



MISSISSIPPI  
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

## Fish Collection Regulations in Mississippi

**You need a fishing license to collect fish in Mississippi.**

Licenses can be purchased at: <https://www.mdwfp.com/license/fishing/>

**Dipnets are not allowed for the collection of fish in Mississippi.** People can **only collect with seines** that may be no larger than 25 feet in length and 4 feet in depth or with minnow traps that are constructed of glass, plastic, nonmetallic, or wire mesh not more than 32 inches in length and 12 inches in diameter without leads or wings and having an entrance no larger than 1 inch in diameter. All fish native to Mississippi that are not classified as game fish or threatened/endangered fish are classified as either nongame fish or nongame gross fish which can be collected with a minnow seine or in minnow traps. Any game fish or threatened/endangered fish may **not** be collected with minnow seines or minnow traps.

All fish species in the following families are **game fish** and can only be taken by angling.

- Centrarchidae (Black Basses and Sunfish)
- Percidae (Walleye, Sauger, and **Darters**)
- Esocidae (Pickerels)
- Moronidae (White Basses)

All the following fish species are either **threatened or endangered** at the state or federal level and **may not be taken by any gear**.

- Gulf Sturgeon
- Pallid Sturgeon
- Shovelnose Sturgeon
- Alabama Sturgeon
- Saltmarsh Topminnow
- Alabama Shad
- Southern Redbelly Dace
- Bigeye Shiner
- Ironcolor Shiner
- Suckermouth Minnow
- Crystal Darter
- Greenside Darter
- Bayou Darter
- Pearl Darter
- Slenderhead Darter
- Snail Darter
- Slender Madtom
- Frecklebelly Madtom
- Piebald Madtom

There is a possession limit of no more than **four** Bluenose Shiner.

This is a quick reference to our fishing regulations to summarize what fish are legal to take with a seine in Mississippi waters and is not inclusive of all regulations.

Regulations can be found at:

<https://www.mdwfp.com/law-enforcement/fishing-rules-regs/general-fishing-regs/>

Our creel limits can be found at:

[https://www.mdwfp.com/media/253408/creel\\_limits\\_pt\\_3\\_chaper\\_1.pdf](https://www.mdwfp.com/media/253408/creel_limits_pt_3_chaper_1.pdf)