

- ♥ All bass within and inclusive of the size range of the slot limit must be released immediately.
- * White bass limit on Toledo Bend Reservoir is 25.
- * 100 aggregate for all 3 species combined (125 Toledo Bend).
- ♦ Recreational fishermen are allowed an aggregate bag limit of 25 (50 Toledo Bend) undersized channel, blue, and flathead catfish of the total aggregate limit.
- † All paddlefish greater than 30 inches (lower jaw fork length) must be returned to the water immediately. The taking or possession of paddlefish is closed in all saltwater areas of the state and in border waters shared with Texas. All possessed paddlefish must be dead. The possession or transportation of live paddlefish is prohibited. All paddlefish possessed on the waters of the state shall be maintained intact. No persons shall possess paddlefish eggs on the waters of the state which are not fully attached to the fish.



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FRESHWATER Recreational Fish 2008 Louisiana Size & Bag Limits



FRESHWATER RECREATIONAL FISH SIZE AND BAG LIMITS

Species	Minimum size	Bag limit
Black Bass		
Atchafalaya Basin	14 in.	10/day
Lakes Verret/Palourde & Fausse Pointe/Dauterive complex		
False River	14 in.	5/day
Toledo Bend	14 in. largemouth; None. spotted (in aggregate)	8/day
Eagle Lake/Madison Parish	16 in.	10/day
Caney Creek Lake	15 to 19 in. slot limit. Only 2 over 19 in.♥	8/day
Caddo Lake	14 to 17 in. slot limit. Only 4 over 17 in.♥	10/day
Spanish Lake	16 to 21 in. slot limit Only 2 over 21 in.♥	8/day
Poverty Point Reservoir	15 to 19 in. slot limit. ♥ Only 1 over 19 in.	8/day
Lakes Chicot, Cross, Vernon, Rodemacher, Black Bayou (Bossier), and John K. Kelly-Grand Bayou Reservoir	14 to 17 in. slot limit. Only 4 over 17 in.♥	8/day
All other areas	None	10/day
Crappie		
Poverty Point Reservoir	None	50/day
	None	25/day
Striped Bass & Hybrid Striped Bass		
	None. Only 2 over 30 in.	5/day in aggregate
White Bass		
	None	50/day♣
Yellow Bass		
	None	None
Channel Catfish		
	11 in.♦	★
Blue Catfish		
	12 in.♦	★
Flathead (Yellow) Catfish		
	14 in.♦	★
Buffalo Fish		
	Under 16 in.	25
	Over 16 in.	None
Gaspergou		
	Under 12 in.	25
	Over 12 in.	None
Bowfin		
	16 in.	None
Shad		
	None	50 pounds
Paddlefish		
	< 30 in. LJFL †	2/day †
Sturgeon		
	Closed	Closed
All other Freshwater Fish		
	None	None

The possession limit for freshwater fish is twice the daily limit except for black bass and paddlefish statewide, catfish and Poverty Point Crappie, and any species with a bag limit on Toledo Bend Reservoir. For these, the possession limit is the same as the daily limit while on the water.