

Fish Species that can't be sold or transported as live bait fish in Nebraska*



— Alewife



— Gizzard Shad

Buffalo

All species — Examples are:



— Bigmouth Buffalo



— Smallmouth Buffalo

Bullhead

All species — Example is:



— Black Bullhead

Carp

All species — Examples are:



— Common Carp



— Grass Carp

— Bighead Carp



— Silver Carp

Carp sucker

All species — Examples are:



— River Carpsucker

— Quillback



Gar

All species — Example is:

— Shortnose Gar



* All fish species on this page can be used as bait if they are dead or they can be used alive in the same body of water they were caught in.

DISPOSAL OF UNUSED BAIT

Anglers! Help Protect Your Valuable Fishery Resources. The improper disposal of baitfish can spread damaging non-native aquatic animals and plants. Once established, they can have negative impacts on Nebraska's native aquatic ecosystems. They also can detrimentally affect our overall ability to enjoy Nebraska's natural resources.

- Dispose of unused bait in the trash, at fish cleaning stations or on land.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about aquatic invasive species, the problems they cause, regulations to prevent their spread, or methods and permits for their control:

Visit us at neinvasives.com

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NEBRASKA BAIT GUIDE



STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!

Aquatic Invasive Species are spread by hitchhiking on boating and fishing equipment.

Protect Nebraska's waterbodies by following these procedures:

CLEAN

AFTER BOATING, BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE LAUNCH:



Remove all visible plants, animals, fish and mud from your boat, trailer or other equipment and dispose of in a suitable trash container or on dry land.

DRAIN

AFTER BOATING, BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE LAUNCH:



Drain water from bilge, live wells, ballast tanks and any other locations with water before leaving the launch. Invasive species can survive in small amounts of water.

DRY

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT THE LAUNCH TO GO BOATING:



Dry your boat, trailer and all equipment completely. Drying times vary depending on the weather. Dry at least 5 days during the summer.

Don't Dump Bait

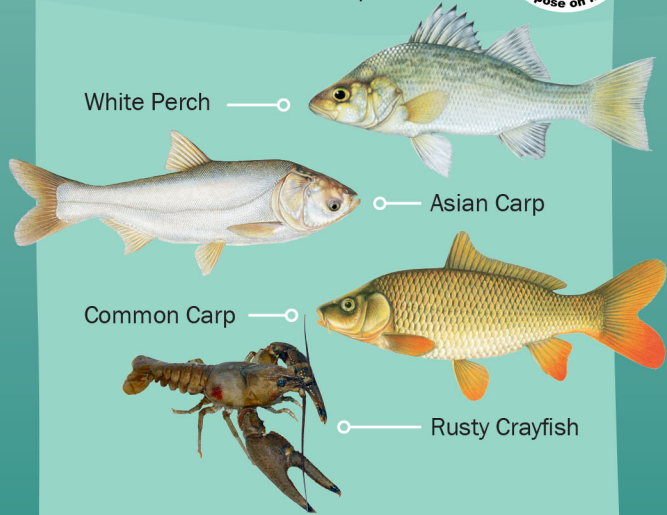
STOP THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) are animals and plants that are not native to Nebraska and can threaten lake and river ecology and harm native and desirable species and interfere with our economy.

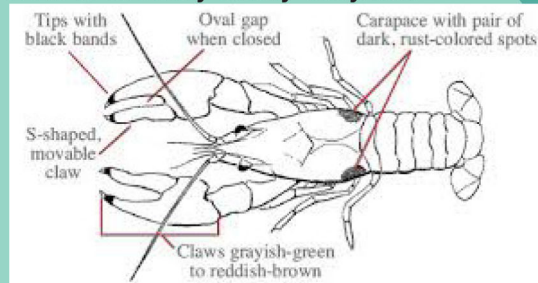
- Dispose of unused bait & bait bucket water in the trash, at a fish cleaning station or on land
- Learn to identify ANS species and never use them as bait or transport them alive
- Clean, Drain and Dry your watercrafts and equipment before leaving the boat launch
- Visit neinvasives.com for more information



The following are aquatic nuisance species which can NOT be transported alive:



How to Identify Rusty Crayfish:



BAIT REGULATIONS (Visit outdoornebraska.ne.gov for current regulations)

Baitfish, listed amphibians and crayfish MAY NOT be sold, except by permit. For commercial purposes (bait dealers, private aquaculturists and nonresident fish dealers), refer to the regulations supplied with your permit.

Legal Baitfish of Nebraska

- Creek Chub
- Emerald Shiner
- Fathead Minnow
- Golden Shiner
- Goldfish
- Plains Killifish
- Red Shiner
- River Shiner
- Sand Shiner
- White Sucker

Legal Crayfish:

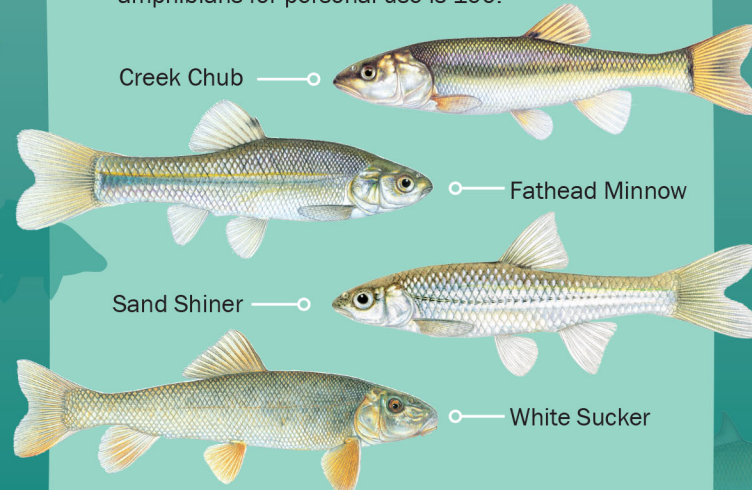
- Devil Crayfish
- Northern Crayfish
- Papershell Crayfish
- Ringed Crayfish

Legal Salamander:

- Tiger (Barred) Salamander

The following regulations apply only to bait obtained for personal use.

- It is unlawful to take unapproved baitfish, amphibians or crayfish from one body of water to another in Nebraska.
- The bag and possession limit of baitfish and listed amphibians for personal use is 100.



DON'T DUMP BAIT CHECKLIST

- Know and understand Nebraska's baitfish rules and regulations.
- Learn to identify Nebraska's permitted baitfish species as well as potential aquatic nuisance species.
- Never release live bait or water from a bait bucket into a body of water.
- Always empty your bait bucket in the trash or on land.
- Never transport water, animals or plants from one body of water to another.
- Always encourage others to follow these guidelines.

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