

MLL: Minimum Length Limit

¹ All bass within and inclusive of the size range of the slot limit must be released immediately.

² 100 aggregate for all 3 species combined (50 Toledo Bend).

³ Recreational fishermen are allowed an aggregate bag limit of 25 (50 Toledo Bend) undersized channel, blue, and flathead catfish of the total aggregate limit. Flathead 18" MLL/10 fish bag limit.

La/Tex boundary waters are: Caddo Lake, Sabine River (main channel of the river from the Toledo Bend Dam downstream to Interstate 10; main channel of the river upstream from Toledo Bend to where it turns westward and enters Texas), and Toledo Bend Reservoir.

⁴ 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 SIZE AND BAG LIMITS

Species	Minimum size	Bag limit	
Black Bass (Largemouth and Spotted)			
Atchafalaya Basin	14 in.	10/day	
Lakes Verret/Palourde & Fausse Pointe/Dauterive complex			
Caney Creek Lake	15 to 19 in. slot limit. Only 2 over 19 in. ¹	8/day	
Caddo Lake	Large	14 to 18 in. slot limit. Only 4 over 18 in. ¹	8/day
	Spotted	None	
Eagle Lake/Madison Parish	16 in.	10/day	
False River	14 in.	5/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. ¹	8/day	
Poverty Point Reservoir	15 to 19 in. slot limit. ¹ Only 1 over 19 in.	8/day	
Spanish Lake	16 to 21 in. slot limit Only 2 over 21 in. ¹	8/day	
Toledo Bend	14 in. largemouth; None. spotted (in aggregate)	8/day	
All other areas	None	10/day	
Striped Bass & Hybrid Striped Bass	None. Only 2 over 30 in.	5/day in aggregate	
White Bass	None	50/day	
Texas Boundary		25/day	
Yellow Bass	None	50/day expt none/Toledo	
Texas Boundary	None		
Blue Catfish	12 in. ³	2	
Channel Catfish	11 in. ³	2	
Flathead (Yellow) Catfish	14 in. ³	2	
Crappie	None	50/day	
Poverty Pt/Tx Boundary	None	25/day	
Buffalo Fish	16 in.	25	
Gaspergou (Freshwater Drum)	12 in.	25	
Bowfin	16 in.	None	
Shad	None	50 pounds	
Paddlefish	< 30 in. LJFL ⁴	2/day ⁴	
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.