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## **Black Bass catch and release regulations on upper boundary of the Middle Raccoon River moved upstream**

The Lenon Mills Dam has served as the upper boundary to the Black Bass, both smallmouth and largemouth bass, catch and release regulation in the Middle Raccoon River since it was established more than 35 years ago.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is moving the boundary 1.5 miles upstream to the Lake Panorama dam. This move will provide a more definitive boundary.

The catch and release regulation from Lake Panorama dam to the Redfield dam maximizes this unique smallmouth bass fishery in the Middle Raccoon River. The boulder/rock/riffle habitat that supports this fishery starts at Lake Panorama dam and extends downstream to the dam at Redfield. This fish population creates high angling use in the area.

Future repairs to the Lenon Mills dam will likely include fish passage, connecting the downstream smallmouth bass population with the population above the dam.

Signs notifying anglers of this change will be posted at access points along the river. The regulation boundary change is listed in the 2023 Iowa Fishing Regulations booklet.

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## **Still time to order tree and shrub seedlings**

AMES - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) State Forest Nursery offers spring delivery in April and May for hardwood, conifer and shrub seedlings. Customers can choose to have their order shipped or they can pick it up at the State Forest Nursery in Ames.

Seedlings can be ordered through May 30. The bare-root (no container, soil root ball or moss include) seedlings are packaged in bundles of 25 inside sealed and labeled plastic bags.

Tree varieties include 23 species of native hardwoods, eight evergreen species and 15 smaller trees and shrubs. Prices range from \$.70 to \$1.20 per seedling. Seedlings are sold in three age

classifications, and range in size from 10-30 inches depending on the species.

“Planting trees and shrubs can help landowners reach a variety of goals,” said Pat Griffin, DNR State Forest Nursery manager. “Native, affordable seedlings are available to help you make your planting successful.”

The State Forest Nursery in Ames was established by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s and has operated continuously ever since. All trees are grown from Iowa seed sources to harvest the bounty of native genetics that have thrived in our soils and weather against disease, insects, droughts and floods for many thousands of years.

For more information visit the online sales site at <http://nursery.iowadnr.gov/> or call 1-800-865-2477 during regular business hours, Monday – Friday. The Iowa DNR’s expert nursery staff can assist with species selection and answer questions about your tree needs and nursery offerings.