










# Fish Identification/ Daily Limits

Species		Min Length to Keep	Daily Creel Limit	
			Members Including Accompanying Guests	Individual Family Member w/Permit
	Perch	10"	5	2
	Catfish	14"	4	2
	Crappie*	10"	5	2
	Northern**	30"	2	1
	Muskie**	51"	1	1
	SM Bass	21"	1	0
	Carp	None	No Limit	No Limit
	Bullhead	None	No Limit	No Limit
	Bluegill	Up to 8"	25 in Combo with Crappie	10 in Combo with Crappie
		Over 8"	5 in Combo with Crappie	2 in Combo with Crappie
	Walleye	Under 16"	0	0
		16"-20"	2	1
		Over 20" to 28"	0	0
		Over 28"	1	1
	LM Bass	Under 13"	5	2
		13"-22"	0	0
		Over 22"	1	0

\* Crappie season closed from "Ice-Out" thru June 15th

**\*\*Targeting Muskie or Northern Pike from June 15<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup> is prohibited.** Targeting these fish is defined as fishing for the primary purpose of catching these species (during this period) using specifically designed baits, equipment and techniques developed and used with the intent of attracting these particular fish.



## FISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS

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**LSA Public Safety (815) 248-2778**

**\$50 MINIMUM FINE FOR LITTERING**

**\$100 FINE PER FISH FOR CREEL VIOLATIONS**



**LS FISH CLUB**

In order to fish the waters of Lake Summerset, all fisherman, 16 or older, must have a valid Illinois fishing license in their possession and meet **ONE** of the criteria listed below. Principal and/or Associate Members of the Association must also have their LSA Member ID Card in their possession.

- Is a **Member of the Association**, as defined by the Lake Summerset rules and regulations.
- Is a **Guest** of a Principal or Associate Hosting Member of the Association **and is accompanied by the Hosting Member** when they are fishing.
- Is a **Guest** in possession of their “Individual Family Member Monthly or Annual Fishing Permit” (as defined below). Said guest may fish alone, may keep their Daily Guest Creel Limit and must abide by all Guest fishing rules as outlined in this booklet. Individual Family Member Monthly or Annual Permits are available to active military (with ID) at no charge.

**To obtain a “Individual Family Member Monthly or Annual Permit”, the Principal Member must purchase the permit for the Family Member at the LSA Office in person. To qualify, the Family Member must be a parent, grandparent, sibling, child or grandchild (including all spouses) of the Principal Member(s). Creel limits for Family Members in possession of an Individual Member Permit is listed in the Fish Identification/Daily Limits Chart present in this pamphlet. **For Family Members 16 and older, a State of Illinois Fishing License, State issued photo ID and the LSA Individual Family Member Permit must always be carried when fishing. Family members under the age of 16 are not required to have an Individual Family Member Permit and may fish alone without Principal Member being present. However, under those conditions Individual Family Member Permit Holder Daily Creel limits apply for any fish kept as identified in this pamphlet.****

1. The regulations of the State of Illinois pertaining to fishing are hereby incorporated by reference and made applicable to LSA members as if specifically set forth in these Rules and Regulations and are applicable to all fishing activities at LSA. Thus, Illinois regulations governing fishing licenses, seasons, limits, legal sizes, etc. must be observed as well as any posted Lake Summerset Regulations.

2. **Guests** which are not Family Members **under the age of 16** are not allowed to fish alone and must be accompanied by the Principal, Associate or Junior Hosting Member. All fish harvested by the Hosting Member and/or guest are applied towards the Hosting Members daily creel limit.

3. No unattended guest fishing is allowed year-round unless the guest is a family member and is in possession of a “Individual Family Member Monthly or Annual Permit”.

4. The use of setlines, unattended lines, and seine nets is prohibited. An unattended line is defined as one in which a person using the line is not actively directing his or her attention to and cannot immediately respond to the line upon indication of a bite or interference with a watercraft. Limit of two (2) poles per angler with maximum of two (2) hooks or lures per pole.

5. It is **ILLEGAL** to use or possess ANY “Live bait” other than worms or spikes (larvae). “Live bait” includes minnows, live fish from LSA used as bait, crayfish and leeches. “Cut bait” from bluegills and sunfish caught in LSA is allowed. Cut-bait Bluegills count against creel and head must be kept. It is illegal to cut up, dress or be in possession of cut up or dressed fish (on any body of water in Illinois) where there is a size limit for that species of fish. Dead VHS-free packaged minnows with the packaging is allowed. The fine for possessing restricted bait is published in the current LSA Fine Schedule which is available on the LSA website. LSA fishing rights of guests in violation will be rescinded permanently.

6. It is illegal to deposit any fish obtained from outside of the lake into Lake Summerset.

7. Creel limits and size of each fish variety caught must be adhered to as posted and published in this booklet.

8. **ICE FISHING** - No permanent ice fishing shelter may be placed on the ice. All shelters must be removed each night. All ice fishing shelters must be marked with the name and address of the owner in accordance with State of Illinois regulations and also with the name and lot number of the LSA member if different than owner of shelter. A guest ice fisherman must be accompanied by a LSA member (unless said guest is in possession of a Individual Family Member Monthly or Annual Permit). The guest may fish alone in their own ice shelter, but must be within speaking distance (maximum of 40 yards) of the member. Holes cut in the ice may not be larger than 8 inches in diameter. A maximum of three poles or tip-ups with no more two (2) hooks on each line are allowed.

9. Members and their guests may not trespass on private lots owned by others. Thus, one may not fish from a private lakefront lot or dock without the permission of the owner. One may NOT fish inside or within 100 feet of the small buoys that designate the specific swim areas of the beaches. One may fish from the dam or any LSA shoreline park.

10. Commercial or other for-profit use of the lake is prohibited except as approved by the LSA Board. Any member who violates this provision shall be denied use of the waters of LSA for the balance of the year in which the offense occurs and also the following year.

11. Spear and bow and arrow fishing is for carp only. It requires LSA instructions and a valid LSA bow and arrow fishing permit. In addition, each person taking fish by these means must have a valid Illinois fishing license in their possession. Arrows and spears shall be equipped with a line for recovery.

12. Members and their guests, by fishing the waters of LSA, shall be deemed to agree to allow inspection of bait, equipment, creel, boat, cooler and any other equipment, by LSA public safety or other staff, upon request. No guest or member is or shall be required to stop or be detained for such inspection against his or her will, but failure to allow inspection upon request shall constitute a violation of these rules and subject the member to a fine present in the current LSA Fine Schedule which is available on the LSA website.