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Building the Future of Fishing in Illinois

Message from the Director



Thank you for picking up a copy of the **2017 Illinois Fishing Information** guide. The booklet is packed with useful information on places to fish and rules to follow when fishing in Illinois.

In the pages that 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.

Once again for 2017, Illinois Free Fishing Days will be during the Father's Day weekend in June – with the dates of Friday, June 16 through Monday, June 19. Free Fishing Days provide an opportunity for novice anglers and families to go fishing even if they have not yet purchased a fishing license.

While we update the **Illinois Fishing Information** guide each year, 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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Wayne Rosenthal, Director
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SPORT FISHING LICENSE

ILLINOIS RESIDENTS:

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

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

** Beginning with the 2012 license year, half-priced 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. The Department shall establish what constitutes suitable verification of service for the purpose of issuing fishing licenses to resident veterans at a reduced fee.

NON-RESIDENTS:

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

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

Non-residents holding licenses from states bordering Illinois are not required to have an Illinois license to fish on the Illinois side of rivers adjoining the licensing state (see page 72 BOUNDARY RIVERS).

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

CURRENT FEES (Fees subject to change) (INCLUDES AGENT'S FEES):

Resident sport fishing; annual	\$15.00*
Resident sport fishing;	
65 years old and over	\$7.75
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
Sportsman's License	\$26.25*
(combined hunting and fishing licenses)	
Senior Sportsman's License;	
65 years through 74 years	\$13.50
75 years and over	\$2.50
Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp;	
Licensed anglers only	\$6.50
Residents 75 years and over	\$0.50
Inland Trout Stamp (all waters except Lake Michigan);	
Licensed anglers only	\$6.50
Residents 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:

- Licenses purchased via the Internet can be reprinted at no charge by visiting www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR. Vendor transactions will incur a fee.
- Replacement licenses, permits and stamps are available for \$3 from the Chicago office and the Springfield Public Service area.
- 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:

- A State disabled person I.D.** card (available from the Secretary of State through the drivers license examining station) showing a Class 2 or Class 2A disability. Applies to Illinois residents only.
- 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&cotpld=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 peculiar 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.iga.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 com-

prised 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.ifshillinois.org/programs/aquaculture/aquatic_approved_species.pdf.

BAIT FISHING

Legal sized cast nets, shad scoops, and minnow seines may be used 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 3/8 inch bar measurement. All shad scoops shall be not larger than 30 inches in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement or longer than 4 feet in length. Minnow seines shall not be longer than 20 feet, deeper than 6 feet or contain mesh size larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement.

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 not take mussels.

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.

BLUEGILL AS BAIT

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

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 fish taken commercially or by commercial fishermen for market (except in the Ohio River) is 15 inches in total length for: channel catfish, flathead catfish, blue catfish and white catfish. There is no size limit on carp, drum, bullhead, buffalo, shovelnose sturgeon, paddlefish, sucker, gar (except alligator gar), bowfin, eel, yellow perch, chub, mooneye, goldeye, carsucker 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 license 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 musselator 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 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*.

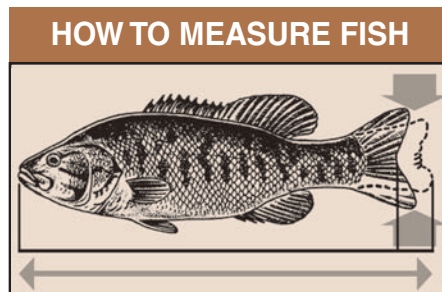
All cast nets shall not be larger than 24 feet in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than 3/8 inch bar measurement. All shad scoops shall not be larger than 30 inches in diameter or of a mesh size not larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement or longer than 4 feet in length. Minnow seines shall not be longer than 20 feet, deeper than 6 feet or contain mesh size larger than 1/2 inch bar measurement.

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

Collected LIVE crayfish may NOT be transported between water bodies.

CULLING

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



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.

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, carsucker, 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 Lake Sturgeon, American Eel, and Mudpuppy. Accidental catches of Lake Sturgeon, American Eel, or Mudpuppy should be released immediately.

FISHING

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

Anglers 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.



FREE FISHING DAYS

During the period of June 16, 17, 18, and 19 2017, 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. 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 anglers.

Any captured reptiles or amphibians which are not to be retained in the possession of the captor shall be immediately released at the site of capture, unless taken with a lethal method (such as bow and arrow, gig, spear, pitchfork) which does not permit "release with no harm". All such taken common snapping turtles and bullfrogs must be kept and counted in the daily 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 taxa, which may only be taken by hand, (excluding common snapping turtles and bullfrogs) the possession limit is 8 collectively with no more than 4 per taxa.

HARVEST

Any aquatic life taken into possession from any waters of the State by any method.

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 anglers, this rule **prohibits the possession** of species deemed to be harmful to our lakes and rivers, and to the fish and wildlife that inhabit them. These harmful species include, 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/admin-code/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)

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

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

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

MINNOWS

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

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

Collected LIVE minnows may NOT be transported between water bodies.

MUSSELS

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

POLLUTION

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

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

PROPERTY

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

Landowners or leasees are able to mark trees or posts with purple paint as a "no trespassing" notice.

SALE OF AQUATIC LIFE

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

SALMON STAMP - LAKE MICHIGAN

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

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

The 24-hour license does not include salmonid fishing privileges in Lake Michigan.

SEASONS

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

SPORTFISH

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

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

SPORTFISHING LICENSE

A sport fishing license entitles an angler to 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. 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.

TAGGED FISH

Fisheries biologists attach tags to many fish for research purposes. Please report all tags found. If the fish is kept, return the tag to the address printed on the tag or the local fisheries office in your area. If a tagged fish is released, the tag should be reported but left in the fish in good condition. Information regarding the type of fish caught, the length and the weight of the fish and the tag number, if present, should also be reported. Anglers are strongly advised not to tag fish caught on state and/or public waters.

In addition to tags, many trout and salmon stocked into Lake Michigan are marked by clipping off one or two fins. Anglers 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

It shall be unlawful to:

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

TROLLING

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

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 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 anglers.

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

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

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 Ad Rule 810.45 and Ad 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 yds. of an occupied Department owned or managed waterfowl blind. This includes all sites listed and not listed in this regulations booklet.

STATEWIDE AND SITE SPECIFIC SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS

BOWFISHING (ARCHERY/SPEAR METHODS)

a) Legal Methods of Taking

Carp, catfish, buffalo, suckers, gar, shad, drum and bowfin may be taken by means of a pitchfork, underwater spear gun, bow and arrow or bow and arrow device, spear or gig. Each person taking fish by these means shall possess a valid sport fishing license. Fish taken by these means shall not be sold or bartered. No other fish may be taken in this State by these means. It is unlawful to discharge any 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].

b) Species of Fish and Harvest Limit

Only fish species listed may be taken by bowfishing and other legal methods and in accordance with harvest limits identified for each. Fish 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

Goldfish – *Carassius auratus* (Linnaeus) non-native

Family Catostomidae:

- River carpsucker – *Carpoides carpio* (Rafinesque) native
- Quillback carpsucker – *Carpoides cyprinus* (Lesueur) native
- Highfin carpsucker – *Carpoides 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 (legal to harvest with bowfishing methods) have an unlimited harvest limit.

c) Asian Carp (non-native)

No live possession of Asian carp species is permitted. Bowfishing and other legal methods are not permitted in waters listed in the site specific regulations in Section 810.45 as “two pole and line fishing only”, except as listed by notation.

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

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].

- 1) Illinois waters open to bowfishing and other legal methods include all public rivers and streams as noted in 17 Ill. Adm. Code 3701.Appendix A, as noted in subsections (d)(3) through (14).
- 2) All public site specific waters as noted in Section 810.45.
- 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 from Route 89 highway bridge downstream, except for:
 - A) U.S. Fish and Wildlife National Wildlife Refuge Waters
 - B) Meredosia Lake in Cass and Morgan Counties during the central zone duck season
 - C) Clear Lake in Mason County 7 days prior to and during the central zone duck season
 - D) Route 89 highway bridge to Starved Rock Dam for the commercial removal of Asian carp only by a limited number of restricted period contracts
- 6) Wabash River
- 7) Embarras River, except from Route 130 in Coles County upstream to the Harrison Street Bridge, including Lake Charleston
- 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

SNAGGING

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

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
- Carp suckers – 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)

SPORTFISHING (HOOK AND LINE METHODS UNDER A SPORTFISHING LICENSE)

- a) 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.
- b) 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.

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 AND REDEAR 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, Ohio 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 anglers, are placing enormous pressure on existing fisheries resources in Illinois.

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

Various special regulations are used by fisheries managers to restrict angler harvest. A **MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT** means that fish below a designated length must be released immediately. A **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 anglers 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.



- 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) Anglers 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.
- 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 anglers 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 to 10 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 be 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 to 18 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.

COUNTY LISTING OF ILLINOIS WATERS: Locations by County

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

COUNTY	WATER AREA	COUNTY	WATER AREA
Adams County	Arrowhead Heights Lake Siloam Springs Lake		Germantown Lake Homer Guthrie Pond – Eldon Hazlet State Park
Alexander County	Horseshoe Lake – Alexander Co.	Clinton/Bond/ Fayette Counties	Carlyle Lake
Bond County	Governor Bond Lake Greenville Old City Lake Pocahontas Park Ponds	Coles County	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 Paradise Lincoln Log Cabin Pond Mattoon Lake Oakland City Lake Ridge Lake Wilderness Pond
Boone County	Belvidere Ponds Blue Pond Casters Pond Island Pond Mill Race Ponds Spencer Lake	Cook County	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
Brown County	Mt. Sterling Lake Siloam Springs State Park Buckhorn Unit Waters		
Bureau County	Donnelley State Wildlife Area Hormel Pond Mautino Fish and Wildlife Area		
Calhoun County	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 County	Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area – Drake Lake Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area, All Lakes and 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 County	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 County	Kincaid City Reservoir Lake Taylorville Taylorville Park District Pond		
Christian/Sangamon Counties	Sangchris Lake		
Clark County	Casey Park Pond Lincoln Trail Lake Mill Creek Lake Charlie Brown Lake & Pond		
Clinton County	Breese JC's Park Pond Eldon Hazlet State Park (See Also Carlyle Lake)		

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COUNTY	WATER AREA	COUNTY	WATER AREA
	Tampier Lake Wampum Lake Washington Park Lagoon William W. Powers Conservation Area Wolf Lake, William W. Powers Conservation Area		Fulton County Camping and Recreation Area Waters Rice Lake Fish and Wildlife Area
Crawford County	Crawford Co. State Fish and Wildlife Area – Picnic Pond Crawford Co. State Fish and Wildlife Area Ponds Oblong Lake	Gallatin County	Omaha City Reservoir Omaha Township Reservoir Shawnee National Forest – Pounds Hollow Lake
Cumberland County	Montrose Lake Toledo Reservoir	Greene County	Roodhouse Park Lake Greenfield City Lake White Hall City Lake
DeKalb County	Shabbona Lake Storm Lake	Grundy County	Heidecke Lake (41)
DeWitt County	Clinton Lake Weldon Springs Lake	Grundy/Kankakee/ Will Counties	Mazonia Lakes & Ponds (excluding Ponderosa Lake)
Douglas County	Tuscola City Lake Villa Grove East Lake Villa Grove West Lake Walnut Point Lake	Grundy/LaSalle/ Will Counties	Illinois & Michigan Canal
DuPage County	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	Hamilton County	Dolan Lake McLeansboro City Lakes
Edgar County	Paris East & West Lakes	Hamilton/Jefferson Counties	Ten Mile Creek Lakes
Edwards County	West Salem Reservoir	Hancock County	Carthage Lake Horton Lake
Effingham County	Altamont Reservoir Dieterich Park Pond Lake Sara	Hardin County	Shawnee National Forest – Tecumseh Lake Shawnee National Forest – Whoopie Cat Lake
Fayette County	Lake Nellie Lake Vandalia Ramsey Lake Ramsey Lake State Park Ponds St. Elmo South Lake	Henderson County	Gladstone Lake Henderson Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area
Franklin and Jefferson Counties	Rend Lake Rend Lake Project Ponds – Jackie Branch Pond, Ina N. Borrow Pit, Green Heron Pond, North Marcum Campground Pond	Henry County	Andover Lake Johnson Sauk Trail Lake & Pond
Franklin County	Buckner City Reservoir Christopher Old City Lake Sesser City Lake West Frankfort New City Lake West Frankfort Old City Lake	Iroquois County	Watseka City Ponds (Clements Pond, Kapers Pond and Municipal Center Pond)
Fulton County	Anderson Lake Fish and Wildlife Area Canton Lake Double “T” State Fish and Wildlife Area Emiquon Preserve – Thompson Lake	Jackson and Union Counties	Giant City Park Ponds
		Jackson County	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 County	Newton Lake (41) (33) Sam Parr Lake
		Jefferson County	Mt. Vernon City Park Lake Mt. Vernon Game Farm Pond
		Jersey County	Crull Impoundment Wildlife Management Area Glades – 12 Mile Island Wildlife Management Area Stump Lake Wildlife Management Area
		Jo Daviess County	Apple River (within Apple River Canyon State Park and Satellite Boundaries) Apple River and tributaries Hanover Lake – Apple River Canyon State Park
		Johnson County	Ferne Clyffe Lake Shawnee National Forest – Dutchman Lake Shawnee National Forest – Little Cache #1

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	Shawnee National Forest – Little Cache #2 Shawnee National Forest – Little Cache #3	Lee County	Franklin Creek (within the boundaries of Franklin Creek State Natural Area) Franklin Creek Mill Pond – Franklin Creek State Park
Johnson/Pulaski Counties	Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge – Cache River from Rt. 37 to Rt. 51 in Ullin	Logan County	Ed Madigan State Park Pond Mt. Pulaski Park District Lake
Johnson/Pulaski/Union Counties	Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge – All Ponds	Macon County	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
Kane and DuPage Counties	Fox Valley Park District Lakes and Ponds (except Jericho Lake and Lake Gregory)	Macoupin County	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
Kane County	Jericho Lake	Madison County	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
Kankakee County	Bird Park Quarry Perry Farm Pond Rock Creek Ponderosa Lake	Madison/Jersey Counties	Piasa
Kendall County	Foli Park Pond Kendall Co. Lake #1 Silver Springs S.P. (Big Lake) & Ponds	Marion County	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 Kimmundy Reservoir Old Kimmundy Reservoir Raccoon Lake Salem Reservoir Stephen A. Forbes State Park (see also Forbes State Lake and Forbes State Park Ponds)
Knox County	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	Marshall County	Marshall County Conservation Area – Sparland Unit Marshall County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch)
Lake and McHenry Counties	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)	Mason County	Chautauqua Lake North and South Pools
Lake County	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	Mason/Cass/Schuyler/Menard Counties	Sanganois Conservation Area (33) (42)
Lake/Cook Counties	Lake Michigan (Illinois Portion)		
LaSalle County	Bakers Lake Illinois River – Starved Rock Pool Lake Kakusha Lake Mendota LaSalle Lake Matthiessen Lake Starved Rock State Park		
Lawrence County	Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area Red Hills Lake		

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COUNTY	WATER AREA	COUNTY	WATER AREA
Massac County	Fairgrounds Pond – Fort Massac State Park Mermet State Lake		Mississippi River Pools 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 24 Mississippi River Pools 25 and 26
McDonough County	Argyle Lake Spring Lake		Ohio River – Smithland Pool Tributary Streams (in Pope/ Hardin/Gallatin Counties, excluding Wabash River and Saline River Above Route 1 Bridge)
McHenry County	Defiance Lake Fox River (at Moraine Hills State Park and Dam and on Bolger Lock and Dam Properties) Lake Atwood McCullom Lake Piscasaw Creek Three Oaks North Lake Three Oaks South Lake		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
McLean County	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	Ogle County	Lake Sule Pine Creek Pine Creek (within the boundaries of White Pines Forest State Park) Spring Pond
Monroe County	Valmeyer Lake	Peoria County	Charter Oak North – Peoria Park District Lake Charter Oak South – Peoria Park District Pond Glen Oak Park Lagoon Jubilee College State Park Pond
Montgomery County	Coffeen Lake Glen Shoals Lake Hillsboro Old City Lake Litchfield City Lake Lou Yeager Lake Walton Park Lake	Peoria/Fulton Counties	Banner Marsh Lake & Ponds
Morgan County	Ashland City Old Reservoir Ashland City Reservoir Lake Jacksonville Mauvaise Terre/Morgan Lake Waverly Lake	Perry County	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)
Moultrie County	Woods Lake Wyman Lake	Pike County	Pittsfield City Lake King Park Lagoon
Moultrie/Shelby Counties	Lake Shelbyville – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Project Ponds and Lake Shelbyville State Fish and Wildlife Management Area Ponds Lake Shelbyville (21)	Pope County	Shawnee National Forest – Bay Creek Lake #5 and #8 (Sugar Creek Lake) Shawnee National Forest – Lake Glendale Shawnee National Forest – One Horse Gap Lake
Multiple Counties	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)	Pulaski/Johnson Counties	Cache River State Natural Area
		Putnam County	Hennepin-Hopper Lakes
		Randolph County	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 County	Borah Lake East Fork Lake Vernor Lake

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COUNTY LISTING OF ILLINOIS WATERS: Locations by County

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COUNTY	WATER AREA	COUNTY	WATER AREA
Rock Island County	Lake George Prospect Pond Riverside Park Lagoon Rock River, from the Sears and Steel Dam downstream to confluence of the Mississippi River		Lake Vermilion Middle Fork of the Vermilion River Tilton City Lake
Saline County	Harrisburg New City Reservoir Jones Lake Trout Pond Jones State Lake Sahara Woods Fish and Wildlife Area	Wabash County	Beall Woods Lake
Sangamon County	Conservation World Ponds Illinois Department of Transportation Lake Lake Springfield Lake Williamsville Loami Reservoir Mechanicsburg Park Pond Rochester Park Pond Sangchris Lake Park Ponds Washington Park Pond	Warren County	Citizen's Lake
Schuyler County	Schuy-Rush Lake Weinberg-King Pond	Washington County	Nashville City Lake Washington County Lake
Shelby and Christian Counties	Pana Lake	Wayne County	Sam Dale Lake Sam Dale Trout Pond
Shelby County	Forest Park Lagoon Hidden Springs State Forest Pond	White County	Burrells Wood Park Pond Norris City Reservoir
St. Clair County	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	Whiteside County	Carlton Silt Basin Centennial Park Pond Lake Carlton Lake Sinnissippi
Stephenson County	Lake Le-Aqua-Na Lake Le-Aqua-Na Kids Only Fishing Pond Mill Pond Waddams Creek Yellow Creek	Will County	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
Tazewell County	Bowen Lake Mackinaw Ponds 1 and 2 Mineral Springs Park Lagoon Powerton Lake Spring Lakes (North & South)	Williamson County	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
Union County	Anna City Lake Dongola City Lake Union County Fish and Wildlife Area – All lakes and ponds	Winnebago County	Baumann Park Lake Four Lakes Kent Creek Lake Victoria Levings Lake Olsen Lake Pierce Lake
Vermilion County	Clear Lake Kickapoo State Park Lakes & Pond Lake Mingo & Kennekuk Cove Park Ponds	Winnebago/Stephenson Counties	Pecatonica River and Tributaries
		Woodford County	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 County	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 County	Recreational Use Restrictions (33)	
Andover Lake	City of Andover	Henry County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Anna City Lake	City of Anna	Union County	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 8 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Apple River (within Apple River Canyon State Park and Satellite Boundaries)	State of Illinois	Jo Daviess County	All Fish Smallmouth Bass Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Catch and Release Fishing Only (9) Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fishing Only; Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11) 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 County	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Hybrid Walleye Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions Trout White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit; 14-18 inches 42 inch Minimum Length Limit All live bait > 8 inch must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) Fall Closed Season (10) 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 County	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
Arrowhead Lake	City of Johnston City	Williamson County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	Protected Slot Length Limit with one Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 2 fish less than 12 inches Daily (12) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ashland City Old Reservoir	City of Ashland	Morgan County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Ashland City Reservoir	City of Ashland	Morgan County	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Auburn Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Axehead Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve	Cook County	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

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Bakers Lake	City of Peru	LaSalle County	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 County	Large or Smallmouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length 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 County	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 Counties	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	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (34)
Batchtown Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Calhoun County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Baumann Park Lake	City of Cherry Valley	Winnebago County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Bird Park Quarry	City of Kankakee	Kankakee County	Trout Trout	Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Bloomington Park District Lakes (Anglers Lake, Holiday Lake, Miller Park Lake, Tipton Lake and White Oaks Lake)	City of Bloomington	McLean County	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 County	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 County	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 County	Trout Trout	Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Bowen Lake	City of Washington	Tazewell County	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 County	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 County	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Recreational Use Restrictions Striped, White or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	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. 10 Fish Daily Harvest with no more than 3 fish greater than or equal to 17 inches (17)

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Breese JC's Park Pond	City of Breese	Clinton County	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
Buckner City Reservoir	City of Buckner	Franklin County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Buffalo Prairie Pheasant Habitat Area Lakes and Ponds (Buffalo Lake South, Buffalo Lake North, Buffalo Pond Northwest, Buffalo Wetland)	State of Illinois	Knox County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . Recreational Use Restrictions	1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 2 Fish less than 15 inches Daily (25) 1 Fish greater than or equal 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Buffalo Prairie Pheasant Habitat Area is closed to all fishing during the northern zone upland hunting season.
Bullfrog Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook County	All Fish Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14) Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Bunker Hill Lake	City of Bunker Hill	Macoupin County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Burning Star State Fish and Wildlife Area, All lakes and ponds	State of Illinois	Jackson County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) Recreational Use Restrictions	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 5 Fish less than 14 inches (38) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 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 County	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Busse Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve	Cook County	All Fish Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restrictions Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (10)
Cache River State Natural Area	State of Illinois	Pulaski/Johnson Counties	All Fish All Fish Recreational Use Restrictions	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) No Seines Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area; no fishing in Nature Preserves – Section 8 Woods, Heron Pond/Little Black Slough
Calhoun Point Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Calhoun County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Calumet River	State of Illinois	Cook County	Yellow Perch Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Closed May 1 through June 15
Campbell Pond Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Jackson County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)

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Campus Lake – Southern Illinois University	State of Illinois	Jackson County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Campus Pond – Eastern Illinois University	State of Illinois	Coles County	All Fish Channel Catfish Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Canton Lake	City of Canton	Fulton County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel or Blue Catfish (14) Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restriction	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 42 inch Minimum Length Limit All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
Carbondale City Reservoir	City of Carbondale	Jackson County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Carlinville Lake #1	City of Carlinville	Macoupin County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Carlinville Lake #2	City of Carlinville	Macoupin County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Carlton Silt Basin	State of Illinois	Whiteside County	Large or Smallmouth Bass All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14)	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 8 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Carlyle Lake	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Clinton/Bond/ Fayette Counties	Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restriction White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	14 inch Minimum Length Limit Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (20) (33) 10 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Carthage Lake	City of Carthage	Hancock County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Casey Park Pond	City of Casey	Clark County	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 of which only 5 fish may be greater than or equal to 8 inches 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Casters Pond	Boone County Conservation District	Boone County	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
Cedar Lake and Little Cedar Lake	U.S. Forest Service and City of Carbondale	Jackson County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and/or 5 Fish less than 14 inches (38) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Centennial Park Pond	Coloma Township Park District	Whiteside County	Trout Trout	Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Centralia Foundation Park Catfish Pond	Centralia Park Foundation	Marion County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Centralia Lake	City of Centralia	Marion County	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Cermack Quarry	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed	
			Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily 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
Champaign Park District Lakes (Kaufman Lake, Heritage Lake, Mattis Lake and Porter Lake)	Champaign Park District	Champaign County	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
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Charleston Lower Channel Lake	City of Charleston	Coles County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) (36)
Charleston Side Channel Lake	City of Charleston	Coles County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily 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
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	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 County	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
Charter Oak North – Peoria Park District Lake	Peoria Park District	Peoria County	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
Charter Oak South – Peoria Park District Pond	Peoria Park District	Peoria County	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
Chautauqua Lake North and South Pools	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Mason County	Largemouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Lake Chautauqua North and South Pools will be closed to boat fishing from October 6 through January 31. Bank fishing will be allowed in selected areas only. Ice fishing will be allowed following the February 1 reopening.
Chenoa City Lake	City of Chenoa	McLean County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Chicago River (including its North Branch, South Branch, and the North Shore Channel)	State of Illinois	Cook County	Yellow Perch	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Yellow Perch	Closed May 1 through June 15
Christopher Old City Lake	City of Christopher	Franklin County	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

BUY ILLINOIS FISHING LICENSES

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Citizen's Lake	City of Monmouth	Warren County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Commissioners Park Pond	Alsip Park District	Cook County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Conservation World Ponds	Illinois State Fairgrounds	Sangamon County	Fishing by special permit only for senior groups, children's groups or group guests of the Director. Apply for permit by writing to: Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fisheries, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield IL 62702	
Cook Co. Forest Preserve District Lakes	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36)
			Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily 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
Coulterville City Lake	City of Coulterville	Randolph County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge – Crab Orchard Lake	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Williamson County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Crystal Lake	Urbana Park District	Champaign County	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 Counties	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 Counties	All Fish All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) No Seines
Dawson Lake & Park Ponds	Moraine View State Park	McLean County	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	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 (25) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (44) 20 Fish, singly or in the aggregate, Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit with no more than 1 Fish greater than or equal to 20 inches; 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Decatur Park District Ponds (see Fairview Park and Sportsman's Club Pond)	Decatur Park District	Macon County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	Largemouth Bass	18 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Largemouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Donnelley State Wildlife Area	State of Illinois	Bureau County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Double "T" State Fish and Wildlife Area	State of Illinois	Fulton County	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
			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 County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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DuPage County Forest Preserve District Lakes and Ponds (excluding Harrier Lake)	Forest Preserve District of DuPage County	DuPage County	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 County	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 County	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
DuQuoin City Lake	City of DuQuoin	Perry County	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 County	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
Ed Madigan State Park Pond	State of Illinois	Logan County	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 County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
Elliott Lake	Wheaton Park District	DuPage County	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

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Embarras River Bottoms State Habitat Area	State of Illinois	Lawrence County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Emiquon Preserve – Thompson Lake	The Nature Conservancy	Fulton County	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, Pumpkin Seed, Green, or Orange Spotted 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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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
Foli Park Pond	Village of Plano	Kendall County	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 County	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

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Forbes State Park Ponds	Stephen A. Forbes State Park	Marion County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Forest Park Lagoon	City of Shelbyville	Shelby County	All Fish Channel Catfish Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Four Lakes	Winnebago County Forest Preserve	Winnebago County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout Trout	1 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) 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 Counties	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions Smallmouth Bass Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14) Flathead Catfish Flathead Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit of which no more than 3 can be Smallmouth Bass 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) only on State Park property bordering the Fox River and Grass Lake 14 inch Minimum Length Limit (6) 48 inch Minimum Length Limit (40) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) All fish must be immediately released between April 1 and June 15 14 inch Minimum Length Limit with an 18-24 inch Protected Slot Length Limit (no possession) (6) 4 Fish Daily Creel Limit of which only 1 can be greater than 24 inches (35) 1 Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches and /or 2 Fish less than 28 Inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Fox Ridge State Park (see also Hurricane Pond, Wilderness Pond and Ridge Lake)	State of Illinois	Coles County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area
Fox River, Algonquin Dam to confluence with the Illinois River, including tributaries	State of Illinois	Multiple Counties	Flathead Catfish Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish greater than or equal to 28 inches and/or 2 Fish less than 28 inches 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 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 County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) on Moraine Hills State Park and Dam property and on property at the Bolger Lock and Dam along the Fox River
Fox River Marina	Lake County Forest Preserve	Lake County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only; Bank Fishing Only (in areas designated by Lake County Forest Preserve District)
Fox Valley Park District Lakes and Ponds (except Jericho Lake and Lake Gregory)	Fox Valley Park District	Kane and DuPage Counties	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
Frank Holten Lakes	Frank Holten State Park	St. Clair County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)

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Franklin Creek (within the boundaries of Franklin Creek State Natural Area)	State of Illinois	Lee County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Franklin Creek Mill Pond, Franklin Creek State Park	State of Illinois	Lee County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Fuller Lake	State of Illinois	Calhoun County	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Fulton County Camping and Recreation Area Waters	Fulton County Board	Fulton County	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Recreational Use Restriction Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Pure Muskellunge	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) 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 42 inch Minimum Length Limit
Gages Lake	Wildwood Park District	Lake County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Large or Smallmouth Bass Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Garfield Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Germantown Lake	City of Germantown	Clinton County	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit
Giant City Park Ponds	Giant City State Park	Jackson and Union Counties	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth and Spotted Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Gillespie New City Lake	City of Gillespie	Macoupin County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) 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
Gillespie Old City Lake	City of Gillespie	Macoupin County	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
Glades – 12 Mile Island Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Jersey County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Gladstone Lake	Henderson County Conservation Area	Henderson County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel or Blue Catfish (14) Pure Muskellunge Pure Muskellunge	1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 2 Fish less than 12 inches (31) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Glen Oak Park Lagoon	Peoria Park District	Peoria County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Glen Shoals Lake	City of Hillsboro	Montgomery County	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 County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Gompers Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Gordon F. More Park Lake	City of Alton	Madison County	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 County	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
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 County	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Greenfield City Lake	City of Greenfield	Greene County	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
Greenville Old City Lake	Kingsbury Park District	Bond County	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)
Hanover Lake – Apple River Canyon State Park	State of Illinois	Jo Daviess County	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 County	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

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Heidecke Lake (41)	Heidecke Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	Grundy County	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
Henderson Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area	State of Illinois	Henderson County	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 Counties	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (13) 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Hennepin-Hopper Lakes	The Wetlands Initiative	Putnam County	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 County	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 County	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

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Hidden Springs State Forest Pond	Hidden Springs State Forest	Shelby County	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) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Highland Old City Lake	City of Highland	Madison County	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 15 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (10)
Hillsboro Old City Lake	City of Hillsboro	Montgomery County	Large or Smallmouth Bass 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
Homer Guthrie Pond – Eldon Hazlet State Park	State of Illinois	Clinton County	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) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Homer Lake	Champaign County Forest Preserve District	Champaign County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Hormel Pond	Donnelly State Fish and Wildlife Area	Bureau County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Horseshoe Lake – Alexander Co.	Horseshoe Lake Conservation Area	Alexander County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restrictions	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Only trolling motors in refuge from October 15 through March 1.
Horseshoe Lake – Madison County	Horseshoe Lake State Park	Madison County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restriction White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) (28) 15 inch Minimum Length Limit Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Horsetail Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook County	All Fish Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14) Trout White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (36) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (10) 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Horton Lake	Nauvoo State Park	Hancock County	All Fish Channel Catfish Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11) Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10)
Humbolt Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Hurricane Pond	Fox Ridge State Park	Coles County	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) 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Illinois & Michigan Canal	State of Illinois	Grundy/LaSalle/ Will Counties	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 Spring Closed Season (11) Fall Closed Season (10)
Illinois Beach State Park Ponds	Illinois Beach State Park	Lake County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Illinois Department of Transportation Lake	State of Illinois	Sangamon County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10) Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11)
Illinois River	State of Illinois	Multiple Counties	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Illinois River – Pool 26	State of Illinois	Calhoun County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Illinois River – Starved Rock Pool	State of Illinois	LaSalle County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Indian Boundary South Pond	Frankfort Square Park District	Will County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Iroquois & Kankakee Rivers and their Tributaries	State of Illinois	Multiple Counties	Walleye, Sauger and Hybrid Walleye Walleye, Sauger and Hybrid Walleye (14)	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 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)
Island Pond	Boone County Conservation District	Boone County	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
Jackson Park (Columbia Basin) Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Jericho Lake	Fox Valley Park District	Kane County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . All Fish Black, White, or Hybrid Crappie . . . White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area, Drake Lake	Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area	Cass County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . Large or Smallmouth Bass Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area, All Lakes and Ponds	Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area	Cass County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit All live bait greater than or equal to 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)

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Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area, Gridley Lake	Jim Edgar/Panther Creek Fish and Wildlife Area	Cass County	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11) 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 County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restrictions	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit All live bait > 8 inch must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
Jones Lake Trout Pond Conservation Area	Saline County	Saline County	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Jones Park Lake	City of East St. Louis	St. Clair County	All Fish Channel Catfish Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Jones State Lake	Saline County Conservation Area	Saline County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish	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 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Jubilee College State Park Pond	Jubilee College State Park	Peoria County	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
Kankakee River (from the Kankakee Dam to the Willmington Dam on the Kankakee River, including tributaries)	State of Illinois	Multiple Counties	Smallmouth Bass Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit (37) Protected Slot Length Limit with only 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and 2 Fish less than 12 inches (37)
Kankakee-Iroquois Rivers and their Tributaries	State of Illinois	Multiple Counties	Walleye, Sauger, and Hybrid Walleye Walleye, Sauger, and Hybrid Walleye (14)	14 inch Minimum Length Limit 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 County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Kendall Co. Lake #1	Kendall County Forest Preserve District	Kendall County	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 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Kent Creek	State of Illinois	Winnebago County	Trout	Fly fishing is permitted. Catch and Release Fishing Only (9)
Kickapoo State Park Lakes & Pond	Kickapoo State Park	Vermilion County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish	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) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Kincaid City Reservoir	City of Kincaid	Christian County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
King Park Lagoon	City of Pittsfield	Pike County	All Fish Channel Catfish Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Spring Closed Season (11)
Kinkaid Lake	Kinkaid Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	Jackson County	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	16 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit (40) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Kinmundy Reservoir	City of Kinmundy	Marion County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass All Fish	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
Kishwaukee River and South Branch of Kishwaukee River and Tributaries	State of Illinois	Multiple Counties	Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Lake Atwood	McHenry County Conservation District	McHenry County	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 Spring Closed Season (11)
Lake Bloomington	City of Bloomington	McLean County	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15) Walleye Walleye	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, with no more than 3 Fish greater than or equal to 17 inches (17) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Carlton	Morrison-Rockwood State Park	Whiteside County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 36 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
Lake Chaminwood	Will County Forest Preserve District	Will County	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	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 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Co. Forest Preserve District Lakes (except Independence Grove Lake)	Lake County Forest Preserve District	Lake County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 16 inch Minimum Length Limit

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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 County	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 County	Recreational Use Restriction	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Lake Eureka	City of Eureka	Woodford County	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 County	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 County	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 than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Lake Kakusha	City of Mendota	LaSalle County	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 County	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 County	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 Mattoon	City of Mattoon	Coles/Cumberland/Shelby Counties	Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Mendota	City of Mendota	LaSalle County	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)
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Lake Michigan (Illinois Portion)	State of Illinois	Lake/Cook Counties (49)	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Lake Trout Lake Whitefish and Round Whitefish Trout and Salmon Trout and Salmon Yellow Perch Yellow Perch	21 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 12 Fish, singly or in the aggregate, Daily Harvest Limit No more than 5 fish of any one species daily, except for Lake Trout 10 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Closed May 1 through June 15
Lake Milliken	Des Plaines Conservation Area	Will County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Catch and Release Only Spring Closed Season (11)
Lake Mingo & Kennekuk Cove Park Ponds	Vermilion County Conservation Area	Vermilion County	All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (44) 20 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 5 Fish greater than or equal to 8 inches 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit No more than 1 fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and 2 Fish less than 15 inches (25) 36 inch Minimum Length Limit (40) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Murphysboro	Lake Murphysboro State Park	Jackson County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Nellie	City of St. Elmo	Fayette County	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) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Lake of the Woods & Elk's Pond	Champaign County Forest Preserve District	Champaign County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restrictions Trout	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) No more than 5 fish greater than or equal to 7 inches; unlimited Daily Harvest Limit for Fish less than 7 inches 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) Spring Closed Season (11)
Lake Owen	Hazel Crest Park District	Cook County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Paradise	City of Mattoon	Coles County	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
Lake Sara	City of Effingham	Effingham County	Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	Protected Slot Length Limit; 15-18 inches 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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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 Counties	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Shelbyville (21)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Moultrie/Shelby Counties	Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Lake Shermerville	Northbrook Park District	Cook County	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
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Sinnissippi	State of Illinois	Whiteside County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Bluegill and Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Springfield	City of Springfield	Sangamon County	Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Lake Storey	City of Galesburg	Knox County	White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Strini	Village of Romeoville	Will County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Sule	Flagg-Rochelle Park District	Ogle County	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Shelbyville (21)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Moultrie/Shelby Counties	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Shermerville	Northbrook Park District	Cook County	Bluegill and Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Sinnissippi	State of Illinois	Whiteside County	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Springfield	City of Springfield	Sangamon County	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 County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Strini	Village of Romeoville	Will County	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)
Lake Sule	Flagg-Rochelle Park District	Ogle County	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Shelbyville (21)	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Moultrie/Shelby Counties	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Shermerville	Northbrook Park District	Cook County	Bluegill and Redear Sunfish (14)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel Catfish	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Sinnissippi	State of Illinois	Whiteside County	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Springfield	City of Springfield	Sangamon County	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 County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Channel or Blue Catfish (14)	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Strini	Village of Romeoville	Will County	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)
Lake Sule	Flagg-Rochelle Park District	Ogle County	Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye (14)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Lake Taylorville	City of Taylorville	Christian County	Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Lake Vandalia	City of Vandalia	Fayette County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Lake Vermilion	Vermilion County Conservation District	Vermilion County	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	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) 15 inch Minimum Length 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)
Lake Victoria	City of South Beloit	Winnebago County	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
Lake Williamsville	City of Williamsville	Sangamon County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
LaSalle Lake	LaSalle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	LaSalle County	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Recreational Use Restrictions Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Waterfowl refuge or hunting area; site regulations apply 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 County	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
Lincoln Log Cabin Pond	Lincoln Log Cabin Historical Site	Coles County	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
Lincoln Park North Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook County	All Fish	Closed to Fishing
Lincoln Park South Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook County	All Fish	Closed to Fishing
Lincoln Trail Lake	Lincoln Trail State Park	Clark County	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	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 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Litchfield City Lake	City of Litchfield	Montgomery County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	1 Fish greater than or equal to 15 inches and/or 2 Fish less than 15 inches (25) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Loami Reservoir	City of Loami	Sangamon County	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
Lou Yaeger Lake	City of Litchfield	Montgomery County	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
Mackinaw Ponds 1 & 2	Mackinaw State Fish and Wildlife Area	Tazewell County	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	15 inch Minimum Length Limit 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 County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Maple Lake	Cook County Preserve District	Cook County	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
Marine Heritage Lake	Village of Marine	Madison County	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) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Marissa City Lake	City of Marissa	St. Clair County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Marquette Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Marshall County Conservation Area – Sparland Unit	Marshall County Conservation Area	Marshall County	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Marshall County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch)	Marshall County Conservation Area	Marshall County	All Fish Recreational Use Restrictions	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Mascoutah Reservoir	City of Mascoutah	St. Clair County	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
Matthiessen Lake	Matthiessen State Park	LaSalle County	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 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Mattoon Lake	City of Mattoon	Coles County	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Mautino Fish and Wildlife Area	Mautino Fish and Wildlife Area	Bureau County	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) (34) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Mauvaise Terre/Morgan Lake	City of Jacksonville	Morgan County	Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Mazonia Lakes & Ponds (excluding Ponderosa Lake)	Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area	Grundy/Kankakee/Will Counties	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restrictions White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
McCullom Lake	City of McHenry	McHenry County	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) 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
McKinley Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
McLeansboro City Lakes	City of McLeansboro	Hamilton County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Mechanicsburg Park Pond	City of Mechanicsburg	Sangamon County	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
Meredosia Lake – Cass County Portion	State of Illinois	Cass County	Recreational Use Restrictions	Meandered waters only; All boat traffic is prohibited from operating on meandered waters (except non motorized boats may be used to assist in the retrieval of waterfowl shot from private land) from the period from one week before 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 County	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Mermet State Lake	Mermet Lake Conservation Area	Massac County	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 County	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 County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)

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Mill Creek Lake	Clark County Park District	Clark County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . .	4 Fish less than 15 inches and 1 fish greater than or equal to 15 inches daily; 5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	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)
		White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit, of which only 2 fish can be 12 inch or longer	
Mill Pond	Pearl City Park District	Stephenson County	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
Mill Race Ponds	Belvidere Park District	Boone County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Miller Park Lake	Bloomington Park District	McLean County	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
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Mineral Springs Park Lagoon	City of Pekin	Tazewell County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Mississippi River (between IL & IA)	State of Illinois	Multiple Counties	All Fish	Anglers must not use more than 2 poles and each pole must not have more than 2 hooks or lures while trolling.
			Bluegill or Pumpkinseed Sunfish . .	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit singly or in aggregate
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . .	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Northern Pike	5 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Paddlefish	Snagging for paddlefish is permitted from one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset daily, March 1 through April 15 within a 500 yard downstream limit below locks and dams on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa; daily harvest limit is 2 fish; 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 paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease.
			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

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				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 Counties	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 through December 15 and March 15 through May 15 within a 300 yard downstream limit below locks and dams on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Missouri except for the Chain of Rocks low water dam at Chouteau Island, also known as Dam 27 at the Chain of Rocks (Madison County) where no snagging is permitted; daily harvest limit is 2 fish; sorting is permitted; every paddlefish greater than or equal to 24 inches in eye to fork length must be taken into immediate possession and included in the daily harvest limit; paddlefish less than 24 inches eye to fork length must be returned immediately to the water; once the daily limit of paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease.
			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 overflow dike from October 15 - April 15. Any tagged sport fishing device may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours or must be completely removed.)
			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.

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			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 Counties	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Mississippi River Pools 25 and 26	State of Illinois	Multiple Counties	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Monee Reservoir	Will County Forest Preserve District	Will County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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
Mt. Sterling Lake	City of Mt. Sterling	Brown County	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 County	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 County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
			Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Mundelein Park District Ponds	City of Mundelein	Lake County	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 County	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

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Newton Lake (41) (33)	Newton Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area	Jasper County	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	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (Closed for Regular Shotgun Deer Season).
			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 County	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 County	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 County	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 Counties	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 Counties	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
			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)	10 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
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			

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Old Kinmundy Reservoir	City of Kinmundy	Marion County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Olsen Lake	Rock Cut State Park	Winnebago County	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
Omaha City Reservoir	City of Omaha	Gallatin County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Omaha Township Reservoir	City of Omaha	Gallatin County	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
Otter Lake	Otter Lake Water Commission	Macoupin County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit (40) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) 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 County	All Fish All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Palmyra – Modesto Water Commission Lake	Palmyra/Modesto Water Commission	Macoupin County	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
Pana Lake	City of Pana	Shelby and Christian Counties	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restrictions Pure Muskellunge	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit All live bait greater than 8 inch must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) 48 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Paris East & West Lakes	City of Paris	Edgar County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Peabody River King, Pit #3 Lakes and Ponds (see also Willow Lake for additional regulations)	River King State Conservation Area	St Clair County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 9 inch Minimum Length Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Pecatonica River and Tributaries	State of Illinois	Winnebago/ Stephenson Counties	Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Perry Farm Pond	Bourbonnais Park District	Kankakee County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Piasa	State of Illinois	Madison/Jersey Counties	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)

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Pierce Lake	Rock Cut State Park	Winnebago County	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 County	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 County	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 County	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)			
Pittsfield City Lake	City of Pittsfield	Pike County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (7)			
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 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 County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)			
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit			
Ponderosa Lake	Mazonia State Fish and Wildlife Area	Grundy County	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 County	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			
			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			
						Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)

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Pyramid State Park – Blue Wing Lake, Green Wing Lake and Goldeneye Lake	Pyramid State Park	Perry County	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)
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 County	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
			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 County	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 County	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 County	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
			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			
Randolph County Lake	Randolph County Conservation Area	Randolph County	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
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Red Hills Lake	Red Hills State Park	Lawrence County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Red's Landing Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Calhoun County	Recreational Use Restrictions	(Access to walk-in area closed 7 days prior to duck season)
			Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)

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Redwing Slough/Deer Lake	State of Illinois	Lake County	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Rend Lake	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Franklin and Jefferson Counties	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 than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Rend Lake Project Ponds – Jackie Branch Pond, Ina N. Borrow Pit, Green Heron Pond, North Marcum Campground Pond	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Franklin and Jefferson Counties	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 County	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)(34)
Ridge Lake	Fox Ridge State Park	Coles County	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 County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Riprap Landing	State of Illinois	Calhoun County	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
River Bend Forest Preserve Lakes (Sunset Lake and Shadow Lake)	Champaign County Forest Preserve District	Champaign County	All Fish 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 County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Rochester Park Pond	City of Rochester	Sangamon County	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
Rock Creek	State of Illinois	Kankakee County	All Fish Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10) 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 County	Walleye Walleye and Sauger (14)	15 inch Minimum Length Limit with a 20-27 inch Protected Slot Length Limit (24) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 1 walleye greater than or equal to 27 inches in total length

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Rock River, Wisconsin State Line downstream to confluence of the Mississippi River, including tributaries	State of Illinois	Multiple Counties	Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Rock Springs Bike Trail Pond	Macon County Conservation District	Macon County	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
Rock Springs Pond	Macon County Conservation District	Macon County	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)
Roodhouse Park Lake	City of Roodhouse	Green County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Route 154 Day Use Pond	State of Illinois	Randolph County	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
Route 6 Quarries (East and West)	Will County Forest Preserve District	Will County	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
Sag Quarry East	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook County	Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish Rainbow Trout White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Spring Closed Season (11) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Sahara Woods Fish and Wildlife Area	State of Illinois	Saline County	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) . . . Channel Catfish White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Salem Reservoir	City of Salem	Marion County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sam Dale Lake	Sam Dale Conservation Area	Wayne County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
Sam Dale Trout Pond	Sam Dale Conservation Area	Wayne County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Sam Parr Lake	Sam Parr State Park	Jasper County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sand Lake	Illinois Beach State Park	Lake County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Trout 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) Spring Closed Season (11)

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Sanganois Conservation Area (33) (42)	State of Illinois	Mason/Cass/Schuyler/Menard Counties	Large or Smallmouth Bass	12 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sangchris Lake	Sangchris Lake State Park	Christian/Sangamon Counties	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restrictions	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (45) 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 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 White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	10 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Schiller Pond	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook County	All Fish Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish 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
Schuy-Rush Lake	City of Rushville	Schuyler County	All Fish Channel Catfish White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit with no more than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Sesser City Lake	City of Sesser	Franklin County	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
Shabbona Lake	Shabbona Lake State Park	DeKalb County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16) Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (48) 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit (40) All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) No sport fishing below dam to fence. 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Bay Creek Lake #5 and #8 (Sugar Creek Lake)	U.S. Forest Service	Pope County	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Dutchman Lake	U.S. Forest Service	Johnson County	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Shawnee National Forest – Lake Glendale	U.S. Forest Service	Pope County	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Little Cache #1	U.S. Forest Service	Johnson County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Little Cedar Lake	U.S. Forest Service	Jackson County	All Fish Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 Fish greater than or equal to 18 inches and/or 5 Fish less than 14 inches (38) 17 inch Minimum Length Limit 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Shawnee National Forest – One Horse Gap Lake	U.S. Forest Service	Pope County	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Pounds Hollow Lake	U.S. Forest Service	Gallatin County	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Tecumseh Lake	U.S. Forest Service	Hardin County	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Turkey Bayou	U.S. Forest Service	Jackson County	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest – Whoopie Cat Lake	U.S. Forest Service	Hardin County	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Shawnee National Forest Lakes and Ponds less than 10 acres	U.S. Forest Service	Multiple Counties	All Fish Channel Catfish Largemouth, Smallmouth, or Spotted Bass	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sherman Park Lagoon	Chicago Park District	Cook County	All Fish Channel Catfish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Siloam Springs Lake State Park	Siloam Springs	Adams County	Large or Smallmouth Bass All Fish Channel Catfish Trout Trout	Protected Slot Length Limit with no possession of fish less than 15 inches or greater than or equal to 12 inches (3) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (7) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Fall Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (10) Spring Closed Season; No Harvest With Hook and Line; Catch and Release Fly Fishing Permitted (9) (11)
Siloam Springs State Park Buckhorn Unit Waters	Siloam Springs State Park	Brown County	Large or Smallmouth Bass Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) All Fish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish	18 inch Minimum Length Limit 1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 8 inch Minimum Length Limit 10 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit

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Silver Lake	City of Highland	Madison County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 than 10 Fish greater than or equal to 10 inches
Southwind Park Pond	Springfield Park District	Sangamon County	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10) Trout Spring Closed Season (11)
Sparta "T" Lake	City of Sparta	Randolph County	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 County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Sparta Old City Reservoir (South)	City of Sparta	Randolph County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Bluegill or Redear Sunfish (14) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Channel Catfish 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit Large or Smallmouth Bass 15 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex – Derby Lake	State of Illinois	Randolph County	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)
Sparta World Shooting and Recreational Complex Lakes	State of Illinois	Randolph County	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
Spencer Lake	Boone County Conservation District	Boone County	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
Sportsman's Club Pond	Decatur Park District	Macon County	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 County	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 County	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
			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	9 inch Minimum Length Limit
			White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Spring Grove Hatchery Pond	City of Spring Grove	McHenry County	Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Spring Pond	Flagg-Rochelle Park District	Ogle County	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
St. Elmo South Lake	City of St. Elmo	Fayette County	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
Starved Rock State Park	State of Illinois	LaSalle County	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)

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Staunton City Lake	City of Staunton	Macoupin County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 36 inch Minimum Length Limit All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43)
Stephen A. Forbes Park (see also Forbes State Lake and Forbes State Park Ponds)	State State of Illinois	Marion County	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Sterling Lake	Lake County Forest Preserve District	Lake County	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Pure Muskellunge Recreational Use Restrictions Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 inch Minimum Length Limit 48 inch Minimum Length Limit All live bait greater than 8 inches must be rigged with a quick set rig (43) 16 inch Minimum Length Limit
Storm Lake	DeKalb Park District	DeKalb County	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
Stump Lake Wildlife Management Area	State of Illinois	Jersey County	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (19)
Tampier Lake	Cook County Forest Preserve District	Cook County	All Fish Bluegill, Redear, or Pumpkinseed Sunfish (14) Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Walleye, Sauger, or Hybrid Walleye White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie (15)	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (36) 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit 18 inch Minimum Length Limit 15 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Taylorville Park District Pond	Taylorville Park District	Christian County	All Fish Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Ten Mile Creek Lakes	Ten Mile Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area	Hamilton/Jefferson Counties	Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) . . . All Fish Channel Catfish Recreational Use Restrictions	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 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 County	All Fish All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Three Oaks South Lake	City of Crystal Lake	McHenry County	All Fish All Fish	Catch and Release Fishing Only (9) 2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
Tilton City Lake	City of Tilton	Vermilion County	Large or Smallmouth Bass 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

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WATER AREA	OWNERSHIP	COUNTY	FISH SPECIES	REGULATION / CREEL LIMIT
Toledo Reservoir	City of Toledo	Cumberland County	Large or Smallmouth Bass	Protected Slot Length Limit with 1 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)
Tri-Township Park Pond	City of Troy	Madison County	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
Turkey Bluff Ponds	State of Illinois	Randolph County	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
Turner Lake	Chain O'Lakes State Park	Lake County	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
Turtle Lake (East Lake Renwick)	Will County Forest Preserve District	Will County	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
Tuscola City Lake	City of Tuscola	Douglas County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Union County Fish and Wildlife Area – All lakes and ponds	State of Illinois	Union County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			(All fishing and boat traffic prohibited from October 15 through the last day of February)	
Valley Lake	Wildwood Park District	Lake County	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
Valmeyer Lake	City of Valmeyer	Monroe County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	15 inch Minimum Length Limit
Vanhorn Woods Pond	Plainfield Park District	Will County	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)
Vernor Lake	City of Olney	Richland County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit
Villa Grove East Lake	City of Villa Grove	Douglas County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Large or Smallmouth Bass	14 inch Minimum Length Limit

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Villa Grove West Lake	City of Villa Grove	Douglas County	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
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass	17 inch Minimum Length Limit
			Striped, White, or Hybrid Striped Bass (16)	1 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
			Trout	Fall Closed Season (10)
Wabash River (between Illinois and Indiana) and Ohio River (between Illinois and Kentucky)	State of Illinois	Multiple Counties	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 County	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)
Walnut Point Lake	Walnut Point State Fish and Wildlife Area	Douglas County	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, either singly or in the aggregate, 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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	4 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Washington Park Pond	Springfield Park District	Sangamon County	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 County	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

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Waverly Lake	City of Waverly	Morgan County	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 County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Weldon Springs Lake	Weldon Springs State Park	DeWitt County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	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 County	All Fish	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) (5)
			Channel Catfish	6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit
Wilderness Pond	Fox Ridge State Park	Coles County	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 County	Recreational Use Restrictions	Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Willow Lake	Peabody River King State Conservation Area	St. Clair County	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

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WATER AREA	OWNERSHIP	COUNTY	FISH SPECIES	REGULATION / CREEL LIMIT
Wolf Lake, William W. Powers Conservation Area	State of Illinois	Cook County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass Recreational Use Restrictions Trout Trout	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 14 inch Minimum Length Limit Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33) Fall Closed Season (10) Spring Closed Season (11)
Woodford County Conservation Area (Fishing Ditch)	Woodford County Conservation Area	Woodford County	All Fish Recreational Use Restrictions	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) Waterfowl Refuge or Hunting Area (33)
Woodlawn Pond	Frankfort Square Park District	Will County	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
Woods Lake	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Moultrie County	All Fish Channel Catfish Large or Smallmouth Bass (14) Large or Smallmouth Bass Bluegill and Redear Sunfish White, Black, or Hybrid Crappie	2 Pole and Line Fishing Only (1) 6 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 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 3 Fish Daily Harvest Limit 15 Fish, either singly or in the aggregate, Daily Harvest Limit, of which only 5 fish may be greater than or equal to 8 inches 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 County	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 Spring Closed Season (11)
Yellow Creek	State of Illinois	Stephenson County	Trout	Spring Closed Season (11)

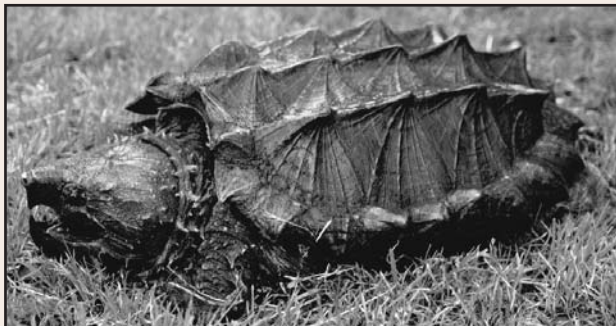
DON'T TAKE AN ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE!

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.



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



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

MAJOR ILLINOIS SPORT FISH

GREEN SUNFISH



BLUEGILL



REDEAR



LARGEMOUTH BASS



WHITE CRAPPIE



BLACK CRAPPIE



SMALLMOUTH BASS



YELLOW BULLHEAD



FLATHEAD CATFISH



BLACK BULLHEAD



BROWN BULLHEAD



CHANNEL CATFISH



BLUE CATFISH



SHORTNOSE GAR



BOWFIN



SPOTTED GAR



PADDFISH



LONGNOSE GAR



SHOVELNOSE STURGEON

MAJOR ILLINOIS SPORT FISH



MUSKELLENGE



NORTHERN PIKE



HYBRID STRIPED BASS



CHINOOK
SALMON



BROWN TROUT



COHO SALMON



RAINBOW TROUT



LAKE TROUT



SAUGER



STRIPED BASS



YELLOW PERCH



WALLEYE



WHITE BASS

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), anglers with disabilities, or school-sanctioned groups when the principal purpose is education or enjoyment, rather than competition among anglers. 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 anglers participating in the tournament; and
 - F) safety of anglers and potential boater-user conflicts.
 - 4) Demonstrates adequate provisions for holding, handling, and releasing caught fish. Specific criteria are:
 - A) Tournament officials must be able to certify that all boats will be required to possess a livewell (except muskie fishing tournaments) fitted with a functioning aerator and water pump.

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- B) Following the weigh-in, fish must be released away from the weigh-in site and as near to the spot where the catch was made as possible by means of a common release boat or vehicle, or by individual boats. When impractical to release away from the ramp, fish shall be released into the water body as quickly as possible to avoid undue stress. Protecting fish health is the most critical aspect of this subsection (c)(4)(B).
- C) If a common release boat or vehicle is utilized, the anglers 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 anglers returning their catches of fish back to a release site must adhere to daily creel limits. Tournament officials must be able to certify that a common release boat is being utilized for this tournament.
- D) For catch, 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.
- 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 anglers 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 two years ago 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.olddriverbowfishing.com/

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

ILLINOIS ICE FISHING REGULATIONS

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

ILLINOIS AND NORTH AMERICAN HOOK & LINE RECORD FISH

As of August 2016*

COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY	COMMON NAME	WEIGHT	DATE CAUGHT	PLACE CAUGHT	COUNTY
BASS, Largemouth	(IL) 13 lb./1 oz. (NA) 22 lb./4 oz.	2/15/76 6/2/32	Stone Quarry Lk. Montgomery Lk., GA	LAKE	GOLDEYE	(IL) 2 lb./1 oz. (NA) 3 lb./13 oz.	7/26/98 8/9/87	Embarras River Oahe Tailwater, SD	CUMBERLAND
BASS, Rock	(IL) 1 lb./10 oz. (NA) 3 lb./0 oz. (NA) 3 lb./0 oz.	5/5/87 8/1/74 6/13/69	Aux Sable Creek York River, Ontario, Sugar Creek, IN	GRUNDY CAN.	GRASS CARP	(IL) 74 lb./0 oz. (NA) 79 lb./0 oz.	5/22/15 4/12/11	Lake Galena Crescent Lake, IL	JO DAVIESS
BASS, Smallmouth	(IL) 6 lb./7 oz. (NA) 11 lb./15 oz.	3/26/85 7/9/55	Strip Mine Dale Hollow Lake, TN	FULTON	LAKE WHITEFISH	(IL) 3 lb./1.6 oz. (NA) 15 lb./6 oz.	7/27/16 5/21/83	Lake Michigan Webster Clear Lake, Ontario, CAN	LAKE
BASS, Spotted	(IL) 7 lb./3.12 oz. (NA) 10 lb./4 oz.	3/15/92 4/21/01	Strip Mine Pine Flat Lake, CA	FULTON	MUSKELLUNGE	(I) 38 lb./8 oz. (NA) 69 lb./11 oz.	4/20/02 10/20/49	Kaskaskia River Chippewa Flowage, WI	SHELBY
BASS, Striped	(IL) 31 lb./7 oz. (NA) 69 lb./9 oz.	5/23/94 2/28/13	Sangchris Lake Black Warrior River, AL	CHRISTIAN	MUSKIE, Tiger	(IL) 31 lb./3 oz. (NA) 51 lb./3 oz.	8/6/04 7/16/19	Lake Will Lake Vieux Desert, WI/MI	WILL
BASS, Hybrid Striped	(IL) 20 lb./0 oz. (NA) 27 lb./5 oz.	6/20/93 4/24/97	Lake of Egypt Greer's Ferry Lake, AR	JOHNSON	NORTHERN HOGSUCKER	(IL) 1 lb./12.3 oz. (NA) 1 lb./12 oz.	3/22/12 3/17/04	Little Vermillion River Fox River, WI	LASALLE
BASS, White	(IL) 4 lb./14 oz. (NA) 6 lb./7 oz.	10/7/81 9/19/89	Kaskaskia River Saginaw Bay, MI	CLINTON	NORTHERN PIKE	(IL) 26 lb./15 oz. (NA) 46 lb./2 oz.	11/9/89 9/15/40	Strip Mine Lake Sacandaga Rsvr., NY	KANKAKEE
BASS, Yellow	(IL) 2 lb./0 oz. (NA) 2 lb./8 oz.	5/5/94 4/12/00	Farm Pond Tennessee River, AL	MADISON	PERCH, Yellow	(IL) 2 lb./8.75 oz. (NA) 4 lb./3 oz.	1/5/74 5/1865	Arrowhead Club Lake Bordentown, NJ	WILL
BASS, Yellow Hybrid	(IL) 2 lb./96 oz. (NA) 2 lb./11 oz.	11/3/08 3/10/97	Rend Lake Sabine River, TX	FRANKLIN	SALMON, Atlantic (Inland)	(IL) 18 lb./11.25 oz. (NA) 22 lb./14 oz.	5/26/79 4/5/05	Lake Michigan Jamaica Pond, MA	COOK
BLUEGILL	(IL) 3 lb./8 oz. (NA) 4 lb./12 oz.	5/10/87 4/9/50	Farm Pond Ketona Lake, AL	JASPER	SALMON, Chinook (Inland)	(IL) 37 lb./0 oz. (NA) 44 lb./14 oz.	8/7/76 7/19/94	Lake Michigan Lake Michigan, WI	LAKE
BOWFIN	(IL) 16 lb./6 oz. (IL) 16 lb./6 oz. (NA) 21 lb./8 oz.	9/23/84 9/14/92 1/29/80	Rend Lake Bay Creek Forest Lake, SC	JEFFERSON POPE	SALMON, Coho (Inland)	(IL) 20 lb./9 oz. (NA) 33 lb./4 oz.	5/24/72 9/27/89	Lake Michigan Salmon River, NY	LAKE
BUFFALO (Bigmouth) (Smallmouth)	(IL) 48 lb./0 oz. (NA) 76 lb./8 oz. (NA) 88 lb./0 oz.	1936 6/21/13 11/14/93	Mississippi River Wisconsin River, WI Lake Wylie, NC	ADAMS	SALMON, Pink (Inland)	(IL) 3 lb./8 oz. (NA) 4 lb./0 oz.	9/29/07 8/28/01	Lake Michigan Garden River, Ontario, CAN.	LAKE
BUFFALO, Black	(IL) 23 lb./12 oz. (NA) 63 lb./6 oz.	7/27/84 8/14/99	Rock River Mississippi River, IA	LEE	SAUGER	(IL) 5 lb./12.5 oz. (NA) 8 lb./12 oz.	7/30/67 10/6/71	Mississippi River Lake Sakakawea, ND	JO DAVIESS
BULLHEAD, Black	(IL) 5 lb./6 oz. (NA) 8 lb./15 oz.	4/24/88 8/19/87	Strip Mine Sturgis Pond, MI	FULTON	SAUGER-WALLEYE, Hybrid	(IL) 9 lb./10.88 oz. (NA) 15 lb./10 oz.	12/7/01 1/11/95	Evergreen Lake Ft. Peck Rsvr., MT	MCLEAN
BULLHEAD, Brown	(IL) 2 lb./10.4 oz. (NA) 7 lb./6 oz.	4/25/93 8/1/09	Weldon Springs Mahopac Lake, NY	DE WITT	SHORTHEAD REDHORSE	(IL) 3 lb./11.8 oz. (NA) 11 lb./5 oz.	4/25/08 5/21/83	Fox River Brunet River, WI	KANE
BULLHEAD, Yellow	(IL) 5 lb./4 oz. (NA) 6 lb./4 oz.	1955 5/25/08	Fox River Forest Lake, MA	KANE	SILVER REDHORSE	(IL) 6 lb./11.4 oz. (NA) 14 lb./14 oz.	4/24/08 4/2/95	Fox River Pickwick Lake, AL	KANE
BURBOT	(IL) 8 lb./13.6 oz. (NA) 25 lb./2 oz.	4/27/12 3/27/10	Lake Michigan Diefenbaker Lake, Saskatchewan, CAN	LAKE	SKIPJACK HERRING	(IL) 2 lb./8 oz. (NA) 3 lb./12 oz.	12/28/13 2/14/82	Des Plaines River Goddard Watts Bar Lake, TN	WILL
CARP, Common	(IL) 51 lb./0 oz. (NA) 57 lb./13 oz.	5/1/94 6/19/83	Lake Hillcrest Tidal Basin Washington, D.C.	MADISON	STURGEON, Shovelnose	(IL) 8 lb./5.76 oz. (NA) 8 lb./5.76 oz.	11/4/03 11/4/03	Rock River Rock River, IL	WHITESIDE
CARP, Bighead	(IL) 69 lb./0 oz. (NA) 90 lb./0 oz.	5/4/10 7/22/00	Kaskaskia River Kirby Lake, TX	CLINTON	SUNFISH, Green	(IL) 2 lb./1 oz. (NA) 2 lb./2 oz. (NA) 2 lb./2 oz.	6/28/81 6/18/71 5/28/61	Farm Pond Stockton Lake, MO Cherokee Co. Pit, KS	DE WITT
CATFISH, Blue	(IL) 124 lb./0 oz. (NA) 124 lb./0 oz.	5/21/05 5/21/05	Mississippi River Mississippi River, IL	MADISON	SUNFISH, Hybrid	(IL) 2 lb./9.4 oz. (NA) 2 lb./10 oz.	9/20/05 5/17/99	Farm Pond Farm Pond, KS	HENRY
CATFISH, Channel	(IL) 45 lb./4 oz. (NA) 58 lb./0 oz.	2/7/87 7/7/64	Baldwin Lake Santee Cooper Rsv., SC	ST. CLAIR	SUNFISH, Pumpkinseed	(IL) 11.2 oz. (NA) 2 lb./4 oz.	1/15/10 5/26/97	Mississippi River North Saluda River, SC	CARROL
CATFISH, Flathead	(IL) 81 lb./6.4 oz. (NA) 123 lb./0 oz.	8/29/15 5/14/98	Sangchris Lake Elk City Rsvr., KS	CHRISTIAN	SUNFISH, Redear	(IL) 2 lb./12.3 oz. (NA) 5 lb./7.5 oz.	9/7/85 11/6/98	Marion CC Lake Diversion Canal, SC	WILLIAMSON
CRAPPIE, Black	(IL) 4 lb./8 oz. (NA) 6 lb./0 oz.	5/15/76 11/28/69	Rend Lake Westwego Canal, LA	FRANKLIN	TROUT, Brook	(IL) 7 lb./5 oz. (NA) 14 lb./8 oz.	11/3/98 7/1916	Lake Michigan Nipigon River, Ontario, CAN	LAKE
CRAPPIE, Hybrid	(IL) 4 lb./8.3 oz. (NA) 2 lb./11 oz.	5/14/08 1/28/05	Farm Pond Shabbona Lake	JEFFERSON DEKALB	TROUT, Brown	(IL) 36 lb./11.5 oz. (NA) 41 lb./8 oz.	6/22/97 9/9/09	Lake Michigan Big Manistee River, MI	COOK
CRAPPIE, White	(IL) 4 lb./7 oz. (NA) 5 lb./3 oz.	4/8/73 7/31/57	Farm Pond Enid Dam, MS	MORGAN	TROUT, Lake	(IL) 38 lb./4 oz. (NA) 72 lb./4 oz.	8/22/99 8/19/95	Lake Michigan Great Bear Lake, N.W.T. Canada	LAKE
DRUM, Freshwater	(IL) 35 lb./0 oz. (NA) 54 lb./8 oz.	1960 4/20/72	DuQuoin City Lake Nickajack Lake, TN	PERRY	TROUT, Rainbow (Inland)	(IL) 31 lb./6.72 oz. (NA) 48 lb./0 oz.	7/10/93 9/5/09	Lake Michigan Lake Diefenbaker, Saskatchewan, CAN	LAKE
GAR, Longnose	(IL) 22 lb./1 oz. (NA) 50 lb./5 oz.	5/6/06 7/30/54	Ohio River Trinity River, TX	MASSAC	TROUT, Tiger	(IL) 8 lb./12.5 oz. (NA) 20 lb./13 oz.	6/26/77 8/12/78	Lake Michigan Lake Michigan, WI	COOK
GAR, Shortnose	(IL) 5 lb./96 oz. (NA) 6 lb./6 oz.	7/20/99 6/15/01	Vermilion River Kentucky Lake, TN	LA SALLE	WALLEYE	(IL) 15 lb./1 oz. (NA) 25 lb./0 oz.	3/11/12 8/1/60	Pecatonica River Old Hickory Lake, TN	WINNEBAGO
GAR, Spotted	(IL) 7 lb./13.44 oz. (NA) 28 lb./8 oz.	7/10/04 3/4/87	Horseshoe lake Lake Seminole, FL	ALEXANDER	WARMOUTH	(IL) 1 lb./13 oz. (NA) 2 lb./7 oz.	5/22/71 10/19/85	Farm Pond Yellow River, FL	CUMBERLAND

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

*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	Minimum Weight (lbs)	State Record (lbs)	Water Body	County	Date Shot
Common Carp	20	38 lbs 2 oz.	Crab Orchard Lake	Williamson	4/5/13
		26 lbs 3 oz	Mississippi River	Jo Daviess	6/7/13
		23 lbs 8 oz	Lake Minear	Lake	5/24/13
		22 lbs 13 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	10/21/11
Grass Carp	20	20 lbs 9 oz	Grass Lake	Lake	6/12/11
		78 lbs 8 oz	Lake Minear	Lake	6/5/14
		53 lbs 13 oz	Crab Orchard Lake	Williamson	4/30/13
		47 lbs 10 oz	Mermet Lake	Massac	3/29/13
Bighead Carp	20	46 lbs 15 oz	Lake Minear	Lake	6/28/13
		46 lbs 4 oz	Fox Chain O'Lakes	Lake	5/12/12
		42 lbs 10 oz	CECO Rec. Club	Grundy	5/25/11
		59 lbs 4 oz	Illinois River	LaSalle	7/16/11
Silver Carp	15	43 lbs 5.6 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	6/26/10
		24 lbs 8.5 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	5/29/10
		18 lbs 1 oz	Wabash River	Wabash	9/29/14
		17 lbs 4 oz	Ohio River	Hardin	9/15/12
Buffalo (Bigmouth)	20	17 lbs	Ohio River	Gallatin	7/14/12
		16 lbs 2 oz	Ohio River	Hardin	8/20/11
		49 lbs 15 oz	Mermet Lake	Massac	3/20/10
		51 lbs	Ohio River	Pope	12/19/13
Buffalo (Smallmouth)	15	28 lbs 2 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	3/13/12
		22 lbs 6 oz	Rock River	Winnebago	5/4/11
		59 lbs 12 oz	Mermet Lake	Massac	2/19/14
		55 lbs 8 oz	Mermet Lake	Massac	2/22/14
Buffalo (Black)	20	42 lbs 8 oz	Crab Orchard Lake	Williamson	4/30/13
		6 lbs 4 oz	Lake Shelbyville	Moultrie	7/20/14
		31 lbs 8 oz	Ohio River	White	7/9/12
		25 lbs 12 oz	Ohio River	Pope	6/9/12
Shortnose Gar	5	24 lbs 10 oz	Big Muddy River	Union	5/4/10
		10 lbs 2.4 oz	Rend Lake	Franklin	4/9/10
		12 lbs 3 oz	Crab Orchard Lake	Williamson	5/5/12
		10 lbs 12 oz	Big Muddy River	Franklin	5/9/10
Longnose Gar	10	10 lbs 10 oz	Kaskaskia River	Clinton	5/10/10
		8 lbs 7 oz	Rend Lake	Franklin	3/20/10
		10 lbs 8 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	4/12/14
		10 lbs 2 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	10/5/11
Spotted Gar	5	8 lbs 3 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	10/6/10
		7 lbs 5 oz	Private Lake	Jefferson	NA
		5 lbs 9 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	3/27/10
		1 lb 5 oz	Lake Minear	Lake	6/26/13
Bowfin (Dogfish)	5	1 lb 4 oz	Willow Creek	Winnebago	5/4/12
		1 lb 1 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	3/15/12
		4 lbs 6 oz	Fox Chain of Lakes	Lake	6/6/15
		3 lbs 10 oz	Kankakee River	Will	4/29/13
Freshwater Drum	4	1 lb 15 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	5/20/12
		1 lb 10 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	11/5/11
		1 lb 8 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	7/29/11
		1 lb 5 oz	Lake Minear	Lake	6/26/13
Gizzard Shad	1	1 lb 4 oz	Willow Creek	Winnebago	5/4/12
		1 lb 1 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	3/15/12
		4 lbs 6 oz	Fox Chain of Lakes	Lake	6/6/15
		3 lbs 10 oz	Kankakee River	Will	4/29/13
Goldfish Hybrid	1	1 lb 15 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	5/20/12
		1 lb 10 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	11/5/11
		1 lb 8 oz	Des Plaines River	Will	7/29/11
		1 lb 5 oz	Lake Minear	Lake	6/26/13

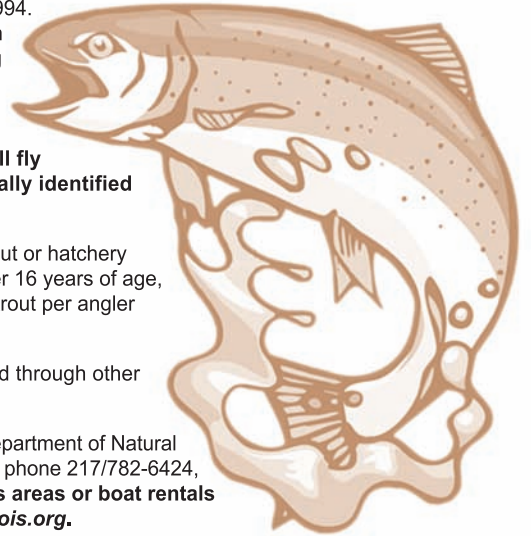
CATCHABLE TROUT PROGRAM (including Fly Fishing Season)

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. Anglers are prohibited from taking (harvesting) trout at any of the stocking sites before the legal opening. **Spring catchable trout season opens at 5 a.m. on 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, 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).**

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

Fishing licenses and inland trout stamps are available at sporting good stores, online, and through other vendors. This program is funded through the sale of inland trout stamps.

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

BUY ILLINOIS FISHING LICENSES

Special Mail-In Muskie Creel Survey

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

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



AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Help Protect Your Fishing!

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



FIGHT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVADERS

REMOVE PLANTS, ANIMALS AND MUD FROM ALL EQUIPMENT.
DRAIN ALL WATER FROM YOUR BOAT AND GEAR.
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For More Information...

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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



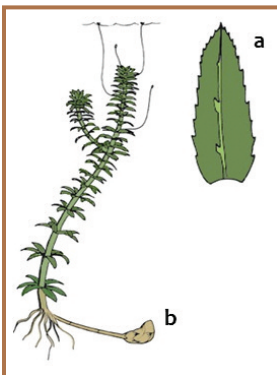
Gizzard Shad (native)



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).



You can help!

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

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND RESOURCE ENHANCEMENT (CORE) FISHING PROGRAM

WHO?

For children and seniors.

WHAT?

Conservation oriented educational fishing clinics free of charge.

WHERE?

Clinics are held at various sites in Chicago, Rockford, Moline, Peoria, Alton, 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 (CORE 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 FY '15 fish were stocked at 36 sites. Summer fishing clinics were regularly held at 9 Chicago locations and 17 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 22,757 youngsters attended one of 1,139 summer fishing clinics that included fishing at a nearby stocked lagoon. Fish stocking remained important for the program and approximately 30,000 lbs. of channel catfish, 113,717 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, 1,547 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 246 fishing clinics and events for 16,092 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 330 non-fishing Education Programs for more than 43,178 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 27,500 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 anglers, 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 137 "Access to Fishing" loaner sites in Illinois, and rods and reels were borrowed more than 14,281 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 1,706 fishing and non-fishing programs for nearly 83,832 participants this past year.

ILLINOIS FISH AND YOUR HEALTH

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

What are the criteria for the fish advisories?

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

The most recent Illinois advisories are related to fish contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), chlordane and mercury. A statewide methyl mercury advisory for predator fish in every Illinois water body also has been established. In order to protect the most sensitive populations, pregnant or nursing women, women of childbearing age, and children less than 15 years of age are advised to eat no more than one meal per week of predator fish.

How do fish become contaminated with PCBs?

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

How do fish become contaminated with chlordane?

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

How do fish become contaminated with mercury?

Mercury is stored in the muscle of fish that eat mercury-contaminated food or live in mercury-contaminated water. Mercury is a metal that occurs naturally

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

How can eating contaminated fish affect human health?

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

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

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

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

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

Should people stop eating fish?

No! Fish are nutritious. When properly prepared, fish provide a diet high in protein and generally low in saturated fats and play a role in maintaining a healthy, well-balanced diet. Many doctors suggest eating a half pound of fish each week is helpful in preventing heart disease. Almost any kind of fish may have health benefits when it replaces a high-fat source of protein in the diet.

Steps can be taken to reduce risks from eating contaminated fish. The fat of the fish is where most of the contaminants, except mercury, are stored. As fish grow older, they tend to develop a higher overall body fat content. By choosing to eat younger, smaller fish, exposure to contaminants is reduced. Smaller fish have less fat and have retained fewer contaminants. By following the cooking and cleaning advice in the advisory, exposure to contaminants in fish will be reduced.

Where can I get more information?

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

POINT SYSTEM FOR REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS



POINT SYSTEM

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

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

TYPES OF OFFENSES

Type I Offenses = those offenses related to commercial/business activities covered under the Timber Buyer, Taxidermist, Aquaculture, Fish Dealer, Minnow Dealer, Mussel Dealer, Game and Game Bird Breeder, Wild Game Food Dealer, Fur Bearing Animal Breeder, Fur Tanner or Migratory Waterfowl Hunting Area licenses and permits	Type II Offenses = All other offenses related to activities covered under licenses and permits. (Example: hunting, trapping, fishing, etc.)
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COMPUTATION OF SUSPENSION PERIODS

For Type I Offenses, any person who, within an 18 month period, accumulates 13 or more points in a single group shall have all licenses, permits and stamps relevant to engage in the activity revoked, and the person's privilege to engage in the activity shall be suspended for a period of time that equals one month for each point accumulated. All accumulated points shall remain in effect for 18 months from the date of arrest that resulted in the point accumulation and shall not be removed or reduced by a period of suspension. Any second or subsequent suspension imposed shall be served consecutively to any earlier suspension.	For Type II Offenses, any person who, within a 36 month period accumulates 13 or more points in a single group shall have all licenses, permits and stamps relevant to that type and group revoked, and the person's privilege to engage in the activity covered by the type and group shall be suspended for a period of time that equals one month for each point accumulated. All accumulated points shall remain in effect for 36 months from the date of arrest that resulted in the point accumulation and shall not be removed or reduced by a period of suspension. Any second or subsequent suspension imposed shall be served consecutively to any earlier suspension.
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SINGLE INCIDENT RULE

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

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

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

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POINT SYSTEM FOR REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS

EXAMPLES:

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

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

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

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

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

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

E) Imposition of Subsequent Suspensions

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

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

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

REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS IN OTHER STATES AND CANADA

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

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF REVOCATIONS/SUSPENSIONS/DENIAL OF PRIVILEGE

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



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

BOUNDARY RIVERS SPORT FISHING

Illinois-Iowa

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

Illinois-Missouri

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

Illinois-Kentucky

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

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

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

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

Illinois-Indiana

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

I FISH ILLINOIS WEBSITE

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

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- Angling Tips

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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 anglers and boaters is essential in combating VHS.

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

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

Black crappie	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, anglers are still advised to wash their hands after handling fish and to cook thoroughly any fish they plan to eat. If handling dead fish or fish that appear to be diseased, protective gloves should be worn. For more information on VHS and the new Illinois regulations aimed at slowing the spread of the virus in Illinois, check the IDNR web site at <http://dnr.state.il.us>

LEAD TACKLE ADVISORY

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

Here's what you can do to help:

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



MONOFILAMENT ADVISORY

Monofilament Can Kill

if not used or disposed of properly!

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

HOW ANIMALS COME IN CONTACT WITH MONOFILAMENT

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

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

HELP FROM ANGLERS

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

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



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