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Message from the Director

Thank you for picking up a copy of the ***2018 Illinois Fishing Information*** guide. The booklet is a comprehensive look at fishing in Illinois, with information on places to fish and rules to follow.

Those who enjoy fishing will find an updated summary of statewide fishing regulations in Illinois, as well as details on site-specific regulations that are organized by the body of water or water area at which those regulations apply.

One of the highlights each year is Illinois Free Fishing Days, which are scheduled for the Father's Day weekend in June – with the dates of Friday, June 15 through Monday, June 18. Free Fishing Days provide an opportunity for novice anglers and families to go fishing even if they have not yet purchased a fishing license.

The ***Illinois Fishing Information*** guide is updated each year, but some site-specific regulations may be changed in emergency situations through the administrative rule process. In those cases, the emergency changes to regulations will be posted at the location where the rules apply. We also post changes in rules online at ***www.ifishillinois.org***.

Illinois anglers are guardians of our state's aquatic resources. The money you spend on fishing licenses and equipment helps fund our fishery programs, and helps ensure the future of fishing in Illinois.

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

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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 74 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) (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 www.dnr.illinois.gov/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:
http://www.dnr.illinois.gov
Boat renewals may also be done at this site.

WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION AND SAFETY

WATERCRAFT REGISTRATION
All watercraft operated on the waters within the jurisdiction of this State shall be registered and titled. Any person using a non-powered watercraft on the waters of this State shall apply for a valid Water Usage Stamp. Illinois Boat Registration and Safety Act Information can be found at: *http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/boating/Documents/BoatDigest.pdf*.

HOW TO REGISTER OR RENEW YOUR BOAT IN ILLINOIS
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 *http://www.dnr.illinois.gov*. If you have any questions regarding registration and titling please call 217-557-0180 or 1-800-382-1696

WATER USAGE STAMP
Any person using a non-powered watercraft on the waters of this State shall have a valid water usage stamp affixed to an area easily visible either on the exterior or interior of the device. Each water usage stamp shall bear the calendar year the stamp is in effect. The fee for a water usage stamp is $6 per stamp and expires on December 31 each year. Water Usage Stamps can be purchased from any Point of Sale Vendor Location: *http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/LicensePermitVendors.aspx*.

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: *http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/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:
http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/closures/Pages/RiverClosures.aspx
United States Coast Guard:
https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/portDirectory.do?tabId=1&cotpId=1000000

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. 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 following aquatic life categories will be 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: *http://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/aquaculture/aquatic_approved_species.pdf*.

BAIT FISHING
Licensed sport fishermen may use legal sized cast nets, shad scoops, and minnow seines to obtain shad, minnows and crayfish to use as bait, provided

that they are not sold or bartered. 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 be not larger than 30 inches in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement or longer than 4 feet in length. Minnow seines shall not be longer than 20 feet, deeper than 6 feet or contain mesh size larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement.

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

Persons possessing a valid sport fishing license or combination hunting and fishing license may use mussels as bait so long as they are used as bait in the waters where taken.

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.

Injurious Species: The use of live injurious species (as described in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 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.

BOWFISHING (ARCHERY/SPEAR METHODS)

a) Legal Methods of Taking
Carp, catfish, buffalo, suckers, gar, shad, drum, bowfin, bullfrogs, and common snapping turtles may be taken by means of a pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or bow and arrow device, spear or gig. Each person taking fish, bullfrogs, or common snapping turtles by these means shall possess a valid sport fishing license. Fish, bullfrogs, and common snapping turtles taken by these means shall not be sold or bartered. No other fish, amphibian, or reptile species may be taken in this State by these means. It is unlawful to discharge any gun or bow and arrow device along, upon, across or from any public right-of-way or highway in this State. [520 ILCS 5/2.33(r)]

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:

1) Order Lepisosteiformes
Family Lepisosteidae:
Spotted gar – Lepisosteus oculatus (Winchell) native
Longnose gar – Lepisosteus osseus (Linnaeus) native
Shortnose gar – Lepisosteus platostomus (Rafinesque) native
Alligator Gar - Atractosteus spatula (Lacepède) native

2) Order Amiiformes
Family Amiidae:
Bowfin – Amia calva (Linnaeus) native

3) Order Cypriniformes
Family Cyprinidae:
Grass carp – Ctenopharyngodon idella (Valenciennes) non-native
Common carp – Cyprinus carpio (Linnaeus) non-native
Silver carp – Hypophthalmichthys molitrix (Valenciennes) non-native
Bighead carp – Hypophthalmichthys nobilis (Richardson) non-native
Black carp - Mylopharyngodon piceus (Richardson) non-native
Goldfish – Carassius auratus (Linnaeus) non-native

Family Catostomidae:
River carpsucker – Carpiodes carpio (Rafinesque) native
Quillback carpsucker – Carpiodes cyprinus (Lesueur) native
Highfin carpsucker – Carpiodes velifer (Rafinesque) native
White sucker – Catostomus commersoni (Lacepede) native
Blue sucker – Cycleptus elongates (Lesueur) native
Smallmouth buffalo – Ictiobus bubalus (Rafinesque) native
Bigmouth buffalo – Ictiobus cyprinellus (Valenciennes) native
Black buffalo – Ictiobus niger (Rafinesque) native
Spotted sucker – Minytrema melanops (Rafinesque) native
Silver redhorse – Moxostoma anisurum (Rafinesque) native
Black redhorse – Moxostoma duquesnei (Lesueur) native
Golden redhorse – Moxostoma erythrurum (Rafinesque) native
Shorthead redhorse – Moxostoma macrolepidotum (Lesueur) native

Family Sciaenidae:
Freshwater drum – Aplodinotus grunniens (Rafinesque) native

Family Clupeidae:
Gizzard shad – Dorosoma cepedianum (Lesueur) native

4) Order Siluriformes
Family Ictaluridae:
Channel catfish – Ictalurus punctatus (Rafinesque) native
Blue catfish – Ictalurus furcatus (Lesueur) native
Flathead catfish – Pylodictis olivaris (Rafinesque) native
Yellow bullhead – Ameiurus natalis (Lesueur) native
Brown bullhead – Ameiurus nebulosus (Lesueur) native
Black Bullhead – Ameiurus melas (Rafinesque) native

5) All non-native fish species

6) Order Anura
Family Ranidae:
American Bullfrog – Rana catesbiana

7) Order Testudines
Family Chelydridae:
Common Snapping Turtle – Chelydra serpentina

c) Asian Carp (non-native). No live possession of Asian carp species is permitted.

d) Waters Open to Bowfishing and Other Legal Archery and Spear Fishing Methods

1) Illinois waters open to bowfishing and other legal methods include all public rivers and streams as noted in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 3704. Appendix A, as noted in subsections (d)(3) through (15).

2) All public site specific waters as noted in this digest.

3) Catfish species may only be taken in rivers and connected public (wholly accessible by boat) backwaters as listed in 810.15 as noted in subsections (d)(4) through (15).

4) 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

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 south of State Route 14 highway bridge in Franklin County to mouth in Jackson County

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) Lock and Dam 52 downstream to a line perpendicular with the end of the longest lock wall, including the circular cell portion
B) Lock and Dam 53 downstream to a line perpendicular with the end of the longest lock wall, including the circular cell portion
C) Smithland Dam downstream to a line perpendicular to the end of the outer lock wall
D) Within 50 yards of the mouth of any tributary or stream

CATCH AND RELEASE FLY FISHING

Fly fishing with no harvest of target fish species permitted. Caught fish must be returned to the same water immediately.

CLEANING FISH ON WATERS

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

COMMERCIAL FISH

The minimum size limit on channel catfish, flathead catfish, blue catfish and white catfish taken by commercial fishermen is 15 inches (except in the Wabash and Ohio Rivers). There is no size limit on carp, drum, bullhead, buffalo, shovelnose sturgeon, paddlefish, 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.

COMMERCIAL LICENSES

A commercial fishing license is required for any person who uses a commercial device to harvest fish or minnows. Any person assisting a licensed commercial fisherman in taking fish or minnows must have a recreational fishing 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.

A commercial musseling license is required for any person who commercially harvests mussels. Any person assisting a license commercial musselor in taking mussels must have a commercial musseling license. Commercial licenses and information are available at the Department of Natural Resources, Commercial Permits Office, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702. 217-785-3423.

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.

Any species of crayfish not found on the Aquatic Life Approved Species List are illegal to import, possess, sell or use as bait LIVE within the State of Illinois. DEAD crayfish of any species, excluding endangered or threatened species, may be used as bait.

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

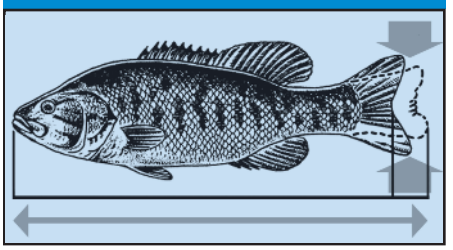
The following crayfish species shall be allowed for use as LIVE bait in Illinois using legal sized cast nets, shad scoops, and minnow seines, provided that they are not sold or bartered: White River Crayfish *Procambarus acutus*, Papershell Crayfish *Orconectes immunis*, Northern Crayfish *Orconectes virilis*, Devil Crayfish *Cambarus diogenes*.

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

Collected LIVE crayfish may NOT be transported between water bodies.

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

HOW TO MEASURE FISH



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

DAILY HARVEST AND LENGTH LIMITS (STATEWIDE)
1. Length is measured from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail with the fish laid flat on a ruler, with the mouth of the fish closed and the tail lobes pressed together.
2. No fish species may be dressed (filleted or head and tail removed) on any waters to which length limits are applicable. Regardless of where taken, no fish less than the specified minimum length or more than the daily harvest shall be possessed while taking from, or on the waters to which length limits and/or daily harvest limits apply.

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 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 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.

ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES OF AQUATIC LIFE
There are more than 80 species of aquatic life in Illinois currently on the State Endangered and Threatened Species (E&T) List which may not be taken for any purpose. For more information or to obtain a listing of these species of aquatic life, please go to *http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/ESPB/Pages/ReportOccurrenceOfEndangeredOrThreatenedSpecies.asp* and click on the link **List of Endangered Species in Illinois**.

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

FISHING
Fishing shall be defined as taking or attempting to harvest 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. MAY 1, 2013 17 ILL. ADM. CODE CH. I, SEC. 810.

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 County Fish Biologist. Fish attractors may be put in private ponds and lakes.

FISH DISPOSAL / WANTON WASTE – FISH ABANDONMENT
Except as provided in this Section, it is unlawful for any person at any time to take or possess any fish authorized by this Part in Illinois waters by sportfishing methods and then intentionally leave or abandon such fish or portions thereof resulting in wanton or needless waste.

"Wanton or needless waste" means to place, leave, dump or abandon any fish or fish parts protected by this Part 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 fish or fish portions shall be allowed on State owned or leased properties except at designated fish cleaning stations, where available.

This section shall not apply to fish or fish parts used for the purposes of bait or other lawful purposes or 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://www.dnr.illinois.gov/boating/Pages/PassengerRentalBoatLicense.aspx*

FREE FISHING DAYS
During the period of June 15, 16, 17 and 18 20178, 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.

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

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

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

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

Any captured reptiles or amphibians which are not to be retained in the possession of the captor shall be immediately released at the site of capture, unless taken with a lethal method (such as bow and arrow, gig, spear, pitchfork) which does not permit "release with no harm". All such taken common snapping turtles and bullfrogs must be kept and counted in the daily harvest. No culling of such taken species is permitted. No person shall harvest or possess any species of reptile or amphibian listed as endangered or threatened in Illinois (17 Ill. Adm. Code 1010 except as provided by 17 Ill. Adm. Code 1070).

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

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

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

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 harvest and length limits are followed.

HARVESTING FISH ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
The number and size of fish a person may take in a day 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. Sites with a two pole and line fishing only restriction may use a maximum of two poles or tip-ups. Holes cut in the ice are limited to 12-inch diameter or less. Shelter structures are limited to portable construction of metal or wood framework, covered with canvas, paper, plastic material or similar fabric. Each shelter shall have the name and address of the owner attached, and after March 1 the shelter must be removed when not in use, and not left unattended at any time. All poles and tip-ups shall be constantly attended and kept under observation by the angler.

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

INJURIOUS SPECIES
To prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic nuisance species, Illinois has implemented an Injurious Species regulation (Administrative Code 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 watermilfoil	Quagga Mussel

The injurious aquatic life species listed above may be immediately returned unharmed from where they were taken. In example, a Round Goby caught on pole and line can be immediately returned to the waters where taken. An Asian 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 Administrative Code 805, please visit ***http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/017/01700805sections.html***.

For more information on aquatic nuisance species, log on to ***www.iisgcp.org/il-ans*** or 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.

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), or a minnow seine (no longer than 20 feet in length, deeper than 6 feet or having a mesh size larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement), or a trap not more than 36 inches in length, 24 inches in width, and with mesh no larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement.

Collected LIVE minnows may NOT be transported between water bodies.

MUSSELS
Only persons possessing a valid commercial muselor license may harvest and sell mussels from designated waters. Persons possessing a sport fishing license may possess up to 50 live mussels for use as bait or up to 50 relic mussel shells for personal collection. Collected LIVE mussels may NOT be transported between water bodies. Mussels collected under a sport fishing license may only be taken for personal use and may not be sold or bartered. Species allowed for harvest or collection can be found on the Aquatic Life Approved Species List: *http://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/aquaculture/aquatic_approved_species.pdf*

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

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

PROPERTY
Consideration for others is a philosophy of the sportsman. Consent of the landowner or occupant of the premises shall be obtained before fishing or attempting to 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.

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.

RELIC MUSSEL SHELL
A relic (dead) mussel shell is defined as one which apparently 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.

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

SALMON STAMP - LAKE MICHIGAN
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.

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:
Asian Carp (no live possession) – no harvest limit
Common Carp – no harvest limit
Buffalo – no harvest limit
Freshwater Drum – no harvest limit
Salmon (coho and chinook only) – five fish, in the aggregate, daily 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)
Bowfin – no harvest limit
Gizzard shad – no harvest limit
Carpsuckers – no harvest limit
Longnose gar – no harvest limit
Shortnose gar – 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 salmon 10 inches in total length or longer and paddlefish 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 Article 5, Section 5-5 of the Fish and Aquatic Life Code.

(Source: Amended at 35 Ill. Reg. 4011, effective February 22, 2011)

SPORTFISH
Principal sport fish are the muskellunge, tiger muskie, northern pike, walleye, sauger, 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)
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 or bag 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, any waters to which length or bag limits and/or daily harvest limits apply. While taking from areas designated as "Catch and Release 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 within limits denoted in the Statewide Harvest and Size Limits Table, except for endangered and threatened aquatic life. It is unlawful to sell any aquatic life, or parts thereof, taken by a sport fishing license. Aquatic life may be taken by hand or other legal devices permitted by the sport fishing license which includes: pole and line, bank pole and line, dip net throw line, trot line, buoyed device (jug fishing), or other legal devices not exceeding 50 hooks in total (except as noted under "Ice Fishing" section). Also permitted are legal-sized cast nets, shad scoops and minnow seines for bait fishing. Smelt may be taken in Lake Michigan with legal size dip nets, gill nets and seines. Two untagged sport fishing devices are allowed; each device in excess of two must be tagged with the angler's name and address. If attached to a tree, the device must be attached only to the main trunk below the water line. All unattended devices must be marked with the angler's name and address.

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

STOCKING
Fish may be released into the waters from which they were taken, but permission from the Department of Natural Resources must be secured before releasing fish in other waters, except for private water owners. An owner of a body of water may release 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 lake 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 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 sportfishing 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 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 not to tag fish caught on state and/or public waters.

In addition to tags, many trout and salmon stocked into Lake Michigan are marked by clipping off one or two fins. Sport fishermen harvesting any trout or salmon with only the adipose fin removed are asked to save the head which contains important information. The adipose fin is the small, fleshy fin found on the backs of trout and salmon between the dorsal fin and the tail. Please record the length and weight of the fish as well as the date and location where caught.

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

TRANSPORTING WATER, FISH, OR OTHER AQUATIC LIFE
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.

Private pond and lake owners make stock any aquatic life found on the Aquatic Life Approved Species List, so long as the aquatic life is purchased from a licensed Aquatic Life Dealer or Illinois Aquaculturist.

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, except in waters where there is a 2 pole and line only designation If using a third pole, the pole should be tagged with the angler's name and address.

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 50 hooks and must be checked at least every 24 hours.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Season
Common snapping turtles may be taken only between June 15 and October 15, both dates inclusive. Common snapping turtles and bullfrogs may not be taken by bowfishing tournament participants.

Daily Harvest and Possession Limits
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.

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

TWO POLE AND LINE FISHING ONLY
Refers to fishing with hook and line methods only excluding multiple hooks gear such as trot lines, bankpoles, or jugs. Commercial and bowfishing methods are permitted on public waters except as described in this digest and in Commercial Fishing Administrative Rule 830.

UNATTENDED DEVICES
Any unattended devices used to catch aquatic life or to hold aquatic life is required to have the angler's name and address clearly displayed on the device. Bank poles and jug lines must be individually labeled, while a single trotline with up to 50 hooks only requires one label.

WATER OF THE STATE
Any water within the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois.

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

STATEWIDE SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

AQUATIC LIFE	STATEWIDE CREEL AND SIZE LIMITS*
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.
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.
CRAPPIE (WHITE, BLACK OR HYBRID CRAPPIE)	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.
PADDLEFISH	Daily harvest limit is 2 paddlefish.
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 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.
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.
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.

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

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

Fishing regulations, including species of fish, amphibian (bullfrog), or reptile (common snapping turtle), fishing methods and daily harvest limits are listed for each water area. The numbers in parentheses refer to the corresponding numbered definitions appearing on pages 10 and 11. If a water area is not listed, or if a specific species is not listed, then statewide restrictions apply. Check the bulletin boards at the specific site for any emergency changes to regulations.

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

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

Various special regulations are used by fisheries managers to restrict angler harvest. A **MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT** means that fish below a designated length must be released immediately. A **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 a maximum number fish may be taken daily. If a daily harvest limit covers more than one fish species, the number of fish permitted to be taken includes all fish species covered by the regulation added together (in the aggregate).

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

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

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

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

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS DEFINITIONS

SITE SPECIFIC REGULATION CODES IN PARENTHESES - The subsections listed below are referred to by number in the Site Specific Regulations listed. Water areas listed in that section may have numbers in parenthesis which refer to definitions listed below.

SECTION 810.37 DEFINITIONS FOR SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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

b) The following subsections are referred to by number in Section 810.45. Each water area listed in Section 810.45 has numbers in parentheses that explain all of the restrictions or special provisions in this Section that apply to that water area.

1) Sport fishermen must not use more than two poles and each pole must not have more than two hooks or lures attached while fishing, except that legal size cast nets, (in accordance with subsection 810.50(a)(1)) shad scoops, and minnow seines may be used to obtain shad, minnows, and crayfish to use as bait, provided that they are not sold, and except that bullfrogs may be taken by hand, gig, pitchfork, spear, landing net, and hook and line during bullfrog season. Bowfishing is prohibited unless otherwise noted in this digest.

2) All jugs set in a body of water shall be under the immediate supervision of the fisherman. Immediate supervision shall be defined as the fisherman being on the water where the jugs are set and readily available to identify jugs to law enforcement officers.

3) All largemouth and smallmouth bass taken must be less than 12 inches in total length or greater than or equal to 15 inches in total length.

4) 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 underwater breathing devices is prohibited. West of Wolf Creek Road, fishing from boats is permitted all year. Trotlines/jugs must be removed from sunrise until sunset from Memorial Day through Labor Day. East of Wolf Creek Road, fishing from boats is permitted from March 15 through September 30. Fishing from the bank is permitted all year only at the Wolf Creek and Route 148 causeways. On the entire lake, jugs and trotlines must be checked daily and must be removed on the last day they are used. It is illegal to use stakes to anchor any trotlines; they must be anchored only with portable weights and must be removed on the last day they are used. The taking of carp, carpsuckers, shad, drum, buffalo, gar, bowfin and suckers with spear, gig, bow and arrow or archery device is permissible.

5) Sport fishermen may harvest carp, carpsuckers, buffalo, gar, bowfin and suckers by pitchfork, gigs, bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices.

6) Sport fishing is allowed in the Fox River south of the Illinois-Wisconsin line to the Algonquin Dam and the Nippersink Creek upstream to the Wilmot Road Bridge.

7) Sport fishermen may harvest carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow or bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears during May and June.

8) Daily harvest limit includes striped bass, white bass, yellow bass and hybrid striped bass either singly or in the aggregate.

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

10) It shall be illegal to possess trout during the period of October 1 to 5 a.m. on the third Saturday in October (both dates inclusive) that were caught during that period.

11) It shall be illegal to possess trout during the period of March 15 to 5 a.m. on the first Saturday in April (both dates inclusive) that were caught during that period.

12) Daily harvest limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass, either singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed six fish, no more than one of which may be greater than or equal to 15 inches in total length and five may be less than 12 inches.

13) Jug fishing is permitted from the hours of 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.

14) Daily harvest limit includes all fish species (either singly or in the aggregate) caught within each of the following fish groupings.

A) Largemouth or smallmouth bass

B) Walleye, sauger, or their hybrid

C) Bluegill, redear sunfish or pumpkinseed

D) Channel or blue catfish

15) Daily harvest limit includes white, black or hybrid crappie either singly or in the aggregate.

16) Daily harvest limit includes striped bass, white bass and hybrid striped bass either singly or in the aggregate.

17) Daily harvest limit shall not exceed 10 fish, no more than three of which may be greater than or equal to 17 inches in total length.

18) Clinton Lake − 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. Sport fishermen may harvest 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. All jugs and trotlines set in a body of water shall be under the immediate supervision of the angler.

19) 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.

20) Carlyle Lake (including its tributary streams and those portions of the Kaskaskia River and Hurricane Creek up to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Carlyle Lake Project boundaries), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bond, Clinton and Fayette Counties. Does not include the tailwaters. Sport fishermen may not use a minnow seine, cast net or shad scoop for bait collecting between U.S. Route 50 and the Carlyle Lake dam and spillway.

21) Lake Shelbyville (including its tributary streams and those portions of the West Okaw and Kaskaskia Rivers up to Lake Shelbyville Project boundaries – including parts of the Lake Shelbyville Fish and Wildlife Management Area), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Shelby and Moultrie Counties. Does not include the tailwater except for the 48 inches total length and live bait rig requirement for muskellunge (see subsections (b)(40) and (43)).

22) Rend Lake (including its tributary streams and those portions of the Big Muddy and Casey Fork Rivers up to the Rend Lake Project boundaries), Rend Lake Project Ponds, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Franklin and Jefferson Counties. Does not include tailwaters. Sport fishermen may not use a minnow seine, cast net, or shad scoop for bait collecting within 1,000 yards downstream of the Rend Lake Dam and Spillway.

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23) Daily harvest limit for black, white or hybrid crappies, singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed 20 fish, no more than 10 of which may be less than 10 inches in total length and no more than 10 of which may be greater than or equal to10 inches in total length.

24) 15 inch minimum length limit for walleye with no possession of walleye greater than or equal to 20 inches and less than 27 inches in total length − protected slot length limit.

25) Daily harvest limit for largemouth or smallmouth bass, singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed three fish per day, no more than one of which may greater than or equal to 15 inches in total length and no more than two of which may be less than 15 inches in total length.

26) Lake Vermilion – Trotline and jug fishing allowed north of Boiling Springs Road.

27) Bank fishing is prohibited. Boat fishing is permitted May 1 through August 31 during the hours of 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. See site for additional regulations and exact opening and closing dates.

28) Trotlines may be set within 300 feet from shore.

29) Carp, buffalo, suckers and carpsuckers may be taken by means of pitchfork and gigs (no bow and arrow devices).

30) Fishing is permitted from March 15 through September 30, both dates inclusive, from sunrise to sunset. Fishing during all other times of the year is illegal and not permitted.

31) Daily harvest limit for largemouth or smallmouth bass, singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed three fish daily, no more than one of which may be greater than or equal to 15 inches in total length and no more than two of which may be less than 12 inches in total length.

32) Daily harvest limit of striped bass, white bass, yellow bass and hybrid striped bass, singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed four fish per day, which must be greater than or equal to 15 inches in total length.

33) It shall be unlawful to trespass upon a designated waterfowl hunting area during the seven 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 two weeks prior to the start of the regular duck season through the end of duck and Canada goose season.

34) 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.

35) 14 inch minimum length limit for walleye, sauger or hybrid walleye, either singly or in the aggregate, with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and less than 24 inches in total length. There is a four fish daily harvest limit of which only one can be greater than or equal to 24 inches in total length.

36) 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.

37) Daily harvest limit for smallmouth bass shall not exceed three fish, no more than one of which may be greater than or equal to 18 inches in total length and two may be less than 12 inches in total length.

38) Daily harvest limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass, either singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed six fish, no more than one of which may be greater than or equal to 18 inches in total length and five may be less than 14 inches.

39) Powerton Lake shall be closed to boat traffic, except for legal waterfowl hunters, from one week prior to regular waterfowl season to February 15, and closed to all unauthorized entry during the regular goose and duck season.

40) The 48 inch total length limit on pure muskellunge applies to that body of water listed as well as any tailwaters as defined below:

    Evergreen Lake (McLean County) – including the portion of Six Mile Creek below the Evergreen Lake Dam downstream to its confluence with the Mackinaw River.

    Fox Chain O'Lakes (Lake/McHenry Counties) – including the Fox River south of the Wisconsin-Illinois boundary to the McHenry 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.

41) It shall be unlawful to enter upon areas designated as waterfowl hunting areas during the 10 days prior to the start of the regular duck season, or to fish on such areas during the regular duck season except in areas posted as open to fishing. It shall be unlawful to enter upon areas designated as waterfowl rest areas or refuges from 10 days prior to the start of the regular duck season through the end of duck and Canada goose season.

42) During duck season, walk-in only access for fishing from the bank is permitted after 1:00 p.m.

43) When using live bait, all live bait in excess of 8 inches 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 two treble hooks attached anywhere on the live bait; single hooks are prohibited. This subsection (b)(43) does not apply to trotlines, jug lines, etc., if allowed on the lake.

44) Sport fishermen may harvest carp from boat by bow and arrow and bow and arrow devices, but not within 150 feet of any developed recreation areas.

45) Sport fishermen may harvest carp, buffalo, suckers and gar by bow and arrow devices, gigs or spears (except during waterfowl season) but not within 200 yards of any developed recreational areas.

46) Daily harvest limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass, either singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed three fish, no more than one of which may be greater than or equal to 18 inches in total length and two may be less than 12 inches.

47) 14 inch minimum length limit for walleye, sauger or hybrid walleye, either singly or in the aggregate with no possession of fish greater than or equal to18 inches or less than 26 inches in total length. There is a three fish daily harvest limit of which only one fish can be greater than or equal to 26 inches in total length.

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

49) Length limit regulation exemptions for fishing tournaments may be allowed for any fish species found in water body.

50) Daily harvest limit for largemouth or smallmouth bass, singly or in the aggregate, shall not exceed 3 fish daily, no more than one of which may be greater than or equal to 18 inches in total length and no more than 2 of which may be less than 14 inches in total length.

51) Lake Decatur, (including all boundaries within the City of Decatur) from the dam to the Sangamon River at Macon County Highway 25 (North Oakley Road) and the area west of Baltimore Ave. Does not include the tailwater.

52) Daily harvest for muskellunge shall not exceed 1 fish greater than or equal to 36 inches, but less than 42 inches, or 1 fish greater than or equal to 48 inches in total length.

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COUNTY	WATER AREA
Adams	Arrowhead Heights Lake
	Siloam Springs Lake
Alexander	Horseshoe Lake – Alexander Co.
Bond	Governor Bond Lake
	Patriot's Park Lake
	Pocahontas Park Ponds
Boone	Belvidere Ponds
	Blue Pond
	Little Casters Pond
	Island Pond
	Mill Race Ponds
	Spencer Lake
Brown	Mt. Sterling Lake
	Siloam Springs State Park Buckhorn Unit Waters
Bureau	Donnelley State Wildlife Area
	Hormel Pond
	Mautino Fish and Wildlife Area
Calhoun	Batchtown Wildlife Management Area
	Calhoun Point Wildlife Management Area
	Fuller Lake
	Godar-Diamond/Hurricane Island Wildlife Management Area
	Helmbold Slough
	Red's Landing Wildlife Management Area
	Riprap Landing
Cass	Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area – Drake Lake
	Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area, Prairie Lake and all Ponds
	Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area, Gridley Road Lake
	Meredosia Lake – Cass County Portion
	Meredosia Lake – Cass County Portion Only (meandered waters only)
Champaign	Champaign Park District Lakes (Kaufman Lake, Heritage Lake, and Mattis Lake)
	Crystal Lake
	Homer Lake
	Lake of the Woods & Elk's Pond
	Middle Fork Forest Preserve Pond
	River Bend Forest Preserve Lakes (Sunset Lake and Shadow Lake)
Christian	Kincaid City Reservoir
	Lake Taylorville
	Taylorville Park District Pond
Christian/Sangamon	Sangchris Lake
Clark	Casey Park Pond
	Lincoln Trail Lake
	Mill Creek Lake
Clay	Charlie Brown Lake & Pond
Clinton	Breese JC's Park Pond
	Eldon Hazlet State Park (See Also Carlyle Lake)
	Germantown Lake
	Homer Guthrie Pond – Eldon Hazlet State Park
Clinton/Bond/ Fayette	Carlyle Lake
Coles	Campus Pond – Eastern Illinois University
	Charleston Lower Channel Lake
	Charleston Side Channel Lake
	Coles County Airport Lake
	Fox Ridge State Park (see also Hurricane Pond, Wilderness Pond and Ridge Lake)
	Hurricane Pond
	Lake Mattoon
	Lake Paradise
	Lincoln Log Cabin Pond
	Oakland City Lake
	Ridge Lake
	Wilderness Pond
Cook	Auburn Park Lagoon
	Axehead Lake
	Beck Lake
	Belleau Lake
	Bullfrog Lake
	Busse Lake
	Calumet River
	Cermack Quarry
	Chicago River (including its North Branch, South Branch, and the North Shore Channel)
	Columbus Park Lagoon
	Commissioners Park Pond
	Cook Co. Forest Preserve District Lakes
	Des Plaines River Basin (Hoffman Dam to 47 Street Bridge, including tributaries)
	Douglas Park Lagoon
	Flatfoot Lake
	Garfield Park Lagoon
	Gompers Park Lagoon
	Horsetail Lake
	Humbolt Park Lagoon
	Jackson Park (Columbia Basin) Lagoon
	Lake Owen
	Lake Shermerville
	Lincoln Park North Lagoon
	Lincoln Park South Lagoon
	Maple Lake
	Marquette Park Lagoon
	McKinley Park Lagoon
	Palmissano Pond (Stern's Park Quarry)
	Riis Park Lagoon
	Sag Quarry East
	Schiller Pond
	Sherman Park Lagoon
	Skokie Lagoons

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COUNTY	WATER AREA
	Tampier Lake
	Wampum Lake
	Washington Park Lagoon
	William W. Powers Conservation Area
	Wolf Lake, William W. Powers Conservation Area
Crawford	Crawford Co. State Fish and Wildlife Area – Picnic Pond
	Crawford Co. State Fish and Wildlife Area Ponds
	Oblong Lake
Cumberland	Lake Mattoon
	Montrose Lake
	Toledo Reservoir
DeKalb	Shabbona Lake
	Storm Lake
DeWitt	Clinton Lake
	Weldon Springs Lake
Douglas	Tuscola City Lake
	Villa Grove East Lake
	Villa Grove West Lake
	Walnut Point Lake
DuPage	DuPage County Forest Preserve District Lakes and Ponds (excluding Harrier Lake)
	DuPage County Forest Preserve District (Harrier Lake Only)
	DuPage River – West Branch (between the dams located in the McDowell Grove Forest Preserve and the Warrenville Grove Forest Preserve)
	Elliott Lake
	Mallard Lake
	Silver Lake
Edgar	Paris East & West Lakes
Edwards	West Salem Reservoir
Effingham	Altamont Reservoir
	Dieterich Park Pond
	Lake Sara
Fayette	Lake Nellie
	Lake Vandalia
	Ramsey Lake
	Ramsey Lake State Park Ponds
	Tower Lake (St. Elmo South Lake)
Franklin and Jefferson	Rend Lake
	Rend Lake Project Ponds – Jackie Branch Pond, Ina N. Borrow Pit, Green Heron Pond, North Marcum Campground Pond
Franklin	Buckner City Reservoir
	Christopher Old City Lake
	Sesser City Lake
	West Frankfort New City Lake
	West Frankfort Old City Lake
Fulton	Anderson Lake Fish and Wildlife Area
	Canton Lake
	Double "T" State Fish and Wildlife Area
	Emiquon Preserve – Thompson Lake
	Fulton County Camping and Recreation Area Waters
	Rice Lake Fish and Wildlife Area
Gallatin	Omaha City Reservoir
	Omaha Township Reservoir
	Shawnee National Forest – Pounds Hollow Lake
Greene	Roodhouse Park Lake
	Greenfield City Lake
	White Hall City Lake
Grundy	Heidecke Lake (41)
Grundy/Kankakee/ Will	Mazonia Lakes & Ponds (excluding Ponderosa Lake)
Grundy/LaSalle/ Will	Illinois & Michigan Canal
Hamilton	Dolan Lake
	McLeansboro City Lakes
Hamilton/Jefferson	Ten Mile Creek Lakes
Hancock	Carthage Lake
	Horton Lake
Hardin	Shawnee National Forest – Tecumseh Lake
	Shawnee National Forest – Whoopie Cat Lake
Henderson	Gladstone Lake
	Henderson Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area
Henry	Andover Lake
	Johnson Sauk Trail Lake & Pond
Iroquois	Watseka City Ponds (Clements Pond, Kapers Pond and Municipal Center Pond)
Jackson and Union	Giant City Park Ponds
Jackson	Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area
	Campbell Pond Wildlife Management Area
	Campus Lake – Southern Illinois University
	Carbondale City Reservoir
	Cedar Lake and Little Cedar Lake
	Kinkaid Lake
	Lake Murphysboro
	Shawnee National Forest – Little Cedar Lake
	Shawnee National Forest – Turkey Bayou
Jasper	Newton Lake
	Sam Parr Lake
Jefferson	Mt. Vernon City Park Lake
	Mt. Vernon Game Farm Pond
Jersey	Crull Impoundment Wildlife Management Area
	Glades − 12 Mile Island Wildlife Management Area
	Stump Lake Wildlife Management Area
Jo Daviess	Apple River (within Apple River Canyon State Park and Satellite Boundaries)
	Apple River and tributaries
	Hanover Lake – Apple River Canyon State Park
Johnson	Ferne Clyffe Lake
	Shawnee National Forest – Dutchman Lake
	Shawnee National Forest – Little Cache #1
Johnson/Pulaski	Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge − Cache River from Rt. 37 to Rt. 51 in Ullin

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Johnson/Pulaski/ Union	Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge − All Ponds
Kane and DuPage	Fox Valley Park District Lakes and Ponds (except Jericho Lake and Lake Gregory)
Kane	Jericho Lake
Kankakee	Bird Park Quarry
	Eagle Lake
	Monster Lake
	Perry Farm Pond
	Rock Creek
	Ponderosa Lake
	Wilderness Area
Kendall	Foli Park Pond
	Kendall Co. Lake #1
	Silver Springs S.P. (Big Lake) & Ponds
Knox	Buffalo Prairie Pheasant Habitat Area Lakes and Ponds (Buffalo Lake South, Buffalo Lake North, Buffalo Pond Northwest, Buffalo Wetland)
	Lake Storey
	Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area – McMaster Lake & Other Site Waters
Lake and McHenry	Fox Chain O'Lakes (including the Fox River south of the Wisconsin-Illinois boundary to the Algonquin Dam and the Nippersink Creek upstream to the Wilmot Road Bridge) (6) (Applies to Grass Lake and Nippersink Lake State Managed Blind Areas Only)
Lake	Banana Lake
	Bevier Lagoon
	Diamond Lake
	Fox River Marina
	Gages Lake
	Grayslake Park District (Grayslake and Park Ponds)
	Illinois Beach State Park Ponds
	Lake Co. Forest Preserve District Lakes (except Independence Grove Lake)
	Mundelein Park District Ponds
	Redwing Slough/Deer Lake
	Sand Lake
	Sterling Lake
	Turner Lake
	Valley Lake
Lake/Cook	Lake Michigan (Illinois Portion)
LaSalle	Bakers Lake
	Illinois River − Starved Rock Pool
	Lake Kakusha
	Lake Mendota
	LaSalle Lake
	Matthiessen Lake
	Starved Rock State Park
Lawrence	Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area
	Red Hills Lake
Lee	Franklin Creek (within the boundaries of Franklin Creek State Natural Area)
	Franklin Creek Mill Pond − Franklin Creek State Park
Logan	Ed Madigan State Park Pond
	Mt. Pulaski Park District Lake
Macon	Decatur Park Dist. Ponds
	Fairview Park – Dreamland Pond
	Fletcher Park Pond
	Lake Decatur
	Macon County Conservation District Ponds (see also Rock Springs Pond and Rock Springs Bike Trail Pond)
	Rock Springs Bike Trail Pond
	Rock Springs Pond
	Sportsman's Club Pond
Macoupin	Beaver Dam Lake
	Bunker Hill Lake
	Carlinville Lake #1
	Carlinville Lake #2
	Gillespie New City Lake
	Gillespie Old City Lake
	Mt. Olive City Lakes (Old and New)
	Otter Lake
	Palmyra – Modesto Water Commission Lake
	Staunton City Lake
Madison	Belk Park Pond
	Gordon F. More Park Lake
	Highland Old City Lake
	Horseshoe Lake − Madison County
	Marine Heritage Lake
	Silver Lake
	Tri-Township Park Pond
Madison/Jersey	Piasa
Marion	Boston Pond
	Centralia Foundation Park Catfish Pond
	Centralia Lake
	Forbes State Lake (including Forbes State Lake tailwaters and that portion of Lost Fork Creek within Stephen A. Forbes State Park)
	Forbes State Park Ponds
	Kinmundy Reservoir
	Old Kinmundy Reservoir
	Raccoon Lake
	Salem Reservoir
Marshall	Marshall County Conservation Area – Sparland Unit
	Marshall County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch)
Mason	Chautauqua Lake North and South Pools
Mason/Cass/ Schuyler/Menard	Sanganois Conservation Area (33) (42)
Massac	Fairgrounds Pond – Fort Massac State Park
	Mermet State Lake
McDonough	Argyle Lake
	Spring Lake
McHenry	Defiance Lake
	Fox River (at Moraine Hills State Park and Dam and on

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COUNTY	WATER AREA
	Bolger Lock and Dam Properties)
	Lake Atwood
	McCullom Lake
	Piscasaw Creek
	Three Oaks North Lake
	Three Oaks South Lake
McLean	Bloomington Park District Lakes (Anglers Lake, Holiday Lake, Miller Park Lake, Tipton Lake and White Oaks Lake)
	Boyd-Wesley Park Pond
	Chenoa City Lake
	Dawson Lake & Park Ponds
	Evergreen Lake
	Heyworth Centennial Lake
	Lake Bloomington
	Miller Park Lake
Monroe	Valmeyer Lake
Montgomery	Coffeen Lake
	Glen Shoals Lake
	Hillsboro Old City Lake
	Litchfield City Lake
	Lou Yeager Lake
	Walton Park Lake
Morgan	Ashland City Old Reservoir
	Ashland City Reservoir
	Lake Jacksonville
	Mauvaise Terre/Morgan Lake
	Waverly Lake
Moultrie	Woods Lake
	Wyman Lake
Moultrie/Shelby	Lake Shelbyville – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Ponds and Lake Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Management Area Ponds
	Lake Shelbyville (21)
Multiple	Fox River, Algonquin Dam to confluence with the Illinois River, including tributaries
	Hennepin Canal – Mainline & Feeder
	Illinois River
	Iroquois & Kankakee Rivers and their Tributaries
	Kankakee River (from the Kankakee Dam to the mouth of the Kankakee River, including tributaries)
	Kankakee-Iroquois Rivers and their Tributaries
	Kishwaukee River and South Branch of Kishwaukee River and Tributaries
	Mississippi River (between IL & IA)
	Mississippi River (between IL & MO)
	Mississippi River Pools 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24
	Mississippi River Pools 25 and 26
	Ohio River – Smithland Pool Tributary Streams (in Pope/Hardin/Gallatin Counties, excluding Wabash River and Saline River Above Route 1 Bridge)
	Ohio River (between Illinois & Kentucky)
	Rock River, Wisconsin State Line downstream to confluence of the Mississippi River, including tributaries
	Shawnee National Forest Lakes and Ponds less than 10 acres
Ogle	Lake Sule
	Pine Creek
	Pine Creek (within the boundaries of White Pines Forest State Park)
	Spring Pond
Peoria	Charter Oak North – Peoria Park District Lake
	Charter Oak South – Peoria Park District Pond
	Glen Oak Park Lagoon
	Jubilee College State Park Pond
Peoria/Fulton	Banner Marsh Lake & Ponds
Perry	DuQuoin City Lake
	Pinckneyville Lake
	Pyramid State Park – Blue Wing Lake, Green Wing Lake and Goldeneye Lake
	Pyramid State Park – Captain, Denmark, Galum and East Conant Areas – All Lakes and Ponds except Blue Wing Lake, Green Wing Lake and Goldeneye Lake
	Pyramid State Park Lakes & Ponds (excluding Captain, Denmark, Galum and East Conant Areas)
Pike	Pittsfield City Lake
	King Park Lagoon
Pope	Shawnee National Forest – Bay Creek Lake #5 and #8 (Sugar Creek Lake)
	Shawnee National Forest – Lake Glendale
	Shawnee National Forest – One Horse Gap Lake
Pulaski/Johnson	Cache River State Natural Area
Putnam	Hennepin-Hopper Lakes
Randolph	Baldwin Lake
	Coulterville City Lake
	Randolph County Lake
	Route 154 Day Use Pond
	Sparta "T" Lake
	Sparta City Lakes
	Sparta City Reservoir (South)
	Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex − Derby Lake
	Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex Lakes
	Turkey Bluff Ponds
Richland	Borah Lake
	East Fork Lake
	Vernor Lake
Rock Island	Lake George
	Prospect Pond
	Riverside Park Lagoon
	Rock River, from the Sears and Steel Dam downstream to confluence of the Mississippi River
Saline	Harrisburg New City Reservoir
	Jones Lake Trout Pond
	Jones State Lake
	Sahara Woods Fish and Wildlife Area

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COUNTY	WATER AREA
Sangamon	Conservation World Ponds
	Illinois Department of Transportation Lake
	Lake Springfield
	Lake Williamsville
	Loami Reservoir
	Mechanicsburg Park Pond
	Rochester Park Pond
	Southwind Park Pond
	Washington Park Pond
Schuyler	Schuy-Rush Lake
	Weinberg-King Pond
Shelby and Christian	Pana Lake
Shelby	Forest Park Lagoon
	Hidden Springs State Forest Pond
	Lake Mattoon
St. Clair	Peabody River King, Pit #3 Lakes and Ponds (see also Willow Lake for additional regulations)
	Frank Holten Lakes
	Jones Park Lake
	Marissa City Lake
	Mascoutah Reservoir
	Willow Lake
	Kaskaskia River Fish and Wildlife Area – Doza Creek Wildlife Management Area
Stephenson	Lake Le-Aqua-Na
	Lake Le-Aqua-Na Kids Only Fishing Pond
	Mill Pond
	Waddams Creek
	Yellow Creek
Tazewell	Bowen Lake
	Mackinaw Ponds 1 and 2
	Mineral Springs Park Lagoon
	Powerton Lake
	Spring Lakes (North & South)
Union	Anna City Lake
	Dongola City Lake
	Union County Fish and Wildlife Area – All lakes and ponds
Vermilion	Clear Lake
	Kickapoo State Park Lakes & Pond
	Lake Mingo & Kennekuk Cove Park Ponds
	Lake Vermilion
	Middle Fork of the Vermilion River
	Tilton City Lake
Wabash	Beall Woods Lake
Warren	Citizen's Lake
Washington	Nashville City Lake
	Washington County Lake
Wayne	Sam Dale Lake
	Sam Dale Trout Pond
White	Burrells Wood Park Pond
	Norris City Reservoir
Whiteside	Carlton Silt Basin
	Centennial Park Pond
	Lake Carlton
	Lake Sinnissippi
Will	Braidwood Lake, Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area (41)
	Indian Boundary South Pond
	Lake Chaminwood
	Lake Milliken
	Lake Strini
	Monee Reservoir
	Route 6 Quarries (East and West)
	Turtle Lake (East Lake Renwick)
	Vanhorn Woods Pond
	Whalon Lake
	Woodlawn Pond
Williamson	Arrowhead Lake
	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Crab Orchard Lake
	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Devil's Kitchen Lake
	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Little Grassy Lake
	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Visitors Pond
	Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Restricted Use Area Ponds (30), except Visitor Pond, and Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge − All Other Ponds
	Herrin Lake #1
	Herrin Lake #2
Winnebago	Baumann Park Lake
	Four Lakes
	Kent Creek
	Lake Victoria
	Levings Lake
	Olson Lake
	Pierce Lake
Winnebago/ Stephenson	Pecatonica River and Tributaries
Woodford	Lake Eureka
	Woodford County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch)

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WATER AREA	OWNERSHIP	COUNTY	FISH SPECIES	REGULATION / HARVEST LIMIT
Altamont Reservoir	**City of Altamont**	**Effingham**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Anderson Lake Fish and Wildlife Area	**State of Illinois**	**Fulton**	Recreational Use Restrictions (33)	
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Andover Lake	**City 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
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fishing Only; Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fishing Only; Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10)
Argyle Lake	**Argyle Lake State Park**	**McDonough**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Hybrid Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit; 14-18 inches
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inch must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	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**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
Arrowhead Lake	**City of Johnston City**	**Williamson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with one Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 2 fish less than 12 inches Daily (31)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ashland City Old Reservoir	**City of Ashland**	**Morgan**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ashland City Reservoir	**City of Ashland**	**Morgan**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	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
Axehead Lake	**Cook County Forest Preserve**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Bakers Lake	**City of Peru**	**LaSalle**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
Baldwin Lake	**Baldwin Lake Conservation Area**	**Randolph**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Banana Lake	**Lake County Forest Preserve District**	**Lake**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			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	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Banner Marsh Lake & Ponds	**Banner Marsh State Fish and Wildlife Area (33)**	**Peoria/Fulton**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit; 12-18 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (34)
Batchtown Wildlife Management Area	**State of Illinois**	**Calhoun**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Baumann Park Lake	**City of Cherry Valley**	**Winnebago**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
Beall Woods Lake	**Beall Woods Conservation Area**	**Wabash**	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 (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Beaver Dam Lake	**Beaver Dam State Park**	**Macoupin**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Beck Lake	**Cook County Forest Preserve District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	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 Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Belk Park Pond	**City of Wood River**	**Madison**	All Fish Channel Catfish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Belleau Lake	**Cook County Forest Preserve District**	**Cook**	All Fish Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14) Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout Trout White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Belvidere Ponds	**City of Belvidere**	**Boone**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Bevier Lagoon	**Waukegan Park District**	**Lake**	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Bird Park Quarry	**City of Kankakee**	**Kankakee**	Trout Trout	Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Blandinsville North and South Ponds	**Village of Blandinsville**	**McDonough**	All Fish Large and Smallmouth Bass Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 2 Fish less than 12 inches (31) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Bloomington Park District Lakes (Anglers Lake, Holiday Lake, Miller Park Lake, Tipton Lake and White Oaks Lake)	**City of Bloomington**	**McLean**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Blue Pond	**Boone County Conservation District**	**Boone**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Borah Lake	**City of Olney**	**Richland**	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) 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
Boston Pond	**Stephen A. Forbes State Park**	**Marion**	Trout Trout	Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Bowen Lake	**City of Washington**	**Tazewell**	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish less than 15 inches and greater than or equal to 12 inches (3) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Boyd-Wesley Park Pond	**Village of Towanda**	**McLean**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Braidwood Lake, Braidwood State Fish and Wildlife Area (41)	**State of Illinois**	**Will**	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Recreational Use Restrictions	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 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.

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			Striped, White or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Fish Daily Harvest with no more than 3 fish greater than or equal to 17 inches (17)
Breese JC's Park Pond	**City of Breese**	**Clinton**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
Buckner City Reservoir	**City of Buckner**	**Franklin**	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
Buffalo Prairie Pheasant Habitat Area Lakes and Ponds (Buffalo Lake South, Buffalo Lake North, Buffalo Pond Northwest, Buffalo Wetland)	**State of Illinois**	**Knox**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit; 14-18 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	Harvestable Slot Length Limit; 36-42 inches, or 48 inch Minimum
			Walleye, Sauger or their Hybrid	3 Fish Daily harvest limit
Bullfrog Lake	**Cook County Forest Preserve District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Bunker Hill Lake	**City of Bunker Hill**	**Macoupin**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area, All lakes and ponds	**State of Illinois**	**Jackson**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches (38)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all use other than waterfowl hunting prohibited from November 1 through last day in February.
Burrells Wood Park Pond	**State of Illinois**	**White**	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Busse Lake	**Cook County Forest Preserve**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Cache River State Natural Area	**State of Illinois**	**Pulaski/Johnson**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			All Fish	No Seines
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area; no fishing in Nature Preserves – Section 8 Woods, Heron Pond/Little Black Slough

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Calhoun Point Wildlife Management Area	**State of Illinois**	**Calhoun**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Calumet River	**State of Illinois**	**Cook**	Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Yellow Perch	Closed May 1 through June 15
Campbell Pond Wildlife Management Area	**State of Illinois**	**Jackson**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
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 (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Canton Lake	**City of Canton**	**Fulton**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restriction	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
Carbondale City Reservoir	**City of Carbondale**	**Jackson**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Carlinville Lake #1	**City of Carlinville**	**Macoupin**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Carlinville Lake #2	**City of Carlinville**	**Macoupin**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Carlton Silt Basin	**State of Illinois**	**Whiteside**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Carlyle Lake	**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**	**Clinton/Bond/ Fayette**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (20) (33)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Carthage Lake	**City of Carthage**	**Hancock**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Casey Park Pond	**City of Casey**	**Clark**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit of which only 5 fish may be greater than or equal to 8 inches
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Cedar Lake and Little Cedar Lake	**U.S. Forest Service and City of Carbondale**	**Jackson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and/or 5 Fish less than 14 inches (38)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Centennial Park Pond	**Coloma Township Park District**	**Whiteside**	Trout Trout	Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
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 (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Champaign Park District Lakes (Kaufman Lake, Heritage Lake, Mattis Lake and Porter Lake)	**Champaign Park District**	**Champaign**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Charleston Lower Channel Lake	**City of Charleston**	**Coles**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) (36)
Charleston Side Channel Lake	**City of Charleston**	**Coles**	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	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; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches (23)
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**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Charter Oak South – Peoria Park District Pond	**Peoria Park District**	**Peoria**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Chautauqua Lake North and South Pools	**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**	**Mason**	Largemouth Bass Recreational Use Restrictions	12 inch Minimum Length Limit 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.
Chenoa City Lake	**City of Chenoa**	**McLean**	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Chicago River (including its North Branch, South Branch, and the North Shore Channel)	**State of Illinois**	**Cook**	Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Yellow Perch	Closed May 1 through June 15
Chillicothe Park District	**City of Chillicothe**	**Peoria**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Bluegill and Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Christopher Old City Lake	**City of Christopher**	**Franklin**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
Citizen's Lake	**City of Monmouth**	**Warren**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 5 less than 12 inches Daily (31) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Clear Lake	**Kickapoo State Park**	**Vermilion**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 2 Fish less than 15 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (25)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Clinton Lake	**Clinton Lake State Recreation Area**	**DeWitt**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	16 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only(1)(2)(18)(36)
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches (17)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Blue or Channel Catfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in the aggregate
Coffeen Lake	**Coffeen Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Montgomery**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	All jugs must be attended at all times while fishing (2)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Coles County Airport Lake	**Coles County Airport**	**Coles**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with only 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 14 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (50)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Columbus Park Lagoon	**Chicago Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Commissioners Park Pond	**Alsip Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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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	
Cook Co. Forest Preserve District Lakes	**Cook County Forest Preserve District**	**Cook**	All Fish Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14) Large or Smallmouth Bass Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Coulterville City Lake	**City of Coulterville**	**Randolph**	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass 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
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Crab Orchard Lake	**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**	**Williamson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish	16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (4)
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Devil's Kitchen Lake	**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**	**Williamson**	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 8 inch Minimum Length Limit
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Little Grassy Lake	**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**	**Williamson**	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit; 12-15 inches (3) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Visitors Pond	**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**	**Williamson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge Restricted Use Area Ponds (30), except Visitor Pond, and Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – All Other Ponds	**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**	**Williamson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish	16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Crawford County State Fish and Wildlife Area – Picnic Pond	**Crawford County State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Crawford**	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 (10)
Crawford County State Fish and Wildlife Area Ponds	**Crawford County State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Crawford**	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
Crull Impoundment Wildlife Management Area	**State of Illinois**	**Jersey**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Crystal Lake	**Urbana Park District**	**Champaign**	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge – All Ponds	**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**	**Johnson/Pulaski/ Union**	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
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 All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) No Seines

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Dawson Lake & Park Ponds	**Moraine View State Park**	**McLean**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	No more than 1 fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches (25)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (25)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (44)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	20 Fish, singly or in the aggregate, Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	15 inch Minimum Length Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 20 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Decatur Park District Ponds (see Fairview Park and Sportsman's Club Pond)	**Decatur Park District**	**Macon**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (except for Fairview Park – Dreamland Pond, which has a 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Defiance Lake	**Moraine Hills State Park**	**McHenry**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
Des Plaines River Basin (former Hoffman Dam site to 47th Street Bridge, including tributaries)	**State of Illinois**	**Cook**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Only (9)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Northern Pike	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Northern Pike	30 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Diamond Lake	**City of Mundelein**	**Lake**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
Dieterich Park Pond	**City of Dieterich**	**Effingham**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Dolan Lake	**Hamilton County Conservation Area**	**Hamilton**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with only 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Dongola City Lake	**City of Dongola**	**Union**	Largemouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Largemouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Donnelley State Wildlife Area	**State of Illinois**	**Bureau**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Double "T" State Fish and Wildlife Area	**State of Illinois**	**Fulton**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	21 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel or Blue Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit

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			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all use other than waterfowl hunting is prohibited from October 1 through the end of the central zone Canada goose season) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Douglas Park Lagoon	**Chicago Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
DuPage County Forest Preserve District Lakes and Ponds (excluding Harrier Lake)	**Forest Preserve District of DuPage County**	**DuPage**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 3 Fish less than 14 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Yellow Perch	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Yellow Perch	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
DuPage County Forest Preserve District (Harrier Lake Only)	**Forest Preserve District of DuPage County**	**DuPage**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Largemouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 3 Fish less than 14 inches
			Largemouth Bass	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Yellow Perch	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Yellow Perch	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)	**DuPage County Forest Preserve District**	**DuPage**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
DuQuoin City Lake	**City of DuQuoin**	**Perry**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with only 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches (38)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
East Fork Lake	**City of Olney**	**Richland**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Ed Madigan State Park Pond	**State of Illinois**	**Logan**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
Elliott Lake	**Wheaton Park District**	**DuPage**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area	**State of Illinois**	**Lawrence**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Emiquon Preserve – Thompson Lake	**The Nature Conservancy**	**Fulton**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Bluegill, Redear, Pumpkinseed, Green, or Orangespotted Sunfish and Hybrid Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Evergreen Lake	**City of Bloomington**	**McLean**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (40)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Fairgrounds Pond – Fort Massac State Park	**State of Illinois**	**Massac**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Fairview Park – Dreamland Pond	**Decatur Park District**	**Macon**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inches Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ferne Clyffe Lake	**Ferne Clyffe State Park**	**Johnson**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Flatfoot Lake	**Cook County Forest Preserve District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Fletcher Park Pond	**City of Mt. Zion**	**Macon**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Foli Park Pond	**Village of Plano**	**Kendall**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Forbes State Lake (including Forbes State Lake tailwaters and that portion of Lost Fork Creek within Stephen A. Forbes State Park)	**Stephen A. Forbes State Park**	**Marion**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit; 14-18 inches
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Forbes State Park Ponds	**Stephen A. Forbes State Park**	**Marion**	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
Forest Park Lagoon	**City of Shelbyville**	**Shelby**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Four Lakes	**Winnebago County Forest Preserve**	**Winnebago**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Fox Chain O'Lakes (including the Fox River south of the Wisconsin-Illinois boundary to the Algonquin Dam and the Nippersink Creek upstream to the Wilmot Road Bridge) (6) (Applies to Grass Lake and Nippersink Lake State Managed Blind Areas Only)	**State of Illinois**	**Lake and McHenry**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit of which no more than 3 can be Smallmouth Bass
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) only on State Park property bordering the Fox River and Grass Lake
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit (6)
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (40)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Smallmouth Bass	All fish must be immediately released between April 1 and June 15
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	14 inch Minimum Length Limit with an 18-24 inch Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession) (6)
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	4 Fish Daily Creel Limit of which only 1 can be greater than 24 inches (35)
			Flathead Catfish	1 Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches and /or 2 Fish less than 28 Inches
			Flathead Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Fox Ridge State Park (see also Hurricane Pond, Wilderness Pond and Ridge Lake)	**State of Illinois**	**Coles**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
Fox River, Algonquin Dam to confluence with the Illinois River, including tributaries	**State of Illinois**	**Multiple**	Flathead Catfish	1 Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches and/or 2 Fish less than 28 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish greater than or equal to 12 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
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) on Moraine Hills State Park and Dam property and on property at the Bolger Lock and Dam along the Fox River
Fox River Marina	**Lake County Forest Preserve**	**Lake**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only; Bank Fishing Only (in areas designated by Lake County Forest Preserve District)

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Fox Valley Park District Lakes and Ponds (except Jericho Lake and Lake Gregory)	**Fox Valley Park District**	**Kane and DuPage**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
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 (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
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**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Fuller Lake	**State of Illinois**	**Calhoun**	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Fulton County Camping and Recreation Area Waters	**Fulton County Board**	**Fulton**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restriction	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish less than 15 inches and greater than or equal to 12 inches (3)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
Gages Lake	**Wildwood Park District**	**Lake**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	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	**City of Germantown**	**Clinton**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
Giant City Park Ponds	**Giant City State Park**	**Jackson and Union**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Largemouth and Spotted Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Gillespie New City Lake	**City of Gillespie**	**Macoupin**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish less than 15 inches and greater than or equal to 12 inches (3)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Gillespie Old City Lake	**City of Gillespie**	**Macoupin**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
Glades – 12 Mile Island Wildlife Management Area	**State of Illinois**	**Jersey**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)

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Gladstone Lake	**Henderson County Conservation Area**	**Henderson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 2 Fish less than 12 inches (31) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Glen O Jones Lake Trout Pond Conservation Area	**Saline County**	**Saline**	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Glen O Jones State Lake	**Saline County Conservation Area**	**Saline**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with only 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 fish less than 14 inches (38) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Glen Oak Park Lagoon	**Peoria Park District**	**Peoria**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Glen Shoals Lake	**City of Hillsboro**	**Montgomery**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			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
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Godar-Diamond/ Hurricane Island Wildlife Management Area	**State of Illinois**	**Calhoun**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Gompers Park Lagoon	**Chicago Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Gordon F. More Park Lake	**City of Alton**	**Madison**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Governor Bond Lake	**City of Greenville**	**Bond**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	All jugs must be attended at all times while fishing (2)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Grayslake Park District (Grayslake and Park Ponds)	**City of Grayslake**	**Lake**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
Green Lake	**Cook County Forest Preserve**	**Cook**	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Greenfield City Lake	**City of Greenfield**	**Greene**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 5 Fish less than 12 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (12)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Hanover Lake – Apple River Canyon State Park	**State of Illinois**	**Jo Daviess**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Harrisburg New City	**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
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Heidecke Lake (41)	**Heidecke Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Grundy**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with only 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 fish less than 12 inches (46) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Heidecke Lake shall be closed to all fishing and boat traffic except for legal waterfowl hunters from 10 days prior to duck season through the day before duck season and is closed to all fishing during waterfowl season commencing with regular duck season through the close of the Canada goose and regular duck season. All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Fish Daily Harvest with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inch (17)
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Helmbold Slough	**State of Illinois**	**Calhoun**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Henderson Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area	**State of Illinois**	**Henderson**	Recreational Use Restriction	It shall be unlawful to trespass upon a designated waterfowl hunting area during the 7 days prior to 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 trespass upon areas designated as waterfowl rest areas or refuges from 2 weeks prior to the start of the regular duck season through the end of duck and Canada Goose season (33)
Hennepin Canal – Mainline & Feeder	**Hennepin Canal Parkway State Park**	**Multiple**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (13)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)

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Hennepin-Hopper Lakes	**The Wetlands Initiative**	**Putnam**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Black, White or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Walleye, Sauger or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Herrin Lakes #1 & #2	**City of Herrin**	**Williamson**	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
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Heyworth Centennial Lake	**City of Heyworth**	**McLean**	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
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Hidden Springs State Forest Pond	**Hidden Springs State Forest**	**Shelby**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Highland Old City Lake	**City of Highland**	**Madison**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Hillsboro Old City Lake	**City of Hillsboro**	**Montgomery**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish less than 15 inches and greater than or equal to 12 inches (3) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Homer Guthrie Pond – Eldon Hazlet State Park	**State of Illinois**	**Clinton**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Homer Lake	**Champaign County Forest Preserve District**	**Champaign**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
Horseshoe Lake – Alexander Co.	**Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area**	**Alexander**	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
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Only trolling motors in refuge from October 15 through March 1.
Horseshoe Lake – Madison County	**Horseshoe Lake State Park**	**Madison**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) (28)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Horsetail Lake	**Cook County Forest Preserve District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11) Fall Closed Season (10)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Horton Lake	**Nauvoo State Park**	**Hancock**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10)
Humbolt Park Lagoon	**Chicago Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Hurricane Pond	**Fox Ridge State Park**	**Coles**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 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	Spring Closed Season (11) Fall Closed Season (10)
Illinois Beach State Park Ponds	**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; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11)
Illinois River	**State of Illinois**	**Multiple**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Illinois River – Mississippi River Pool 26	**State of Illinois**	**Calhoun**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Illinois River – Starved Rock Pool	**State of Illinois**	**LaSalle**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Indian Boundary South Pond	**Frankfort Square Park District**	**Will**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Iroquois & Kankakee Rivers and their Tributaries	**State of Illinois**	**Multiple**	Walleye, Sauger and Hybrid Walleye	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger and Hybrid Walleye (14)	Protected Slot Limit with no possession of Fish less than 26 inches and greater than or equal to 18 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit of which only 1 Fish can be greater than or equal to 26 inches (47)

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Island Pond	**Boone County Conservation District**	**Boone**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
Jackson Park (Columbia Basin) Lagoon	**Chicago Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Jericho Lake	**Fox Valley Park District**	**Kane**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area, Drake Lake	**Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Cass**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area, Prairie Lake and all Ponds	**Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Cass**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than or equal to 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area, Gridley Lake	**Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Cass**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10)
Johnson Sauk Trail Lake & Pond	**Johnson Sauk Trail State Park**	**Henry**	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
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait > 8 inch must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
Jones Park Lake	**City of East St. Louis**	**St. Clair**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Jubilee College State Park Pond	**Jubilee College State Park**	**Peoria**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Kankakee River (from the Kankakee Dam to the Willmington Dam on the Kankakee River, including tributaries)	**State of Illinois**	**Multiple**	Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (37)
			Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with only 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches (37)

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Kankakee-Iroquois Rivers and their Tributaries	**State of Illinois**	**Multiple**	Walleye, Sauger, and Hybrid Walleye	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, and Hybrid Walleye (14)	Protected Length Limit with no possession of Fish less than 26 inches and greater than or equal to 18 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest of which only 1 Fish can be greater than or equal to 26 inches (47)
Kaskaskia River Fish and Wildlife Area – Doza Creek Wildlife Management Area	**State of Illinois**	**St.Clair**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Kendall Co. Lake #1	**Kendall County Forest Preserve District**	**Kendall**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Kent Creek	**State of Illinois**	**Winnebago**	Trout	Fly fishing is permitted. Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
Kickapoo State Park Lakes & Pond	**Kickapoo State Park**	**Vermilion**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit of which 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 (25)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Kincaid City Reservoir	**City of Kincaid**	**Christian**	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
King Park Lagoon	**City of Pittsfield**	**Pike**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Kinkaid Lake	**Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Jackson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	16 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (40)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Kinmundy Reservoir	**City of Kinmundy**	**Marion**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
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**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Lake Bloomington	**City of Bloomington**	**McLean**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches (17)

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			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Carlton	**Morrison-Rockwood State Park**	**Whiteside**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
			Pure Muskellunge	36 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Chaminwood	**Will County Forest Preserve District**	**Will**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Co. Forest Preserve District Lakes (except Independence Grove Lake)	**Lake County Forest Preserve District**	**Lake**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			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
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit
Lake Decatur, (including all boundaries within the City of Decatur) from the dam to the Sangamon Highway 25 (North Oakley Road) and the area west of Baltimore Ave. Does not include the tailwater	**City of Decatur**	**Macon**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (29) (36)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Depue Fish and Wildlife Area	**State of Illinois**	**Bureau**	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Lake Eureka	**City of Eureka**	**Woodford**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake George	**Loud Thunder Forest Preserve**	**Rock Island**	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
			Pure Muskellunge	36 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Jacksonville	**City of Jacksonville**	**Morgan**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (29)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit; 14-18 inches
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches

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Lake Kakusha	**City of Mendota**	**LaSalle**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Le-Aqua-Na	**Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park**	**Stephenson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Le-Aqua-Na Kids Only Fishing Pond	**Lake Le-Aqua-Na State Park**	**Stephenson**	Bluegill or Redear Sunfish and Their Hybrids	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Only kids under 16 years of age permitted to fish
Lake Lou Yaeger	**City of Litchfield**	**Montgomery**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
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
Lake Mendota	**City of Mendota**	**LaSalle**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with only 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 2 Fish less than 12 inches (31)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Lake Michigan (Illinois Portion)	**State of Illinois**	**Lake/Cook (49)**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	21 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Lake Trout	2 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Lake Whitefish and Round Whitefish	12 Fish, singly or in the aggregate, Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout and Salmon	No more than 5 fish of any one species daily, except for Lake Trout
			Trout and Salmon	10 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Yellow Perch	Closed May 1 through June 15
Lake Milliken	**Des Plaines Conservation Area**	**Will**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Only
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Lake Mingo & Kennekuk Cove Park Ponds	**Vermilion County Conservation Area**	**Vermilion**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (44)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	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 (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	No more than 1 fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches (25)
			Pure Muskellunge	36 inch Minimum Length Limit (40)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Lake Murphysboro	**Lake Murphysboro State Park**	**Jackson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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 (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			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
Lake of the Woods & Elk's Pond	**Champaign County Forest Preserve District**	**Champaign**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	No more than 5 fish greater than or equal to 7 inches; unlimited Daily Harvest Limit for Fish less than 7 inches
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Lake Owen	**Hazel Crest Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Paradise	**City of Mattoon**	**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
Lake Sara	**City of Effingham**	**Effingham**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit; 15-18 inches 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Shelbyville – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Ponds (except Woods Lake), and Lake Shelbyville State Fish and Ponds	**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**	**Moultrie/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
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with only 5 Fish less than 10 inches and 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Lake Shelbyville (21)	**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**	**Moultrie/Shelby**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (40)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (During the regular waterfowl season, no bank or boat fishing shall be permitted on the Kaskaskia River from the Strickland Boat Access north to the Illinois Central Railroad Bridge from one half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with only 5 Fish less than10 inches and 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches permitted
Lake Shermerville	**Northbrook Park District**	**Cook**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill and Redear Sunfish (14)	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 Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Sinnissippi	**State of Illinois**	**Whiteside**	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)

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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
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Storey	**City of Galesburg**	**Knox**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit; 12-18 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Bluegill and Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Strini	**Village of Romeoville**	**Will**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Lake Sule	**Flagg-Rochelle Park District**	**Ogle**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	36 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Taylorville	**City of Taylorville**	**Christian**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 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 Vandalia	**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
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Vermilion	**Vermilion County Conservation District**	**Vermilion**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (26) (except that 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
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish less than 10 inches; 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches (23)
Lake Victoria	**City of South Beloit**	**Winnebago**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
Lake Williamsville	**City of Williamsville**	**Sangamon**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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LaSalle Lake	**LaSalle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**LaSalle**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl refuge or hunting area; site regulations apply
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Fish Harvest Limit with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches Daily (17)
Levings Lake	**Rockford Park District**	**Winnebago**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
Lincoln Log Cabin Pond	**Lincoln Log Cabin Historical Site**	**Coles**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Lincoln Park North Lagoon	**Chicago Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	Closed to Fishing
Lincoln Park South Lagoon	**Chicago Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	Closed to Fishing
Lincoln Trail Lake	**Lincoln Trail State Park**	**Clark**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 3 Fish less than 14 inches or all 4 Fish may be less than 14 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Litchfield City Lake	**City of Litchfield**	**Montgomery**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 2 Fish less than 15 inches (25) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Little Casters Pond	**Boone County Conservation District**	**Boone**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
Loami Reservoir	**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
Mackinaw Ponds 1 & 2	**Mackinaw State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Tazewell**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Macon County Conservation District Ponds (see also 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 Preserve District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Marine Heritage Lake	**Village of Marine**	**Madison**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length 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 (33)
Marshall County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch)	**Marshall County Conservation Area**	**Marshall**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Mascoutah Reservoir	**City of Mascoutah**	**St. Clair**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
Matthiessen Lake	**Matthiessen State Park**	**LaSalle**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	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**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (34)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Mauvaise Terre/Morgan Lake	**City of Jacksonville**	**Morgan**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Mazonia Lakes & Ponds (excluding Ponderosa Lake)	**Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Grundy/Kankakee/ Will**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
McCullom Lake	**City of McHenry**	**McHenry**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
McKinley Park Lagoon	**Chicago Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
McLeansboro City Lakes	**City of McLeansboro**	**Hamilton**	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
Mechanicsburg Park Pond	**City of Mechanicsburg**	**Sangamon**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit

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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 (33)
Mermet State Lake	**Mermet Lake Conservation Area**	**Massac**	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restrictions White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Middle Fork Forest Preserve Pond	**Champaign County Forest Preserve**	**Champaign**	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) 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)
Mill Creek Lake	**Clark County Park District**	**Clark**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	4 Fish less than 15 inches and 1 fish greater than or equal to 15 inches daily; 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 42 inch Minimum Length Limit All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, of which only 2 fish can be 12 inch or longer
Mill Race Ponds	**Belvidere Park District**	**Boone**	All Fish Channel Catfish Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Spring Closed Season (11)
Miller Park Lake	**Bloomington Park District**	**McLean**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit Spring Closed Season (11)
Mineral Springs Park Lagoon	**City of Pekin**	**Tazewell**	All Fish Channel Catfish Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (10)
Mississippi River (between IL & IA)	**State of Illinois**	**Multiple**	All Fish Bluegill or Pumpkinseed Sunfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Northern Pike Paddlefish	Sport fishermen must not use more than 2 poles and each pole must not have more than 2 hooks or lures while trolling. 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit singly or in aggregate 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 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

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				downstream limit below locks and dams on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa; daily harvest limit is 2 fish; 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); no sorting allowed; once the daily limit of paddle-fish has been reached, snagging must cease. Paddlefish may be released at the angler's discretion once they are included in the daily limit.
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Any tagged sport fishing device may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours or must be completely removed. Maximum treble hook size is 5/0; gaffs may not be used to land paddlefish. 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.
			Rock Bass	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White, Yellow or Hybrid Striped Bass	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit singly or in the aggregate – 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.
			Walleye	15 inch Minimum Length Limit with no possession of fish greater than or equal to 20 inches and less than 27 inches Protected Slot Length Limit (24)
			Walleye and Sauger (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 walleye greater than or equal to 27 inches in total length.
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit singly or in the aggregate
			Yellow Perch	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Mississippi River (between IL & MO)	**State of Illinois**	**Multiple**	Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Flathead Catfish	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Northern Pike	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Paddlefish	24 inch Eye to Fork Minimum Length Limit
			Paddlefish	Snagging for paddlefish is permitted from September 15 though 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

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				the water; once the daily limit of paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease.
			Recreational Use Restrictions	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)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (Boating prohibited on refuge area (Ellis Bay) immediately upstream of Melvin Price Lock and Dam 26 over-flow dike from October 15 - April 15. Any tagged sport fishing device may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours or must be completely removed.)
			Striped, White, Yellow or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit singly or in the aggregate – 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 and Sauger (14)	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye and Sauger	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Mississippi River Pools 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24	**State of Illinois**	**Multiple**	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
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**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . .	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Montrose Lake	**City of Montrose**	**Cumberland**	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
			Bluegill and Redear Sunfish	15 Fish, singly or in the aggregate, Daily Harvest Limit
Morgan Lake	**City of Jacksonville**	**Morgan**	Trout	Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11)
Mt. Olive City Lakes (Old and New)	**City of Mt. Olive**	**Macoupin**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . .	3 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
Mt. Pulaski Park District Lake	**Mt. Pulaski Park District**	**Logan**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . .	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Mt. Sterling Lake	**City of Mt. Sterling**	**Brown**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of Fish less than 15 inches and greater than or equal to 12 inches (3)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Mt. Vernon City Park Lake	**City of Mt. Vernon**	**Jefferson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			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
Mt. Vernon Game Farm Pond	**Mt. Vernon Game Farm**	**Jefferson**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Mundelein Park District Ponds	**City of Mundelein**	**Lake**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
Nashville City Lake	**City of Nashville**	**Washington**	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
Newton Lake (41) (33)	**Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Jasper**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	The cold water arm of Newton Lake shall be closed daily from one half hour before sunrise until 1:00 p.m. to all fishing and boat traffic except for legal waterfowl hunters during waterfowl season commencing with regular duck season through the close of the Canada goose and regular duck season; fishing tournaments prohibited from June 1 through August 31.
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Lake closed to fishing during firearm deer seasons.
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	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	**City 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
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
Ohio River (between Illinois & Kentucky)	**State of Illinois**	**Multiple**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Muskie or Tiger Muskie	36 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Muskie or Tiger Muskie	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Northern Pike	No Minimum Length Limit
			Northern Pike	No Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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			Striped, White, Yellow or Hybrid Striped Bass	30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in the aggregate, of which no more than 4 Fish may be greater than or equal to 15 inches Daily (32)
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	30 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ohio River (between Illinois & Kentucky) and Wabash River (between Illinois and Indiana)	**State of Illinois**	**Multiple**	Blue Catfish and Flathead Catfish	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 35 inches
			Blue Catfish and Flathead Catfish	No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 35 inches
			Blue Catfish and Flathead Catfish	No harvest less than 13 inches
			Channel Catfish	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches
			Channel Catfish	No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 28 inches
			Channel Catfish	No harvest less than 13 inches
Old Kinmundy Reservoir	**City of Kinmundy**	**Marion**	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
Olson Lake	**Rock Cut State Park**	**Winnebago**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
Omaha City Reservoir	**City of Omaha**	**Gallatin**	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
Omaha Township Reservoir	**City of Omaha**	**Gallatin**	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
Otter Lake	**Otter Lake Water Commission**	**Macoupin**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			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
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (40)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Fish Daily Harvest singly or in the aggregate, of which only 3 Fish may be greater than or equal to 17 inches (17)
Palmissano Pond (Stern's Park Quarry)	**Chicago Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Palmyra – Modesto Water Commission Lake	**Palmyra/Modesto Water Commission**	**Macoupin**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
Pana Lake	**City of Pana**	**Shelby and Christian**	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
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inch must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Paris East & West Lakes	**City of Paris**	**Edgar**	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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Patriot's Park Lake	**Kingsbury Park District**	**Bond**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Peabody River King, Pit #3 Lakes and Ponds (see also Willow Lake for additional regulations)	**River King State Conservation Area**	**St Clair**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			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
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pecatonica River and Tributaries	**State of Illinois**	**Winnebago/ Stephenson**	Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Perry Farm Pond	**Bourbonnais Park District**	**Kankakee**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Piasa	**State of Illinois**	**Madison/Jersey**	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Pierce Lake	**Rock Cut State Park**	**Winnebago**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (7)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (40)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pinckneyville Lake	**City of Pinckneyville**	**Perry**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pine Creek (within the boundaries of White Pines Forest State Park)	**State of Illinois**	**Ogle**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11)
Piscasaw Creek	**State of Illinois**	**McHenry**	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Pittsfield City Lake	**City of Pittsfield**	**Pike**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (7)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pocahontas Park Ponds	**City of Pocahontas**	**Bond**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ponderosa Lake	**Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Kankakee**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Powerton Lake	**Powerton Lake Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Tazewell**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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			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.
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (39)
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in the aggregate, with no more than 3 fish greater than or equal to 17 inches (17)
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Prospect Pond	**City of Moline**	**Rock Island**	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Pyramid State Park – Blue Wing Lake, Green Wing Lake and Goldeneye Lake	**Pyramid State Park**	**Perry**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and/or 5 Fish less than 14 inches (38)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl 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.).
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	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 and Goldeneye Lake	**Pyramid State Park**	**Perry**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with only 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and/or 5 Fish less than 14 inches (38)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all use other than waterfowl hunting prohibited from November 1 through February 28/29)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pyramid State Park Lakes & Ponds (excluding Captain, Denmark, Galum and East Conant Areas)	**Pyramid State Park**	**Perry**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with only 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and/or 5 Fish less than 14 inches (38)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Raccoon Lake	**City of Centralia**	**Marion**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ramsey Lake	**Ramsey Lake State Park**	**Fayette**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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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 Conservation Area**	**Randolph**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (10)
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 Recreational Use Restrictions	(Access to walk-in area closed 7 days prior to duck season) Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Redwing Slough/Deer Lake	**State of Illinois**	**Lake**	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Rend Lake	**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**	**Franklin and Jefferson**	Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restrictions Striped, White, Yellow, or Hybrid Striped Bass (8) White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	All jugs must be attended at all times while fishing (2) 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (22) (33) 20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, singly or in the aggregate, with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than10 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	**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**	**Franklin and Jefferson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Rice Lake Fish and Wildlife Area	**State of Illinois**	**Fulton**	Recreational Use Restrictions Large and Smallmouth Bass Large and Smallmouth Bass	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33) 12 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest limit
Ridge Lake	**Fox Ridge State Park**	**Coles**	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (27) 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
Riprap Landing	**State of Illinois**	**Calhoun**	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
River Bend Forest Preserve Lakes (Sunset Lake and Shadow Lake)	**Champaign County Forest Preserve District**	**Champaign**	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Length Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches (25) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Riverside Park Lagoon	**Moline Park District**	**Rock Island**	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Rochester Park Pond	**City of Rochester**	**Sangamon**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Rock Creek	**State of Illinois**	**Kankakee**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11)
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 with a 20-27 inch Protected Slot Length Limit (24)
			Walleye and Sauger (14)	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**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Rock Springs Pond	**Macon County Conservation District**	**Macon**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Roodhouse Park Lake	**City of Roodhouse**	**Green**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Route 154 Day Use Pond	**State of Illinois**	**Randolph**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Route 6 Quarries (Rock Run Rookery Preserve)	**Will County Forest Preserve District**	**Will**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Sag Quarry East	**Cook County Forest Preserve District**	**Cook**	Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Rainbow Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Sahara Woods Fish and Wildlife Area	**State of Illinois**	**Saline**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Salem Reservoir	**City of Salem**	**Marion**	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
Sam Dale Lake	**Sam Dale Conservation Area**	**Wayne**	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
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)

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Sam Dale Trout Pond	**Sam Dale Conservation Area**	**Wayne**	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	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Sam Parr Lake	**Sam Parr State Park**	**Jasper**	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
Sand Lake	**Illinois Beach State Park**	**Lake**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Sanganois Conservation Area (33) (42)	**State of Illinois**	**Mason/Cass/ Schuyler/Menard**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sangchris Lake	**Sangchris Lake State Park**	**Christian/ Sangamon**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (45)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Posted waterfowl refuge closed to all boat traffic during waterfowl season. Bank fishing along the dam shall be permitted. Fishing shall be prohibited in the east and west arms of the lake during the period from 10 days prior to 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 (41).
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Schiller Pond	**Cook County Forest Preserve District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			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
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	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 (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Sesser City Lake	**City of Sesser**	**Franklin**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Shabbona Lake	**Shabbona Lake State Park**	**DeKalb**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (48)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit (40)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) No sport fishing below dam to fence.

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			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	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
Shawnee National Forest – Dutchman Lake	**U.S. Forest Service**	**Johnson**	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
Shawnee National Forest – Lake Glendale	**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
Shawnee National Forest – Little Cache #1	**U.S. Forest Service**	**Johnson**	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
Shawnee National Forest – One Horse Gap 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
Shawnee National Forest – Pounds Hollow Lake	**U.S. Forest Service**	**Gallatin**	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
Shawnee National Forest – Tecumseh Lake	**U.S. Forest Service**	**Hardin**	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
Shawnee National Forest – Turkey Bayou	**U.S. Forest Service**	**Jackson**	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
Shawnee National Forest – Whoopie Cat Lake	**U.S. Forest Service**	**Hardin**	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
Shawnee National Forest Lakes and Ponds less than 10 acres	**U.S. Forest Service**	**Multiple**	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
Sherman Park Lagoon	**Chicago Park District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Siloam Springs Lake State Park	**Siloam Springs**	**Adams**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish less than 15 inches or greater than or equal to 12 inches (3)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (7)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11)

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Siloam Springs State Park Buckhorn Unit Waters	**Siloam Springs State Park**	**Brown**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Silver Lake	**City of Highland**	**Madison**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Silver Springs S.P. (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 (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Skokie Lagoons	**Cook County Forest Preserve District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Snakeden Hollow State Fish and Wildlife Area – McMaster Lake & Other Site Waters	**State of Illinois**	**Knox**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit; 14-18 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	Harvest able Slot Length Limit; 36-42 inches, or 48 inch Minimum Length Limit (52) Protected Slot Length Limit; 42-48 inches
			Pure Muskellunge	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (all use other than waterfowl hunting prohibited from 14 days prior to duck season through the end of the central zone Canada goose season) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Southwind Park Pond	**Springfield Park District**	**Sangamon**	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Sparta "T" Lake	**City of Sparta**	**Randolph**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish	8 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
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

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Sparta Old City Reservoir (South)	**City of Sparta**	**Randolph County**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex – Derby Lake	**State of Illinois**	**Randolph**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Bluegill and Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex Lakes	**State of Illinois**	**Randolph**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Bluegill and Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	10 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Sportsman's Club Pond	**Decatur Park District**	**Macon**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Spring Lake	**City of Macomb**	**McDonough**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			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
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Spring Lakes (North & South)	**Spring Lake Conservation Area**	**Tazewell**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			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; 12-18 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Pure Muskellunge	42 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Spring Grove Hatchery Pond	**City of Spring Grove**	**McHenry**	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Spring Pond	**Flagg-Rochelle Park District**	**Ogle**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Starved Rock State Park	**State of Illinois**	**LaSalle**	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Staunton City Lake	**City of Staunton**	**Macoupin**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
			Pure Muskellunge	36 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
Sterling Lake	**Lake County Forest Preserve District**	**Lake**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			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
			Pure Muskellunge	48 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit
Storm Lake	**DeKalb Park District**	**DeKalb**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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
Stump Lake Wildlife Management Area	**State of Illinois**	**Jersey**	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Tampier Lake	**Cook County Forest Preserve District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	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 Walleye	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	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 (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Ten Mile Creek Lakes	**Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Hamilton/Jefferson**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (Areas designated as waterfowl rest areas are closed to all access during the Canada goose season only)
Three Oaks North Lake	**City of Crystal Lake**	**McHenry**	All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Three Oaks South Lake	**City of Crystal Lake**	**McHenry**	All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Tilton City Lake	**City of Tilton**	**Vermilion**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Toledo Reservoir	**City of Toledo**	**Cumberland**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches (31) 3 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)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (31)

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Tower Lake (St. Elmo South Lake)	**City of St. Elmo**	**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
Tri-Township Park Pond	**City of Troy**	**Madison**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Turkey Bluff Ponds	**State of Illinois**	**Randolph**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Turner Lake	**Chain O'Lakes State Park**	**Lake**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Turtle Lake (East Lake Renwick)	**Will County Forest Preserve District**	**Will**	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Tuscola City Lake	**City of Tuscola**	**Douglas**	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
Union County Fish and Wildlife Area – All lakes and ponds	**State of Illinois**	**Union**	All Fish Channel Catfish (All fishing and boat traffic prohibited from October 15 through the last day of February)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Valley Lake	**Wildwood Park District**	**Lake**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Valmeyer Lake	**City of Valmeyer**	**Monroe**	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Vanhorn Woods Pond	**Plainfield Park District**	**Will**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (10)
Vernor Lake	**City of Olney**	**Richland**	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
Villa Grove East Lake	**City of Villa Grove**	**Douglas**	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
Villa Grove West Lake	**City of Villa Grove**	**Douglas**	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) Trout	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (10)

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Wabash River (between Illinois and Indiana) and Ohio River (between Illinois and Kentuckty)	**State of Illinois**	**Multiple**	Blue Catfish and Flathead Catfish	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 35 inches
			Blue Catfish and Flathead Catfish	No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 35 inches
			Blue Catfish and Flathead Catfish	No harvest less than 13 inches
			Channel Catfish	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches
			Channel Catfish	No Daily Harvest Limit for Fish greater than or equal to 13 inches and less than 28 inches
			Channel Catfish	No harvest less than 13 inches
Waddams Creek	**State of Illinois**	**Stephenson**	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Walnut Point Lake	**Walnut Point State Fish and Wildlife Area**	**Douglas**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish less than 15 inches or greater than or equal to 12 inches(3)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, of which only 5 Fish may be greater than or equal to 8 inches
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Walton Park Lake	**City of Litchfield**	**Montgomery**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
Wampum Lake	**Cook County Forest Preserve District**	**Cook**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Washington County Lake	**Washington County Conservation 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 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
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	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 (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Watseka City Ponds (Clements Pond, Kapers Pond and Municipal Center Pond)	**City of Watseka**	**Iroquois**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Waverly Lake	**City of Waverly**	**Morgan**	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
Weinberg-King Pond	**Weinberg King State Park**	**Schuyler**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Weldon Springs Lake	**Weldon Springs State Park**	**DeWitt**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 20 inches
West Frankfort New City Lake	**City of West Frankfort**	**Franklin**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
West Frankfort Old City Lake	**City of West Frankfort**	**Franklin**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
West Salem Reservoir	**City of West Salem**	**Edwards**	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
Whalon Lake	**Forest Preserve District of Will County**	**Will**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	16 inch Minimum Length Limit
White Hall City Lake	**City of White Hall**	**Greene**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Wilderness Pond	**Fox Ridge State Park**	**Coles**	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
William W. Powers Conservation Area	**State of Illinois**	**Cook**	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Willow Lake	**Peabody River King State Conservation Area**	**St. Clair**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 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
			Trout	Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11)
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Wolf Lake, William W. Powers Conservation Area	**State of Illinois**	**Cook**	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
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)

BUY ILLINOIS FISHING LICENSES

NOTE: EXPLANATIONS FOR NUMBERS CONTAINED IN PARENTHESIS ARE FOUND ON PAGES 10 AND 11

SITE SPECIFIC SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

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

WATER AREA	OWNERSHIP	COUNTY	FISH SPECIES	REGULATION / CREEL LIMIT
Woodford County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch)	**Woodford County Conservation Area**	**Woodford**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Woodlawn Pond	**Frankfort Square Park District**	**Will**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Woods Lake	**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**	**Moultrie**	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Striped, White or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	Catch and Release Only
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	Protected Slot Length Limit with only 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 14 inches or 3 Fish less than 14 inches
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Bluegill and Redear Sunfish	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, of which only 5 fish may be greater than or equal to 8 inches
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with only 5 Fish less than 10 inches and 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Wyman Lake	**City of Sullivan**	**Moultrie**	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	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	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Yellow Creek	**State of Illinois**	**Stephenson**	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)

DON'T TAKE AN ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE!

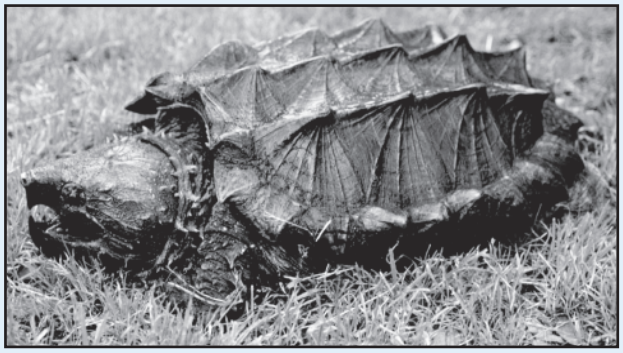
ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLES ARE A STATE ENDANGERED SPECIES AND FULLY PROTECTED BY LAW

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

You can help recover this unique reptile by:

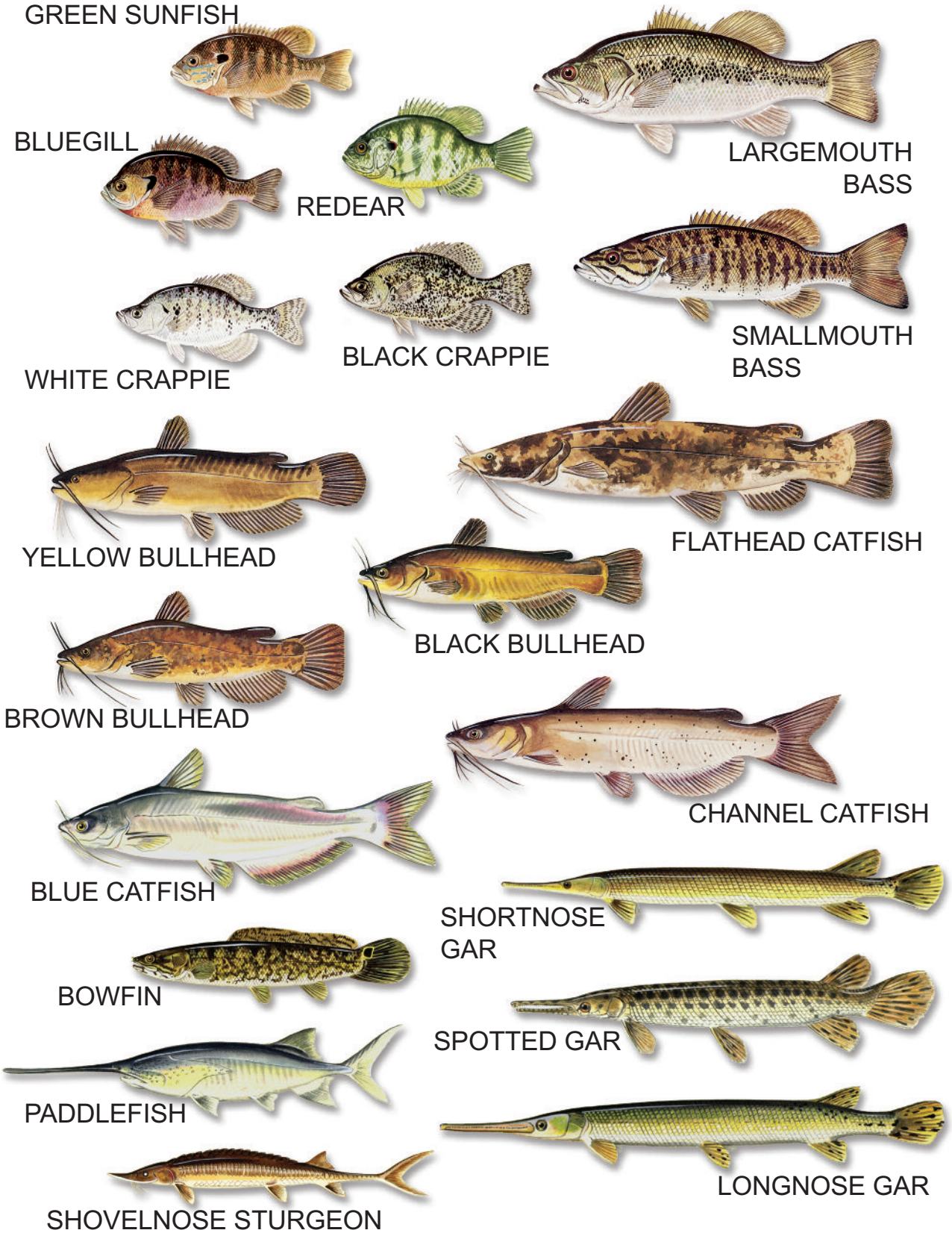
- Learning the difference between common snapping turtles and alligator snappers.
- Reporting observations of alligator snapping turtles. *PLEASE SEND PHOTOS*
- Protecting river corridors and associated wetland habitat.
- Reporting any illegal capture, harvest or possession of alligator snapping turtles.

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



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

COMMON ILLINOIS SPORT FISH



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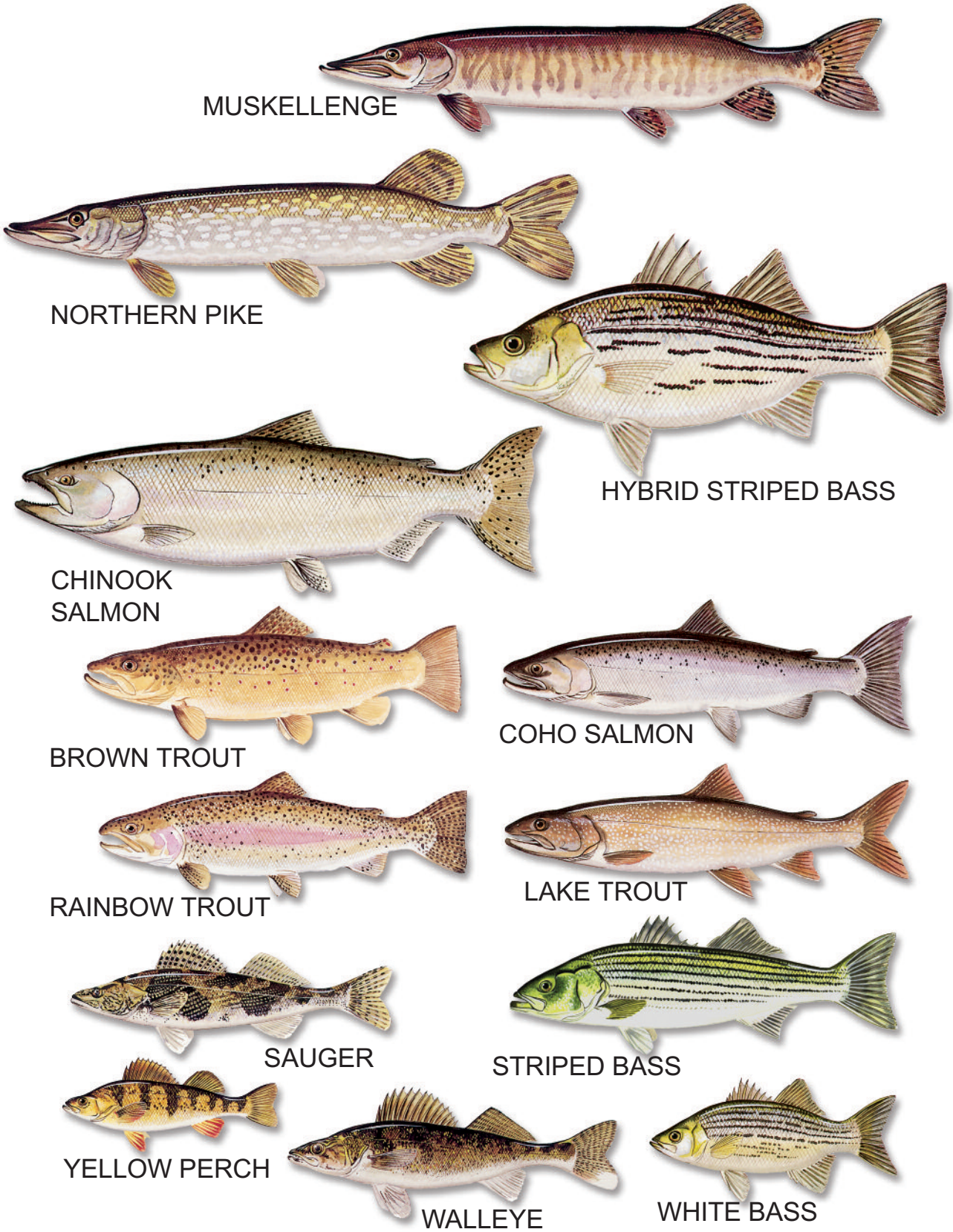

PLACES TO FISH

BODY OF WATER	Acres	Boat Fishing	Boat Rental	Ramps	Water Skiing	Motors*	Swimming	Camp/Picnic	Special Regs.	LM Bass	SM Bass	Bluegill	Crappie	Sunfish	Catfish	Bullhead	Carp	Yellow Perch	White Bass	Striped Bass	Northern Pike	Walleye/Sauger	Yellow Bass	Hybrid Striper	Trout	Muskellunge	Salmon	Warmouth	Smelt
Anderson Lake, Fulton Co.	1,364	X	X	X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X										
Apple River								X			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				P	X	X		X		X	X														
Baldwin Lake, Randolph Co.	2,018	X		X		50		P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X					
Banner Marsh, Peoria Co.	1,200	X		X		25		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X				X			
Baumann Lake, Winnebago Co.	26							P	X	X		X	X		X														
Beall Woods Lake, Wabash Co.	14	X		X		0		X	X	X		X	X	X	X										X				
Beaver Dam, Macoupin Co.	57	X	X	X		E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X									X				
Beck Lake, Cook Co.	38	X		X		E		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X							
Braidwood Lake, Will Co.	2,308	X		X		X			X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X												
Busse Lake, Cook Co.	590	X	X	X		E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X				X			
Carlyle Lake, Clinton,Fayette & Bond Cos.	24,580	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X						
Canton Lake, Fulton Co.	250	X		X		85		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									
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									
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							
Deep Quarry Lake, DuPage Co.	40	X				E				X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X			X				
Defiance Lake, McHenry Co.	47	X	X			E		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X								
Des Plaines River									X				X		X	X					X	X							
Devil's Kitchen Lake, Williamson Co.	810	X		X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X					X		X			X	
Dolan Lake, Hamilton Co.	71	X		X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X														
DuPage River											X				X		X				X								
Dutchman Lake, Johnson Co.	118	X		X		10			X	X		X	X		X		X											X	
East Fork Lake, Richland Co.	935	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X							
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	
Ferne Clyffe Lake, Johnson Co.	16					0		X	X	X		X	X	X	X										X				
Fox Chain O'Lakes, Lake/McHenry	7,110	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			X		X	
Forbes Lake, Marion Co.	525	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X					
Four Lakes, Winnebago Co.	19							P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X								
Fox River		X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X			X			
Frank Holten Lakes, St.Clair Co.	180	X	X	X		10		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X		X					
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		120	P	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			
Hennepin Canal, Bureau Co.	-	X		X		A		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					X							
Horseshoe Lake, Madison Co.	2,430	X		X		50		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X						X						
I&M Canal, Will/Grundy/LaSalle Co	-	X				E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X								X				
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								
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						
Kaskaskia River		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				
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							
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		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X							X				X			
Lake Chaminwood, Will Co.	48	X				E		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X												
Lake Charleston, Upper Side Channel, Coles Co.	346	X		X		NW			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X				X	
Lake Chatauqua, Mason Co.	1,200	X		X		NW			X	X		X	X	X	X		X												
Lake Decatur, Macon Co.	3,093	X		X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X	X					
Lake Eureka, Woodford Co.	30	X		X		E		P	X	X			X	X	X		X				X								
Lake George, Rock Island Co.	167	X	X	X		0		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X				X			
Lake Le-Aqua-Na, Stephenson Co.	43	X	X	X		0	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X				X							X	
Lake Mattoon, Shelby/Cumberland	1,050	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X					
Lake Michigan, Cook/Lake Cos.	976,640	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X			X				X		X		X
Lake Milliken, Will Co.	26							P	X	X		X	X		X		X								X				
Lake Mingo, Vermillion Co.	170	X		X		10		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X						X			X			
Lake of Egypt, Johnson Co.	2,400	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X											X	
Lake of the Woods, Champaign Co.	25	X	X	X				P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X									X			
Lake Pittsfield, Pike Co.	220	X		X		X		P	X	X		X	X		X		X					X		X					
Lake Shelbyville, Shelby/Moultrie	11,100	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X	X			X			
Lake Springfield, Sangamon Co.	4,234	X		X	X	X		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X							

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Lake Storey, Knox Co.	133	X	X	X		E	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X				X			
Lake Sule (seasonal) Ogle Co.	77	X	X	X				P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					X				X			
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										
Lyerla Lake, Union Co.	260	X		X		10				X		X	X	X	X	X	X											X	
Mallard Lake, DuPage Co.	89	X								X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X				X			
Maple Lake, Cook Co.	55	X	X			E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X					X								
Maple Lake, DuPage Co.	32									X		X	X		X														
Marshall County Lake, Marshall Co.	2,557	X	X	X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X			X							
Mautino State Fish & Wildlife Area,Bureau Co.	74.2	X		X		E		P	X	X	X	X	X	X	X														
Mazonia Lakes, Grundy/Kankakee Cos.	576	X		X		B		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X												
McCullom Lake, McHenry Co.	245	X		X		10	X	P	X	X		X			X						X								
McMaster Lake, Knox Co.	142	X		X		10			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X						X				X			
Mechanicsburg Park Pond, Sangamon Co.	7								X	X		X			X														
Mermet Lake, Massac Co.	452	X		X		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		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X												
Newton Lake, Jasper Co.	1,750	X		X		25		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X										
North Branch Chicago River - Cook Co.										X						X	X						X						
Olson Lake, Winnebago Co.	45	X				0	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X					X								
Otter Lake, Macoupin Co.	765	X		X	X	115		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X				X		X			
Paris Twin Lakes, Edgar Co.	220	X		X		X	X	P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X					
Peabody River King Pit #3 Lakes and Ponds, St.Clair Co.	526	X		X		10		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X			X	X		X	
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						
Pyramid State Park Lakes, Perry Co.	135	X		X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X												
Ramsey Lake, Fayette Co.	47	X	X	X		0		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X													
Randolph County Lake, Randolph Co.	65	X	X	X		10		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X							
Red Hills Lake, Lawrence Co.	40	X		X		E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X												
Rend Lake, Franklin/Jefferson Cos.	18,900	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X				X	
Rice Lake, DuPage Co.	36									X		X	X	X	X	X	X												
Rice Lake, Fulton Co.	1,383	X	X	X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X						
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, Christion Co.	2,165	X		X		25		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X			X									
Schuy-Rush Lake, Schuyler Co.	220	X		X		X		P	X	X		X	X		X		X									X			
Shabbona Lake, DeKalb Co.	319	X	X	X		10		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X		X		X			
Siloam Springs Lake, Adams Co.	58	X	X	X		0		X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X								X				
Silver Lake, DuPage Co.	62	X	X	X		E				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X			X				
Silver Springs Lakes, Kendall Co.	21	X	X	X		0		P	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				X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X					X	X	X		X			
Spring Lake (North), Tazewell Co.	578	X	X	X		25		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X						X			X			
Spring Lake (South), Tazewell Co.	610	X	X	X		25		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X				X		X						
Tampier Lake, Cook Co.	160	X	X	X		E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X						
Ten Mile Creek Lake, Jefferson/Hamilton Cos.	200	X		X		10			X	X		X	X	X	X														
Turner Lake, Lake Co.	35	X				0		X	X	X		X			X		X			X									
Walnut Point Lake, Douglas Co.	59	X	X	X		E		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	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		X	X	X					X							
Wolf Lake, Cook Co.	391	X	X	X		NW		P	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X							
Woodford County Conservation Area Lakes, Woodford Co.	2,790	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X										

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Those lakes marked with an (X) in the Special Regulations column above have regulations which differ from the statewide regulations. Please check the Site Specific Regulations section of this publication or as posted at each lake where applicable. All regulations and activities are subject to change.
**10 = 10 h.p. limit; X = no h.p. limit; 0 = no outboard motors allowed; E = electric trolling motors only. A = 10 h.p. limit except from Lock 24 west to Rt. 82 bridge. E = Electric motors only except for Monster, Eagle, & Ponderosa Lakes where outboards are allowed. NW = motors of any size are allowed – 10 h.p. and under may operate at full speed while motors larger than 10 h.p. must operate at no wake, idle speed. P = Picnic Area Only*

- Zebra mussels have been found in these waters.

- Some handicapped accessible fishing facilities present.

TOURNAMENT FISHING PERMIT

a) 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.

b) If applications are submitted online, the Fishing Tournament Permit received by the applicant will also serve as the IDNR Site Activity Permit for tournaments held at IDNR sites. If the Fishing Tournament request is made by paper application, then applicant will need to contact the IDNR site for a separate paper Site Activity Permit application. Copies of the IDNR Fishing Tournament Permit must be in the possession of the tournament director or organizer at all times. Within 30 days after the tournament event, a summary report containing catch data that may include the sizes (length and/or weight), numbers of each fish caught, the length of the tournament (fishing hours), number of participants, number of boats, the number of participants that brought in their limit and the number of fish killed during the handling must be provided to the IDNR-Division of Fisheries. Subsequent Fishing Tournament permits for the following year(s) may not be issued until the summary reports have been submitted for the current or previous years. Requests for a Fishing Tournament Permit shall be made on applications provided by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries available on the IDNR and IFishIllinois websites. Fishing Tournament Permit applications will be accepted beginning November 1 of each year for the following year. Applications cannot be accepted more than one year in advance pursuant to 17 Ill. Adm. Code 115. If the tournament is not on a state site (as listed on the online form) the applicant must receive permission from the water owner prior to holding the event.

c) In addition to the Fishing Tournament Permit, activities held at Department sites requires either: (1) proof of liability insurance of $1,000,000; or (2) the Tournament Organizer or Director will require each individual who participates in the event to sign a liability waiver, obtained from the site office, prior to the event or: The box requesting this information must be checked on the online tournament application form.

d) Definitions:

"Fishing Tournament" – An organized competitive fishing event, other than a fishing derby, where two or more individuals fish during a specified time period. To be considered a fishing tournament, an event must include the following factors: sponsored or promoted by an individual or organization, involves the award of trophies, cash, prizes or other recognition for participation in the tournament, and will be conducted on a particular body of water or multiple waters.

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

e) The Statewide Daily Harvest Limit per person of no more than 6 largemouth, smallmouth, or spotted bass (black bass) may be in possession while participating in a Hook and Line Fishing Tournament.

f) Site-specific harvest, possession, or creel limits listed in Section 810.45 cannot be exempted or exceed the statewide harvest, possession, or creel limits for any fish species.

g) Rules for issuance of Special Length Limit Regulation Exemption Permits are as follows:

1) For Muskie Tournaments- An IDNR Fishing Tournament Permit for catch, hold for weigh-in and release tournaments for all waters is permitted with no Special Length Limit Regulation Exemption Permits required. Fish must be released unharmed immediately after quick weigh-in.

2) Lake Michigan- Regulation exemptions may be granted for bass fishing tournaments on Lake Michigan. The regulations for all bass tournaments will be: 14″ minimum length limit, 3 fish per person daily catch limit.

3) The Mississippi, Ohio and Wabash rivers are not eligible for permits that exempt participants from daily harvest and size limits due to regulatory agreements with neighboring states.

4) Illinois High School (IHSA) sanctioned catch and release tournaments will be issued Special Length Limit Regulation Exemption Permits. That regulation will be a 12″ minimum length limit, 5 fish per boat.

h) Requests for a Fishing Tournament Permit shall be made on applications provided by the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries and available online on the IDNR and IFISHILLINOIS websites. Applications must be received not less than 30 days prior to the first tournament date and must be completely filled out or they may be rejected.

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

1) The capability of the fishery resource to absorb the tournament with minimal impact to its well-being.

2) The location of the tournament, special management zones on rivers and streams and waters with restrictive creel and length limits, identified in Section 810.45, are not eligible for permits except as noted in Section 810.90(a).

3) The evaluation of the adverse impacts resulting from the additional fishing pressure generated by the tournament on the fish population and the targeted fish species. Consumptive Hook and Line Fishing Tournaments are not eligible for Special Length Limit Regulation Exemption Permits. The evaluation must demonstrate minimal and short-term impacts in order for the Department of Natural Resources to issue the permit. Specific items to be considered include:
   A) biological status of the fish population, including the species sought; and
   B) timing of the tournament with regard to date, hours and water conditions; and
   C) length of fishing hours for the tournament; and
   D) 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 810.80 and
   E) number of boats and sport fishermen participating in the tournament; and
   F) safety of sport fishermen and potential boater-user conflicts.

4) Demonstrates adequate provisions for holding, handling, and releasing caught fish. Specific criteria are:
   A) Tournament officials must be able to certify that all boats will be required to possess a livewell (except muskie fishing tournaments) fitted with a functioning aerator and water pump.
   B) If a common release boat or vehicle is utilized, the sport fishermen transporting the fish to be released are exempt from the Daily Harvest Limit. When using a common release boat, permits granting exemptions from Daily Harvest Limits may be obtained by contacting the IDNR-Division of Fisheries 217-782-6424. A common release boat and holding tank used to transport fish for release shall be adequate to carry a tank constructed of a suitable material (aluminum or fiberglass) with smooth interior walls with no obstructions to trap or injure fish. The tank must be able to hold at least one gallon of water per pound of fish, provide adequate aeration, and maintain constant desirable temperature to sustain their well-being. The tank must have operating hatches to prevent fish from jumping out of the tank and allow quick opening and closing for introduction and removal of fish. Individual boats and sport fishermen returning their catches of fish back to a release site must adhere to daily creel limits. Tournament officials must be able to certify that a common release boat is being utilized for this tournament.
   C) For catch, hold for weigh-in, and release muskie tournaments, all boats must have a fish cradle (made from netting) to temporarily hold the muskie in the water while an official determines the length or weight of the fish prior to release. Muskies may not be transported to a weigh-in site.

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5) Appeals to denied permits must be made in writing to the IDNR Division of Fisheries within 10 days of receipt of the denial. Any supplemental information requested must be included in the appeal.

j) 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:

No Special Length Limit and/or Harvest Limit Regulation exemptions are allowed to site specific regulations (not to exceed the statewide statutory limits) on: waters listed in Sections 810.45 or public water listed in Section 810.15 with restrictive limits; and the Mississippi, Ohio and Wabash Rivers due to regulator agreements with neighboring states.

All carp species legal to take with bowfishing methods listed in Sections 810.45 have an unlimited take.

No possession of live Asian carp is permitted.

No exemptions will be granted for the wanton waste and fish abandonment provisions in Section 810.14.

k) Failure to acquire a permit as referenced in subsection (a) is a petty offense and may result in denial of future applications for a Fishing Tournament Permit.

l) Fishing Tournaments held on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa must be permitted with an Illinois Fishing Tournament Permit in addition to an Iowa Fishing Tournament Permit, if also fishing Iowa waters. Tournaments held in Iowa waters in June, July and August must conclude at 2:00 PM or be out of Iowa jurisdiction by 2:00pm, with the exception of evening tournaments starting after 4 PM. See following link for more details on Iowa Fishing Regulations: *http://www.iowadnr.gov/Fishing/Fishing-Licenses-Laws/Additional-Regulations/Fishing-Tournaments.*

ILLINOIS SPORT FISHING AWARDS PROGRAMS (HOOK AND LINE OR BOWFISHING)

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

Junior angler awards are for young sport fishermen under 16 years of age catching their first Illinois fish. Catch and Release (hook and line only), Big Fish, Master Angler, Grand Slam, and State Record are available to any angler or angling group meeting the eligibility requirements outlined in the rules. Refer to the rules section on the IFISH website for more information.

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

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

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

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

APPLICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 217/782-6424 OR BY DOWNLOADING FROM THE ***www.ifishillinois.org*** WEBSITE.

Fish Carp Bake Sicilian

Prep Time: 20min *Cooking Temperature: 350F* *Yield: 7lbs*
Cooking Time: 20min *Internal Temperature: 145F* *Portions: 10*

Ingredients and Instructions

Fish Carp Asian Filet 6-8oz average (fish)	*4lb, 3 ounce*	*Fresh Rosemary (chopped)*	*1 1/3 tablespoon + 1/2 teaspoon*
Green Pepper (diced)	*11 ounce*		
Red Pepper (diced)	*11 ounce*	*Parsley Curly (chopped)*	*0.7 Bunch*
Yellow Onion	*11 ounce*	*Raisins Golden*	*4 1/4 ounce*
Garlic Minced Water Pack	*1 1/2 ounce*	*White Wine*	*750 ML*
Roma Tomatoes (diced)	*11 ounce*	*Vinegar Red Wine*	*1 1/3 tablespoon and 1/4 teaspoon*
Capers (drained, rinsed, finely chopped)	*1 ounce*		
Olives Kalamata Pitted (rinsed and finely chopped)	*1 1/2 ounce*	*Salt Kosher*	*2 5/8 teaspoon*
		Black Pepper (Ground)	*3/4 teaspoon*

Saute the onions, peppers, and garlic in olive oil for 5 minutes. Add the chopped olive, capers, and rosemary and saute 3 minutes more. Add the tomatoes, white wine, vinegar, and golden raisins. Bring to a simmer and cook for 15 minutes. Stir in the fresh parsley. Season the fish well with salt and pepper. Place the fish in a pan in a single layer and spoon the sauce over the top. Cover with foil and bake in a 350 degree oven until cooked through, about 15-20 minutes. Hold covered for service.

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ILLINOIS AND NORTH AMERICAN HOOK & LINE RECORD FISH

As of October 2017*

COMMON NAME		WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY
BASS, Largemouth	(IL)	13 lb./1 oz.	2/15/76	Stone Quarry Lk.	LAKE
	(NA)	22 lb./4 oz.	6/2/32	Montgomery Lk., GA	
BASS. Rock	(IL)	1 lb./10 oz.	5/5/87	Aux Sable Creek	GRUNDY
	(NA)	3 lb./ 0 oz.	8/1/74	York River, Ontario,	CAN.
	(NA)	3 lb./ 0 oz.	6/13/69	Sugar Creek, IN	
BASS, Smallmouth	(IL)	6 lb./7 oz.	3/26/85	Strip Mine	FULTON
	(NA)	11 lb./15 oz.	7/9/55	Dale Hollow Lake, TN	
BASS, Spotted	(IL)	7 lb./ 3.12 oz.	3/15/92	Strip Mine	FULTON
	(NA)	10 lb./4 oz.	4/21/01	Pine Flat Lake, CA	
BASS, Striped	(IL)	31 lb./ 7oz.	5/23/94	Sangchris Lake	CHRISTIAN
	(NA)	69 lb./9 oz.	2/28/13	Black Warrior River, AL	
BASS, Hybrid Striped	(IL)	21lb / 7.2oz.	6/12/17	Lake Bloomington	MCCLEAN
	(NA)	27 lb./5 oz.	4/24/97	Greer's Ferry Lake, AR	
BASS, White	(IL)	4 lb./14 oz.	10/7/81	Kaskaskia River	CLINTON
	(NA)	6 lb./7 oz.	9/19/89	Saginaw Bay, MI	
BASS, Yellow	(IL)	2 lb./0 oz.	5/5/94	Farm Pond	MADISON
	(NA)	2 lb./8 oz.	4/12/00	Tennessee River, AL	
BASS, Yellow Hybrid	(IL)	2 lb./.96 oz.	11/3/08	Rend Lake	FRANKLIN
	(NA)	2 lb./11 oz.	3/10/97	Sabine River, TX	
BLUEGILL	(IL)	3 lb./8 oz.	5/10/87	Farm Pond	JASPER
	(NA)	4 lb./12 oz.	4/9/50	Ketona Lake, AL	
BOWFIN	(IL)	16 lb./6 oz.	9/23/84	Rend Lake	JEFFERSON
	(IL)	16 lb./6 oz.	9/14/92	Bay Creek	POPE
	(NA)	21 lb./8 oz.	1/29/80	Forest Lake, SC	
BUFFALO	(IL)	48 lb./0 oz.	1936	Mississippi River	ADAMS
(Bigmouth)	(NA)	76 lb./8 oz.	6/21/13	Wisconsin River, WI	
(Smallmouth)	(NA)	88 lb./0 oz.	11/14/93	Lake Wylie, NC	
BUFFALO, Black	(IL)	23 lb./12 oz.	7/27/84	Rock River	LEE
	(NA)	63 lb./6 oz.	8/14/99	Mississippi River, IA	
BULLHEAD, Black	(IL)	5 lb./6 oz.	4/24/88	Strip Mine	FULTON
	(NA)	8 lb./15 oz.	8/19/87	Sturgis Pond, MI	
BULLHEAD, Brown	(IL)	3 lb/4.8oz.	5/8/17	Emiquon Lake	FULTON
	(NA)	7 lb./6 oz.	8/1/09	Mahopac Lake, NY	
BULLHEAD, Yellow	(IL)	5 lb./4 oz.	1955	Fox River	KANE
	(NA)	6 lb./4 oz.	5/25/08	Forest Lake, MA	
BURBOT	(IL)	9 lb /4.8 oz.	3/22/17	Lake Michigan	COOK
	(NA)	25 lb./2 oz.	3/27/10	Diefenbaker Lake, Saskatchewan, CAN	
CARP, Common	(IL)	51 lb./0 oz.	5/1/94	Lake Hillcrest	MADISON
	(NA)	57 lb./13 oz.	6/19/83	Tidal Basin Washington, D.C.	
CARP, Bighead	(IL)	69 lb./0 oz.	5/4/10	Kaskaskia River	CLINTON
	(NA)	90 lb./0 oz.	7/22/00	Kirby Lake, TX	
CATFISH, Blue	(IL)	124 lb./0 oz.	5/21/05	Mississippi River	MADISON
	(NA)	124 lb./0 oz.	5/21/05	Mississippi River, IL	
CATFISH, Channel	(IL)	45 lb./4 oz.	2/7/87	Baldwin Lake	ST. CLAIR
	(NA)	58 lb./0 oz.	7/7/64	Santee Cooper Rsv., SC	
CATFISH, Flathead	(IL)	81 lb./6.4 oz.	8/29/15	Sangchris Lake	CHRISTIAN
	(NA)	123 lb./0 oz.	5/14/98	Elk City Rsvr., KS	
CRAPPIE, Black	(IL)	4 lb./8 oz.	5/15/76	Rend Lake	FRANKLIN
	(NA)	6 lb./0 oz.	11/28/69	Westwego Canal, LA	
CRAPPIE, Hybrid	(IL)	4 lb /8.8 oz.	3/28/17	Kinkaid Lake	JACKSON
	(NA)	2 lb./11 oz.	1/28/05	Shabbona Lake	DEKALB
CRAPPIE, White	(IL)	4 lb./7 oz.	4/8/73	Farm Pond	MORGAN
	(NA)	5 lb./3 oz.	7/31/57	Enid Dam, MS	
DRUM,	(IL)	35 lb./0 oz.	1960	DuQuoin City Lake	PERRY
Freshwater	(NA)	54 lb./8 oz.	4/20/72	Nickajack Lake, TN	
GAR, Longnose	(IL)	22 lb./1 oz.	5/6/06	Ohio River	MASSAC
	(NA)	50 lb./5 oz.	7/30/54	Trinity River, TX	
GAR, Shortnose	(IL)	5 lb./.96 oz.	7/20/99	Vermilion River	LA SALLE
	(NA)	6 lb./6 oz.	6/15/01	Kentucky Lake, TN	
GAR, Spotted	(IL)	7 lb./13.44 oz.	7/10/04	Horseshoe lake	ALEXANDER
	(NA)	28 lb./8 oz.	3/4/87	Lake Seminole, FL	

COMMON NAME		WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY
GOLDEYE	(IL)	2 lb./1 oz.	7/26/98	Embarras River	CUMBERLAND
	(NA)	3 lb./13 oz.	8/9/87	Oahe Tailwater, SD	
GRASS CARP	(IL)	74 lb./0 oz.	5/22/15	Lake Galena	JO DAVIESS
	(NA)	79 lb./0 oz.	4/12/11	Crescent Lake, IL	
LAKE WHITEFISH	(IL)	7 lb/8.0 oz.	3/22/17	Lake Michigan	COOK
	(NA)	15 lb./6 oz.	5/21/83	Webster Clear Lake, Ontario, CAN	
MUSKELLUNGE	(IL)	38 lb./8 oz.	4/20/02	Kaskaskia River	SHELBY
	(NA)	69 lb./11 oz.	10/20/49	Chippewa Flowage, WI	
MUSKIE, Tiger	(IL)	31 lb./3 oz.	8/6/04	Lake Will	WILL
	(NA)	51 lb./3 oz.	7/16/19	Lake Vieux Desert, WI/MI	
NORTHERN	(IL)	1 lb./12.3 oz.	3/22/12	Little Vermillion River	LA SALLE
HOGSUCKER	(NA)	1 lb./12 oz.	3/17/04	Fox River, WI	
NORTHERN PIKE	(IL)	26 lb./15 oz.	11/9/89	Strip Mine Lake	KANKAKEE
	(NA)	46 lb./2 oz.	9/15/40	Sacandaga Rsvr., NY	
PERCH, Yellow	(IL)	2 lb./8.75 oz.	1/5/74	Arrowhead Club Lake	WILL
	(NA)	4 lb./3 oz.	5/1865	Bordentown, NJ	
SALMON, Atlantic	(IL)	18 lb./11.25 oz.	5/26/79	Lake Michigan	COOK
(Inland)	(NA)	22 lb./14 oz.	4/5/05	Jamaica Pond, MA	
SALMON, Chinook	(IL)	37 lb./0 oz.	8/7/76	Lake Michigan	LAKE
(Inland)	(NA)	44 lb./14 oz.	7/19/94	Lake Michigan, WI	
SALMON, Coho	(IL)	20 lb./9 oz.	5/24/72	Lake Michigan	LAKE
(Inland)	(NA)	33 lb./4 oz.	9/27/89	Salmon River, NY	
SALMON, Pink	(IL)	3 lb./8 oz.	9/29/07	Lake Michigan	LAKE
(Inland)	(NA)	4 lb./0 oz.	8/28/01	Garden River, Ontario, CAN.	
SAUGER	(IL)	5 lb./12.5 oz.	7/30/67	Mississippi River	JO DAVIESS
	(NA)	8 lb./12 oz.	10/6/71	Lake Sakakawea, ND	
SAUGER-WALLEYE,	(IL)	9 lb./10.88 oz.	12/7/01	Evergreen Lake	MCLEAN
Hybrid	(NA)	15 lb./10 oz.	1/11/95	Ft. Peck Rsvr., MT	
SHORTHEAD	(IL)	3 lb./11.8 oz.	4/25/08	Fox River	KANE
REDHORSE	(NA)	11 lb./5 oz.	5/21/83	Brunet River, WI	
SILVER	(IL)	6 lb./11.4 oz.	4/24/08	Fox River	KANE
REDHORSE	(NA)	14 lb./ 14 oz.	4/2/95	Pickwick Lake, AL	
SKIPJACK	(IL)	2 lb./8 oz.	12/28/13	Des Plaines River	WILL
HERRING	(NA)	3 lb./ 12 oz.	2/14/82	Goddard Watts Bar Lake, TN	
STURGEON,	(IL)	9 lb./8.2 oz.	8/31/13	Rock River	WHITESIDE
Shovelnose	(NA)	8 lb./5.76 oz.	11/4/03	Rock River, IL	
SUNFISH, Green	(IL)	2 lb./1 oz.	6/28/81	Farm Pond	DE WITT
	(NA)	2 lb./2 oz.	6/18/71	Stockton Lake, MO	
	(NA)	2 lb./2 oz.	5/28/61	Cherokee Co. Pit, KS	
SUNFISH, Hybrid	(IL)	2 lb./9.4 oz.	9/20/05	Farm Pond	HENRY
	(NA)	2 lb./10 oz.	5/17/99	Farm Pond, KS	
SUNFISH,	(IL)	11.2 oz.	1/15/10	Mississippi River	CARROL
Pumpkinseed	(NA)	2 lb./4 oz.	5/26/97	North Saluda River, SC	
SUNFISH, Redear	(IL)	2 lb./12.3 oz.	9/7/85	Marion CC Lake	WILLIAMSON
	(NA)	5 lb./7.5 oz.	11/6/98	Diversion Canal, SC	
TROUT, Brook	(IL)	7 lb./5 oz.	11/3/98	Lake Michigan	LAKE
	(NA)	14 lb./8 oz.	7/1916	Nipigon River, Ontario, CAN	
TROUT, Brown	(IL)	36 lb./11.5 oz.	6/22/97	Lake Michigan	COOK
	(NA)	41 lb./8 oz.	9/9/09	Big Manistee River, MI	
TROUT, Lake	(IL)	38 lb./4 oz.	8/22/99	Lake Michigan	LAKE
	(NA)	72 lb./4 oz.	8/19/95	Great Bear Lake, N.W.T. Canada	
TROUT, Rainbow	(IL)	31 lb./6.72 oz.	7/10/93	Lake Michigan	LAKE
(Inland)	(NA)	48 lb./0 oz.	9/5/09	Lake Diefenbaker, Saskatchewan, CAN	
TROUT, Tiger	(IL)	8 lb./12.5 oz.	6/26/77	Lake Michigan	COOK
	(NA)	20 lb./13 oz.	8/12/78	Lake Michigan, WI	
WALLEYE	(IL)	15 lb./1 oz.	3/11/12	Pecatonica River	WINNEBAGO
	(NA)	25 lb./0 oz.	8/1/60	Old Hickory Lake, TN	
WARMOUTH	(IL)	1 lb./13 oz.	5/22/71	Farm Pond	CUMBERLAND
	(NA)	2 lb./7 oz.	10/19/85	Yellow River, FL	

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.

North American Records from the 2014-15 Edition
National Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame (NFWFHOF)

CURRENT STATE RECORD SPEAR/BOW FISH SPECIES

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	59 lbs 4 oz	Illinois River	LaSalle	7/16/2011
Silver Carp	18 lbs 1 oz	Wabash River	Wabash	9/29/2014
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	6 lbs 4 oz	Lake Shelbyville	Moultrie	7/20/2014
Longnose Gar	32 lb 3.2 oz	Kaskaskia River	St. Clair	9/14/17
Spotted Gar	10 lbs 2.4 oz	Rend Lake	Franklin	4/9/2010
Bowfin (Dogfish)	12 lbs 3 oz	Crab Orchard Lake	Williamson	5/5/2012
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

IDNR Fish Species Management Plan for Alligator Gar (*Atractosteus spatula*) in Illinois

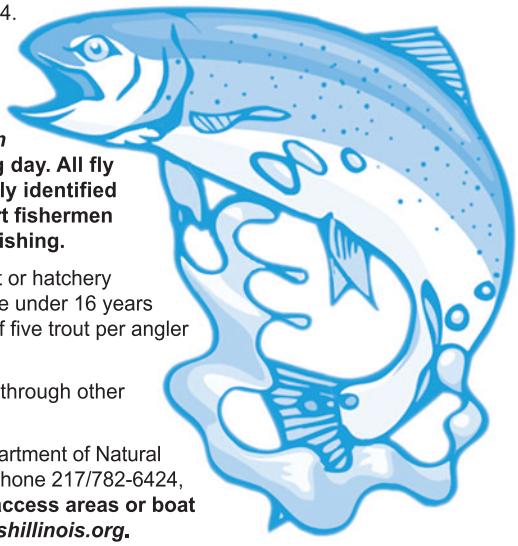
Alligator Gar (*Atractosteus spatula)* populations have been declining within their historic range for at least the past 50 years, and are considered to be extirpated from much of the northern reaches (Nature Serve 2015). Declines have been attributed to several factors, most notably over-exploitation and loss of important backwater spawning habitats from the construction of levees and lock-and-dams beginning in the early 1900s. While no single factor can be identified as the definitive cause for the decline, it is likely that a combination of these factors over time resulted in the extirpation of the Alligator Gar from Illinois.

The Alligator Gar was not regulated or protected in Illinois prior to 1977. From 1977 to 1994, the species was listed as a state-threatened fish under the Illinois Threatened and Endangered Species Act. In 1994, the Alligator Gar was delisted and considered to be extirpated.

This plan proposes efforts and activities necessary to successfully re-establish and extensively manage Alligator Gar populations in Illinois. The success of the plan will be documented through annual progress and achievement reports for each management objective. The plan is considered to be an evolving document and will be used as an adaptive management tool by Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries.

To learn more visit: *https://www.ifishillinois.org/programs/ALG_Plan_2017.pdf*

CATCHABLE TROUT PROGRAM (including Fly Fishing Season)



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. Sport fishermen are prohibited from taking (harvesting) trout at any of the stocking sites before the legal opening. ***Spring catchable trout season* opens at 5 a.m. on the first Saturday of April and the *fall catchable trout season* opens at 5 a.m. on the 3rd Saturday of October. In addition, *the spring and fall fly fishing seasons, with catch and release only fishing for trout,* begins 2 weeks prior to the regular opening day. All fly fishermen must release any trout caught during these special seasons at specifically identified locations throughout Illinois (see site specific regulations for locations). Other sport fishermen may be utilizing the fly fishing 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. Sport fishermen **wanting more information about site regulations, access areas or boat rentals should contact individual sites and the "I Fish Illinois" website: *http://www.ifishillinois.org*.**

FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION ACT

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

Funds may be used for almost any type of sport fishery restoration, management, or enhancement project. The 1984 Wallop-Breaux Amendment mandated that each state must spend at least 10% for boat access projects, and allowed each state to use up to 10% of its apportionment for aquatic resources education. The required 10% to be spent for boating improvements was increased to 12.5% in 1992, and 15.0% in 1998. The Aquatic Resources Education allowance was increased to 15.0% in 1998.

An annual apportionment of these monies is made available to each state. Forty percent of this amount is based on the state's land and water area in relation to the total land water of the U.S. Sixty percent of this amount is based on the number of paid sport fishing license holders in each state in relation to all the paid fishing license holders in the U.S. 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. For more information please refer to the following website link ***http://www.ifishillinois.org/science/fed_proj.html*** on the ***IFISHILLINOIS.org***

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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 via postage-paid mail-in creel cards available at the Department of Natural Resources office or at the following web address:
http://www.ifishillinois.org/science/muskie_survey.php

Illini Muskies Alliance

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.

BE A HERO TRANSPORT ZERO

FIGHT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVADERS

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

DON'T DUMP BAIT

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:
www.iiseagrant.org/asiancarp/

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

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

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.

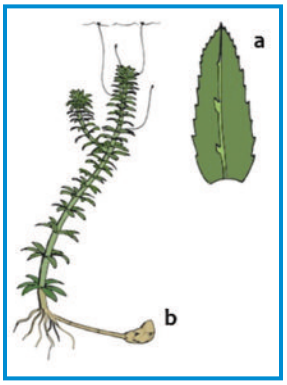
Bighead Carp

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).

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You can help!

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

Illinois Conservation Foundation

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT 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, East St. Louis, Carbondale, Mt. Vernon, Springfield, Centralia, Decatur, and Urbana.
WHEN?
Clinics are held during June, July, and August.
WHY?
The purpose of these clinics is to teach sport fishing ethics, fish ecology, fish identification, fish techniques, and the proper care/preparation of caught fish.
For more information call:
Chicago & Northeastern Illinois - (847) 294-4137
Northwestern Illinois - (815) 625-2903
Central Illinois - (217) 782-6424
Southern Illinois - (618) 786-3323

The **Illinois Urban Fishing Program** was introduced in Chicago in 1985 to teach individuals of all ages to fish, to enhance fishing opportunities in populated areas and to give participants an understanding of and a greater appreciation for natural resources. In 1994 the Program was expanded statewide and now primarily consists of 1) free summer fishing clinics that include fishing at nearby stocked lagoons, 2) school fishing and non-fishing education programs, and 3) fishing and education programs at scout and 4-H camps, city and state parks, church camps, etc.

During CY '16 fish were stocked at 43 sites. Summer fishing clinics were regularly held at 8 Chicago locations and 28 sites in Northwestern, Central and Southern Illinois. Seven additional ponds were stocked in Cook County where historically Summer fishing clinics had been held. No clinics were held at these due to lack of staffing. Fishing clinics were held twice daily Monday through Friday for about nine weeks at most of these fishing sites during the Summer. Approximately 18,932 youngsters attended one of 951 summer fishing clinics that included fishing at a nearby stocked lagoon. Fish stocking remained important for the program and approximately 41,477 lbs. of channel catfish, 136,830 hybrid sunfish were stocked. Members of the general public were also able to catch and harvest these fish at most sites. In addition to the Urban Summer fishing clinics, 1,206 kids fished at the temporary pond created for the Springfield State Fair.

Additional volunteers and volunteer organizations have become more involved in conducting and assisting with programs. Volunteers and volunteer organizations with IDNR training and assistance held 247 fishing clinics and events for 9,486 children and adults last year. These individuals and organizations play a very important role in the ongoing success of the program.

Urban Fishing Program coordinators held 306 non-fishing Education Programs for more than 36,243 participants at numerous schools and other settings during the year to teach environmental education and an appreciation for natural resources, and to promote summer fishing programs. This figure includes the 19,058 people that participated in the "Touch a Fish" station at the State Fair.

The major objectives of the Illinois Urban Fishing Program include teaching children to fish, stocking sufficient numbers of catchable-sized fish in an effort to provide quality sport fishing opportunities for urban sport fishermen, and attract and introduce citizens to the outdoors by instilling an interest and appreciation for plants and animals. These program objectives have remained the same each year. Steps deemed necessary to get someone interested in fishing are 1) create a threshold experience, 2) have available equipment, 3) have a suitable place to fish, 4) have a mentor to teach fishing, and 5) have social support of friends and family.

The popular "Access to Fishing" rod and reel loaner program was established in 1997. There are currently 142 "Access to Fishing" loaner sites in Illinois, and rods and reels were borrowed more than 13,752 times last year. In total the Urban Fishing Program, with just two full-time Coordinators, 20 Summer interns and their volunteer network, held or sponsored a total of 1,771 fishing and non-fishing programs for nearly 90,285 participants this past year.

ILLINOIS FISH AND YOUR HEALTH

Fish and other types of seafood can be an important part of a balanced diet. Fish is a good source of lean, high quality protein and is often rich in other nutrients such as omega-3 fatty acids, which may reduce your risk for cardiovascular disease. However, chemicals such as methylmercury and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) can make some fish unsafe to eat except in limited quantities.

A statewide methylmercury advisory has been established 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 fish from any Illinois water body (in other words, up to 52 meals per year), 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.

In addition, you should be aware of advisories for PCBs. You can reduce your exposure to these chemicals by varying the type and source of fish you eat, opting for younger, smaller fish, and eating leaner species such as walleye and panfish over fatty species such as carp and catfish. You can also prepare fish in ways that reduce your exposure PCBs:

- Before cooking, remove the skin from the fillet and cut away any fatty tissue from the belly and dorsal areas.
- Broil, bake, or grill in a way that allows fat to drip away.
- Discard fat drippings or broth from broiled or poached fish. Do not use the drippings or broth in other dishes.

Please note - these precautions for PCBs will **not** reduce the amount of methylmercury in fish. Mercury is stored in muscle tissue (the edible part of the fish) rather than in the fat or skin. Therefore, the only way to reduce mercury intake is to limit the amount of contaminated fish eaten.

Special mercury advisories have been issued for several Illinois waters, including Lincoln Trail and Mill Creek Lakes in Clark County. Largemouth bass from these waters contain high levels of methylmercury and **should not be eaten** by you or your family in any amount. You can still go bass fishing at these lakes, but be sure to release your catch.

"Do not eat" advisories have also been issued for certain fish in the following Illinois waters due to high levels of PCBs.

Illinois Water	Fish
Calumet River, including Cal Sag Channel, and Little Calumet River from Cal Sag Channel to the Calumet River	38 lbs 2 oz.
Chicago River, North and South Branches, North Shore Channel, and Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal	Carp, Larger than 12″
Des Plaines River	Carp, Larger than 18″
Galena River	Carp Larger than 24″
Herrin Lake #1	Carp, all sizes
Illinois River, headwaters to the Marseilles Dam	Channel Catfish, all sizes
Illinois River, Peoria pool	Channel Catfish, Larger than 18″
Lake Depue	Channel Catfish Larger than 24″
Lake Michigan	Channel Catfish, all sizes Lake Trout, Larger than 30″
Midlothian Reservoir	Carp Larger than 20″

For more information, call the Illinois Department of Public Health at 217-782-5830 or visit *http://dph.illinois.gov* or *ifishillinois.org* and search for "fish advisories." The current methylmercury and PCB advisories are available for downloading. You can also search for specific Illinois waters with our Current Fish Advisory Map.

POINT SYSTEM FOR REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS

POINT SYSTEM

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

TYPES OF OFFENSES

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

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

COMPUTATION OF SUSPENSION PERIODS

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

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

SINGLE INCIDENT RULE

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

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

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

BUY ILLINOIS FISHING LICENSES

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.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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

BOUNDARY RIVERS SPORT FISHING

Illinois-Iowa

Officers of Illinois and Iowa will recognize and accept valid sport fishing licenses of either state when legally possessed and used by hook-and-line 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 Iowa tournament permits, even if launching from the Illinois side of the river.**

Illinois-Missouri

Officers of Illinois and Missouri will recognize and accept valid sport fishing licenses of either state when legally possessed and used in the Mississippi River and its backwaters within the boundary of Missouri adjacent to the state of Illinois. **Persons licensed in only one state may also fish in the other state's portion of any oxbow lakes through which the Illinois-Missouri boundary passes, and may fish from or attach any device or equipment to land under the jurisdiction of the other state.** Persons licensed in only one state may not fish in tributaries of the Mississippi in the other state. 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 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!

ILLINOIS PUBLIC WATERS

Public Waters are defined in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Chapter I, 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. The Public Waters shown on this map are identified in 17 Ill. Adm. Code, Chapter I, Section 3704, Appendix A Public Bodies of Water.

https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/WaterResources/Pages/PublicWaters.aspx

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Office of
Water Resources
February 3, 2014

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.

The new regulations we are implementing are immediate and appropriate steps in trying to slow the spread of this dangerous aquatic virus in Illinois. Sport fishing and boating are both very popular and important to the Illinois economy. The cooperation of sport fishermen 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.
- Do not remove live VHS-susceptible species (see below) from any waters. Sport fishermen 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.**

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. For more information on VHS and the new Illinois regulations aimed at slowing the spread of the virus in Illinois, check the IDNR web site at ***http://dnr.state.il.us***

LEAD TACKLE ADVISORY

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

Here's what you can do to help:

- Ask local sporting good stores to stock non-lead fishing tackle.
- Spread the word by telling other 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.

SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF HUNTING AND FISHING IN ILLINOIS

DONATE $5.00 to the Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF) when you renew your hunting and fishing license.

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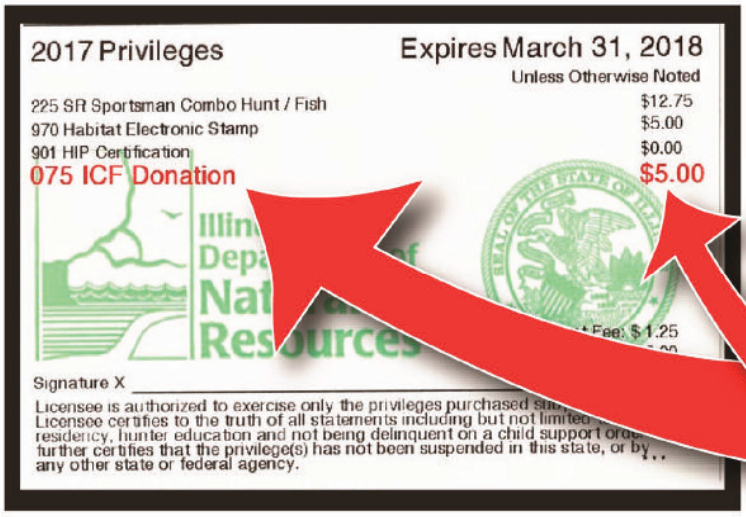

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