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BLACK BASS ANGLING LAWS

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The Fish and Wildlife Service has found it impracticable to continue issuing an annual publication summarizing the game fish laws with special reference to black bass. The various authorities of the States and Canadian Provinces do not announce their fishing regulations until shortly before the seasons open; and frequently also changes are made in the laws too late for the Service to publish them, and some laws are superseded while a publication is being compiled. Thus it is impracticable for the Service to compile and publish the laws governing angling for all game fishes.

All the States and the Provinces of Canada, however, issue pamphlet editions of their fishing and hunting laws and will supply them to interested persons. A request should be addressed to the fish and game department of the State in which interested. The appended tabulation summarizes briefly the latest available data on black bass seasons, limits, and the cost of resident and nonresident angler's licenses.

TABLE 1.--Seasons, license fees, and limits on black bass

State	Seasons <u>1/</u> (Dates inclusive)	Licenses <u>2/</u>		Mini- mum length	Daily limit
		Resi- dent	Non- resi- dent		
Alabama.....	No closed season	\$1.00	\$5.00	11	10 fish.
Arizona.....	No closed season	1.75	<u>1/</u> 3.00	<u>1/</u> 10	10 fish or 15 pounds
Arkansas.....	May 16-Mar. 15	1.50	5.00	10	15 fish.
California.....	May 29-Oct. 31 <u>1/</u>	2.00	3.00	9	10 fish. <u>1/</u>
Colorado.....	Apr. 10-Oct. 31 <u>1/</u>	2.00	3.00	(<u>3/</u>)	20 fish or 10 pounds and 1 fish.
Connecticut.....	July 1-Oct. 31	3.35	5.35		10 10 fish.
Delaware.....	June 25-Feb. 1	1.25	7.50		10 6 fish.

For footnotes see page 3.

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District of Co- lumbia.....	May 30-Mar.	31	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)	(3/)
Florida.....	May 20-Mar.	14	\$2.25	\$5.50	12	12 largemouth and 12 smallmouth.
Georgia.....	June 1-Apr.	14 <u>1/</u>	1.25	5.25	(3/)	(3/)
Hawaii.....	June 1-Oct.	31	2.50	2.50	<u>1/10</u>	10 fish. <u>1/</u>
Idaho.....	July 1-Apr.	30 <u>1/</u>	2.00	5.00	8	15 fish or 15 pounds and 1 fish. <u>1/</u>
Illinois:						
Northern zone..	June 16-Mar.	31	.75	3.00	10	10 fish.
Central zone..	June 1-Mar.	31	.75	3.00	10	10 fish.
Southern zone..	May 15-Mar.	31	.75	3.00	10	10 fish.
Indiana.....	June 16-Apr.	30	1.50	2.25	10	6 fish.
Iowa.....	June 15-Nov.	30	1.00	3.00	<u>1/10</u>	5 fish.
Kansas.....	May 26-Apr.	19	1.00	3.00	<u>1/10</u>	15 fish.
Kentucky.....	June 1-Apr.	30	1.00	2.50	11	10 fish.
Louisiana.....	No closed season		1.00	2.00	10	20 fish.
Maine.....	{ June 21-Sept. 30 <u>1/</u> June 1-June 20 <u>1/4/</u> }		1.15	5.15	10	10 pounds and 1 fish.
Maryland:						
Tidal waters...	Aug. 1-Mar.	31	1.25	5.50	10	20 fish.
Nontidal waters	June 15-Nov.	30	1.25	5.50	10	10 fish.
Massachusetts...	July 1-Jan.	31	2.00	5.25	10	6 fish.
Michigan.....	June 25-Dec.	31 <u>1/</u>	1.00	2.00	10	5 fish. <u>1/</u>
Minnesota:						
Northern zone..	June 21-Dec.	1	.50	3.00	(3/)	6 fish.
Southern zone..	May 29-Dec.	1	.50	3.00	(3/)	6 fish.
Mississippi.....	May 1-Feb.	28	1.25	3.25	10	25 fish.
Missouri.....	June 15-Dec.	31	1.00	3.00	10	8 fish.
Montana.....	May 21-Mar.	14	2.00	5.00	<u>5/7</u>	15 fish or 15 pounds and 1 fish.
Nebraska.....	Apr. 1-Nov.	30	1.10	2.10	10	5 fish.
Nevada.....	May 1-Oct.	1 <u>1/</u>	1.50	3.00	(3/)	10 pounds or 25 fish.
New Hampshire...	July 1-Nov.	1	2.50	4.00	9	10 pounds.
New Jersey.....	June 15-Nov.	30	2.10	5.50	9	10 fish.
New Mexico.....	{ April 1-Apr. 15 June 1-Nov. 30 }		2.00	3.00	9	15 pounds and 1 fish.
New York.....	July 1-Nov.	30 <u>1/</u>	1.65	5.50	10	8 fish.
North Carolina...	{ May 10-Mar. 31 June 10-Mar. 31 <u>6/</u> }		2.10	5.10	12	8 large mouth and 8 smallmouth.
North Dakota.....	June 16-Oct.	31	.50	3.00	10	5 fish.
Ohio.....	June 16-Apr.	30	.60	3.25	10	6 fish.
Oklahoma.....	No closed season		1.25	5.00	8	10 fish.
Oregon.....	Apr. 15-Oct.	31 <u>1/</u>	3.00	5.00	(3/)	30 fish or 20 pounds and 1 fish.

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Pennsylvania.....	July 1-Nov. 30 <u>1/</u>	\$1.60	\$2.60	Inches 9	6 fish.
Rhode Island.....	June 20-Feb. 20	1.25	2.50	10	6 fish.
South Carolina...	No closed season <u>1/</u>	1.10	5.25	(<u>3/</u>)	(<u>3/</u>)
South Dakota.....	June 15-Feb. 28 <u>1/</u>	1.00	3.00	(<u>3/</u>)	8 fish.
Tennessee.....	May 30-Mar. 14 <u>1/</u>	2.00	5.00	11	8 fish.
Texas.....	May 1-Feb. 28	1.10	5.00	11	15 fish.
Utah.....	June 15-Oct. 31	2.00	3.00	7	30 fish or 10 pounds and 1 fish.
Vermont.....	July 1-Nov. 30	1.25	5.15	10	5 fish. <u>1/</u>
Virginia:					
East of Blue Ridge.....	June 15-Mar. 15 <u>1/</u>	2.00	5.00	12	10 fish or 150 per season.
West of Blue Ridge.....	July 1-Dec. 31	2.00	5.00	12	10 fish or 150 per season.
Washington.....	Apr. 6-Oct. 31 <u>1/</u>	3.00	5.00	10	20 fish or 10 pounds and 1 fish.
West Virginia....	June 28-Nov. 30	2.00	5.00	10	8 fish.
Wisconsin.....	June 20-Jan. 15 <u>1/</u>	1.00	3.00	10	7 fish.
Wyoming.....	Apr. 1-Oct. 31 <u>1/</u>	1.50	3.00	(<u>3/</u>)	20 fish or 15 pounds.

1/ Certain exceptions--consult local fish and game authorities.

2/ Consult State fish and game authorities relative to alien, short term,
and local licenses; also age-license requirements, etc.

3/ None.

4/ Artificial-fly fishing only.

5/ Not more than 5 fish less than 7 inches in length.

6/ Smallmouth only.