

# WARMWATER GAME FISH

## SIZE AND CREEL REGULATIONS

Species	Minimum Size Limit	Daily Creel Limit
Crappie*	None	None
Largemouth bass*	14 inches, except 2 fish in the creel may be less than 14 inches	5
Smallmouth and Spotted Bass*	12 inches, except 2 fish in the creel may be less than 12 inches	5
Striped Bass and Bodie Bass*	18 inches	3
White bass	None	25
Walleye*	None	8
Muskellunge and Tiger musky	30 inches	2
Sauger	15 inches	8
Kokanee salmon	None	7
Spotted sea trout	12 inches	10
Flounder	13 inches	None
Red drum	18 inches (maximum size 27 inches)	1
American and Hickory shad*	None	10
All Other Warmwater Game Fishes*	None	None

### \* Exceptions:

#### Sunfish

- In the entire Lumber River from the Camp MacKall bridge (SR 1225 at the point where Richmond, Moore, Scotland and Hoke cos. join) to the South Carolina state line and in all public fishing waters east of I-95, except Tar River Reservoir (Nash Co.), the daily creel limit for sunfish is 30 fish in aggregate, no more than 12 of which may be redbreast sunfish.

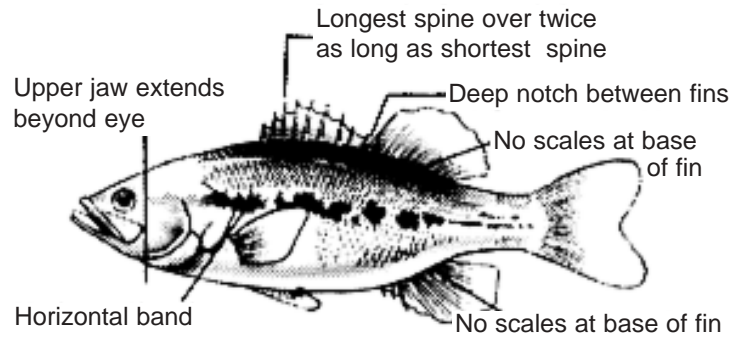
#### Crappie (black and white)

- In the following waters the minimum size limit is 8 inches and the daily creel limit is 20 fish:
  - High Rock Lake
  - Falls Lake (Stanly and Montgomery cos.),
  - Tuckertown Reservoir
  - Lake Ramseur
  - Lake Tillery,
  - Badin Lake
  - Lake Hyco
  - Cane Creek Lake
- The following waters and all their tributaries: **Roanoke Sound, Croatan Sound, Currituck Sound, Albemarle Sound, Alligator River, Scuppernong River, Chowan River, Cashie River, Roanoke River downstream of U.S. 258 bridge, Lake Mattamuskeet, Lake Phelps, Pungo Lake, Alligator Lake and New Lake.**
- In and west of Madison, Buncombe and Rutherford counties and in Lake James, the daily creel limit is 20 fish.

#### Black Bass (largemouth, smallmouth and spotted bass)\*\*

- Only 5 black bass in aggregate may be retained in the daily creel.
- In Calderwood Reservoir there is no minimum size limit on black bass (reciprocal agreement with Tennessee).
- The minimum size limit for bass is 14 inches, with no exception in the following waters:
  - Lake Luke Marion (Moore County)
  - Reedy Creek Park Lakes (Mecklenburg County)
  - High Rock Lake downstream of I-85
  - Tuckertown Reservoir
  - Badin Lake
  - Falls Lake (Stanly and Montgomery cos.)
  - Lake Tillery
  - Lake Rim (Cumberland Co.)
  - New River and its tributaries (Onslow Co.)
  - Blewett Falls Lake.
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- In and west of Madison, Buncombe, Henderson and Polk counties, and in all designated public mountain trout waters, the minimum size limit for black bass is 12 inches, except two bass less than 12 inches in length may be retained in the daily creel.
- In Lake Thom-A-Lex (Davidson Co.), Cane Creek Lake (Union

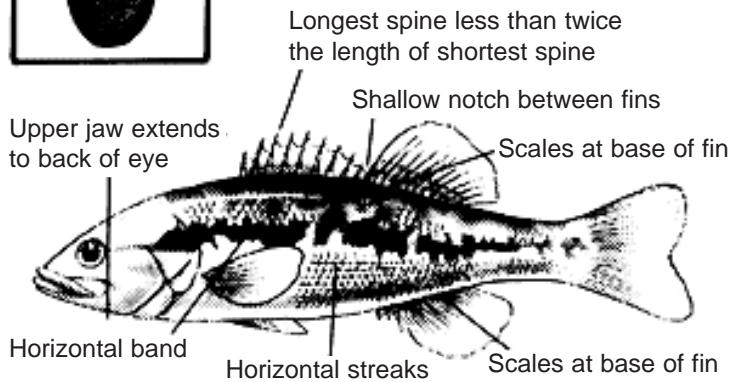
## Bass Identification Chart



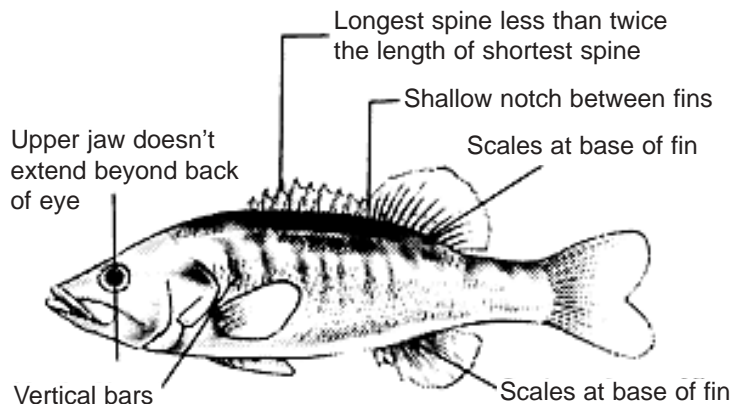
**LARGEMOUTH BASS...Found Statewide**



One patch of teeth on tongue



**SPOTTED BASS...Found in the Mountains, Foothills, and Little River in Harnett County**



**SMALLMOUTH BASS...Found in the Mountains, and Foothills**

