

The daily bag limit on panfish will change effective Jan. 1, according to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The major changes starting in 2011 are:

Panfish – The statewide daily bag limit will be 15 and the possession limit 30.

Trout – The statewide daily bag limit is five, with no more than one fish longer than 16 inches, possession limit is 10.

Black bass – black bass length limits are now either 15-inch minimum or 21-inch minimum. The 21-inch minimum length limit serves the same purpose as the no-harvest regulation.

Channel catfish – The statewide daily bag limit is five and the possession limit 10.

Flathead catfish – In the daily bag limit of five, only one of those may be 30” or longer.

Bowfishing – The harvest of nongame fish, from inland waters and the Missouri River, is allowed 24 hours per day, year-round.

Box Butte Reservoir – Underwater spearfishing for game fish is allowed to start on June 1, only at this area.

Lake McConaughy – From sunset to sunrise, April 1 through April 30, fishing from a boat within 30 yards of the dam will be allowed only on that portion of the dam 200 feet north of the outlet, with travel only in a counterclockwise direction.

Bait regulations – Plains and Northern leopard frogs no longer may be commercially harvested or sold for bait. However, anglers still may collect them as bait for personal use.

For more information, read the 2011-2012 Fishing Guide, soon available at OutdoorNebraska.org.