be used as bait on the waters where collected**. Crayfish taken with a sportfishing license may only be taken for personal use, and may not be sold or bartered. DEAD crayfish of any species, excluding endangered or threatened species, may be used as bait.

Crayfish traps: traps of metal screen or hardware cloth, plastic, or nylon mesh or netting may be used to capture approved crayfish. 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, mailing address and phone number of the person operating the device. Crayfish collected in such devices may only be used on the waters where collected, may only be taken for personal use, and may not be sold or bartered.

Only persons possessing a valid commercial fishing license may harvest and sell crayfish from designated waters. Additional information can be found at <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/commercialfish.html>

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, hold for weigh-in, and release fishing tournament which requires the participants to have a boat live well with a pump constantly adding fresh or recirculating water.

DAILY HARVEST AND LENGTH LIMITS (STATEWIDE)

Statewide daily harvest and length limits are found on p. 10 of the Fishing Digest. These harvest and length limits apply to all Water of the State. Anglers should check daily harvest and length limits listed in Site-specific Regulations (beginning on p. 12) which may be more restrictive.

Length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail with the fish laid flat on a ruler, with the mouth of the fish closed and the tail lobes pressed together. No fish species may be dressed (filleted or head and tail removed) on any waters to which length and harvest limits are applicable. Regardless of where taken, no fish less than the specified minimum length or more than the daily harvest shall be possessed while taking from, or on the waters to which length limits and/or daily harvest limits apply. If a daily harvest limit covers more than one fish species (e.g., White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie), the number of fish permitted to be taken includes all fish species covered by the regulation added together (in the aggregate).

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. Daily Fee Fishing Areas by administrative rule are defined as any privately owned water area that is controlled, operated or managed for fishing and utilized by persons who pay a daily fee, either directly or indirectly; water bodies that are controlled, operated or managed as private club lakes, organizational lakes or lake developments are not eligible to receive a daily fee fishing area license.

DIP NETS

A sport fishing license allows the holder to harvest 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 Common 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 harvest game fish.

DISABLED OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources is committed to providing greater access and more programs for persons with disabilities. We want to make it easier for disabled individuals to hunt, fish, and pursue other outdoor activities. DNR's intention is to expand these opportunities so more individuals may take part. For more information, contact IDNR at 618-435-8138 ext. 130.

DRESSED FISH

No fish species may be dressed (filleted or head and tail removed) on any waters to which length or harvest limits are applicable.

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED AQUATIC LIFE

There are more than 80 species of aquatic life in Illinois currently on the State Endangered and Threatened (E&T) Species 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 <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/ESPB/Pages/default.aspx> and click on the link **List of Endangered and Threatened Species in Illinois**.

Species on the E&T list most likely taken by sport fishing methods include the River Redhorse, Greater Redhorse, Lake Sturgeon, and Mudpuppy. Accidental catches of E&T Species should be released immediately.

FISHING

Fishing shall be defined as taking or attempting to take aquatic life in any waters of the State, by any method, and all other acts such as placing, setting, drawing or using any device commonly used for the taking of aquatic life, whether resulting in taking or not. This also applies to the removal of dead and decaying aquatic life.

FISH ATTRACTORS

Sport fishermen may wish to add habitat or 'fish attractors' to their favorite fishing location, however fish attractors can only be put in public lakes with permission from your IDNR District Fish Biologist. Fish attractors may be put in private ponds and lakes.

FISH DISPOSAL / WANTON WASTE – AQUATIC LIFE ABANDONMENT

Except as provided in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 810.14, it is unlawful for any person at any time to take or possess any fish, reptiles, amphibians, mollusks and crustaceans in Illinois waters by sport-fishing methods and then intentionally leave or abandon such aquatic life or portions thereof resulting in wanton or needless waste.

"Wanton or needless waste" means to place, leave, dump or abandon any aquatic life or aquatic life parts protected by 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 810 along or upon any public right-of-way or highway, waterway or stream, or on any public or private property without the permission of the owner or tenant. No disposal of aquatic life or aquatic life portions shall be allowed on State owned or leased properties except at designated fish cleaning stations, where available.

Section 810.14 does not exclude fish or fish parts used for the purposes of bait or other lawful purposes or apply to injurious species of fish that accidentally jump into a watercraft and are immediately returned to the water.

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. More information can be found by visiting the IDNR website at: <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/boating/pages/passengerrentalboatlicense.aspx>

FREE FISHING DAYS

During the period of June 16, 17, 18, and 19, 2023, 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, salmon stamp or inland trout stamp.

FROGS (Bullfrogs Only)

See Frogs and Turtles on p. 9

GROUP FISHING PERMITS

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources may issue at no cost group fishing permits for hospital patients, nursing home residents, or handicapped people in connection with supervised fishing for therapy. The IDNR reserves the right to determine if the group falls within the definitions listed above.

For more information or an application form, contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

HARVEST

Any aquatic life taken into possession from any waters of the State by any method. Harvested fish from more than one angler may be kept on the same stringer or in the same basket or livewell, assuming all daily harvest and length limits are followed.

HARVESTING FISH ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Statewide daily harvest and length limits do not apply to a person fishing in waters wholly within his or her private property.

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. Anglers at 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, except lights; 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.

INJURIOUS SPECIES

To prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species, Illinois has implemented an Injurious Species regulation (17 Ill. Adm. Code, Part 805). Of special note to sport fishermen, this rule prohibits the possession of LIVE species deemed to be harmful to our lakes and rivers, and to the fish and wildlife that inhabit them. These harmful species include, but are not limited to:

Bighead Carp	Black Carp	Eurasian Ruffe
Rudd	Round Goby	Rusty Crayfish
Silver Carp	Snakehead	Tubenose Goby
Walking Catfish	Zebra Mussel	Brazilian Elodea
Hydrilla	Eurasian Watermilo	Quagga Mussel

The injurious aquatic life species listed above may be immediately returned unharmed. For example, a Round Goby caught on pole and line can be immediately returned to the waters where taken. A Silver Carp that jumps into a boat can be immediately returned to the waters where taken.

To view the complete list of regulated species and full text of Part 805, please visit <https://www.igla.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/017/01700805/sections.html>.

For more information on aquatic nuisance species, contact the IDNR Aquatic Nuisance Species Program by phone at 217-785-8772 or by email at dnr.ans@illinois.gov.

INLAND TROUT STAMP - ALL WATERS

(except Lake Michigan)

Sport fishermen 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; 75 years old and over	\$0.50
Resident and non-resident under 16 years of age	NONE
Resident; disabled, blind	NONE

The 24-hour license does not include trout fishing privileges.

SALMON STAMP - LAKE MICHIGAN

Sport fishermen 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; 75 years old and over	\$0.50
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.

MEASURING FISH

Fish length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail while the fish is laid flat on a ruler, with the mouth of the fish closed and the tail lobes pressed together, except for Paddlefish and Sturgeon. Paddlefish length is measured from the eye to the fork of the tail. Sturgeon length is measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. Regardless of where taken, no fish less than the specified minimum length limit shall be possessed while taking from, or on, any waters to which length limits apply.

MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT

Fish less than a designated length must be released immediately.

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 harvest minnows with cast nets (not larger than 24 feet in diameter and having a mesh size not larger than 1 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), 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.

Collected minnows may NOT be transported between water bodies, LIVE or DEAD. Minnows collected in the tailwaters of a waterbody (i.e., below a dam or spillway) may not be transported and used as bait in the upstream waterbody.

MUSSELS

Only persons possessing a valid commercial mussel license may harvest and sell mussels from designated waters. Additional information can be found at <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/commercialfish.html>

Persons possessing a sportfishing license may possess up to 50 relic mussel shells for personal collection. A relic mussel shell is defined as one which died of natural causes within the water and contains no meat or soft parts; it readily exhibits noticeable sediment, vegetation, algal or mineral stains, discolorations, soiling, weathering or other visual evidence on its interior surface which clearly and unambiguously shows the mussel shell has not been cooked-out or freshly cleaned.

POLLUTION

The Department of Natural Resources cooperates with the Environmental Protection Agency in conducting 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 (see inside cover for contact information), 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 the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

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 harvest 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.

PROTECTED SLOT LENGTH LIMIT

Fish within a designated length range must be released immediately.

PUBLIC WATERS

Public Waters are defined in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 3704 as all lakes, rivers, streams and waterways which are or were navigable and are open or dedicated to public use including all bayous, sloughs, backwaters and submerged lands connected by water to the main channel or body of water during normal flows or stages. A listing of Public Waters can be found in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 3704, Appendix A or at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/WaterResources/Pages/PublicWaters.aspx>

PURPLE PAINT LAW

The State of Illinois has implemented the Purple

Paint Law providing landowners or lessees the option to use purple paint in conjunction with no trespassing signs to mark property boundaries.

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.

SEASONS

Sport fishing is open year-round (except as noted in the Site Specific Regulations section and for turtle and 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 harvest 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

a) Sport fishermen 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.

b) Species of Fish and Snagging Harvest Limit.

- 1) Only the following species of fish and harvest limit may be taken by snagging:
Bighead Carp (no live possession) – no harvest limit
Black Carp (no live possession) – no harvest limit
Bowfin – no harvest limit
Buffalo – no harvest limit
Carp suckers – no harvest limit
Common Carp – no harvest limit
Freshwater Drum – no harvest limit
Gizzard Shad – no harvest limit
Grass Carp (no live possession) – no harvest limit
Longnose Gar – no harvest limit
Paddlefish – two per day; the maximum length limit for Paddlefish taken from the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa is 33-inch eye-fork length (EFL) (all Paddlefish greater than or equal to 33-inch EFL must be immediately released back to the Mississippi River); the minimum length limit for Paddlefish taken from the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri is 24-inch EFL (all Paddlefish less than or equal to 24-inch EFL must be immediately released back to the Mississippi River).
Salmon (Coho and Chinook only) – five fish, in the aggregate, daily harvest limit
Shortnose Gar – no harvest limit
Silver Carp (no live possession) – no harvest limit
Suckers – no harvest limit

2) No sorting (i.e., catching more fish than is allowed and putting back some in order to keep larger ones) of snagged Salmon and Paddlefish is permitted, except for Paddlefish taken from the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri where sorting is permitted. Every Paddlefish snagged must be included in the daily harvest limit. Every Salmon 10 inches in total length or longer snagged must be taken into immediate possession and included in the daily harvest limit. Once the daily limit of Salmon or Paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease.

c) 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 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:

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

d) 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 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 810.14 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

SPORTFISH

Principal sport fish are the Muskellunge, Tiger Muskie, Northern Pike, Walleye, Sauger, Saugeye, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Spotted Bass, Striped Bass, hybrid Striped Bass, White Bass, Yellow Bass, Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Rock Bass, White Crappie, Black Crappie, Trout and Salmon. These may be taken only with sport fishing devices by sport fishermen 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 (HOOK AND LINE METHODS UNDER A SPORTFISHING LICENSE)

Any individual possessing a valid sport fishing license may take aquatic life by hand, or may use pole and line, bank pole and line, throw line, trot-line, buoyed ganging devices, or other legal devices not exceeding 50 hooks in the aggregate, however, any individual at any one time is allowed to use under his or her immediate control only 2 untagged sport fishing devices and any additional devices up to the aggregate of 50 hooks must be tagged with his or her name and mailing address. If attached to a tree, the device must be attached only to the main trunk below the water line. All untagged devices must be marked with the angler's name and address.

Also permitted are legal-sized cast nets, shad scoops and minnow seines (see Bait Fishing, Crayfish, and Minnows). Smelt may be taken in Lake Michigan with legal size dip nets, gill nets, and seines.

Special fishing regulations at certain waterbodies prohibit the use of some devices or restrict the number of devices; please check the Site-Specific Regulations which are contained in this regulation booklet and are posted at various locations at the sites (boat ramps and site offices) where applicable.

While taking from areas designated as "Catch and Release Fishing Only", all catch and release species must be immediately released back into the waters from which taken.

SPORTFISHING LICENSE

A sport fishing license entitles an angler to harvest fish, crayfish, turtles or Bullfrogs, except for endangered and threatened aquatic life, within limits denoted in the Statewide Harvest and Size Limits Table and Site Specific Regulations. It is unlawful to sell any aquatic life, or parts thereof, taken by a sport fishing license.

STOCKING

Fish may be immediately released back 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 aquatic life found on the Aquatic Life Approved Species List into waters wholly upon his or her property so long as the aquatic life is purchased from a licensed Aquatic Life Dealer or Illinois Aquaculturist. Transporting aquatic life or natural water from a public water to private waters is prohibited. It is illegal to import, stock, or possess live diploid Grass Carp, Silver Carp, Bighead Carp or hybrid Grass Carp or any species not found on the Aquatic Life Approved Species List. A Restricted Species Transportation Permit must be secured from the Department of Natural Resources before importing or stocking triploid Grass Carp.

SUNFISH AS BAIT

There is nothing in the Illinois Fish and Aquatic Life Code which prohibits the use of legally taken Sunfish as bait for another species of fish, but Sunfish can only be used in the body of water from which they were taken. The Sunfish must have been taken by a properly licensed sport fisherman using legal sport-fishing devices. You must also observe all length limits and daily harvest limits both where the 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. Examples of Sunfish species legal for use as bait include Bluegill, Redear Sunfish, Green Sunfish, Longear Sunfish, Pumpkinseed Sunfish, Warmouth and their hybrids.

TAGGED OR MARKED 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 species of fish caught, the length and the weight of the fish, location captured, and the tag number, if present, should also be reported.

Sport fishermen are strongly advised to not tag or fin clip fish caught on state and/or public waters.

TAKE

To lure, kill, destroy, capture, gig or spear, trap or ensnare, or attempt to do so.

TRANSPORTING WATER, FISH, OR OTHER AQUATIC LIFE

It is be unlawful to:

- 1) import or move live aquatic life without securing permission from the Department (bait purchased from a licensed bait shop may be transported);
- 2) remove natural water from waters of the State via bait bucket, livewell, baitwell, bilge, etc.;
- 3) remove any watercraft, boat, boat trailer or other equipment from waters of the State without emptying and draining any bait bucket, livewell, baitwell, bilge, etc., or any other compartment capable of holding natural waters; and
- 4) use wild-trapped fishes as bait within the State of Illinois, other than in the waters where they were legally taken.

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. In waters where there is a 2 Pole and Line Only designation, no more than two poles and lines with not more than two hooks or lures on each may be used.

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 Two Pole and Line Fishing Only areas unless specifically authorized in the Site Specific Regulations section of this booklet. Fish taken by these methods must not exceed the statewide regulations (harvest limits and length limits). Trotlines and other legal hook and line devices shall not have more than a combined total of 50 hooks and must be checked at least every 24 hours. Trotlines and other sportfishing devices left unattended must be tagged with the name and mailing address of the operator. All required tags shall be in a position to be at all times exposed to public view.

TWO POLE AND LINE FISHING ONLY

Sport fishermen must not use more than 2 poles and each pole must not have more than 2 hooks or lures attached (Alabama rigs not allowed) while fishing on waters designated as Two Pole and Line Only in Site Specific Regulations, except that legal size cast nets (in accordance with Section 810.50(a)(1)), shad scoops, and minnow seines may be used to obtain baitfish, 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.

UNATTENDED DEVICES

Any unattended device 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. Bank poles and jug lines must be individually labeled, while a single trotline with up to 50 hooks only requires one label. Unattended devices must be checked at least once every 24 hours.

WATER OF THE STATE

Any water within the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois that is adapted for the purposes of navigation or public access.

WATERFOWL BLINDS

It is unlawful to fish within 250 yards of an occupied duck or goose blind on Department-owned or -managed sites during the migratory waterfowl season. This includes all sites listed and not listed in this regulations booklet.

FROGS AND TURTLES

A sport fishing license is required to harvest reptiles and amphibians. No person shall harvest or possess any species of reptile or amphibian listed as endangered or threatened in Illinois (17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 1010, except as provided by 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 1070). Alligator Snapping Turtle *Macrochelys temminckii* is protected and may not be taken by any sport fishing method.

Any captured reptiles or amphibians which are not to be retained in the possession of the captor should 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 Bullfrogs and Common Snapping Turtles must be kept and counted in the daily harvest. No culling of such taken species is permitted.

	Bullfrog <i>Lithobates catesbeianus</i>	Common Snapping Turtle <i>Chelydra serpentina</i>
Method of Taking and Capture	Bullfrogs may be taken only by hook and line, gig, pitchfork, spear, bow and arrow, hand, or landing net.	Common Snapping Turtles 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.
Season	June 15 through October 15, both dates inclusive	June 15 through October 15, both dates inclusive
Daily Harvest and Possession Limits	Daily Harvest Limit is 8; possession limit is 16	Daily Harvest Limit is 2; possession limit is 4

Bullfrogs and Common Snapping Turtles may not be taken by bowfishing tournament participants.

All other species of unprotected reptiles and amphibians (excluding Bullfrogs and Common Snapping Turtles) may only be taken by hand. This shall not restrict the use of legally taken reptiles or amphibians as bait by sport fishermen. For indigenous amphibian and reptile taxon (excluding Bullfrogs and Common Snapping Turtles) the possession limit is 8 collectively with no more than 4 per taxa.

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.
 - Protecting river corridors and associated wetland habitat.
 - Reporting any illegal capture, harvest or possession of alligator snapping turtles.
- 1-877-2DNRLAW(236-7529)



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



Common: Smooth shell with moderate projections; long neck and tail with sawtooth projections. These turtles may legally be taken with an Illinois fishing license. The daily harvest limit is 2 turtles and possession limit is 4.

STATEWIDE SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

AQUATIC LIFE	STATEWIDE CREEL AND SIZE LIMITS*
ALLIGATOR GAR	Harvest limit is 1 Alligator Gar per 24 hours.
BLUE, CHANNEL, AND FLATHEAD CATFISH	There are no harvest or size limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.
BLUEGILL, REDEAR SUNFISH, OTHER SUNFISH	There are no harvest or size limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.
COMMON SNAPPING TURTLES AND BULLFROGS	Season: June 15 to October 15, both dates inclusive. The daily harvest limit for Common Snapping Turtles is 2 with a possession limit of 4. The daily harvest 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.
CRAPPIE (WHITE, BLACK OR HYBRID CRAPPIE)	There are no harvest or size limits except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.
INJURIOUS SPECIES	For injurious species, as described in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 805, there are no harvest or size limits. Possession of live specimens, progeny thereof, viable eggs, or gametes is prohibited.
LAKE STURGEON	Protected; No possession.
LARGEMOUTH BASS, SMALLMOUTH BASS, SPOTTED BASS	Daily harvest limit is 6 Bass, either singly or in the aggregate, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations. In streams and rivers (excluding the main-stem of the Mississippi, Ohio, including the Golconda Marina and Wabash Rivers) the daily harvest can contain no more than 3 Smallmouth Bass. In rivers and streams and their tributaries statewide, except for the Mississippi, Ohio (including the Golconda Marina), Wabash and Illinois Rivers, Calumet River, Lake Calumet Connecting Channel, Calumet Sag Channel and navigable portions of the Grand Calumet River and Little Calumet River, all Smallmouth Bass must be immediately released between April 1 and June 15. There is no statewide size limit.
MUSKELLUNGE, NORTHERN PIKE AND THEIR HYBRIDS	All Muskellunge and Muskellunge hybrids (Tiger Muskie) taken must be 36" in total length or longer, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations. No more than 1 Muskellunge or Muskellunge hybrid (Tiger Muskie) may be taken per day, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations. All Northern Pike taken must be 24" in total length or longer, except in the Mississippi River and Ohio River where there is no size limit. No more than 3 Northern Pike may be taken per day, except as specified under Site Specific Regulations.
PADDLEFISH	Daily harvest limit is 2 Paddlefish. Please refer to Site Specific Regulations for the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa and the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri.
STRIPED BASS (OCEAN ROCKFISH), WHITE BASS, YELLOW BASS AND HYBRIDS	There are no daily harvest limits or minimum size limits for Striped Bass (Ocean Rockfish), White Bass, Yellow Bass and their hybrids, which are less than 17" in total length, except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations. For these fish 17" in total length or longer, the daily limit is 3 fish, either singly or in the aggregate, except in the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri where there is a 30 fish daily harvest limit for all Striped, White, Yellow or hybrid Striped Bass. In the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa, there is a 25 fish daily harvest limit on Striped Bass, White Bass, Yellow Bass and their hybrids, either singly or in the aggregate.
TROUT AND SALMON	Daily harvest limit is 5 trout or salmon, either singly or in the aggregate.
WALLEYE, SAUGER OR THEIR HYBRID	All Walleye, Sauger, or their hybrid (Saugeye) taken must be 14" in total length or longer, except in the Mississippi River, Wabash River, or as specified under Site Specific Regulations. Daily harvest limit is 6 Walleye, Sauger or their hybrid, either singly or in the aggregate, except in those waters listed under Site Specific Regulations.

*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.**

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SITE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS are listed by water area affected. The coverage of the regulation is dictated by the extent of the water area(s) listed and not by the county. In some cases, regulations for a given water area or site may extend beyond the counties listed. The listed counties 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. If a water area is not listed, or if a specific species is not listed, then statewide regulations apply. Check the bulletin boards at the specific site for any emergency changes to regulations.

Various special regulations are used by fisheries managers to protect the fishery. A **MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT** means that fish less than a designated length must be released immediately. A **PROTECTED SLOT LENGTH LIMIT** means that fish within a designated length range must be released immediately. A **DAILY HARVEST LIMIT** means that no more than the designated limit of fish may be taken daily.

If a daily harvest limit applies to more than one fish species (e.g., Large or Smallmouth Bass), the number of fish permitted to be taken includes all fish species covered by the regulation added together (in the aggregate).



SITE SPECIFIC REGULATION CODE DEFINITIONS provide clarification regarding additional restrictions or special provisions listed in numbered parentheses [e.g., (2)] within the Site-Specific Regulations water areas.

- 1) Sport fishermen must not use more than 2 poles and each pole must not have more than 2 hooks or lures attached (Alabama rigs not allowed) while fishing, except that legal size cast nets (in accordance with Section 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) Sport fishermen may not use a minnow seine, minnow trap, cast net or shad scoop for bait collecting in the following water areas:

Charleston Lower Channel Lake tailwaters from that portion of the Embarras River from the Charleston Lower Channel Lake Dam downstream to the Route 130 Bridge.

Clinton Lake tailwaters from that portion of Salt Creek from the Clinton Dam downstream to the Route 10 Bridge

Cook County Forest Preserve District Waters (except in the Des Plaines River)

Lake Decatur tailwaters from that portion of the Sangamon River from the Lake Decatur Dam downstream to the Route 48 Bridge.

- 3) 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.
- 4) 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 does not apply to trotlines, jug lines, etc., if allowed on the lake.
- 5) Sport fishermen may take carp, carpsuckers, buffalo, gar, bowfin and suckers by pitchfork, gigs, bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices.
- 6) The daily harvest limit for yellow perch shall not exceed 15 fish in the combined waters of Lake Michigan, Calumet River, and Chicago River including its North Branch, South Branch and the North Shore Channel.
- 7) 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 caught during that period.
- 8) 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 caught during that period.

- 9) Catch and Release Fishing Only means that fish (all or listed species) caught must be immediately released alive and in good condition back into the water from which they came.
- 10) 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.

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 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.

- 11) It shall be unlawful to enter upon a designated duck hunting area between sunset of the Sunday immediately preceding 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 two weeks prior to the start of the regular duck season through the end of duck and Canada goose season.
- 12) 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.
- 13) 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.

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Altamont New City Reservoir	City of Altamont	Effingham	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Anderson Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	State of Illinois	Fulton	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
			Largemouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Andover Lake	Village of Andover	Henry	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Anna City Lake	City of Anna	Union	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Apple River (within Apple River Canyon State Park and Satellite Boundaries)	State of Illinois	Jo Daviess	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
				Early season catch and Release Fishing permitted (9)
				Spring Closed Season (8)
				Early season catch and Release Fishing permitted (9)
Argyle Lake	Argyle Lake State Park	McDonough	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
				All live bait greater than 8 inch must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Hybrid Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Arrowhead Heights Lake	Village of Camp Point	Adams	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Arrowhead Lake	City of Johnston City	Williamson	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ashland Old Reservoir	City of Ashland	Morgan	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ashland New Reservoir	City of Ashland	Morgan	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Auburn Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Axehead Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Bakers Lake	City of Peru	LaSalle	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Baldwin Lake	Baldwin Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	Randolph	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Banana Lake	Lake County Forest Preserve District	Lake	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Banner Marsh Lakes & Ponds	Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area	Peoria/Fulton	Recreational Use Restriction All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge..... White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Sport fishermen may harvest carp, buffalo, suckers, and gar by bow and arrow devices, gigs, or spears from May 1 through August 31. All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 18 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 42 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Batchtown Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Calhoun	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
Baumann Park Lake	City of Cherry Valley	Winnebago	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Beall Woods Lake	Beall Woods Conservation Area	Wabash	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Beaver Dam Lake	Beaver Dam State Park	Macoupin	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Beck Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Belk Park Pond	City of Wood River	Madison	All Fish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
				Fall Closed Season (7)
Belleau Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish	Spring Closed Season (8)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
				Fall Closed Season (7)
				Spring Closed Season (8)
Belvidere Ponds	City of Belvidere	Boone	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
				14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Bevier Park Lagoon	Waukegan Park District	Lake	All Fish	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Bird Park Quarry	City of Kankakee	Kankakee	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
Blandinsville North and South Lakes	Village of Blandinsville	McDonough		Spring Closed Season (8)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches
Bloomington Park District Lakes (Anglers Lake, Holiday Lake, Tipton Lake and White Oaks Lake; except see Miller Park Lake)	City of Bloomington	McLean	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Blue Pond	Boone County Conservation District	Boone	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Bonfield Ponds	Village of Bonfield	Kankakee	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches
				6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches
Borah Lake	City of Olney	Richland	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Boston Pond	Stephen A. Forbes State Park	Marion	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Bowen Lake	City of Washington	Tazewell	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Boyd-Wesley Park Pond	Village of Towanda	McLean	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Braidwood Lake, Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area	State of Illinois	Will	Recreational Use Restrictions All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White or Hybrid Striped Bass	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.(13) Fishing tournaments prohibited from July 1 through August 31 (both dates inclusive) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches
Breese Jaycee Park Pond	City of Breese	Clinton	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Brock Lake	City of Mackinaw	Tazewell	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches
Buckner City Reservoir	City of Buckner	Franklin	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch 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	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge..... Walleye, Sauger or their Hybrid White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 36 inches and less than 42 inches or 1 Fish greater than or equal to 48 inches 3 Fish Daily harvest limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

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Bullfrog Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Sunfish	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Bunker Hill Lake	City of Bunker Hill	Macoupin	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (3)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area, All lakes and ponds	State of Illinois	Jackson	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all (use other than waterfowl hunting prohibited from November 1 through last day in February.)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches
			White, Black, or Hybrid	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Burrells Wood Park Pond	City of Carmi	White	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Busse Lake (including Busse Lake Spillway and Salt Creek downstream to Arlington Heights Road)	Cook County Forest Preserve	Cook	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid	Fall Closed Season (7)
			Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Cache River State	State of Illinois	Pulaski/Johnson	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
			All Fish	No fishing in Nature Preserves – Section 8 Woods, Heron Pond/Little Black Slough
				2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
				No Seines
Calhoun Point Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Calhoun	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
Calumet River	State of Illinois	Cook	Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (6)
				Closed May 1 through June 15
Campbell Pond Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Jackson	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
Campus Lake – Southern Illinois University	State of Illinois	Jackson	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Campus Pond – Eastern Illinois University	State of Illinois	Coles	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
				Spring Closed Season (8)
Canton Lake	City of Canton	Fulton	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Blue or Channel Catfish	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
				42 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Carbondale City Reservoir	City of Carbondale	Jackson	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Carlinsville Lake #1	City of Carlinsville	Macoupin	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Carlinsville Lake #2	City of Carlinsville	Macoupin	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
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). Does not include the tailwaters.	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Clinton/Bond/Fayette	Recreational Use Restriction White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Carlyle Lake Tailwaters (Kaskaskia River between U.S. Route 50 and the Carlyle Lake dam and spillway)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Clinton	All Fish	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.
Carthage Lake	City of Carthage	Hancock	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Casey Park Pond	City of Casey	Clark	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 fish greater than or equal to 8 inches 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Cedar Lake and Little Cedar Lake	U.S. Forest Service and City of	Jackson	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Centennial Park Pond	Coloma Township Park District	Whiteside	All Fish Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Centralia Foundation Park Catfish Pond	Centralia Park Foundation	Marion	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Centralia Lake	City of Centralia	Marion	Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Cermack Quarry	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Spring Closed Season (8) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Champaign Park District Lakes (Kaufman Lake, Heritage Park Pond, Mattis Lake and Porter Lake)	Champaign Park District	Champaign	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout (Kaufman Lake)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Charleston Lower Channel Lake	City of Charleston	Coles	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2) (5)
Charleston Side Channel Lake	City of Charleston	Coles	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish less than 10 inches and 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Charlie Brown Lake & Pond	City of Flora	Clay	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Charter Oak North – Peoria Park District Lake	Peoria Park District	Peoria	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Charter Oak South – Peoria Park District Pond	Peoria Park District	Peoria	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Chautauqua Lake North and South Pools	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Mason	Recreational Use Restrictions Largemouth Bass	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 the February 1 reopening. 12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Chenoa City Lake	City of Chenoa	McLean	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Chicago River (including its North Branch, South Branch, and the North Shore Channel)	State of Illinois	Cook	Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (6) Closed May 1 through June 15
Chillicothe Park District	City of Chillicothe	Peoria	All Fish Bluegill and Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Christopher Old City Lake	City of Christopher	Franklin	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Citizen's Lake	City of Monmouth	Warren	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 5 Fish less than 12 inches Fall Closed Season (7)

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Clear Lake	Kickapoo State Park	Vermilion	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Clinton Lake	Clinton Lake State Recreation Area	DeWitt	All Fish Blue or Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2) Sport fishermen shall be allowed to use trotlines, jugs, and bank poles in the portions of the lake that lie north of the Route 54 Railroad Bridge and northeast of the Route 48 Bridge All jugs must be attended at all times while fishing (3) 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 boat ramp, dock, beach or other developed recreation areas 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches and 5 Fish less than 10 inches
Coal Miner's Park Pond	City of Spring Valley	Bureau	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Coffeen Lake	Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	Montgomery	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	All jugs must be attended at all times (3) 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 10 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Coffeen Upland Management Pond	Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	Montgomery	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Coles County Airport Lake	Coles County Airport	Coles	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 14 inches
Columbus Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Commissioners Park Pond	Alsip Park District	Cook	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Conservation World Ponds	Illinois State Fairgrounds	Sangamon	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	

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Cook Co. Forest Preserve District Lakes (except see Axehead, Beck, Belleau, Bullfrog, Busse, Cermak, Flatfoot Green, Horsetail, Sag Quarry East, Schiller Pond, Skokie Lagoons, Tampier, and Wampum Lakes)	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed	
			Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Coulterville Reservoir	Village of Coulterville	Randolph	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Crab Orchard Lake	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Williamson	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restriction	West of Wolf Creek Road, fishing from boats is permitted all year. 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
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Devil's Kitchen Lake	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Williamson	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Sport fishermen shall be allowed to use trotlines, jugs, and by hand, except that sport fishermen may not submerge any pole or similar object to take or locate any fish and the use and aid of under water breathing devices is prohibited. Trotlines/jugs must be removed from sunrise until sunset from Memorial Day through Labor Day. 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.
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restriction	Fishing is permitted from March 1 through October 15, both dates inclusive from sunrise to sunset.
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Little Grassy Lake	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Williamson	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Restricted Use Area Ponds, except Honker's and Visitor's Pond	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Williamson	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Honkers Pond	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Williamson	Recreational Use Restriction	Fishing is permitted year-round from sunrise to sunset only
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Honkers Pond	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Williamson	Large or Smallmouth Bass	16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restriction	Fishing is permitted year-round from sunrise to sunset only

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Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Visitors Pond	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Williamson	Recreational Use Restriction	Fishing is permitted year-round from sunrise to sunset only
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Crawford County State Fish and Wildlife Area Ponds	Crawford County State Fish and Wildlife Area	Crawford	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout (Picnic Pond)	Fall Closed Season (7)
Crull Impoundment Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Jersey	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Crystal Lake	Urbana Park District	Champaign	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge – All Ponds	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Johnson/Pulaski/Union	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch 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/Union	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) No Seines
Dawson Lake & Park Ponds	Moraine View State Park	McLean	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 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
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	15 inch Minimum Length Limit; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 20 inches
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Decatur Park District Ponds (except see Fairview Park – Dreamland Pond and Sportsmans' Club Pond)	Decatur Park District	Macon	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Defiance Lake	Moraine Hills State Park	McHenry	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Des Plaines River Basin (former Hoffman Dam site to 47th Street Bridge, including tributaries)	State of Illinois	Cook	Channel Catfish	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Only (9)
			Northern Pike	30 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Diamond Lake	Mundelein Park District	Lake	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit
Dieterich Park Pond	Village of Dieterich	Effingham	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Dolan Lake	Hamilton County State Fish and Wildlife Area	Hamilton	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Dongola City Reservoir	Village of Dongola	Union	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Donnelley State Fish and Wildlife Area	State of Illinois	Bureau	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Double "T" State Fish and Wildlife Area	State of Illinois	Fulton	Recreational Use Restrictions All Fish Blue or Channel Catfish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge..... White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	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 greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 21 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 42 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Douglas Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
DuPage County Forest Preserve District Lakes and Ponds	Forest Preserve District of DuPage County	DuPage	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge..... Trout (Silver Lake) Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye..... White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie Yellow Perch.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 12 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 3 Fish less than 14 inches 48 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8) 16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
DuPage River – West Branch (between the former dam sites located in the McDowell Grove Forest Preserve and the Warrenville Grove Forest Preserve)	Forest Preserve District of DuPage County	DuPage	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)

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DuQuoin City Lake	City of DuQuoin	Perry	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
DuQuoin State Fair Grounds – All Lakes and Ponds	State of Illinois	Perry	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
East Fork Lake	City of Olney	Richland	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ed Madigan State Park Pond	State of Illinois	Logan	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Eldon Hazlet State Park (See Also Carlyle Lake)	State of Illinois	Clinton	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Elliott Lake	Wheaton Park District	DuPage	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Embarras River Bottoms State Natural Area	State of Illinois	Lawrence	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Emiquon Preserve – Thompson Lake	The Nature Conservancy	Fulton	All Fish Bluegill, Redear, Pumpkinseed, Green, Orangespotted Sunfish or Hybrid Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Evergreen Lake	City of Bloomington	McLean	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge..... Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye..... White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10) 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Fairgrounds Pond – Fort Massac State Park	State of Illinois	Massac	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Fairview Park – Dreamland Pond	Decatur Park District	Macon	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inches Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Ferne Clyffe Lake	Ferne Clyffe State Park	Johnson	All Fish Channel Catfish Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Flatfoot Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass..... White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Fletcher Park Pond	City of Mt. Zion	Macon	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Foli Park Pond	Village of Plano	Kendall	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Forbes Lake (including Forbes Lake tailwaters and that portion of Lost Fork Creek within Stephen A. Forbes State Park)	Stephen A. Forbes State Park	Marion	Recreational Use Restriction All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass..... Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit No Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
Forbes State Park Ponds (except see Boston Pond)	Stephen A. Forbes State Park	Marion	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Forest Park Lagoon	City of Shelbyville	Shelby	All Fish Channel Catfish Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Four Lakes	Winnebago County Forest Preserve	Winnebago	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass..... Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
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)	State of Illinois	Lake and McHenry	All Fish Flathead Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass..... Pure Muskellunge..... Smallmouth Bass Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) on State Park property bordering the Fox River and Grass Lake. All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 fish greater or equal to 28 inches and 2 Fish less than 28 inches 14 inch Minimum Length Limit (applies to Grass Lake and Nippersink Lake State Managed Blind Areas Only) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit of which no more than 3 can be Smallmouth Bass 48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10) All fish must be immediately released between April 1 and June 15 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and less than 24 inches 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than 24 inches

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Fox Ridge State Park (see also Hurricane Pond, Wilderness Pond and Ridge Lake)	State of Illinois	Coles	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Hunting or Refuge Area
Fox River (Algonquin Dam to the confluence with the Illinois River, including tributaries)	State of Illinois	Multiple	Flathead Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches and 2 Fish less than 28 inches
			Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches All smallmouth bass must be immediately released between April 1 and June 15
Fox River (at Moraine Hills State Park and Dam and on Bolger Lock and Dam Properties)	State of Illinois	McHenry	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Fox River Marina	Lake County Forest Preserve	Lake	Recreational Use Restrictions	Bank Fishing Only (in areas designated by Lake County Forest Preserve District)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bullfrogs may not be taken by hand, gig, pitchfork, spear, landing net or hook and line
Fox Valley Park District Lakes and Ponds (except see Jericho Lake and excluding Lake Gregory)	Fox Valley Park District	Kane and DuPage	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Frank Holten Lakes	Frank Holten State Park	St. Clair	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Franklin Creek (within the boundaries of Franklin Creek State Natural Area)	State of Illinois	Lee	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Franklin Creek Mill Pond, Franklin Creek State Park	State of Illinois	Lee	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Fuller Lake	State of Illinois	Calhoun	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
Fulton County Camping and Recreation Area Waters	Fulton County Board	Fulton	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
Gages Lake	Wildwood Park District	Lake	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Garfield Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Germantown Lake	Village of Germantown Clinton		All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Giant City Park Ponds	Giant City State Park	Jackson and Union	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Largemouth or Spotted Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Gillespie New City Lake	City of Gillespie	Macoupin	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Gillespie Old City Lake	City of Gillespie	Macoupin	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Glades – 12 Mile Island Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Jersey	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
Gladstone Lake	Henderson County State Conservation Area	Henderson	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Blue or Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches 48 inch Minimum Length Limit
Glen O Jones Lake Trout Pond	Saline County Conservation Area	Saline	All Fish Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Fall Closed Season (7)
Glen O Jones State Lake	Saline County Conservation Area	Saline	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches
Glen Oak Park Lagoon	Peoria Park District	Peoria	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Glen Shoals Lake	City of Hillsboro	Montgomery	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Godar-Diamond/ Hurricane Island Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Calhoun	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
Gompers Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Gordon F. Moore Park Lake	City of Alton	Madison	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Governor Bond Lake	City of Greenville	Bond	All Fish	All jugs must be attended at all times while fishing (3)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Grayslake Park District (Grayslake and Park Ponds)	City of Grayslake	Lake	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Green Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Greenfield City Lake	City of Greenfield	Greene	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 5 Fish less than 12 inches
Hanover Lake – Apple River Canyon State Park	State of Illinois	Jo Daviess	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Harrisburg New City Reservoir	City of Harrisburg	Saline	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Heidecke Lake	Heidecke Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	Grundy	Recreational Use Restrictions.....	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (13)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
				All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches
			Pure Muskellunge.....	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass.....	10 Fish Daily Harvest with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye.....	16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Heiland Lakes	Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District	Kankakee	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Helmbold Slough	State of Illinois	Calhoun	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
Henderson Creek State	State of Illinois	Henderson	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)

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Hennepin Canal – Mainline & Feeder	Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park	Multiple	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
				Jug fishing is permitted from sunset to sunrise and 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
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Hennepin-Hopper Lakes	The Wetlands Initiative	Putnam	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
				All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger or Hybrid	
			Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
Heritage Quarries (Great Lakes Quarry and Consumers Quarry)	City of Lemont	Cook		3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Herrin Lakes #1 & #2	City of Herrin	Williamson	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Heyworth Centennial Lake	City of Heyworth	McLean		3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	16 inch Minimum Length Limit
Hidden Springs State Forest Ponds	Hidden Springs State Forest	Shelby		1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Highland Old City Lake	City of Highland	Madison	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Hillsboro Old City Lake	City of Hillsboro	Montgomery	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Homer Guthrie Pond – Eldon Hazlet State Park	State of Illinois	Clinton	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
Homer Lake	Champaign County Forest Preserve District	Champaign		1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Hormel Pond	Donnelly State Fish and Wildlife Area	Bureau	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Horseshoe Lake – Alexander Co.	Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area	Alexander	Recreational Use Restrictions	Only trolling motors in refuge from October 15 through March 1
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Horseshoe Lake – Madison County	Horseshoe Lake State Park	Madison	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
				Trotlines must be set within 300 feet from shore
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Horsetail Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook		25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
				6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)
Horton Lake	Nauvoo State Park	Hancock		Fall Closed Season (7)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
Humbolt Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook		1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
				Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
				Spring Closed Season (8)
				Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
Hurricane Pond	Fox Ridge State Park	Coles	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Illinois & Michigan Canal	State of Illinois	Grundy/LaSalle/Will	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
				Spring Closed Season (8)
Illinois Beach State Park Ponds (except see Sand Lake)	Illinois Beach State Park	Lake	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Illinois Department of Transportation Lake	State of Illinois	Sangamon	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
				Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
				Spring Closed Season (8)
				Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
Illinois River	State of Illinois	Multiple	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Illinois River – Pool 26	State of Illinois	Calhoun	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
Illinois River – Starved Rock Pool	State of Illinois	LaSalle	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Indian Boundary South Pond	Frankfort Square Park District	Will	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Iroquois & Kankakee Rivers and their Tributaries	State of Illinois	Multiple	Walleye, Sauger or Hybrid Walleye.....	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 fish greater than or equal to 18 inches
Island Pond	Boone County Conservation District	Boone	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Jackson Park (Columbia Basin) Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Jericho Lake	Fox Valley Park District	Kane	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass..... White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area, All Lakes and Ponds (except see Drake Lake and Gridley Road Lake)	Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area	Cass	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass..... Pure Muskellunge.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) All live bait greater than or equal to 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area, Drake Lake	Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area	Cass	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area, Gridley Lake	Jim Edgar/Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area	Cass	All Fish Channel Catfish Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (8) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
Johnson Sauk Trail Lake & Pond	Johnson Sauk Trail State Park	Henry	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) All live bait greater than or equal to 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Jones Park Lake	City of East St. Louis	St. Clair	All Fish Channel Catfish Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Jubilee College State Park Pond	Jubilee College State Park	Peoria	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Kane County Forest Preserve District Lakes and Ponds	Kane County Forest Preserve District	Kane	Bluegill Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 3 Fish less than 14 inches
			Northern Pike	24 inch minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Kankakee River (from the Kankakee Dam to the Willmington Dam on the Kankakee River, including tributaries)	State of Illinois	Multiple	Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 3 Fish less than 14 inches
Kankakee-Iroquois Rivers and their Tributaries	State of Illinois	Multiple	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye.....	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches
Kaskaskia River Fish and Wildlife Area – Doza Creek Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	St.Clair	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Kendall Co. Lake #1	Kendall County	Kendall	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Kent Creek	State of Illinois	Winnebago	Trout	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
Kickapoo State Park Lakes & Ponds (except see Clear Lake)	Kickapoo State Recreational Area	Vermilion	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish..... Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish may be greater than or equal to 15 inches and no more than 2 Fish may be less than 15 inches
Kincaid City Reservoir	City of Kincaid	Christian	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
King Park Lagoon	City of Pittsfield	Pike	All Fish Channel Catfish Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Spring Closed Season (8)
Kinkaid Lake	Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	Jackson	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass..... Pure Muskellunge..... White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Kinmundy Reservoir	City of Kinmundy	Marion	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Kishwaukee River and South Branch of Kishwaukee River and Tributaries	State of Illinois	Multiple	Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Lake Atwood	McHenry County Conservation District	McHenry	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass..... Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Spring Closed Season (8)

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Lake Bloomington	City of Bloomington	McLean County	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than 17 inches
			Walleye.....	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than 10 inches
Lake Carlton	Morrison-Rockwood State Park	Whiteside	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Carlton Silt Basin	State of Illinois	Whiteside	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 8 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
Lake Chaminwood	Will County Forest Preserve District	Will	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Co. Forest Preserve District Lakes (excluding Independence Grove Lake; except see Banana Lake and Sterling Lake) and their Tributaries	Lake County Forest Preserve District	Lake	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye.....	16 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Decatur, (including all boundaries within the City of Decatur) from the dam to the Sangamon River at Macon Co. Highway 25 (North Oakley Road) and the area west of Baltimore Ave. Does not include the tailwater	City of Decatur	Macon	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2) Carp, buffalo, suckers and carpsuckers may be taken by means of pitchfork and gigs (no bow and arrow devices) 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Depue Fish and Wildlife Area	State of Illinois	Bureau	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Lake Eureka	City of Eureka	Woodford	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Crappie Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake George	Loud Thunder Forest Preserve	Rock Island	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Lake Jacksonville	City of Jacksonville	Morgan	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Carp, buffalo, suckers and carpsuckers may be taken by means of pitchfork and gigs (no bow and arrow devices)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Lake Kakusha	City of Mendota	LaSalle	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Le-Aqua-Na	Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park	Stephenson	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Le-Aqua-Na Kids Only Fishing Pond	Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park	Stephenson	Recreational Use Restrictions	Only youth under 16 years of age permitted to fish
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Hybrid Sunfish	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Loami	City of Loami	Sangamon	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Lake Lou Yaeger	City of Litchfield	Montgomery	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Mattoon	City of Mattoon	Coles/Cumberland/Shelby	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Lake Mendota	City of Mendota	LaSalle	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)

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Lake Michigan (Illinois Portion)	State of Illinois	Lake/Cook	All Fish	All devices used for sport fishing on Lake Michigan must be attended at all times
			Lake Trout	2 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Lake Whitefish or Round Whitefish	12 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in the aggregate
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	21 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout and Salmon	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout and Salmon	10 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Yellow Perch	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in the aggregate, except for Lake Trout
Lake Milliken	Des Plaines Conservation Area	Will	Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (6)
				Closed May 1 through June 15
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Mingo & Kennekuk Cove Park Ponds	Vermilion County Conservation Area	Vermilion	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
				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
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches
Lake Murphysboro	Lake Murphysboro State Park	Jackson	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
				15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Nellie	City of St. Elmo	Fayette	Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake of the Woods & Elk's Pond	Champaign County Forest Preserve District	Champaign	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
				All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	No Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5
			Channel Catfish	Fish greater than or equal to 7 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Owen	Hazel Crest Park District	Cook	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Paradise	City of Mattoon	Coles	Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Sara	City of Effingham	Effingham	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and less than 18 inches
				25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Lake Shelbyville (including its tributary streams and those portions of the West Okaw and Kaskaskia Rivers to the extent of the Lake Shelbyville Project boundaries – including parts of the Lake Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Area, except see Project Ponds)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Moultrie/Shelby	Recreational Use Restrictions	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 Fish	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Pure Muskellunge.....	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10)
			Striped Bass	32 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	2 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
				15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches and 5 Fish less than 10 inches
Lake Shelbyville Project Ponds (except see Woods Lake), and Lake Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Area Ponds	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Moultrie/Shelby	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid	
			Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches and 5 Fish less than 10 inches
Lake Shermerville	Northbrook Park District	Cook	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Crappie.....	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Sinnissippi	State of Illinois	Whiteside	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Lake Springfield	City of Springfield	Sangamon	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid	
			Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Storey	City of Galesburg	Knox	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
				All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Blue or Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 18 inches
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid	
Lake Strini	Village of Romeoville	Will	Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Sule	Flagg-Rochelle Park District	Ogle	Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
				All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge.....	36 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid	
			Crappie.....	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Lake Taylorville	City of Taylorville	Christian	Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Lake Vermilion	Vermilion County	Vermilion	All Fish..... Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Sport fishermen may harvest 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 wetland boardwalk. Trotline and jug fishing allowed north of Boiling Springs Road 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Victoria	City of South Beloit	Winnebago	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Williamsville	Village of Williamsville	Sangamon	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lakewood Park	Morton Park District	Tazewell	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large of Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
LaSalle Cooling Lake	LaSalle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	LaSalle	Recreational Use Restrictions All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass..... Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	Waterfowl refuge or hunting area; site regulations apply 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches
Levings Lake	Rockford Park District	Winnebago	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lincoln Log Cabin Pond	Lincoln Log Cabin Historical Site	Coles	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lincoln Park North Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	Recreational Use Restriction	Closed to Fishing
Lincoln Park South Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	Recreational Use Restriction	Closed to Fishing
Lincoln Trail Lake	Lincoln Trail State Park	Clark	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass..... White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 9 inches 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Litchfield City Lake	City of Litchfield	Montgomery	Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Little Casters Pond	Boone County Conservation District	Boone	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Mackinaw Ponds 1 & 2	Mackinaw State Fish and Wildlife Area	Tazewell	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Macon County Conservation District Ponds (except see Rock Springs Pond and Rock Springs Bike Trail Pond)	Macon County Conservation District	Macon	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Maple Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Marine Heritage Lake	Village of Marine	Madison	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Marissa City Lake	City of Marissa	St. Clair	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Marquette Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Marshall County Conservation Area – Sparland Unit	Marshall County Conservation Area	Marshall	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Marshall County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch)	Marshall County Conservation Area	Marshall	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Mascoutah Reservoir	City of Mascoutah	St. Clair	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Matthiessen Lake	Matthiessen State Park	LaSalle	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Mautino Fish and Wildlife Area	Mautino Fish and Wildlife Area	Bureau	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Sport fishermen may harvest carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears from May 1 through August 31
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Mauvaise Terre/Morgan Lake	City of Jacksonville	Morgan	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 15 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is Permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (8) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is Permitted (9)
Mazonia Lakes & Ponds (except see Monster Lake and Ponderosa Lake)	Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area	Grundy/Kankakee Will	Recreational Use Restriction All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
McCullom Lake	City of McHenry	McHenry	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
McKinley Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
McLeansboro City Lakes	City of McLeansboro	Hamilton	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Mechanicsburg Park Pond	City of Mechanicsburg	Sangamon	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Meredosia Lake – Cass County Portion	State of Illinois	Cass	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 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.
Meredosia Lake – Cass County Portion Only (meandered waters only)	State of Illinois	Cass	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Mermet State Lake	Mermet Lake Conservation Area	Massac	Recreational Use Restrictions All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Middle Fork Forest Preserve Ponds	Champaign County Forest Preserve	Champaign	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Middle Fork of the Vermilion River	Kickapoo State Park and Middle Fork Fish and Wildlife Area	Vermilion	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)

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Mill Creek Lake	Clark County Park District	Clark	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
				All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 4 Fish less than 15 inches
			Pure Muskellunge..... White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	42 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 2 Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches
Mill Race Ponds	Belvidere Park District	Boone	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)
Miller Park Lake	Bloomington Park District	McLean	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Spring Closed Season (8)
Mineral Springs Park Lagoon	City of Pekin	Tazewell	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
Mississippi River (between IL & IA)	State of Illinois	Multiple	Recreational Use Restrictions	Spring Lake in Carroll County is closed to fishing during the 7 days prior to the regular duck season and during the regular duck and Canada goose season except in areas posted as open to fishing.
			All Fish	Sport fishermen must not use more than 2 poles and each pole must not have more than 2 hooks or lures while trolling. Maximum treble hook size is 5/0
			Bluegill or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in aggregate
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Northern Pike	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Paddlefish.....	2 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
				The maximum length limit for Paddlefish taken from the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa is 33 inches eye fork length (all Paddlefish greater than or equal to 33 inches eye to fork length must be immediately released back to the Mississippi River) Snagging for Paddlefish is permitted from one half hour before sunrise to one half 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 harvest limit is 2 fish; no sorting allowed; once the daily limit of paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease. Paddlefish may be released at the angler's discretion once they are included in the daily limit. Gaffs may not be used to land Paddlefish
			Rock Bass	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, Yellow or Hybrid	
			Striped Bass	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
				Statewide regulation limiting daily harvest to 3 fish greater than or equal to 17 inches is not in effect on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa.

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Mississippi River (between IL & MO)	State of Illinois	Multiple	Walleye.....	15 inch Minimum Length Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 20 inches and less than 27 inches
			Walleye or Sauger	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 fish greater than or equal to 27 inches in total length.
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Yellow Perch.....	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Boating prohibited on refuge area (Ellis Bay) immediately upstream of Melvin Price Lock and Dam 26 over-flow dike from October 15 - April 15.
			All Nongame Species Combined	100 Total Fish Daily Harvest 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)
			Blue or Channel Catfish	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Flathead Catfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Northern Pike	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Mississippi River Pools 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24	State of Illinois	Multiple	Paddlefish.....	24 inch Eye to Fork Minimum Length Limit. 2 Fish Daily Harvest Limit. 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 harvest 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 harvest limit; Paddlefish less than 24 inches 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, Yellow or Hybrid Striped Bass	30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Statewide regulation limiting daily harvest to 3 fish greater than or equal to 17 inches is not in effect on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri.
			Walleye or Sauger	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Mississippi River Pools 25 and 26	State of Illinois	Multiple	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Mississippi River Pools 25 and 26	State of Illinois	Multiple	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Monee Reservoir	Will County Forest Preserve District	Will	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Monster Lake	Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area	Kankakee	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Walleye, Sauger or Hybrid Walleye..... White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and less than 24 inches 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 24 inches 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Montrose Lake	City of Montrose	Cumberland	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish can be greater than or equal to 8 inches 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Morgan Lake/ Mauvaise Terre Lake	City of Jacksonville	Morgan	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 15 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (8) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
Mt. Olive City Lakes (Old and New)	City of Mt. Olive	Macoupin	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Mt. Pulaski Park District Lake	Mt. Pulaski Park District	Logan	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Mt. Sterling Lake	City of Mt. Sterling	Brown	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches
Mt. Vernon City Park Lake	City of Mt. Vernon	Jefferson	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Mt. Vernon Game Farm Pond	Mt. Vernon Game Farm	Jefferson	All Fish Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Mundelein Park District Ponds	City of Mundelein	Lake	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Nashville City Reservoir	City of Nashville	Washington	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Newton Lake	Newton Lake StateFish and Wildlife Area	Jasper	Recreational Use Restrictions	The cold water (East) 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; Lake closed to fishing during First and Second Firearm Deer Seasons. Fishing tournaments prohibited from June 1 through August 31
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	10 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Norris City Reservoir	City of Norris City	White	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Oakland City Lake	City of Oakland	Coles	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Oblong Lake	Village of Oblong	Crawford	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ohio River – Smithland Pool Tributary Streams (in Pope/Hardin/Gallatin Counties, excluding Wabash River and Saline River Above Route 1 Bridge)	State of Illinois	Multiple	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Ohio River (between Illinois & Kentucky)	State of Illinois	Multiple	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Muskie or Tiger Muskie	36 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Northern Pike	No Minimum Length Limit No Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, Yellow or Hybrid Striped Bass	30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in the aggregate with no more than 4 Fish may be greater than or equal to 15 inches
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye.....	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ohio River (between Illinois & Kentucky) and Wabash River (between Illinois and Indiana)	State of Illinois	Multiple	Blue or Flathead Catfish	13 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 35 inches. No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 35 inches.
			Channel Catfish	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 28 inches

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Old Kinmundy Reservoir	City of Kinmundy	Marion	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Olson Lake	Rock Cut State Park	Winnebago	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Omaha City Reservoir	City of Omaha	Gallatin	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Omaha Township Reservoir	Village of Omaha	Gallatin	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Opeka Lake	Des Plaines Park District	Cook	All Fish Bluegill, Pumpkinseed or Hybrid Sunfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black or Hybrid Crappie.....	2 Pole and Line Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Otter Lake	Otter Lake Water Commission	Macoupin	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge..... Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches
Palmisano Pond (Stern's Park Quarry)	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Palmyra – Modesto Water Commission Lake	Palmyra/Modesto Water Commission	Macoupin	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pana Lake	City of Pana	Shelby and Christian	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) All live bait greater than 8 inch must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit
Paris East & West Lakes	City of Paris	Edgar	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Patriot's Park Lake	Kingsbury Park District	Bond	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7)
Peabody River King, Pit #3 Lakes and Ponds except see Willow Lake)	Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area	St Clair	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pecatonica River and Tributaries	State of Illinois	Winnebago/Stephenson	Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Perry Farm Pond	Bourbonnais Park District	Kankakee	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Piasa	State of Illinois	Madison/Jersey	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
Pierce Lake	Rock Cut State Park	Winnebago	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge..... White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4). 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 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pinckneyville City Lake	City of Pinckneyville	Perry	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pine Creek (within the boundaries of White Pines Forest State Park)	State of Illinois	Ogle	All Fish Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (8) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
Pine Lake	Village of University Park	Will	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Piscasaw Creek	State of Illinois	McHenry	Smallmouth Bass Trout	14 inch Minimum Length Limit Spring Closed Season (8)
Pittsfield Lake	City of Pittsfield	Pike	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 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 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pittsfield Lake Ball Park Pond	City of Pittsfield	Pike	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pocahontas Park Ponds	City of Pocahontas	Bond	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ponderosa Lake	Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area	Kankakee	Recreational Use Restrictions All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Powerton Lake	Powerton Lake Fish and Wildlife Area	Tazewell	Recreational Use Restrictions	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)
			Blue, Channel, or Flathead Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 35 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Prospect Park Pond	City of Moline	Rock Island	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
				Spring Closed Season (8)
Pyramid State Park – Blue Wing Lake, Green Wing Lake, Goldeneye Lake and Mallard Lake	Pyramid State Park	Perry	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (from November 1 through February 28/29 fishing is permitted in designated areas only, and fishing hours are from one half hour before sunrise to 2 p.m.).
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pyramid State Park – Captain, Denmark, Galum and East Conant Areas – All Lakes and Ponds (except Blue Wing Lake, Green Wing Lake, Goldeneye Lake and Mallard Lake)	Pyramid State Park	Perry	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all use other than waterfowl hunting prohibited from November 1 through February 28/29)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pyramid State Park Lakes & Ponds (excluding Captain, Denmark, Galum and East Conant Areas)	Pyramid State Park	Perry	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches
Raccoon Lake	City of Centralia	Marion	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Ramsey Lake	Ramsey Lake State Park	Fayette	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) .25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ramsey Lake State Park Ponds	Ramsey Lake State Park	Fayette	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Randolph County Lake	Randolph County State Conservation Area	Randolph	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7)
Red Hills Lake	Red Hills State Park	Lawrence	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Red's Landing Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Calhoun	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11) (Access to walk-in area closed 7 days prior to duck season)
Redwing Slough/ Deer Lake	State of Illinois	Lake	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
Rend Lake including its tributary streams and those portions of the Big Muddy and Casey Fork Rivers up to the Rend Lake Project boundaries, does not include tailwaters, (except see Rend Lake Project Ponds)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Franklin and Jefferson	Recreational Use Restrictions Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White, Yellow, or Hybrid Striped Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie.....	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) All jugs must be attended at all times while fishing (3) 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Rend Lake Project Ponds – Jackie Branch Pond, Ina N. Borrow Pit, Green Heron Pond, North Marcum Campground Pond, and Catfish Cove Pond	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Franklin and Jefferson	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Rend Lake Tailwaters (Big Muddy River within 1000 yards downstream of the Rend Lake Dam and Spillway)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Franklin	All Fish	Sport fishermen may not use a minnow seine, cast net, or shad scoop for bait collecting
Rice Lake Fish and Wildlife Area	State of Illinois	Fulton	Recreational Use Restrictions All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) Sport fishermen may harvest carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears from May 1 through August 31 12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Ridge Lake	Fox Ridge State Park	Coles	Recreational Use Restrictions All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass.....	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 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Riis Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Riprap Landing	State of Illinois	Calhoun	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
River Bend Forest Preserve Lakes (Sunset Lake and Shadow Lake)	Champaign County Forest Preserve District	Champaign	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Riverside Park Lagoon	Moline Park District	Rock Island	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Rochester Park Pond	City of Rochester	Sangamon	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Rock Creek	State of Illinois	Kankakee	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (8) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)
Rock Cut Kids Fishing Pond	Rock Cut State Park	Winnebago	Recreational Use Restrictions	Only youth under 16 years of age permitted to fish
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Hybrid Sunfish	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Rock River (from the Sears and Steel Dam downstream to confluence of the Mississippi River)	State of Illinois	Rock Island	Walleye.....	15 inch Minimum Length Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 20 inches and less than 27 inches
			Walleye or Sauger.....	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Walleye greater than or equal to 27 inches in total length
Rock River (Wisconsin State Line downstream to confluence of the Mississippi River, including tributaries)	State of Illinois	Multiple	Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Rock Springs Bike Trail Pond	Macon County Conservation District	Macon	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Rock Springs Pond	Macon County Conservation District	Macon	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
Roodhouse Park Lake	City of Roodhouse	Green	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ross Lake	Walnut Park District	Bureau	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill.....	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Route 154 Day Use Pond	State of Illinois	Randolph	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Route 6 Quarries (East and West)	Will County Forest Preserve District	Will	All Fish..... Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Sag Quarry East	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish..... Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Sahara Woods State Recreation Area	State of Illinois	Saline	All Fish..... Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Salem Reservoir	City of Salem	Marion	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sam Dale Lake	Sam Dale	Wayne	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sam Dale Trout Pond	Sam Dale Conservation Area	Wayne	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Sam Parr Lake	Sam Parr State Park	Jasper	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sand Pond	Illinois Beach State Park	Lake	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Sanganois Conservation Area	State of Illinois	Mason/Cass/ Schuyler/Menard	Recreational Use Restrictions Large or Smallmouth Bass	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) Walk-in only access for fishing from the bank is permitted after 1:00 pm during duck season 12 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Sangchris Lake	Sangchris Lake State Park	Christian/Sangamon	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (13) 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 the duck season through the end of the duck season. Fishing shall be prohibited in the west arm of the lake and the east 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) 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
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Schiller Pond	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed	
			Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Schuy-Rush Lake	City of Rushville	Schuyler	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Sesser City Lake	City of Sesser	Franklin	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Shabbona Lake	Shabbona Lake State Park	DeKalb	Recreational Use Restrictions	No sport fishing below dam to fence.
			All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4) 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 and posted on site
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge.....	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (10)
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Bay Creek Lake #5 and #8 (SuGar Creek Lake)	U.S. Forest Service	Pope	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass.....	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Shawnee National Forest – Dutchman Lake	U.S. Forest Service	Johnson	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Lake Glendale	U.S. Forest Service	Pope	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Little Cache #1	U.S. Forest Service	Johnson	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – One Horse Gap Lake	U.S. Forest Service	Pope	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Pounds Hollow Lake	U.S. Forest Service	Gallatin	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Tecumseh Lake	U.S. Forest Service	Hardin	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Turkey Bayou	U.S. Forest Service	Jackson	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Whoopie Cat Lake	U.S. Forest Service	Hardin	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest Lakes and Ponds less than 10 acres	U.S. Forest Service	Multiple	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sherman Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish..... Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Siloam Springs Family Fishing Pond	Siloam Springs	Adams	All Fish..... Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Largemouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Siloam Springs Lake	Siloam Springs State Park	Adams	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 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 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches Fall Closed Season (7) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (8) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9)

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Siloam Springs State Park Buckhorn Unit Waters	Siloam Springs State Park	Brown	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8 inch Minimum Length Limit
				10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Silver Lake	City of Highland	Madison	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Silver Springs State Park (Big Lake & Ponds)	Silver Springs State Fish and Wildlife Area	Kendall	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
				Spring Closed Season (8)
Skokie Lagoons (Including Skokie Lagoons Spillway and Skokie River downstream to Willow Road)	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed	
			Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid	
			Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid	
			Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area – McMaster Lake & Other Site Waters	State of Illinois	Knox	Recreational Use Restriction	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 greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig
			All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish less than 18 inches and greater than or equal to 14 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 36 inches and less than 42 inches or 1 fish greater than 48 inches
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid	
			Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid	
			Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Southwind Park Pond	Springfield Park District	Sangamon	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
				Spring Closed Season (8)
Sparta New City Reservoir (North)	City of Sparta	Randolph	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sparta Old City Reservoir (South)	City of Sparta	Randolph County	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sparta "T" Lake	City of Sparta	Randolph	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8 inch Minimum Length Limit
				15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid	
			Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex Derby Lake	State of Illinois	Randolph	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid	Fall Closed Season (7)
			Crappie	Spring Closed Season (8)
Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex Lakes (except see Derby Lake)	State of Illinois	Randolph	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid	10 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Sportsmans' Club Pond	Decatur Park District	Macon	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Spring Grove Hatchery Pond	City of Spring Grove	McHenry	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
Spring Lake	City of Macomb	McDonough	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
				All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Blue or Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
				17 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
				18 inch Minimum Length Limit
Spring Lakes (North & South)	Spring Lake Fish and Wildlife Area	Tazewell	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)
			All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
				All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 18 inches
			Pure Muskellunge	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
Spring Pond	Flagg-Rochelle Park District	Ogle	All Fish.....	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
				14 inch Minimum Length Limit
St. Anne Village Pond	Village of St. Anne	Kankakee	All Fish.....	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Largemouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Starved Rock State Park	State of Illinois	LaSalle	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12)

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Staunton City Lake	City of Staunton	Macoupin	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
				All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (4)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Sterling Lake	Lake County Forest Preserve District	Lake	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
				All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge.....	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Storm Lake	DeKalb Park District	DeKalb	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Stump Lake Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Jersey	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (11)
Tampier Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed	
			Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Taylorville Park District Pond	Taylorville Park District	Christian	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Ten Mile Creek Lakes	Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area	Hamilton/Jefferson	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (Areas designated as waterfowl rest areas are closed to all access during the Canada goose season only)
			All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Three Oaks North Lake	City of Crystal Lake	McHenry	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
Three Oaks South Lake	City of Crystal Lake	McHenry	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
Tilton City Lake	City of Tilton	Vermillion	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Toledo Reservoir	City of Toledo	Cumberland	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches
Tower Lake (St. Elmo South Lake)	City of St. Elmo	Fayette	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

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WATER AREA	OWNERSHIP	COUNTY	FISH SPECIES	REGULATION / HARVEST LIMIT
Tri-Township Park Pond	City of Troy	Madison	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Turkey Bluff Ponds	State of Illinois	Randolph	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Turner Lake	Chain O'Lakes State Park	Lake	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Turtle Lake (East Lake Renwick)	Will County Forest Preserve District	Will	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Tuscola City Lake	City of Tuscola	Douglas	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Union County Fish and Wildlife Area – All lakes and ponds	State of Illinois	Union	Recreational Use Restrictions	All fishing and boat traffic prohibited from October 15 through the last day of February
			All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Valley Lake	Wildwood Park District	Lake	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Valmeyer Lake	City of Valmeyer	Monroe	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Vandalia Lake	City of Vandalia	Fayette	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
				3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Van Horn Woods Pond	Plainfield Park District	Will	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)
Vernor Lake	City of Olney	Richland	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Villa Grove East Lake	City of Villa Grove	Douglas	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Villa Grove West Lake	City of Villa Grove	Douglas	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
				1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7)

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Wabash River (between Illinois and Indiana) and Ohio River (between Illinois and Kentucky)	State of Illinois	Multiple	Blue or Flathead Catfish	13 inch Minimum Length Limit No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 35 inches. 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 35 inches
			Channel Catfish	13 inch Minimum Length Limit No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 28 inches. 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches
Waddams Creek	State of Illinois	Stephenson	Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)
Walnut Point Lake	Walnut Point State Park	Douglas	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and less than 15 inches
Walton Park Lake	City of Litchfield	Montgomery	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Wampum Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (2)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Washington County Lake	Washington County State Recreation Area	Washington	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 14 inches
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Washington Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Washington Park Pond	Springfield Park District	Sangamon	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Watseka City Ponds (Clements Pond, Kapers Pond and Municipal Center Pond)	City of Watseka	Iroquois	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Waverly Lake	City of Waverly	Morgan	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Weinberg-King Ponds	Weinberg King State Park	Schuyler	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

NOTE: EXPLANATIONS FOR NUMBERS CONTAINED IN PARENTHESIS ARE FOUND ON PAGE 11

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Weldon Springs Lake	Weldon Springs State Park	DeWitt	All Fish..... Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more 5 Fish greater than or equal to 7 inches 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8) 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 20 inches
West Frankfort New City Lake	City of West Frankfort	Franklin	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
West Frankfort Old City Lake	City of West Frankfort	Franklin	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
West Salem Reservoir	City of West Salem	Edwards	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Whalon Lake	Forest Preserve District of Will County	Will	All Fish..... Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
White Hall City Lake	City of White Hall	Greene	All Fish..... Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Wilderness Pond	Fox Ridge State Park	Coles	All Fish..... Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
William W. Powers State Conservation Area	State of Illinois	Cook	Recreational Use Restrictions Trout	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Willow Lake	Peabody River King State Fish and Wildlife Area	St. Clair	All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) Spring Closed Season (11) Early season Catch and Release Fishing is permitted (9) 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Wolf Lake, William W. Powers State Conservation Area	State of Illinois	Cook	Recreational Use Restrictions All Fish..... Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (7) Spring Closed Season (8)
Woodford County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch)	Woodford County Conservation Area	Woodford	Recreational Use Restrictions All Fish..... Large or Smallmouth Bass	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (12) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 12 inch Minimum Length Limit

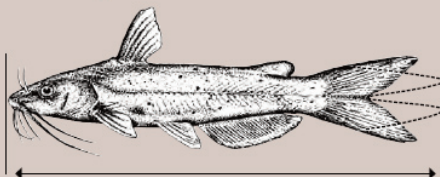
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Woodlawn Pond	Frankfort Square Park District	Will	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Woods Lake	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Moultrie	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish greater than or equal to 14 inches and less than 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 14 inches
			Striped, White or Hybrid Striped Bass	Catch and Release Only (9)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches and 5 Fish less than 10 inches
Wyman Lake	City of Sullivan	Moultrie	All Fish.....	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)
Yellow Creek	State of Illinois	Stephenson	Trout	Spring Closed Season (8)

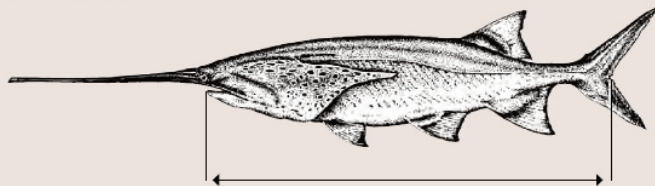
HOW TO MEASURE A FISH

How to Measure a Fish (Total Length)



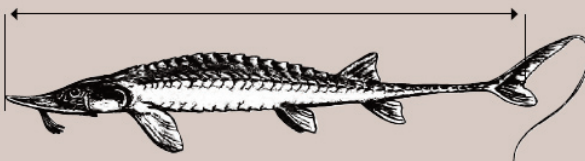
Total length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail, with the fish laid flat on a ruler, its mouth closed, and its tail lobes pressed together.

How to Measure a Paddlefish



Paddlefish are measured from the eye to the fork of the tail.

How to Measure a Shovelnose Sturgeon



Sturgeon are measured from the tip of the snout to the fork of the tail. Only shovelnose sturgeon are legal to keep.

COMMON ILLINOIS SPORT FISH

GREEN SUNFISH



BLUEGILL



REDEAR



BLACK CRAPPIE



WHITE CRAPPIE

LARGEMOUTH BASS



SMALLMOUTH BASS



FLATHEAD CATFISH



BLACK BULLHEAD



YELLOW BULLHEAD



BROWN BULLHEAD



CHANNEL CATFISH



BLUE CATFISH



BOWFIN



PADDFISH



SHORTNOSE GAR



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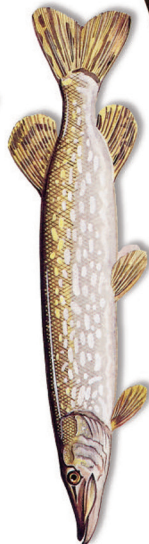
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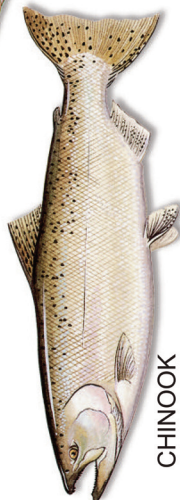
MUSKELLENGE



NORTHERN PIKE



HYBRID STRIPED BASS



CHINOOK SALMON



BROWN TROUT



COHO SALMON



RAINBOW TROUT



LAKE TROUT



SAUGER



YELLOW PERCH



WALLEYE































STRIPED BASS



WHITE BASS

PLACES TO FISH

		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
BODY OF WATER																														
	Anderson Lake, Fulton Co.	1,364	X	X	X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X						X				
	Apple River								X			X																		
	Argyle Lake, McDonough Co.	95	X	X	X		NW		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X						X			X	X			
	Ashland New City Reservoir, Morgan Co.	10	X		X		E		P	X	X		X	X	X	X														
	Baldwin Lake, Randolph Co.	2,018	X		X		50		P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	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	X							X				
	Beck Lake, Cook Co.	38	X		X		E		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X						
	Braidwood Lake, Will Co.	2,308	X		X	X	X			X	X		X		X	X			X						X					
	Busse Lake, Cook Co.	590	X	X	X		E		X	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					
	Canton Lake, Fulton Co.	250	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								
	Citizen's Lake, Warren Co.	27	X		X		E		X	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	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													
	Dawson Lake, McLean Co.	150	X	X	X		NW	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X						
	Deep Quarry Lake, DuPage Co.	40	X				E				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X		X				
	Defiance Lake, McHenry Co.	47	X	X			E		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			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		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X														
	DuPage River											X				X							X							
	Dutchman Lake, Johnson Co.	118	X		X		10			X	X		X	X		X	X		X											X
	East Fork Lake, Richland Co.	935	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X						
	Emiquon Preserve, Fulton Co.	4,000	X		X		E			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			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			X
	Forbes Lake, Marion Co.	525	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X		X					
	Four Lakes, Winnebago Co.	19							P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X							
	Fox River		X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X			
	Frank Holten Lakes, St.Clair Co.	180	X		X		10		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X				
	Gladstone Lake, Henderson Co.	27	X		X		E		X	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		A	P	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X	X				
	Heidecke Lake, Grundy Co.	1,955	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		NW		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X					
	Hennepin-Hopper Lake	1,500	X		X		0			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		E	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	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				X					X		
	Glen O Jones Lake, Saline Co.	105	X		X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X														
	Kankakee River		X		X		X			X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X					
	Kaskaskia River		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X		X				
	Kickapoo Lakes, Vermilion Co.	184	X	X	X		E		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X				
	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		
	Kishwaukee River		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				X
	Lake Carlton, Whiteside Co.	77	X	X	X		NW		X	X	X		X	X	X	X							X				X			

PLACES TO FISH

		Acres	Boat Fishing	Boat Rental	Ramps	Water Skiing	Motors*	Swimming	Camp/Picnic	Special Regs.	LM Bass	SM Bass	Bluegill	Croppie	Sunfish	Catfish	Bullhead	Carp	Yellow Perch	White Bass	Striped Bass	Northern Pike	Walleye/Sauger	Yellow Bass	Hybrid Striper	Trout	Muskellunge	Salmon	Warmouth	Smelt
BODY OF WATER																														
🛶	Lake Storey, Knox Co.	133	X	X	X		F	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			
	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	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										
🛶	Mallard Lake, DuPage Co.	89	X								X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X				X			
	Maple Lake, Cook Co.	55	X	X			E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X								
	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												
🛶	McCullom Lake, McHenry Co.	245	X		X		10	X	P	X	X		X		X							X								
🦋	McMaster Lake, Knox Co.	142	X		X		NW			X	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		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									X			
	Monee Reservoir, Will Co.	43			X		E		P	X	X		X	X	X	X														
	Mt. Pulaski Park District Pond, Logan Co.	20								X	X		X			X														
🛶	Lake Murphysboro, Jackson Co.	144	X		X		NW		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				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	
	Pecatonica River		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				X						
	Pyramid State Park Lakes, Perry Co.	1,500	X		X		NW		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		X		X		X	
🛶	Ramsey Lake, Fayette Co.	47	X	X	X		E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X												
🛶	Randolph County Lake, Randolph Co.	65	X	X	X		NW		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X			X				
	Red Hills Lake, Lawrence Co.	40	X		X		E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X												X
🛶	Rend Lake, Franklin/Jefferson Cos.	18,900	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X					X
	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						
	Rock River		X	X	X	X	NW	X	X			X	X			X		X				X	X				X			
	Rock Run (Route 6 Quarries), Will Co.	82	X		X		E		P	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	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														
	Sangamon River		X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X		X					
	Sanganois Lakes, Cass Co.	1,550	X		X		10		P		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X						
	Sangchris Lake, Christian 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										X		
🛶	Shabbona Lake, DeKalb Co.	319	X	X	X		10		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X		X			
	Siloam Springs Lake, Adams Co.	58	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		P	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, McDonough Co.	277	X	X	X		NW		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X		X			
	Spring Lake (North), Tazewell Co.	578	X	X	X		NW		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X						X				X		
	Spring Lake (South), Tazewell Co.	610	X	X	X		NW		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	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					X							
	Whalon Lake, Will Co.	81	X		X		E		P	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.
 *Lakes with a number listed in the 'motors' column have a h.p. limit of the size listed; X = motors of any size allowed, No Wake for larger motors, size posted at each site; O = no outboard motors allowed; E = electric motors only, B = Electric motors only except for Monster, Eagle, & Ponderosa Lakes where outboards are allowed operated at No Wake; NW = motors of any size allowed operating at No Wake speed; A = contact site for more information. P = Picnic Area Only

🦿 - Zebra mussels have been found in these waters.

🦿 - Some disabled accessible fishing facilities present.

TOURNAMENT FISHING PERMIT

A Fishing Tournament Permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources is required for any fishing tournament event. This includes Hook and Line Fishing Tournaments and Bowfishing Tournaments that are held in any of the waters listed in Section 810.45, Section 810.15(d); and in any public owned or Department managed lake, river, or stream in Illinois. Failure to obtain a Fishing Tournament Permit or comply with the following rules is a violation of Section 20-35 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

Fishing Tournament – an organized event, other than a fishing derby, where:

- 1) the event is sponsored or promoted by an individual or organization;
- 2) participants compete for trophies, cash, prizes, citation or other recognition for participation in the event;
- 3) the event is conducted during a specified time; and
- 4) twenty or more individuals participate in the event OR an exemption to Statewide or Site-Specific Regulations is requested.

Fishing Derby – an organized event conducted for children under the age of 16 who are attending primary school, senior citizens (65 years old and older), sport fishermen with disabilities, or other school-sanctioned groups when the principal purpose is education or enjoyment, rather than competition among sport fishermen. Fishing Tournament Permits are not required for a fishing derby.

The Fishing Tournament Permit received by the applicant serves as the IDNR Site Activity Permit for tournaments held at IDNR sites.

For events held at State sites, the tournament director or organizer must submit a signed Release, Waiver, and Indemnification form, available from the Department, to the Site Superintendent prior to the event. In addition, the tournament director or organizer prior to the event must:

- 1) provide proof of liability insurance of \$1,000,000; or
- 2) require each participant to sign a liability waiver, attached to the issued permit, and submit the waiver(s) to the Department site office.

A copy of the Fishing Tournament Permit must be in the possession of the director or organizer at all times during the event.

Special Length Limit and/or Daily Harvest Limit exemptions are allowed when requested on the Fishing Tournament Permit application, approved by the Department, and stated on the Fishing Tournament Permit.

Exemptions to Site-Specific Regulations will only be approved for:

- 1) catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Black Bass Fishing Tournaments in Lake Michigan (Illinois Portion) for which the Special Minimum Length Limit will be 14 inches and the Daily Harvest Limit will be 3 fish daily;
- 2) Youth-only catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Black Bass Fishing Tournaments, for which the Special Minimum Length Limit will be 12 inches and the Daily Harvest Limit will be 5 fish per boat. Youth-only is defined as 18 years old and younger;
- 3) catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Muskies Fishing Tournaments (all waters), provided all fish are released unharmed immediately after a quick weigh-in; and
- 4) catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Black Bass Fishing Tournaments in the Mississippi River (between Illinois and Iowa) and which are permitted by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, for which the special Minimum Length Limit will be 12 inches and the Daily Harvest Limit will be 5 fish per boat.

Exemptions to the Statewide Daily Harvest Limit will only be approved for fish held onboard a common release boat utilized immediately following a catch, hold for weigh-in, and release tournament.

The application for a Fishing Tournament Permit is available online at <https://www.ifishillinois.org>. Applications will be accepted beginning November 1st for the following calendar year. Applications must be fully completed with all requested information and received by the Department at least 30 days prior to the tournament.

The issuance or denial of a Fishing Tournament Permit by the Department shall be based on the following criteria:

- 1) The capability of the fishery resource to absorb the tournament with minimal impact to its well-being.
- 2) The need for emergency protective procedures to protect the sport fisheries resources of the State and the general health, safety and welfare of the general public as provided for in Section 810.80.

- 3) The criteria and evaluation required for approval of a Site Activity Permit, described in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 110.4.

Appeals of denied permits must be made in writing to the Department within 10 days after receipt of the denial. Any supplemental information requested must be included in the appeal.

Required provisions for holding, handling, and releasing fish to protect fish health in catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Hook and Line Fishing Tournaments:

- 1) Tournament officials must be able to certify that all boats will be required to possess a livewell (except Muskies Fishing Tournaments) fitted with a functioning aerator and water pump.
- 2) Individual boats and sport fishermen returning their catches of fish back to a release site must adhere to Daily Harvest Limits for the water-body or the Special Daily Harvest Limit listed in the Fishing Tournament Permit.
- 3) For catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Muskies Fishing 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 or weight of the fish prior to release. Muskies may not be transported to a weigh-in site.
- 4) **During the months of July and August, all catch, hold for weigh-in, and release Black Bass Fishing Tournaments must be off the water between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.**

Bowfishing tournaments may be held in any of the public waters open to bowfishing listed in Section 810.45 or public waters listed in 810.15. Bowfishing tournaments are subject to the following additional rules:

- 1) All non-native species legal to take with bowfishing methods from waters listed in Sections 810.15 and 810.45 have an unlimited daily harvest limit however no possession of LIVE Big-head Carp, Black Carp, Grass Carp, or Silver Carp is permitted.
- 2) No exemptions will be granted for the wanton waste and fish abandonment provisions in Section 810.14.

Special note for Fishing Tournaments held on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa – an Iowa Fishing Tournament Permit is required if also fishing Iowa waters.

For a complete listing of rules for Fishing Tournaments see <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/adrules/documents/17-810.pdf>

ILLINOIS SPORT FISHING AWARDS PROGRAMS (HOOK AND LINE OR BOW AND ARROW)

The Division of Fisheries offers several angler recognition awards for fish caught in Illinois waters either by hook and line or by bow and arrow.

First Fish, Big Fish, and Master Angler Awards are available at <https://www.ifishillinois.org>. They may be downloaded and printed from a personal computer.

Completed applications for either Hook and Line or Bow and Arrow State Record Fish awards must be sent to DNR Havana Field Headquarters, Attn: Record Fish, 700 S. 10th Street, Havana, IL 62644. State Record Fish Awards are sent to anglers at the end of the fishing season.

ILLINOIS BOW AND ARROW RECORD FISH

ELIGIBLE FISH	STATE RECORD (LBS)	WATER BODY	COUNTY	DATE SHOT
Common Carp	38 lbs 2 oz.	Crab Orchard Lake	Williamson	4/5/2013
Grass Carp (White Amur)	78 lbs 8oz	Lake Minear	Lake	6/5/2014
Bighead Carp	71 lbs 4.8 oz	Illinois River	St. Clair	5/13/16
Silver Carp	43 lbs 2.4 oz	Private Pond	Logan	6/13/2021
Buffalo (Bigmouth)	49 lbs 15 oz	Mermet Lake	Massac	3/20/2010
Buffalo (Smallmouth)	51 lbs	Ohio River	Pope	12/19/2013
Buffalo (Black)	59 lbs 12 oz	Mermet Lake	Massac	2/19/2014
Shortnose Gar	9 lbs. 6.2 oz.	Carlyle Lake	Clinton	5/22/2016
Longnose Gar	32 lb 3.2 oz	Kaskaskia River	St. Clair	9/14/2017
Spotted Gar	10 lbs 13.6 oz	Kaskaskia River	Clinton	5/22/2021
Bowfin (Dogfish)	14 lbs 1.1 oz	Bluford Lake	Jefferson	5/21/2021
Freshwater Drum	19 lbs 13 oz	Kankakee River	Kankakee	8/11/2017
Gizzard Shad	3 lb 2.2 oz	Mississippi River Pool 13	JoDaviess	5/5/2016
Goldfish/Hybrid	4 lbs 6 oz	Fox Chain of Lakes	Lake	6/6/2015
Blue Catfish	31 lbs 14.4 oz	Kaskaskia River	Randolph	5/30/2019
Flathead Catfish	30 lbs 0 oz	Illinois River	Fulton	5/24/2018

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Unless Otherwise Noted

225 SR Sportsman Combo Hunt / Fish	\$12.75
970 Habitat Electronic Stamp	\$5.00
901 HIP Certification	\$0.00
075 ICF Donation	\$5.00

Signature X _____

Licensee is authorized to exercise only the privileges purchased and the licensee certifies to the truth of all statements including but not limited to residency, hunter education and not being delinquent on a child support order. Further certifies that the privilege(s) has not been suspended in this state, or by any other state or federal agency.



ILLINOIS AND NORTH AMERICAN HOOK & LINE RECORD FISH

As of August 2021*

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY	COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY
BASS, Largemouth	(IL) 13 lb./1 oz. (NA) 22 lb./4 oz.	2/15/76 6/2/32	Stone Quarry Lk. Montgomery Lk., GA	LAKE	GAR, Spotted	(IL) 8 lb./ 6.4 oz. (NA) 28 lb./8 oz.	8/13/20 3/4/87	Kidd Lake Canal Lake Seminole, FL	MONROE
BASS, Rock	(IL) 1 lb./10 oz. (NA) 3 lb./0 oz. (NA) 3 lb./0 oz.	5/5/87 8/1/74 6/13/69	Aux Sable Creek York River, Ontario, CAN. SuGar Creek, IN	GRUNDY	GOLDEYE	(IL) 2 lb./1 oz. (NA) 3 lb./13 oz.	7/26/98 8/9/87	Embarras River Oahe Tailwater, SD	CUMBERLAND
BASS, Smallmouth	(IL) 7 lb./3 oz. (NA) 11 lb./15 oz.	10/14/19 7/9/55	Lake Michigan Dale Hollow Lake, TN	COOK	LAKE WHITEFISH	(IL) 8 lb./4.0 oz. (NA) 15 lb./6 oz.	6/29/18 5/21/83	Lake Michigan Webster Clear Lake, Ontario, CAN	COOK
BASS, Spotted	(IL) 7 lb./3.12 oz. (NA) 11 lb./3 oz.	3/15/92 2/21/15	Strip Mine New Bullards Bar Res, CA	FULTON	MUSKELLUNGE	(IL) 38 lb./8 oz. (NA) 69 lb./11 oz.	4/20/02 10/20/49	Kaskaskia River Chippewa Flowage, WI	SHELBY
BASS, Striped	(IL) 31 lb./7oz. (NA) 69 lb./9 oz.	5/23/94 2/28/13	Sangchris Lake Black Warrior River, AL	CHRISTIAN	MUSKIE, Tiger	(IL) 31 lb./3 oz. (NA) 51 lb./3 oz.	8/6/04 7/1919	Lake Will Lake Vieux Desert, WI/MI	WILL
BASS, Hybrid Striped	(IL) 21lb /7.2oz. (NA) 27 lb./5 oz.	6/12/17 4/24/97	Lake Bloomington Greer's Ferry Lake, AR	MCCLEAN	NORTHERN HOGSUCKER	(IL) 1 lb./12.3 oz. (NA) 1 lb./12 oz.	3/22/12 3/17/04	Little Vermillion River Fox River, WI	LA SALLE
BASS, White	(IL) 4 lb./14 oz. (NA) 6 lb./7 oz.	10/7/81 9/19/89	Kaskaskia River Saginaw Bay, MI	CLINTON	NORTHERN PIKE	(IL) 26 lb./15 oz. (NA) 46 lb./2 oz.	11/9/89 9/15/40	Strip Mine Lake Sacandaga Rsvr., NY	KANKAKEE
BASS, Yellow	(IL) 2 lb./0 oz. (NA) 2 lb./8 oz.	5/5/94 4/12/00	Farm Pond Tennessee River, AL	MADISON	PERCH, Yellow	(IL) 2 lb./8.75 oz. (NA) 4 lb./3 oz.	1/5/74 5/1865	Arrowhead Club Lake Bordentown, NJ	WILL
BASS, Yellow Hybrid	(IL) 2 lb./1.96 oz. (NA) 2 lb./11 oz.	11/3/08 3/10/97	Rend Lake Sabine River, TX	FRANKLIN	SALMON, Atlantic (Inland)	(IL) 18 lb./11.25 oz. (NA) 22 lb./14 oz.	5/26/79 4/5/05	Lake Michigan Jamaica Pond, MA	COOK
BLUEGILL	(IL) 3 lb./8 oz. (NA) 4 lb./12 oz.	5/10/87 4/9/50	Farm Pond Ketona Lake, AL	JASPER	SALMON, Chinook (Inland)	(IL) 37 lb./0 oz. (NA) 44 lb./14 oz.	8/7/76 7/19/94	Lake Michigan Lake Michigan, WI	LAKE
BOWFIN	(IL) 16 lb./6 oz. (IL) 16 lb./6 oz. (NA) 21 lb./8 oz.	9/23/84 9/14/92 1/29/80	Rend Lake Bay Creek Forest Lake, SC	JEFFERSON POPE	SALMON, Coho (Inland)	(IL) 20 lb./9 oz. (NA) 33 lb./4 oz.	5/24/72 9/27/89	Lake Michigan Salmon River, NY	LAKE
BUFFALO (Bigmouth) (Smallmouth)	(IL) 48 lb./0 oz. (NA) 76 lb./8 oz. (NA) 88 lb./0 oz.	1936 6/21/13 11/14/93	Mississippi River Wisconsin River, WI Lake Wylie, NC	ADAMS	SALMON, Pink (Inland)	(IL) 4 lbs./14.4 oz (NA) 4 lb./0 oz.	8/4/2022 8/28/01	Lake Michigan Garden River, Ontario, CAN.	LAKE
BUFFALO, Black	(IL) 23 lb./12 oz. (NA) 63 lb./6 oz.	7/27/84 8/14/99	Rock River Mississippi River, IA	LEE	SAUGER	(IL) 5 lb./12.5 oz. (NA) 8 lb./12 oz.	7/30/67 10/6/71	Mississippi River Lake Sakakawea, ND	JO DAVIESS
BULLHEAD, Black	(IL) 5 lb./6 oz. (NA) 8 lb./15 oz.	4/24/88 8/19/87	Strip Mine Sturgis Pond, MI	FULTON	SAUGER-WALLEYE, Hybrid	(IL) 9 lb./10.88 oz. (NA) 15 lb./10 oz.	12/7/01 1/11/95	Evergreen Lake Ft. Peck Rsvr., MT	MCLEAN
BULLHEAD, Brown	(IL) 3 lb/4.8oz. (NA) 7 lb./6 oz.	5/8/17 8/1/09	Emiquon Lake Mahopac Lake, NY	FULTON	SHORHEAD REDHORSE	(IL) 4 lbs./12.8 oz. (NA) 11 lb./5 oz.	4/9/21 5/21/83	Big Rock Creek Brunet River, WI	KENDALL
BULLHEAD, Yellow	(IL) 5 lb./4 oz. (NA) 6 lb./4 oz.	1955 5/25/08	Fox River Forest Lake, MA	KANE	SILVER REDHORSE	(IL) 6 lb./11.4 oz. (NA) 14 lb./ 14 oz.	4/24/08 4/2/95	Fox River Pickwick Lake, AL	KANE
BURBOT	(IL) 11 lb/12.5 oz. (NA) 25 lb./2 oz.	12/7/20 3/27/10	Lake Michigan Diefenbaker Lake, Saskatchewan, CAN	COOK	SKIPJACK HERRING	(IL) 2 lb./8 oz. (NA) 3 lb./ 12 oz.	12/28/13 2/14/82	Des Plaines River Goddard Watts Bar Lake, TN	WILL
CARP, Bighead	(IL) 72 lbs/ 9 oz.. (NA) 90 lb./0 oz.	11/6/21 7/22/00	Humble Park Lagoon Kirby Lake, TX	COOK	STURGEON, Shovelnose	(IL) 10 lbs./8.2 oz. (NA) 8 lb./5.76 oz.	12/12/21 1/14/03	Rock River Rock River, IL	WHITESIDE
CARP, Common	(IL) 51 lb./0 oz. (NA) 57 lb./13 oz.	5/1/94 6/19/83	Lake Hillcrest Tidal Basin Washington, D.C.	MADISON	SUNFISH, Green	(IL) 2 lb./1 oz. (NA) 2 lb./2 oz. (NA) 2 lb./2 oz.	6/28/81 6/18/71 5/28/61	Farm Pond Stockton Lake, MO Cherokee Co. Pit, KS	DE WITT
CARP, Grass	(IL) 74 lb./0 oz. (NA) 79 lb./0 oz.	5/22/15 4/12/11	Lake Galena Crescent Lake, IL	JO DAVIESS	SUNFISH, Hybrid	(IL) 2 lb./9.4 oz. (NA) 2 lb./10 oz.	9/20/05 5/17/99	Farm Pond Farm Pond, KS	HENRY
CATFISH, Blue	(IL) 124 lb./0 oz. (NA) 124 lb./0 oz.	5/21/05 5/21/05	Mississippi River Mississippi River, IL	MADISON	SUNFISH, Pumpkinseed	(IL) 1.12 lb. (NA) 2 lb./4 oz.	6/19/20 5/26/97	Hennepin Hooper North Saluda River, SC	PUTMAN
CATFISH, Channel	(IL) 45 lb./4 oz. (NA) 58 lb./0 oz.	2/7/87 7/7/64	Baldwin Lake Santee Cooper Rsv., SC	ST. CLAIR	SUNFISH, Redear	(IL) 3 lb./1.1 oz. (NA) 5 lb./7.5 oz.	5/19/18 11/6/98	Beaver Lake Diversion Canal, SC	GRUNDY
CATFISH, Flathead	(IL) 81 lb./6.4 oz. (NA) 123 lb./0 oz.	8/29/15 5/14/98	Sangchris Lake Elk City Rsvr., KS	CHRISTIAN	TROUT, Brook	(IL) 7 lb./5 oz. (NA) 14 lb./8 oz.	11/3/98 7/1916	Lake Michigan Nipigon River, Ontario, CAN	LAKE
CRAPPIE, Black	(IL) 4 lb./8 oz. (NA) 6 lb./0 oz.	5/15/76 11/28/69	Rend Lake Westwego Canal, LA	FRANKLIN	TROUT, Brown	(IL) 36 lb./11.5 oz. (NA) 41 lb./8 oz.	6/22/97 7/16/10	Lake Michigan Lake Michigan, WI	COOK
CRAPPIE, Hybrid	(IL) 4 lb /8.8 oz. (NA) 2 lb./11 oz.	3/28/17 1/28/05	Kinkaid Lake Shabbona Lake	JACKSON DEKALB	TROUT, Lake	(IL) 39 lb./2.6 oz. (NA) 72 lb./4 oz.	5/31/21 8/19/95	Lake Michigan Great Bear Lake, N.W.T. Canada	COOK
CRAPPIE, White	(IL) 4 lb./7 oz. (NA) 5 lb./3 oz.	4/8/73 7/31/57	Farm Pond Enid Dam, MS	MORGAN	TROUT, Rainbow (Inland)	(IL) 31 lb./6.72 oz. (NA) 48 lb./0 oz.	7/10/93 9/5/09	Lake Michigan Lake Diefenbaker, Saskatchewan, CAN	LAKE
DRUM, Freshwater	(IL) 38 lb./4 oz. (NA) 54 lb./8 oz.	5/24/18 4/20/72	Clinton Lake Nickajack Lake, TN	DEWITT	TROUT, Tiger	(IL) 8 lb./12.5 oz. (NA) 20 lb./13 oz.	6/26/77 8/12/78	Lake Michigan Lake Michigan, WI	COOK
GAR, Longnose	(IL) 22 lb./1 oz. (NA) 50 lb./5 oz.	5/6/06 7/30/54	Ohio River Trinity River, TX	MASSAC	WALLEYE	(IL) 15 lb./1 oz. (NA) 25 lb./0 oz.	3/11/12 8/1/60	Pecatonica River Old Hickory Lake, TN	WINNEBAGO
GAR, Shortnose	(IL) 6 lb./15.2 oz. (NA) 6 lb./6 oz.	5/27/18 6/15/01	Horseshoe Lake Kentucky Lake, TN	MADISON	WARMOUTH	(IL) 1 lb./13 oz. (NA) 2 lb./7 oz.	5/22/71 10/19/85	Farm Pond Yellow River, FL	CUMBERLAND

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.

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FISH KILLS IN ILLINOIS LAKES AND PONDS

The sudden appearance of dead fish causes considerable concern for lake or pond owners. The first reaction to the discovery of dead fish is to suspect pollution or poisoning of the water body. However, most fish kills result from natural occurrences, although the frequency and severity are occasionally influenced by humans. Few fish kill calls reported to IDNR are caused from spills or illegal dumping of toxic substances. Most fish kills occur when oxygen in the water drops to low levels that are not suitable for fish survival. Weather patterns, water temperature, depth, density of

aquatic plants and algae, naturally occurring viruses or bacteria or a combination can influence a fish kill. Prolonged cloudy weather, drought conditions, overcrowded fish populations, excessive algal or other plant growths and high water temperatures are the most common factors that trigger fish kills. Contact your local District Fisheries Biologist (<https://www.ifishillinois.org/FAQS/biologists.html>) to discuss what steps to take after a fish kill in your pond or lake and to learn what you can do help your lake or pond avoid fish kills in the future.

!ANGLER ALERT! KNOW YOUR STURGEON!

Did you know there are three species of sturgeon in waters of Illinois? With a maximum age of 150 years, the **state-endangered Lake Sturgeon** is the largest of the three species growing as large as 8 feet long and 300 pounds! Lake Sturgeon are being caught more frequently by Illinois' anglers as a result of state and federal recovery efforts. Lake Sturgeon are a protected species and **MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY**.

The **state and federally-endangered Pallid Sturgeon** can live over 40 years and reach a size of 5 feet long and 65 pounds. Pallid Sturgeon are a protected species and **MUST BE RELEASED IMMEDIATELY**.

Shovelnose Sturgeon is the smallest of the three species, living over 20 years and rarely reach sizes over 30 inches and 5 pounds. Shovelnose Sturgeon continue to support a regulated commercial fishery in designated waters of Illinois.



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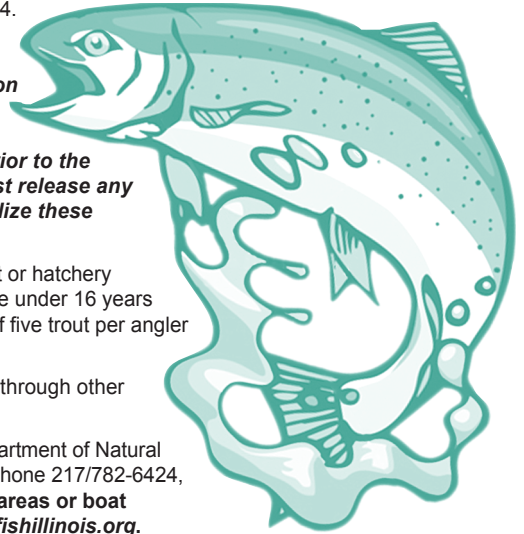
CATCHABLE TROUT PROGRAM

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 season opening. **Spring catchable trout season opens at 5 a.m. on the first Saturday of April and the fall catchable trout season opens at 5 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of October. In addition to the spring and fall catchable trout seasons, select locations have an early catch and release trout season beginning 2 weeks prior to the regular opening day (see <https://www.ifishillinois.org> for locations). All anglers must release any trout caught during the early catch and release trout season. Other anglers may utilize these waters for other species. They are not excluded from fishing.**

To legally harvest rainbow and/or brown trout from any waters which receive catchable trout or hatchery stockings of trout, licensed sport fishermen must have an 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, online, and through other vendors. 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: <https://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, 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 also 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. 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 river and streams, boundary rivers, lakes, 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.

BUY ILLINOIS FISHING LICENSES

Special Mail-In Muskie Creel Survey

The Department of Natural Resources and the Illini Muskie Alliance are co-sponsoring a Muskie Creel Survey for sport fishermen catching any size Muskie. Sport fishermen can report their Muskie catch at the following web address:

https://www.ifishillinois.org/science/muskie_survey.php



AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

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.



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.



For More Information...

TRANSPORTZERO.ORG

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

On harvesting, cleaning, and cooking Asian Carp: <https://iiseagrant.org/new-iisg-publication-asian-Carp-cuisine/>

On recognizing and identifying Asian Carp: <https://iiseagrant.org/help-identify-invasive-species-with-iisgs-new-asian-carp-watch-card/>

On recognizing and identifying Hydrilla: <https://iiseagrant.org/species-spotlight-hydrilla/>

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!

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



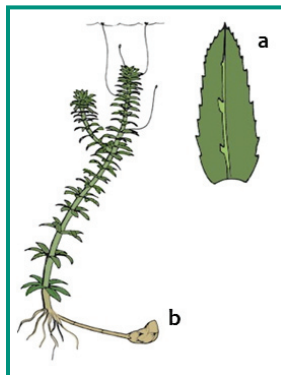
Gizzard Shad
(native)



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.
- **Harvest 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).



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).

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URBAN FISHING PROGRAM

WHO?

For children primarily but sport fishermen of all ages can join in the fun.

WHAT?

Conservation oriented educational fishing clinics free of charge.

WHERE?

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

WHEN?

Fishing clinics are held Monday through Friday, twice daily from the 1st week of June through August.

WHY?

The purpose of these clinics is to teach sport fishing ethics, fish ecology, fish identification, fishing 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) 784-4730
Southern Illinois - (618) 786-3323

The Illinois Urban Fishing Program was launched in 1985 in Chicago, Illinois. The program's multiple objectives were (1) teach the sport of fishing to all age demographics, (2) enhance fishing opportunities in densely populated urban

landscapes, and (3) seek to instill an appreciation and understanding of natural resources. In 1994, the program was expanded state-wide and now consists of the following three components:

1. Free summer fishing clinics that include fishing at nearby stocked ponds or lagoons
2. School fishing and non-fishing education programs
3. Fishing and education programs at Scout and 4-H camps, city and state parks, church camps, etc.

To enhance the fishing experience, channel catfish and hybrid sunfish are stocked at approximately 45 sites where fishing clinics occur. Summer fishing clinics are held by DNR staff and trained volunteers. Our network of volunteers plays a pivotal role in the success of the program and as they typically conduct over 250 fishing clinics for close to 10,000 children and adults. Fishing events outside of the summer clinics are hosted by DNR staff in addition to non-fishing Education Programs at schools and other settings during the year to teach environmental education and an appreciation for natural resources, and to promote summer fishing programs. Collectively, around 2,000 fishing and non-fishing events are conducted each year, involving nearly 100,000 participants.

The popular "Access to Fishing" rod and reel loaner program was established in 1997 under the umbrella of the Urban Fishing Program. There are over 140 "Access to Fishing" loaner sites throughout Illinois, including libraries, park district offices, state parks, and even bait shops. The rods and reels are typically borrowed roughly 14,000 times statewide by beginning anglers that may not have fishing gear. A list of Access to Fishing tackle loaner program locations can be found here: <https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/loaner.html>.

ILLINOIS FISH AND YOUR HEALTH

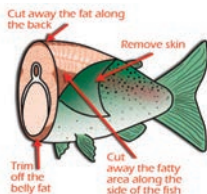
Locally caught fish are a good source of lean protein and are often rich in other nutrients such as omega-3 fatty acids, which may reduce your risk for cardiovascular disease and are essential for childhood development. Pregnant and nursing mothers can also pass omega-3's to their infants in-utero and through breastmilk. In some Illinois waters, chemicals such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and methylmercury can build up in fish and can cause harm to people who eat them over extended periods of time.

Illinois issues fish advisories for these waters to help you plan what sport fish to eat and how often they can be eaten. Advisories are not intended to discourage you from eating fish but should be used as a guide to eating fish low in contaminants. You can access meal specific advice for Illinois water bodies through the interactive fish advisory map here or by using your phone to scan the QR code provided.



In addition to these advisories, a statewide methylmercury advisory is in place for women who are or could someday become pregnant, nursing mothers, and children younger than 15 years of age. The groups included in the advisory may eat up to one meal per week of predatory fish from any Illinois water body, unless special mercury advisories have been issued. Special mercury advisories are based on site-specific sampling data so they can be more restrictive than the statewide advisory. In some cases, special mercury advisories also apply to men and women beyond childbearing age.

You can reduce your exposure to chemicals in fish by varying the type of fish you eat, opting for younger, smaller fish, and following advisory recommendations for Illinois waters. You can also prepare fish in ways that reduce your exposure to PCBs and other contaminants that build up in fatty tissues of fish, such as by removing skin and fatty areas and broiling, baking, or grilling to allow fat to drip away.



These preparation methods will not reduce your exposure to methylmercury or other contaminants stored in the muscle tissue of fish. For these contaminants, the only way to reduce your exposure is by limiting the amount of contaminated fish eaten.

Illinois Water Body

Do Not Eat

Calumet River, including Cal Sag Channel, and Little Calumet River from Cal Sag Channel to the Calumet River (PCBs)	Carp, Longer than 12"
Chicago River, North and South Branches, North Shore Channel, and Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (PCBs)	Carp, Longer than 12"
Des Plaines River, Lockport to Kankakee (PCBs)	Carp, Longer than 18"
Galena River (PCBs)	Carp, Longer than 24"
Herrin Lake #1 (PCBs)	Carp, all sizes
Lake DePue (PCBs)	Channel Catfish, Longer than 24"
Lake Michigan (PCBs)	Channel Catfish, All sizes Lake Trout, Longer than 30"
Lincoln Trail Lake (Hg)	Largemouth Bass, 14" or Longer
Midlothian Reservoir (PCBs)	Carp, Longer than 20"
Mill Creek Lake (Hg)	Largemouth Bass, 19" or Longer

Though contaminant concentrations in Illinois fish have declined in recent decades, there are some Illinois water bodies in which certain fish should not be eaten. For a list of these water bodies, please consult the table above.

For more information, contact the Illinois Department of Public Health at 217-782-5830 or DPH.Tox@illinois.gov, or visit the IDPH's Fish Advisories page to view the current fish advisories.

POINT SYSTEM FOR REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS



POINT SYSTEM

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

TYPES OF OFFENSES

Type I Offenses = those offenses related to commercial/business activities covered under the Timber Buyer, Taxidermist, Aquaculture, Fish Dealer, Minnow Dealer, Mussel Dealer, Game and Game Bird Breeder, Wild Game Food Dealer, Fur Bearing Animal Breeder, Fur Tanner or Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Area licenses and permits	Type II Offenses = All other offenses related to activities covered under licenses and permits. (Example: hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.)
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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.
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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:	<p>Petty Offense = 1 point Class C Misdemeanor = 2 points Class B Misdemeanor = 3 points</p>
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POINT SYSTEM FOR REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS

EXAMPLES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

E) Imposition of Subsequent Suspensions

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

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

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

REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS IN OTHER STATES AND CANADA

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

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS/DENIAL OF PRIVILEGE

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



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

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 sport fishermen 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 an Iowa fishing tournament permit, 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. Sport fishermen 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. **Sport fishermen shall not fish on water beyond the natural and ordinary river banks of the state in which they are not licensed to fish. Sport fishermen 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. Sport fishermen must abide by the laws of the state in which they are fishing.**

I FISH ILLINOIS WEBSITE

IFishIllinois.org is the one-stop, go-to website for all sport fishermen fishing in Illinois waters!

From fishing reports to lake profile summaries to IDNR press releases and opening notices, ifishillinois.org has everything you need for a successful day out fishing on Illinois many waterbodies, including:

- Fishing Reports
- Individual Lake Maps
- Information for over 250 lakes, streams and rivers in Illinois
- Fishing Regulations
- Angling Tips

- Illinois Sportfish Species Information
- Taking Kids Fishing
- Tournaments Application Information
- Locate your county biologist
- Tips for stocking your pond
- Angling awards and Fishing Records
- Catch-and-release guidelines
- Opening Day Notices
- IDNR Press Releases

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for all the latest information about Illinois angling!

VHS REGULATIONS

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 states.

Regulations have been implemented 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 sport fishermen 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.
- Live VHS-susceptible species (see below) must not be transported away from any waterbody. Anglers may harvest VHS-susceptible species but may not transport those fish live from the waters where caught.
- Use of wild-trapped or caught fishes from within the state as bait will be restricted to the waters where legally captured.

Fish Species Known to be Susceptible to VHS

Black Crappie	Burbot	Gizzard Shad	Shorthead Redhorse	Round Goby	Walleye
Bluegill	Channel Catfish	Hybrid (Tiger) Muskie	Northern Pike	Silver Redhorse	White Bass
Bluntnose Minnow	Chinook Salmon	Lake Whitefish	Pumpkinseed	Smallmouth Bass	White Perch
Brown Bullhead	Emerald Shiner	Largemouth Bass	Rainbow Trout	Spottail Shiner	Yellow Perch
Brown Trout	Freshwater Drum	Muskellunge	Rock Bass	Trout-Perch	

While VHS is not known to be a threat to human health, sport fishermen 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.

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 sport fishermen 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 sport fishermen 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 eyesore 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 SPORT FISHERMEN

Help from all sport fishermen 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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