

1955 SYNOPSIS OF IOWA FISHING LAWS



LICENSE REQUIRED

- RESIDENT** (required of all males 16 years of age and over) \$1.50
- RESIDENT** (required of all females 16 years of age and over for fishing in state owned lakes only) 1.50
- NON-RESIDENT OR ALIEN** *(required of either sex any age) six day license 1.50

NON-RESIDENT OR ALIEN *(required of either sex any age) longer than six days. "Upon submitting suitable evidence of legal residence in any other state, non-residents of Iowa shall be charged the same fee for a fishing license as that charged to residents of Iowa by the state in which applicant resides, provided, however, that in no case shall said fee be less than \$3.00, and provided further that if the state of applicant's residence does not provide for a non-resident fishing license, the fee shall be the minimum provided for herein."

**"Alien" shall not be construed to mean any person who has applied for naturalization papers.

Every person shall, while fishing, hunting or trapping show his license certificate or permit to any conservation officer, constable, sheriff, deputy sheriff, police officer, peace officer, or the owner or person in lawful control of the land or water upon which licensee may be hunting, fishing or trapping when requested by said person to do so. Any failure to so carry or refusal to show or so exhibit his license, certificate or permit, shall be a violation of his act.

If any state by law prohibits the issuance of a hunting or fishing license to residents of this state, or if any state

by law permits the issuance of a hunting or fishing license but in so doing limits or restricts the privileges of residents of this state more than it limits or restricts the privileges of its own residents, no hunting or fishing license or combined hunting and fishing license, shall be issued in this state to the resident of such state.

MINNOWS. "Minnows" shall be defined as chubs, shiners, suckers, dace, stonerollers, mud-minnows, red-horse, blunt-nose, fathead, or other small fish commonly used for fish bait that have only one dorsal fin.

"Commercial purposes" shall be construed to mean selling, giving, or furnishing to others.

It shall be unlawful for any person:

1. To take or attempt to take minnows for commercial purposes from any of the waters of the state, or transport the same without first procuring a bait dealer's license therefor as provided by state law; providing, however, that no license other than a license to fish in the waters of this state shall be required of persons taking minnows for their individual use for bait.

2. To seine, take, attempt to take, transport or carry away any minnows from the waters of any stream inhabited or stocked with trout, except that chubs, suckers and red-horse may be taken from trout streams with pole and line during open trout season, and chubs may be taken with pole and line only, at any time, from streams not stocked with trout.

3. To transport in any manner or for any purpose outside this state any minnows, dead or alive, taken in the state except that the director may transport for the purposes set out by state law.

4. To use minnows except for bait in hook and line fishing.

The commission shall have the power to designate the lakes and streams and parts of same from which minnows shall not be taken when investigation shows that the minnow population should be protected for the best management of the lake or stream and if such investigation shows that lakes or streams or any portion of them should be closed to taking minnows for such length of time as deemed advisable by the commission. Then in that case the director is hereby authorized to post such lakes and streams or portions of them with notices or signs which clearly state that the lake or stream or portion so posted is closed to the taking of minnows and it shall be unlawful for any person to take in any manner, minnows from such posted streams.

SHIPMENT OF MINNOWS. Except as otherwise provided, no person shall carry, transport or ship or cause to be carried, transported or shipped any minnows for the purpose of sale beyond the boundaries of the state.

PROHIBITED SPECIES. It shall be unlawful to transport or to use or to sell or offer for bait or to place into any inland waters of the state or into any waters from which waters of the state may become stocked any fish of carp, quillback, gar, or dogfish, and any minnows or fish of any of these species taken shall not be returned to any such waters, but shall be destroyed.

BAIT DEALERS. Any person may be authorized to sell minnows, frogs, and clams for fish bait upon the payment of a license fee of five dollars (\$5.00) to the commission. Minnow and bait boxes and tanks shall be open to inspection by the director and conservation officers at all times. They shall have tanks and bait boxes of sufficient size, with proper aeration to keep the bait alive and prevent heavy loss.

Such license shall authorize the licensee to take from the lakes and streams in the state that are not closed to the taking of minnows, frogs and clams, sufficient minnows, frogs and clams to carry on and supply his customers with bait for hook and line fishing.

Such licensees shall comply with all state laws pertaining to possession, taking, selling of bait handled by them and any licensee upon conviction for violating any state conservation laws, shall forfeit his license if demanded by the director.

Holders of a bait dealer's license, when obtaining bait from lakes and streams, shall take only such sized bait as can be used and shall return all small minnows and frogs to the water immediately with as little loss as possible.

MINNOW NETS AND TRAPS. For the purpose of taking minnows only, it shall be lawful for any person to use a minnow dip net not to exceed four (4) feet in diameter or a minnow seine not to exceed fifteen (15) feet in length and having a mesh not smaller than one-fourth ($\frac{1}{4}$) inch bar measure or larger than one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inch bar measure and on issuance of permit by the commission licensed bait dealers may use minnow seines not exceeding fifty (50) feet in length. Minnow traps not exceeding twenty-four (24) inches in length may be used wherever the taking of minnows is allowed.

FROGS. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture or have in possession frogs from December 1 to May 11 in any year.

It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take or kill in any manner whatsoever, or to sell, or have in possession, or to transport in any manner, any species of frogs in the state except as follows:

Frogs may be taken from May 12th to the following November 30th.

Frogs may be taken by holders of a fishing license only and they may be used for bait or food purposes.

No person shall use any device, net, barrier or fence of any kind which prevents frogs from having free access to and egress from the water.

Transportation out of the state in any manner or for any purpose, of frogs taken in Iowa, is prohibited.

Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the purchase, sale or possession of frogs or any portion of the carcasses of frogs that have been legally taken and shipped in from without the state.

Nothing herein shall prevent any person from catching frogs on his own premises for his private use.

PRIVATE FISH HATCHERY LICENSE REQUIRED. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a private fish hatchery or engage in the business of propagating fish native to the state of Iowa in private waters until such person has applied for and has been issued a private fish hatchery license as provided by state law. Such license shall be renewed each year.

PRIVATE WATERS—STOCKING. No private water may be stocked by the commission unless the owner agrees that such waters shall be open to the public for fishing, except that the commission may, after investigation to determine their suitability as to size, depth, living conditions for fish, and management, provide a breeding stock of fish for privately owned farm ponds on request of the owner.

BLACK BASS—UNLAWFUL TO SELL. It shall be unlawful for any person to buy, sell, barter or to offer for sale any black bass or part thereof whether taken within or without the state.

RECIPROCITY. Any person licensed by the authorities of Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and South Dakota to take fish, game, mussels, or fur bearing animals from or in the waters forming the boundary between such states and Iowa, may take them from that portion of said waters lying within the territorial jurisdiction of this state, without having procured a license therefor from the state conservation director of this state, in the same manner that persons holding Iowa licenses may do, if the laws of Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin, Nebraska, or South Dakota, respectively, extend a similar privilege to persons so licensed under laws of Iowa.

LICENSE NOT REQUIRED. Owners or tenants of land, and their children, may hunt, fish or trap upon such lands and may shoot ground squirrels, gophers or woodchucks upon adjacent roads, without securing a license to do so.

No female resident of the state, except when fishing in state-owned lakes, shall be required to have a fishing license, nor shall a resident of the state under sixteen years of age be required to have a license to fish in the waters of the state.

No person during the time the United States of America is engaged in war, who is a member of the Military or Naval forces of the United States, shall be required to have a license to hunt or fish in this state.

No license shall be required of any person who is receiving old age assistance under Chapter 249.

USE OF MINNOWS IN ARTIFICIAL LAKES. It shall be unlawful for any person to use for bait in any state-owned artificial lake minnows or small fish which have not been inspected and approved by a representative of the commission.

OPEN SEASONS, CATCH AND POSSESSION LIMITS. Except as expressly provided in this chapter a closed season is established for each variety of fish listed in the following tables, provided, however, that within the meandering lines of the waters of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers, and within the inland waters of Lee

ounty, Iowa, continuous pole and line fishing, only, shall be permitted for all fish, except that there shall be a closed season on large and small-mouth bass between February 16 and May 1, both dates inclusive.

Such closed season shall extend during all the time in each year except the period embraced within the dates, both inclusive, set opposite the names of each variety in the column headed "open season"; and except as expressly provided in this chapter no person shall take, capture, or kill fish of any such variety at any time other than the open season therefor, nor in the open season in excess of the daily catch limit in any one day, nor have in possession in excess of the possession limit at any time, nor under the minimum length or weight for each fish designated opposite each variety in the column headed respectively "daily catch limit," "possession limit" and "minimum length or weight." Measurement of length shall be taken in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the utmost end of the tail fin.

TACKLE. No person shall at any time take from the waters of the state any fish, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, except with hook, line and bait, nor shall any person use more than two (2) lines with one (1) hook on each line in still fishing or trolling, and in fly fishing not more than one (1) fly may be used on one (1) line and in trolling and bait casting not more than one (1) trolling spoon or artificial bait may be used on one (1) line. No person shall leave such fish line or lines and hooks in the water unattended or take or attempt to take any fish by snagging or to purposely hook them in any other part than in the mouth. One (1) hook shall mean a single, double or treble pointed hook, and all hooks attached as a part of an artificial bait or lure shall be counted as one (1) hook.

THROW AND TROT LINES—WHERE LAWFUL. It shall be unlawful to use trot or throw lines in the rivers and streams of the state, except in the Mississippi River, Missouri River, Big Sioux River, and all rivers and streams north of United States Highway 30 as it is now located.

THROW AND TROT LINES—INLAND WATERS. It shall be unlawful for any person to use in the inland waters of the state open to the use of trot or throw lines, more than five (5) throw or trot lines and such lines shall not have in the aggregate more than fifteen (15) hooks, and no person shall leave such lines set, and he shall be under constant attention of such lines, and no person shall use such throw lines or trot lines in any stocked lake or within three hundred (300) feet of any dam or spillway in any stream or portion of stream, closed or posted against the use of such tackle. One end of such throw or trot lines shall be set from the shore and be visible above the shore water line, but no such throw or trot lines shall be set entirely across a stream or body of water.

THROW AND TROT LINES—BOUNDARY WATERS. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, in the Mississippi River, Missouri River or Big Sioux River, more than one (1) throw or trot line having more than twenty-five (25) hooks.

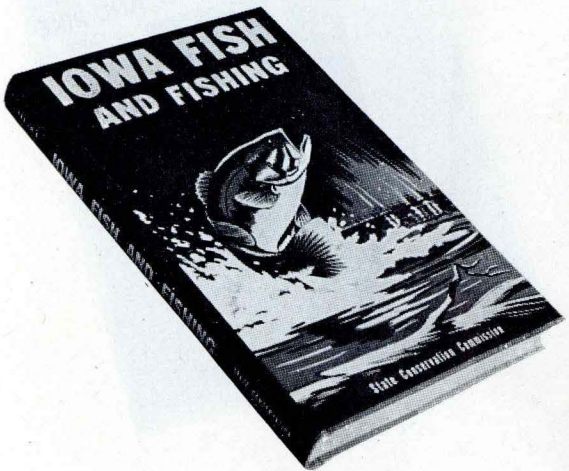
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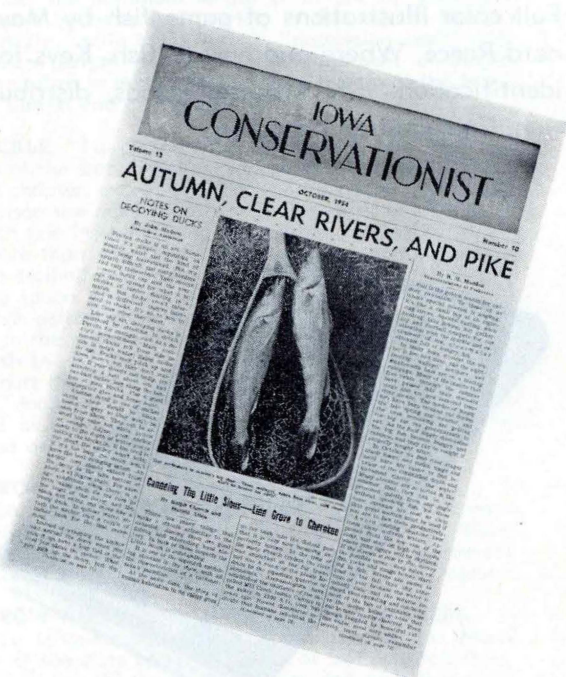
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1955 FISHING REGULATIONS—Effective March 1, 1955 to March 1, 1956

INLAND WATERS OF THE STATE AND BIG SIOUX RIVER (EXCEPT LEE COUNTY) Kind of Fish**	Open Season	Daily Catch Limit	Possession Limit*	Minimum Length or Weight	BOUNDARY WATERS Mississippi and Missouri Rivers and Inland Waters of Lee County
Sheepshead, Redhorse, Suckers, Gizzard Shad, Mooneye, Goldeye, Carp, Buffalo, Quill- back, carpsuckers, Gar, Dogfish, Eel, Bur- bot, Chubs	Continuous	None	None	None	Same as inland waters.
Rock Sturgeon, Paddlefish	Aug. 1-Nov. 30	15	30	5 lb.	Same as inland waters.
Sand Sturgeon	Aug. 1-Nov. 30	15	30	1 lb.	Same as inland waters.
Bullheads	Continuous	25	50	None	Continuous open season with no catch or possession limit.
Catfish—except Bullhead	Apr. 15-Nov. 30	8	16	None	Continuous open season with no catch or possession limit.
Trout—all species	Continuous 5 a.m.-9 p.m. daily	8	8	None	Same as inland waters.
Minnows	Continuous	None	None	None	Same as inland waters.
Frogs—(except Bullfrogs)	May 12-Nov. 30	4 doz.	8 doz.	None	Same as inland waters.

Fish (except Catfish)	Season	Daily Catch Limit	Possession Limit	Minimum Size	Notes
Bullfrogs—(Rana Catesbeiana)	May 12-Nov. 30	1 doz.	1 doz.	None	Same as inland waters.
Walleye, Sauger	May 15-Feb. 15	5	10	None	Same as inland waters except continuous open season.
Crappie, Yellow Bass, Warmouth Bass, Sunfish, Bluegill, Perch	Continuous	15	30	None	Same as inland waters.
White (Silver) Bass	May 15-Feb. 15	15	30	None	Same as inland waters except continuous open season.
Northern Pike	May 15-Feb. 15	4	8	None	Same as inland waters except continuous open season.
Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass	May 30-Feb. 15	5	10	10 in.	Same as inland waters except open season, May 2-Feb. 15.
Rock Bass	May 30-Feb. 15	15	30	None	Same as inland waters except continuous open season.

*Not to exceed more than fifty (50) fish of all kinds in the aggregate, except that this aggregate possession limit shall not apply to fish named in this table on which there is no daily catch limit.

Where waters are located within the confines of state, city, municipal parks, etc., fishing will be permitted only when such areas are open to the public.

EXCEPTIONS: In Little Spirit Lake, Dickinson County; Iowa (Okamanpedan) and Tuttle Lakes, Emmet County; Burt (Swag) Lake, Kossuth County; and Iowa Lake, Osceola County, the following exceptions apply: WALLEYE PIKE, daily catch limit 8, possession limit 8; NORTHERN PIKE OR PICKEREL, daily catch limit 3, possession limit 3; CATFISH, daily catch limit 8, possession limit 8; WHITE BASS, daily catch limit 15, possession limit 30; open season May 15-February 15. SUNFISH, BLUEGILL, YELLOW PERCH, AND CRAPPIES, daily catch limit 15, possession limit 30; no closed season. LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS, daily catch limit 5, possession limit 5; open season May 30-November 30. BULLHEADS, CARP, SUCKERS, REDHORSE, SHEEPSHEAD, BUFFALO, BURBOT, DOGFISH, AND GAR, no closed season, no daily possession or catch limit. Possession limit on species named in this paragraph not to exceed more than thirty (30) fish of all kinds in the aggregate, except that the aggregate possession limit shall not apply to fish named on which there is no **daily catch limit.

hundred (100) hooks, in the waters of the Mississippi River and Missouri River. A tag as provided in Sec. 109.107, paragraph 3 shall be attached thereto.

UNLAWFUL DEVICES. It shall be unlawful, except as otherwise provided, to use on or in the waters of the state any grab-hook, snag-hook, artificial light, any kind of a net, seine, trap, firearm, dynamite or other explosives or poisonous or stupefying substances, lime, ashes or electricity in the taking or attempting to take any fish, except that gaff-hooks or landing nets may be used to assist in landing fish. No person shall take or kill or attempt to take or kill any fish by hand fishing, provided, however, that it shall be lawful to spear carp, buffalo, quillback, gar or dogfish in the overflow waters of the Mississippi River, and in Cedar and Iowa Rivers in Muscatine and Louisa Counties, and waters of the Winnebago River in Worth and Cerro Gordo Counties.

USE OF SPEAR OR BOW AND ARROW (Also see Sec. 109.76) By administrative order the Conservation Commission has established that: In all waters of the state legally open to fishing it shall be permissible to take carp, buffalo, dogfish, gar, quillback, and gizzard shad by the use of spear or bow and arrow from the first day of May to and including the 31st day of October in each year between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

ARTIFICIAL LAKES — MOTOR BOATS. Outboard motor boats with motors not to exceed 5 horse power shall be permitted upon any state owned artificial lake of 100 acres or more in size.

STATE-OWNED ARTIFICIAL LAKES OVER 100 ACRES

Swan Lake	Carroll County	130 acres
Lake Wapello	Davis County	287 acres
Backbone	Delaware County	125 acres
Beeds Lake	Franklin County	130 acres
Geode	Henry County	205 acres
Rock Creek	Jasper County	640 acres
Lake Macbride	Johnson County	138 acres
Union Grove	Tama County	152 acres
Lake of Three Fires	Taylor County	125 acres
Green Valley Lake	Union County	390 acres
Lake Darling	Washington County	400 acres
Lake Ahquabi	Warren County	130 acres
Allerton Reservoir	Wayne County	106 acres

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