

STATE OF INDIANA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DISCRETIONARY ORDER NO. F-1, REVISED 1976

SPORT FISHING
BAG LIMITS, SIZE LIMITS AND SEASONS

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide daily bag limits, minimum size limits, and seasons for certain species of fishes for the purpose of their proper and necessary propagation to increase the number thereof, and to improve the quality of fishing; and

WHEREAS, said determination is based on field investigations and studies by the Department of Natural Resources and the data obtained therefrom indicate a need for this order; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph D. Cloud, Director of the Department of Natural Resources, acting pursuant to the authority of IC 1971, 14-2-1 through 9, formerly Acts of 1969, Ch. 70, and having held a public hearing as required by the IC 1971, 4-22-2, formerly Acts of 1945, Ch. 120; hereby make the following Discretionary Order No. F-1, Revised 1976.

NO PERSON, except as otherwise provided, shall take fish from waters containing state-owned fish, waters of this state or boundary waters.

IT SHALL be lawful for person possessing a valid fishing license to take fish or crayfish from said waters as herein described.

CATFISH

IT SHALL be lawful to take any number of channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*), blue catfish (*Ictalurus furcatus*), or flathead catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*) not less than ten (10) inches in total length except as otherwise provided. It shall be unlawful to take in any day singly or in the aggregate more than ten (10) channel catfish, blue catfish, and/or flathead catfish not less than ten (10) inches in total length in public lakes and reservoirs.

FOR THE PURPOSE of this discretionary order, public lakes and reservoirs shall be known as any lake, pond, impoundment, or excavation classified as waters containing state-owned fish, waters of this state or boundary waters. The extent of such lakes or reservoirs shall be defined as the elevation of the established legal water level or the elevation of the spillway or outlet.

MUSKELLUNGE

IT SHALL be lawful to take in any one day not more than one (1) muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy*) from Brookville Reservoir, the Whitewater River and all tributaries thereto. Muskellunge less than thirty (30) inches in total length shall not be taken.

NORTHERN PIKE

IT SHALL be lawful to take in any one day not more than three (3) northern pike (*Esox lucius*). Northern pike less than twenty (20) inches in total length shall not be taken.

BASS

IT SHALL be lawful to take in any one day not more than six (6) largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*), smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*) or spotted bass (*Micropterus punctulatus*) singly or in the aggregate. It shall further be lawful to take in any one day not more than twelve (12) white bass (*Morone chrysops*).

NO PERSON shall take from any lake, pond or impoundment on any property owned by, leased or licensed to the Department or from any impoundment constructed under Public Law 566 wherein the Department has stocked fish any largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) less than fourteen (14) inches in total length. It shall be unlawful to possess any largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) less than fourteen (14) inches in total length on said state properties or on public property adjacent to said Public Law 566 impoundments.

IT SHALL be lawful to take not more than two (2) striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) in any one day except as otherwise provided.

REDEAR SUNFISH-CRAPPIES-ROCK BASS

IT SHALL be lawful to take in any one day not more than twenty-five (25) redear sunfish (*Lepomis microlophus*), crappies (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus* and *Pomoxis annularis*) or rock bass (*Ambloplites rupestris*) singly or in the aggregate.

WALLEYE-SAUGER

IT SHALL be lawful to take in any one day not more than six (6) walleye (*Stizostedion vitreum*) or six (6) sauger (*Stizostedion canadense*) singly or in the aggregate.

TROUT

IT SHALL be lawful to take, except as otherwise provided, any brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) or rainbow trout (*Salmo gairdneri*) from any stream from the last Saturday of April to the last day of October, both dates inclusive.

IT SHALL be lawful to take brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) or rainbow trout (*Salmo gairdneri*) from any lake or reservoir at any time of the year.

IT SHALL be lawful, except as otherwise provided, to take in any one day not more than ten (10) trout.

IT SHALL be lawful, except as otherwise provided, to take brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), rainbow trout (*Salmo gairdneri*), or brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) not less than seven (7) inches in total length.

IT SHALL be lawful to take not more than three (3) lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*) in any one day from waters other than Lake Michigan and tributaries thereto.

TROUT WATERS CLOSED TO FISHING

NO PERSON shall take any species of fish from April 20 to the last Friday in April, both dates inclusive, from the following described waters:

1. That portion of the Pigeon River in LaGrange County from the Steuben County Line to County Road 375 East (Trovell's Bridge) but excluding the impoundment known as the Mongo Mill Pond;
2. Those streams in LaGrange County which are tributary to the Pigeon River, such tributaries being Harding Run, Curtis Creek, Graveyard Run and Bloody Run;
3. That portion of Turkey Creek in LaGrange County which lies north of County Road 100 South;
4. Rainbow Pit, which is located on the Pigeon River Fish and Wildlife Area about 1.1 miles east of Ontario in LaGrange County.

LAKE MICHIGAN

IT SHALL be lawful to take at any time from Lake Michigan, Burns Ditch, Black Ditch, the Little Calumet River and its tributary streams in Lake, LaPorte, and Porter Counties, Trail Creek and its tributary streams in LaPorte County, and the Galena River and its tributary streams in LaPorte County, not more than five (5) lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*), brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*), coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), steelhead or rainbow trout (*Salmo gairdneri*), brown trout (*Salmo trutta*), Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) or striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) singly or in the aggregate except as otherwise provided. Said fish less than ten (10) inches in total length shall not be taken.

POSSESSION LIMIT

ANY PERSON having fished for two (2) or more days may possess not more than two (2) days' lawful catch of any species of fish named herein.

SORTING FISH

NO PERSON SHALL, after having a fish in possession and making it a portion of his daily bag limit, sort and release any fish in order to replace it with another.

UNLAWFULLY CAUGHT FISH

ANY UNLAWFULLY caught fish shall be returned immediately to the waters from which it was taken without unnecessary injury.

ALL OTHER SPECIES

IT SHALL be lawful to take, except as otherwise provided, all species of fish not named herein, except for cave fishes of the family *Amblyopsidae*, muskellunge (*Esox masquinongy*) and blue sucker (*Cycleptus elongatus*), without regard to any season, size, or bag limits.

DEFINITION OF TOTAL LENGTH

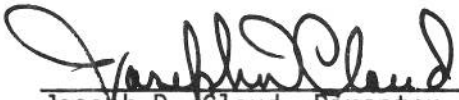
THE MEASUREMENT of the length of fish shall be taken in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the utmost end of the caudal (tail) fin when said fin is compressed so that the upper and lower lobes of the fin touch or overlap.

THIS LAW SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FIFTEEN (15) DAYS AFTER RECEIPT BY COUNTY CLERK AND SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED OR MODIFIED ACCORDING TO LAW.

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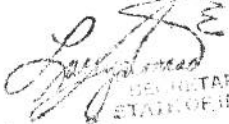
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Theodore L. Sendak
Attorney General of Indiana

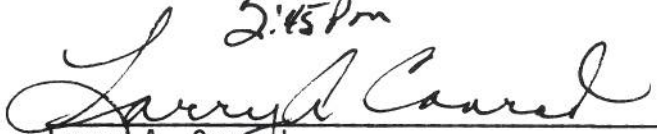

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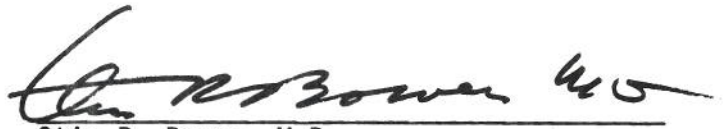
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STATE OF INDIANA

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Larry A. Conrad
Secretary of State

APPROVED this 21st day of
August, 1976.


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Governor, State of Indiana

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THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY FRANK R. LOCKARD, DIRECTOR OF DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Discretionary Order No. F-1, Revised 1976.


Larry A. Conrad, Secretary of State