NEBRASKA GAME AND PARKS COMMISSION ORDER

Order C06: Sport Fishing

Last Approved Date: January 1, 2021

C06 SPORT FISHING ORDERS

The following Commission Order is prescribed by the Game and Parks Commission, State of Nebraska in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 37-301, 37-304, 37-305, 37-308, 37-314, 37-315, 37-344, 37-411, 37-426, 37-4104, 37-4,107, 37-4,109, 37-4,111, 37-501 through 37-504, 37-508 and 37-543 through 37-545. For purposes of this Order, unless context otherwise requires, the definitions found in Chapter 37, sections 207 through 247 of the Game Law, are used. This Order is effective January 1, 2022 following enactment by the Commission and fifteen (15) days after posting on the Commission’s website.

C06.01 AREA OPEN: The entire state is open to fishing, except those areas closed by the Commission by posting, or by regulations, by federal or state law, or by city ordinance.

C06.02 SEASON: Open the entire year on all species of fish, except specific closures as defined in C06.03J, C06.04, C06.05, C06.06, C06.07, C06.08, and C06.09.

C06.03 BAG, POSSESSION AND LENGTH LIMITS:

C06.03A The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for TROUT:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Species – RAINBOW &amp; TIGER TROUT (singly or in the aggregate)</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tr>
<td>STATEWIDE</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>12</td>
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The daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) trout 16 inches or greater in length except that the Sutherland Supply (Keystone) Canal below Lake Ogallala to the Sutherland Reservoir will be exempt.

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Exception: the daily bag limit will be two (2) trout at the Soldier Creek Wilderness Area (Sioux County).

Exception: the bag limit will be twelve (12) trout at Two Rivers Lake #5 with the possession of three
(3) tags. There is no restriction on the number of trout in the daily bag limit that can be over 16 inches.

BROWN TROUT – daily bag limit of five (5), of which only one (1) can be 16 inches or greater in length in the bag. Possession limit is 10.

BROOK & CUTTHROAT TROUT – daily bag limit of two (2), of which only one (1) can be 12 inches or greater in length in the bag. Possession limit is 4.

**C06.03B** The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for BLACK BASS:

Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass singly or in the aggregate.

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<td>Largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass singly or in the aggregate.</td>
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<td>INLAND WATERS</td>
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<td>Exception: the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) black bass 21 inches or greater in length.</td>
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<td>Exception: In the NPPD Canal starting at the Sutherland Reservoir outlet to the confluence with the South Platte River in Lincoln County (including Lake Maloney), there shall be no minimum length limit on smallmouth bass of which only one (1) may be 15 inches or greater in length in the daily bag.</td>
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<td>Exception: there shall be a maximum length limit of 12 inches on smallmouth bass in:</td>
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<td>SARPY COUNTY: Portal Recreation Area</td>
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| Fontenelle Park Pond |
| Glenn Cunningham Reservoir |
| Lawrence Youngsman Lake |
| Papio D-4 |
| Prairie View Lake Recreation Area |
| Two Rivers SRA |
| Zorinsky Lake Recreation Area |

| FILLMORE COUNTY: |
| Lone Star Recreation Area |

| HALL COUNTY: |
| Cheyenne SRA Heartland Shooting Center Pond |
| L.E. Ray Lake |
| Mormon Island SRA |
| West Wood River WMA |

| KNOX COUNTY: |
| Niobrara State Park ponds |

| LANCASTER COUNTY: |
| Bowling Lake |
| Conestoga Lake SRA/WMA |
| Cottontail Lake |
| Hedgefield WMA Lake |
| Holmes Lake |
| Olive Creek Lake SRA/WMA |
| Pawnee Lake SRA/WMA Stagecoach Lake SRA/WMA |
| Wildwood Lake WMA Yankee Hill Lake WMA |

<p>| Species – BLACK BASS |
| Daily Bag Limit | Possession Limit | Minimum Length Limit Inches |
| LINCOLN COUNTY: |
| North Platte I-80 City Lake | 1 | 10 | 21 |</p>
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<th>COUNTY</th>
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<td>SHERMAN COUNTY:</td>
<td>Bowman Lake</td>
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ALL COUNTIES: Open Fields and Waters lakes and ponds

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<th>WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
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<td>Exception: that the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) black bass 21 inches or greater in length.</td>
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<td>None</td>
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<td>Exception: that there shall be a 12-inch minimum length limit on all black bass in that section of the Missouri River between Nebraska and Iowa and Nebraska and Missouri and that there shall be a 15-inch minimum length limit on largemouth bass in DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge Lake (Washington County), Snyder Bend Lake (Dakota/Thurston Counties), and Lake Yankton {Cottonwood Lake} (Cedar County)</td>
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Other special regulations listed under “Special Areas” in C06.09.

C06.03C The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for STRIPED BASS, WHITE BASS, AND STRIPED BASS HYBRID, singly or in the aggregate:

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<th>Species – STRIPED BASS, WHITE BASS, STRIPED BASS HYBRID</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tr>
<td>STATEWIDE</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Exception: the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) fish 16 inches or greater in length, in inland waters.</td>
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<td>Exception: in the following, the daily bag limit is three (3) fish:</td>
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<td>GOSPER COUNTY: Elwood Reservoir WMA</td>
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<tr>
<th>PIERCE COUNTY:</th>
<th>Willow Creek Reservoir SRA</th>
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<tr>
<td>Exception: no harvest allowed:</td>
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<tr>
<td>LANCASTER COUNTY:</td>
<td>Branched Oak Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
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<td>DOUGLAS COUNTY:</td>
<td>Zorinsky Lake SRA</td>
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C06.03D The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for CHANNEL CATFISH:

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<th>Species – CHANNEL CATFISH</th>
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<td>STATEWIDE</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Rivers, streams and canals</td>
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<td>Standing waters (reservoirs, lakes, ponds, and pits)</td>
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<td>Exception; the daily bag limit shall be ten (10) at the following:</td>
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<td>CEDAR/KNOX COUNTIES:</td>
<td>Lewis and Clark Lake SRA</td>
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<td>DAWSON COUNTY:</td>
<td>Gallagher Canyon Reservoir SRA Midway Canyon Reservoir Plum Creek Canyon Reservoir</td>
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<td>DAWSON/GOSPER COUNTIES:</td>
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<td>Phillips Canyon Reservoir</td>
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<td>HARLAN COUNTY</td>
<td>Republican River upstream of Hwy. 183 bridge</td>
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<th>Location</th>
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<th>Possession Limit</th>
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<td>KEITH COUNTY</td>
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<td>LINCOLN COUNTY:</td>
<td>Jeffrey Reservoir, Lake Maloney SRA, Sutherland Reservoir SRA</td>
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<td>PLATTE COUNTY:</td>
<td>Lake Babcock, Lake North</td>
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<td>Exception: the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) fish</td>
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<td>that is 30 inches or greater in length is allowed in the following:</td>
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<td>DAWES COUNTY</td>
<td>Box Butte Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
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<td>CHERRY COUNTY:</td>
<td>Merritt Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
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<td>Exception: no harvest allowed at the following:</td>
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<td>Windmill SRA, Lake #3</td>
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<td>DOUGLAS COUNTY:</td>
<td>Two Rivers SRA, Lakes 3 and 4</td>
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**C06.03E** The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for FLATHEAD CATFISH:

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<td>STATEWIDE</td>
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<td>Exception: no harvest is allowed in the following:</td>
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### C06.03G The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for WALLEYE, SAUGER AND SAUGEYE, singly or in the aggregate:

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<td>INLAND WATERS</td>
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Exception: the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) fish 22 inches or greater in length.
| Exception: at the following waterbodies, the daily bag limit may include two (2) fish 15 inches to 18 inches and two (2) fish over 18 inches of which no more than one (1) fish may be 22 inches or greater in length. | GARFIELD/LOUP COUNTIES: | Calamus Reservoir SRA/WMA | See exception |
| Exception: at the following waterbodies, the daily bag limit may include one (1) fish 15 inches to 18 inches and three (3) over 18 inches or four (4) over 18 inches and that the daily bag limit shall include no more than one (1) fish 22 inches or greater in length. | CHERRY COUNTY: | Merritt Reservoir SRA/WMA | See exception |
| | GOSPER COUNTY: | Elwood Reservoir WMA | | |
| | HARLAN COUNTY: | Harlan County Reservoir including Republican River upstream to the Hwy. 183 bridge | | |
| Exception: the minimum length shall be 22 inches with a daily bag limit of one (1) fish at the following: | LANCASTER COUNTY: | Branched Oak Lake SRA/WMA | 1 |
| Exception: there shall be a slot length limit protecting walleye with lengths ranging from 20 inches to 28 inches [the daily bag limit can include two (2) fish between 15 inches and not greater than 20 inches and one (1) fish greater than 28 inches] at the following: | SHERMAN COUNTY: | Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA | 3 |
| WATERS OF THE MISSOURI RIVER | | | None |

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Exception: the minimum length shall be 15 inches on the following:

That portion of the Missouri River from Gavins Point Dam upstream to the Nebraska-South Dakota border and that there shall be a 15-inch minimum length limit on the following:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Washington County</th>
<th>Location</th>
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<tr>
<td>DeSoto Bend</td>
<td>National Wildlife</td>
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C06.03H The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for Northern Pike:

Specific regulations on high use fishing areas and the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge may be found in C06.08A.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Species – Northern Pike</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Statewide: The daily bag limit shall include not more than one (1) fish 34 inches or greater in length.</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Exception: the daily bag limit shall be ten (10) fish on the following:</td>
<td>10</td>
<td></td>
<td>See exception</td>
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<tr>
<td>Scotts Bluff County: Lake Minatare SRA</td>
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<tr>
<td>Exception: the daily bag limit shall be ten (10) fish of which only three (3) fish can be over 22 inches and only one (1) of those can be over 34 inches.</td>
<td>10</td>
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<td>See exception</td>
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<td>Dawes County: Box Butte Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
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<td>Exception: there shall be a minimum length limit of 34 inches at the following:</td>
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<td>34</td>
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<tr>
<td>Antelope County: Grove Lake</td>
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<tr>
<td>Buffalo County: Cottonmill Lake</td>
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| FRONTIER COUNTY: | Red Willow Reservoir SRA/WMA |
| HALL COUNTY:     | Alda DOT                      |
| SHERMAN COUNTY:  | Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA     |

Exception: no harvest allowed at the following: 0

| SAUNDERS COUNTY: | Lake Wanahoo |

C06.03I The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for MUSKELLUNGE and MUSKELLUNGE X NORTHERN PIKE HYBRID (tiger muskellunge):

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Species – MUSKELLUNGE MUSEKLLUNGE X NORTHERN PIKE HYBRID (tiger muskellunge)</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tr>
<td>STATEWIDE</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>40</td>
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Exception: The daily bag limit shall include not more than one (1) fish 34 inches or greater in length:

<table>
<thead>
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<th>CHERRY COUNTY:</th>
<th>Pelican Lake NWR</th>
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<td></td>
<td>3</td>
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Exception: there shall be a minimum length of 50 inches at the following:

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<th>CHERRY COUNTY:</th>
<th>Merritt Reservoir SRA/WMA</th>
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C06.03J The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for PADDLEFISH:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Species – PADDLEFISH</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Inland Waters (Closed to harvest)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>None</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Waters of the Missouri River, downstream from Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile</td>
<td></td>
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marker 734, except for closed areas as defined in Title 163, Chapter 2, Fisheries Regulations, 006.03C14 and Fisheries Orders, C06.07A. Special permits are required. See Title 163, Chapter 2, Fisheries Regulations, 006.03C and 006.07D.

Exception: there shall be a 35-45 inch (front of the eye to the natural fork of the tail) protected slot limit during the snagging season only.

### C06.03K

The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for SHOVELNOSE STURGEON:

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<tr>
<th>Species – SHOVELNOSE STURGEON</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Inland waters and waters of the Missouri River downstream from the mouth of the Big Sioux River.</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Waters of the Missouri River upstream from the mouth of the Big Sioux River.</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>None</td>
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### C06.03L

The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for PALLID AND LAKE STURGEON, BOWFIN AND AMERICAN EEL:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Species – PALLID STURGEON LAKE STURGEON BOWFIN AMERICAN EEL</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tr>
<td>STATEWIDE</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>None</td>
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### C06.03M

The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for BULLFROGS:

**C06.03M1** Open Season is August 15 – November 1.

**C06.03M1A** Length shall be measured from snout to vent.

**C06.03M2** West of Highway 81 – Season open year round with no minimum length limit and all legal harvest methods are allowed.
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<table>
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<tr>
<th>Species – BULLFROGS</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tr>
<td>East of Highway 81</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>4½</td>
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<tr>
<td>West of Highway 81</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>None</td>
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**C06.03N** The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for SNAPPING TURTLES:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Species – SNAPPING TURTLES</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tr>
<td>STATEWIDE</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>None</td>
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**C06.03O** The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for BLACK CRAPPIE, WHITE CRAPPIE, BLUEGILL, YELLOW PERCH, ROCK BASS, GREEN SUNFISH, PUMPKINSEED SUNFISH, ORANGE-SPOTTED SUNFISH AND REDEAR SUNFISH and their hybrids, singly or in the aggregate: This group of fish is defined as Panfish.

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<tr>
<th>Species – PANFISH</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>STATEWIDE</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>None</td>
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Exception: the bag limit will be fifteen (15) individually for crappie, yellow perch, rock bass, and sunfish on the border waters with South Dakota to include Lewis and Clark Lake and Lake Yankton (Cottonwood Lake)

Exception: the minimum length limit for crappie shall be ten (10) inches at the following:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>LANCASTER COUNTY:</th>
<th>Branched Oak SRA/WMA</th>
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<tr>
<td>SAUNDERS COUNTY:</td>
<td>Czechland Lake</td>
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<tr>
<td>SHERMAN COUNTY:</td>
<td>Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
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### Exception: the minimum length limit for yellow perch shall be 12 inches at the following:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Length Limit</th>
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<tr>
<td>CHERRY COUNTY: Rat and Beaver WMA</td>
<td>12</td>
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### Exception: the daily bag limit shall include only five (5) bluegill of which only one (1) fish can be 10 inches or greater in length:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Bag Limit</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>CHERRY COUNTY: Pelican Lake</td>
<td>5</td>
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### Exception: the daily bag limit shall include only five (5) yellow perch:

<table>
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<tr>
<td>SARPY COUNTY: Portal Recreation Area</td>
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<td>Big Elk (WP #7)</td>
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**C06.03P** The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for **ALL OTHER GAME FISH AND NONGAME FISH**:

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<th>Species – ALL OTHER GAME FISH</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tr>
<td>NONGAME FISH</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
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**C06.03Q** The following bag, possession and length limits are specified for **MUSSELS (clams)**:

**C06.03Q1** No harvest of mussels (clams) shall be allowed in any river or stream, statewide.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Species – MUSSELS</th>
<th>Daily Bag Limit</th>
<th>Possession Limit</th>
<th>Minimum Length Limit Inches</th>
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<tr>
<td>STATEWIDE</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>None</td>
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**C06.04 ARCHERY FISHING**

**C06.04A** Inland waters are open to the taking of game fish by archery (bow and arrow and crossbow) from sunrise to sunset July 1 through December 31. The
taking of nongame fish by archery is allowed from January 1 through December 31, twenty four (24) hours per day.

C06.04B  Waters of the Missouri River are open to the taking of game fish by archery from sunrise to sunset July 1 through December 31. Waters of the Missouri River are open to the taking of nongame fish by archery January 1 through December 31, twenty four (24) hours per day, except for the portion from Gavins Point Dam downstream to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the north wall of the stilling basin during the archery paddlefish season (C06.04D). Crossbows are only allowed downstream of the U.S. Hwy 81 bridge.

C06.04C  The following Commission areas are closed to archery fishing: Platte River State Park and Mahoney State Park (Cass County) and other areas as posted. Closures to archery fishing at non-Commission owned areas are controlled by those respective entities.

C06.04D  PADDLEFISH: Paddlefish may be taken by archery and possessed on open waters of the Missouri River only during the season beginning on June 1 and running through June 30. Crossbows are only allowed downstream of the U.S. Hwy. 81 bridge.

   C06.04D1  A harvest quota will be managed by issuing a maximum of two-hundred seventy-five (275) paddlefish permits with a limit of no more than two (2) permits per person.

C06.05  SURFACE WATER SPEARFISHING:

   C06.05A  The entire state is open to the taking of nongame fish by surface spearing January 1 through December 31. The fishing hours shall be sunrise to sunset September 1 through March 31 and shall be unrestricted April 1 through August 31.

C06.06  UNDERWATER SPEARFISHING:

   C06.06A  The following lakes are only open to underwater spearfishing, sunrise to sunset, for game fish July 1 through December 31, and for nongame fish - January 1 through December 31.

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<th>LAKE</th>
<th>COUNTY</th>
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<td>Enders Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
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<td>Merritt Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
<td>Cherry County</td>
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<td>Medicine Creek Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
<td>Frontier County</td>
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<td>Red Willow Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
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<td>Lake Name</td>
<td>County</td>
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<tr>
<td>Elwood Reservoir WMA</td>
<td>Gosper County</td>
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<tr>
<td>Johnson Reservoir SRA</td>
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<td>Harlan County Reservoir</td>
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<td>Swanson Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
<td>Hitchcock County</td>
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<td>Lake Ogallala SRA</td>
<td>Keith County</td>
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<td>McConaughy Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
<td>Keith County</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lewis and Clark Lake</td>
<td>Knox and Cedar counties</td>
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<tr>
<td>Jeffrey Reservoir</td>
<td>Lincoln County</td>
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<td>Maloney Reservoir SRA</td>
<td>Lincoln County</td>
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<td>Sutherland Reservoir</td>
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<td>Calamus Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
<td>Loup and Garfield counties</td>
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<td>Lake Minatare SRA/WMA</td>
<td>Scotts Bluff County</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sherman Reservoir SRA/WMA</td>
<td>Sherman County</td>
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**C06.06B** The following lakes only are open to underwater spearfishing, sunrise to sunset, for game fish June 1 through December 31, and for nongame fish - January 1 through December 31.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Lake Name</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>Box Butte Reservoir</td>
<td>Dawes County</td>
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Privately-owned lakes with permission of owner

**C06.06C** The following lakes only are open to underwater spearfishing, sunrise to sunset, for nongame fish only - January 1 through December 31.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Lake Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bassway WMA</td>
<td>Buffalo County</td>
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<td>Blue Hole West WMA</td>
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<td>Bufflehead WMA</td>
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<td>East Odessa WMA</td>
<td>Buffalo County</td>
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<td>Kea Lake WMA</td>
<td>Buffalo County</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kea West WMA</td>
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<td>North Kearney Rest Stop</td>
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<th>Wildlife Area</th>
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<td>Union Pacific SRA</td>
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<td>War Axe SRA</td>
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<td>West Elm Creek WMA</td>
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<td>Cozad WMA</td>
<td>Dawson County</td>
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<td>Cozad West WMA</td>
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<td>Dogwood East &amp; West WMA</td>
<td>Dawson County</td>
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<td>East Gothenburg WMA</td>
<td>Dawson County</td>
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<td>Willow Island WMA</td>
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<td>Cheyenne SRA</td>
<td>Hall County</td>
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<td>West Wood River WMA</td>
<td>Hall County</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sandy Channel SRA</td>
<td>Phelps County</td>
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**C06.07 SNAGGING:**

**C06.07A** It shall be unlawful to take any fish by snagging fish externally by hook and line except paddlefish and nongame fish in open waters of the Missouri River downstream from Gavins Point Dam to the mouth of the Big Sioux River at mile marker 734 except for a closed area that prohibits snagging off the north wall of the spillway and immediately below Gavins Point Dam downstream to a line that extends from the east end of the south cement wall of the discharge canal northwest to the east end of the chalk point. The snagging season starts on October 1 and ends on October 31 with legal snagging hours running from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Any other game fish accidentally snagged must be returned to the water immediately.

**C06.07B** A harvest quota will be managed by issuing not more than one-thousand six hundred (1,600) paddlefish permits with a limit of no more than two (2) permits per person. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of permits allocated as authorized by the Commission, successful applicants will be determined by a random draw.

**C06.08 REFUGE LAKES:**

**C06.08A** VALENTINE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LAKES (Cherry County): It shall be unlawful to fish in any manner other than by hook and line, bow and arrow and hand spear during daylight hours, January 1 through December 31, unless otherwise posted.

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C06.08B  CRESCENT LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE LAKES (Garden County): Fishing is permitted during daylight hours on Island Lake from January 1 through December 31, as per refuge regulations.

Fishing is permitted during daylight hours on Smith Lake and Crane Lake from November 1 through February 15, as per refuge regulations.

C06.08C  NORTH PLATTE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE: (Scotts Bluff County): Fishing is permitted from January 15 through October 14 as posted, except that the dam at Lake Minatare and an area paralleling the shoreline at the dam and extending 150 feet lakeward to points of intersection with the shoreline zones shall be closed to fishing March 1 through April 30 from sunset to sunrise.

C06.09  SPECIAL AREAS: Special area regulations are in effect on the following areas:

C06.09A  TWO RIVERS SRA  Lake No. 5 (Douglas County)

C06.09A1  Each daily trout fishing tag allows the angler to harvest four (4) trout. A maximum of three (3) tags can be purchased per angler day with a possession limit set at twelve (12) trout.

C06.09A2  The open season dates will be prescribed and posted by the Commission with fishing allowed between sunrise and one-half hour after sunset. Anglers will be allowed to fish without a trout tag from July 1 through January 31st.

C06.09A3  Up to two (2) children, under the age of 16, are allowed to fish with an adult holding a valid trout tag. The bag limit of four (4) trout per tag is maintained for the group.

C06.09B  SHERMAN RESERVOIR (Sherman County) Sherman Dam and the area paralleling the shoreline at the dam extending 150 feet lakeward, along with the constructed artificial spawning reef located on the southwest corner of the dam, shall be closed to fishing from sunset to sunrise April 1 through April 20.

C06.09C  SCHRAMM PARK (Sarpy County) Fishing is prohibited on all areas of Schramm Park except for the Platte River and for events sponsored by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

C06.09D  LAKE MCCONAUGHY (Keith County)

C06.09D1  From sunset to sunrise, April 1 through April 30, fishing from a boat within 30 yards of the dam shall be allowed only on that portion of the
dam 200 feet north of the morning glory (outlet), with boat travel in a south-to-north (counter clockwise) direction required.

C06.09D2 It shall be unlawful to have in possession White Bass/Striped Bass hybrids on that portion of Lonergan Creek from it's junction at the lake shore of Lake McConaughy upstream to and including the culvert under Hwy. 92.

C06.09E BLUE LAKE (Garden County) Blue Lake is closed to access during the nine-day (9) firearm deer season.

C06.09F The following areas are total catch and release and no harvest is allowed:

C06.09F1 KEA WEST WMA LAKE (Buffalo County)
C06.09F2 EAST HERSHEY WMA (Lincoln County)
C06.09F3 WEST BRADY WMA (Lincoln County)
C06.09F4 FLANAGAN LAKE (Douglas County)
C06.09F5 PLATTE RIVER STATE PARK, JENNY NEWMAN LAKE (Cass County)
C06.09F6 E.T. MAHONEY STATE PARK, BARIGHT LAKE (Cass County)