

Mississippi River
(between IL & IA)

State of Illinois

Multiple Counties

All Fish	Anglers must not use more than 2 poles and each pole must not have more than 2 hooks or lures while trolling.
Bluegill or Pumpkinseed Sunfish	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit singly or in aggregate
Large or Smallmouth Bass	14" Minimum Length Limit
Large or Smallmouth Bass (14)	5 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Northern Pike	5 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Paddlefish	Snagging for paddlefish is permitted from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset daily, March 1 through April 15 within a 500 yard downstream limit below locks and dams on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa; daily catch limit is 2 fish; the maximum length limit for paddlefish taken from the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa is 33" eye fork length (EFL) (all paddlefish ≥ to 33" EFL must be immediately released back to the Mississippi River); no sorting allowed; once the daily limit of paddlefish has been reached, snagging must cease.
Recreational Use Restrictions	Any tagged sport fishing device may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours or must be completely removed. Maximum treble hook size is 5/0; gaffs may not be used to land paddlefish.
Rock Bass	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit
Striped, White, Yellow or Hybrid Striped Bass	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit singly or in aggregate – statewide regulation limiting daily creel to 3 fish ≥ 17" is not in effect on the Mississippi River between Illinois and Iowa.
Walleye	15" Minimum Length Limit with a 20"-27" Protected Slot Length Limit (24)
Walleye and Sauger (14)	6 Fish Daily Creel Limit with no more than 1 walleye > 27" in total length.
White, Black or Hybrid Crappie (15)	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit singly or in aggregate
Yellow Perch	25 Fish Daily Creel Limit

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