

No fish of any species from outside of the state of Louisiana shall be liberated within the state except upon written permission of the Secretary of LDWF.

FRESHWATER FISHING IN LOUISIANA

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

All anglers fishing in freshwater must possess a valid Basic Fishing License.

A **Basic Fishing License** is also required to use the following gear:

- Bow and arrow
- Barbed or barbless spear
- Frog gig/catcher
- Scuba gear
- Hook and Line
- Cast net (radius not to exceed 8 feet, 6 inches)

All applicable licenses must be in possession of the fisherman.

FRESHWATER SPECIES YOU CANNOT HARVEST

The federally listed threatened and endangered, or prohibited species listed below are off limits for recreational take. Civil and criminal penalties may apply for taking the following aquatic species.

- Louisiana pearlshell mussel (*Margaritifera hembeli*)
- Inflated heelsplitter mussel (*Potamilus inflatus*)
- Fat pocketbook mussel (*Potamilus capax*)
- Pink mucket mussel (*Lampsilis abrupta*)
- Gulf sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus desotoi*)
- Pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*)
- Shovelnose sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus*)
- Rabbitsfoot Mussel (*Quadrula cylindrica cylindrica*)

PROHIBITED FRESHWATER FISH

It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to possess, sell, or transport any of the following species of fish into Louisiana without first obtaining the written permission of the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

- All species of tilapia
- Carp (except koi, common carp and goldfish)
- Freshwater electric eel
- Rudd
- All members of the families of Asian swamp eels, snakeheads, walking catfishes, and pencil catfishes

Exotic species of Asian carp (silver, bighead, black and grass) taken from state waters must not be returned to the water and may not be possessed alive.

No person shall have in possession or sell in this state a piranha or Rio Grande cichlid. If an angler catches a Rio Grande cichlid using legal methods, the fish shall not be returned to the water or kept alive while in the possession of the angler.