LURES & BAIT

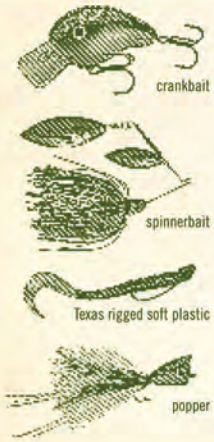
When selecting lures, the angler must consider what the fish eat and also what the fish have available to them in the particular body of water.

Consider these popular baits for different fish species:

PREDATORY SPECIES

(bass, crappie, yellow bass)

Feed on minnows, crustaceans, and terrestrial insects and animals.



Minnow Imitation: Spinnerbaits, crankbaits, swimbaits, jerkbaits, spoons, clouser minnow flies, deceiver flies, and crease flies

Crustaceans: Texas rigged soft plastics of all shapes and sizes and jig, wooly bugger flies, and Calcasieu pig boat flies

Terrestrials: Poppers, soft body frogs, soft body mice, foam spider flies, foam dragon fly flies, and deer hair mice flies

PANFISH SPECIES

(bluegill, green sunfish, warmouth, cichlids)

Feed on tiny minnows, crustaceans, and insects.

Live Bait: Crickets, worms or grass shrimp under a cork

Lures: Beetle spins and tube jigs

Flies: Small rubber legged poppers, foam spiders on the surface, and nymphs in the water column including hare's ear, pheasant tail, rubber legged chenille flies in contrasting colors

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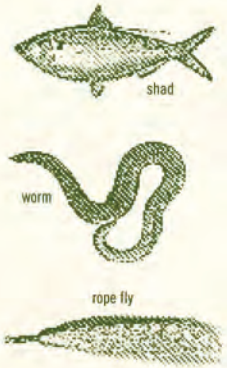
CATFISH / GAR

Opportunistic Feeders: feed on what is available.



Catfish

Worms, shad, or dough ball fished either tight-lined or under a cork

Occasionally, wooly buggers and rubber legged dragons

Gar

Cut shad or other fish tight-lined or under a cork

Occasionally caught on rope flies with combed out rope

Recreational fishing licenses may be purchased by phone toll-free at **1-888-765-260** or online at **www.la.wildlifelicense.com**

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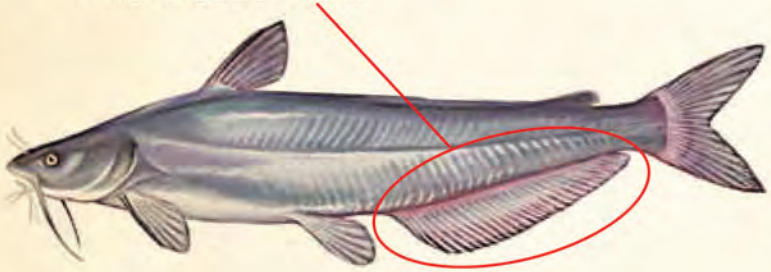
FISH ID**

Largemouth Bass – *Micropterus salmoides*

- Broad black stripe, often broken, along side
- Limit 10 daily, any size

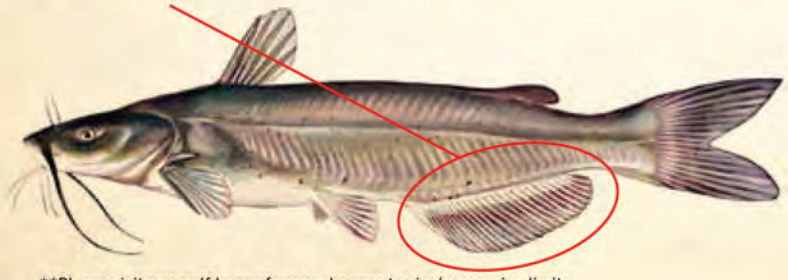
Blue Catfish – *Ictalurus furcatus*

- 12" minimum length, limit 100 daily in aggregate with channel and flathead catfish with up to 25 undersized
- Long, straight edged anal fin



Channel Catfish – *Ictalurus punctatus*

- 11" minimum length, limit 100 daily in aggregate with channel and flathead catfish with up to 25 undersized
- Rounded anal fin



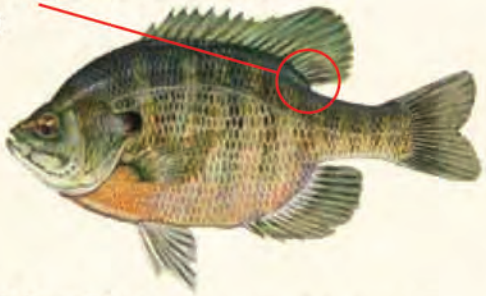
**Please visit www.wlf.la.gov for any changes to size/possession limits.

Green Sunfish – *Lepomis cyanellus*

- Black spot at rear of 2nd dorsal and anal fin bases
- Yellow or orange edge on 2nd dorsal, anal, and caudal fins
- Large mouth
- No limit

Bluegill – *Lepomis macrochirus*

- Large black spot at rear of dorsal fin
- No limit



Yellow Bass – *Morone mississippiensis*

- 5 to 7 broken stripes on side
- Dorsal fins joined by a membrane
- No size limit, 50 daily creel limit

Spotted Gar – *Lepisosteus oculatus*

- No Limit

Warmouth – *Lepomis gulosus*

- Dark red-brown lines radiating from back of red eye
- Large mouth
- No limit

Black Crappie – *Pomoxis nigromaculatus*

- Limit 50 daily

Rio Grande Cichlid – *Herichthys cyanoguttatus*

- **INVASIVE:** Species must be killed immediately upon capture
- Cream or turquoise spots
- Broken lateral line
- No limit

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Anglers 16 years of age or older who take or possess fish in Louisiana waters must possess a state fishing license.

NO FISHING ON GOLF COURSE

- P Parking
- R Restroom
- Fishing Pier
- Trails
- Road
- Improved Shoreline

City Park History
(Relative to LDWF)

- LDWF is responsible for fisheries management in New Orleans City Park lagoons. The goal of urban fisheries management is to provide and enhance recreational fishing opportunities.
- Since 1999, LDWF has stocked the lagoons with many species of fish including largemouth bass, yellow bass, sunfishes, channel catfish, and blue catfish.
- The invasive Rio Grande cichlid* was first spotted in 1996 and has become more common in City Park's lagoons.
- Most aquatic vegetation problems are controlled by salt water entering City Park Lagoons from Bayou St. John.
- There are 11 miles of shoreline throughout the 1,300 acre park.
- Average depth of the lagoon system is 3 feet.

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Robert E Lee Blvd
Golf Course
Driving Range
Filmore Ave
Future Golf Course
Fishing Pier (Christmas tree reef located throughout the lagoon)
Nursery Island
Couturie Forest
Bayou St. John
Marconi Drive
Magnolia Drive
Soccer Fields
Scout Island
Harrison Avenue
Wisner Boulevard
Diagonal Drive
City Park Tennis Center
Baseball Fields
Popp Fountain
NOLA City Bark Dog Park
Pan American Stadium
Zachary Taylor Dr
Administration Building
RAILROAD TRACKS
610
Palm Drive
Practice Track
Henry Thomas Dr
Festival Grounds
Tad Gormley Stadium
Roosevelt Mall St
School
Boat Rentals
Big Lake
Storyland
Botanical Gardens
Victory Ave
Anseman Ave
Dreyfous Ave
Timken Center/ Morning Call
Museum of Art
Lelong Drive
Bayou Metairie
City Park Ave

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