

NEW FISH BOOK AVAILABLE

The new edition of "Iowa Fish and Fishing," the handbook of Iowa anglers, is now available from the State Conservation Commission.

The 377-page book, written by Assistant Director James Harlan and Biology Superintendent Everett Speaker of the Conservation Commission, has twice as many color illustrations as previous editions. The book now contains a total of 18 color plates by artist Maynard Reece, covering 63 species of Iowa game fish, rough fish, minnows and darters. A total of 39 new fish are included in the additional color plates.

New Chapters; Revisions

New additions in the text total 140 pages.

There are new chapters on the distribution of Iowa fish, the use of natural baits and baiting, and a summary of Iowa fishing tackle. There is a new identification key by Dr. Reeve M. Bailey of the University of Michigan and a new section on the state-owned accesses to fishing waters. The sections on angling have all had major revisions and extensions.

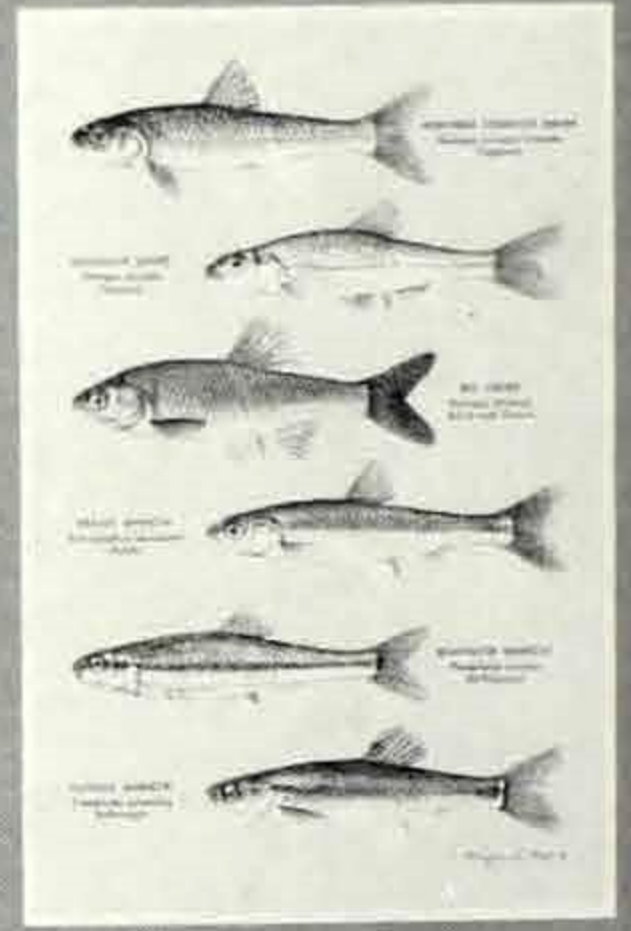
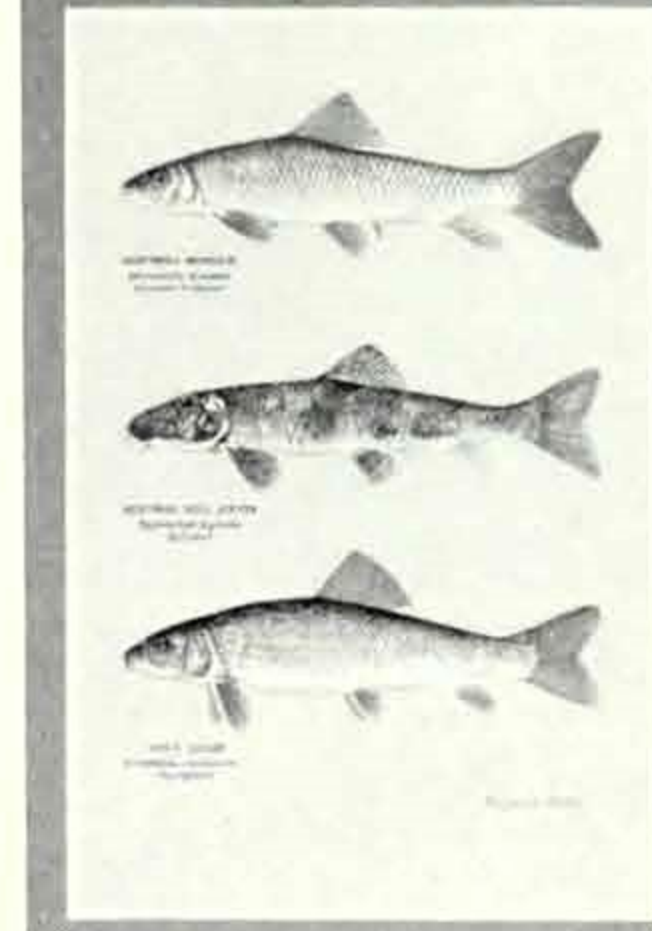
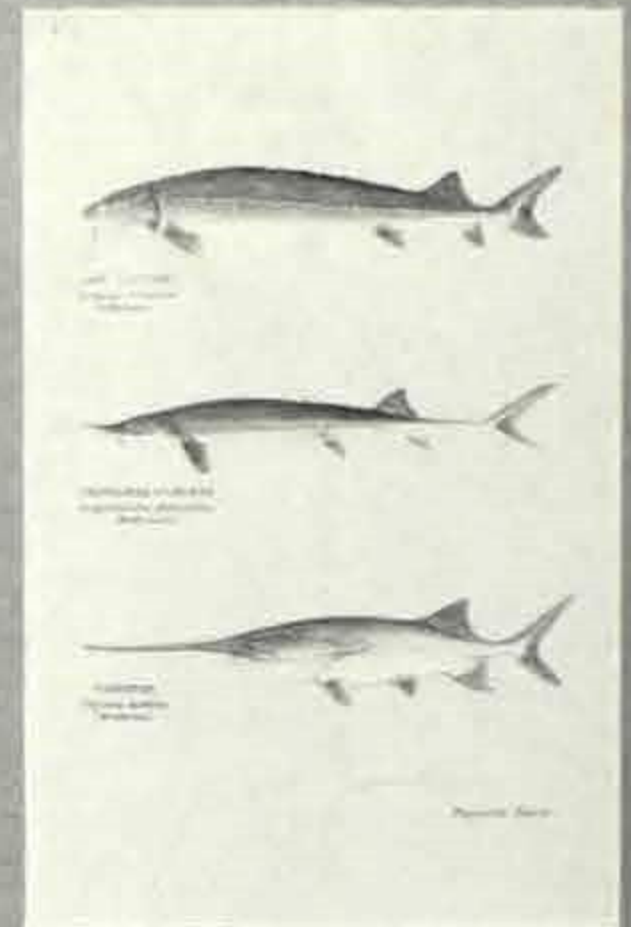
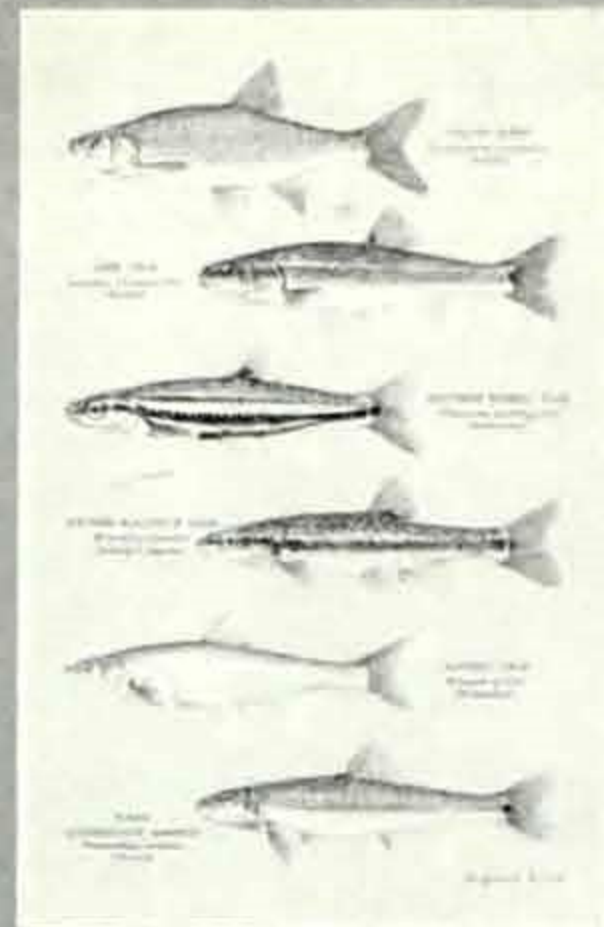
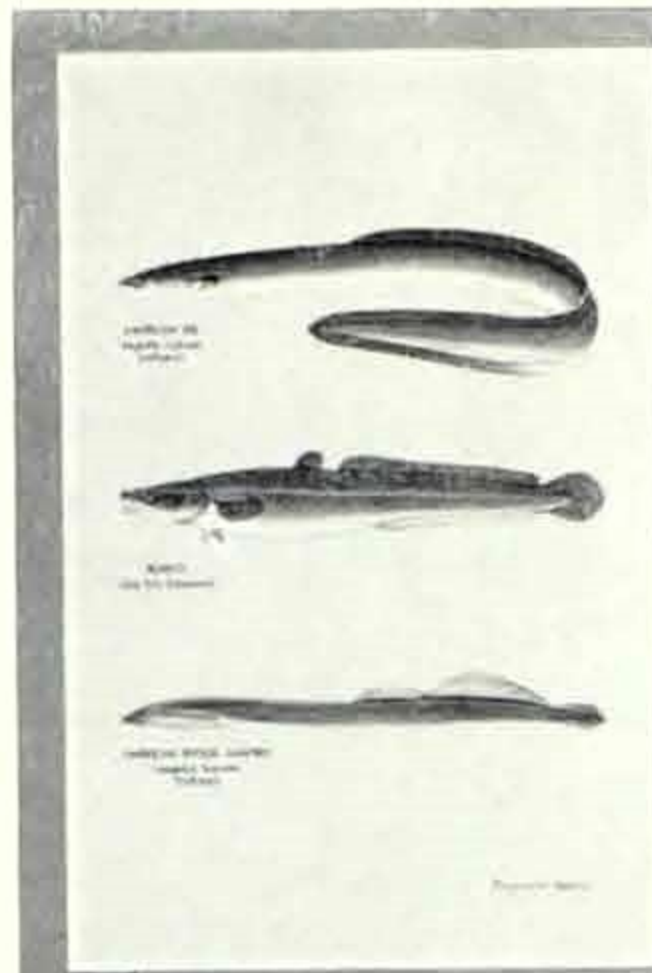
Early Praise

One of the first comments on the new edition came from Russ Graham, outdoor columnist for the *Cedar Rapids Gazette* and president of the Iowa Writers' Association. Graham wrote: "Beyond a doubt this is the best book bargain offered anywhere in the country."

John Garwood, outdoor columnist for the *Marshalltown Times-Republican*, wrote: "Every Iowa fisherman and fisherwoman should have a copy of this beautiful new book in his or her library. Besides pride of possession of a wonderful edition, it's chock full of fishing lore and fishing information, making it all the more valuable."

Scientific and Popular

"Iowa Fish and Fishing" is the only book of its kind, a volume published by a state fish and game department containing full scientific and popular information on fish and fishing. Although written by and for Iowans, it has proven valuable to midwestern anglers



Many new colorplates are contained in the new book, some of which are shown here. Included are plates of minnows and darters—species seldom depicted in good color illustrations.

and is widely used as a sportsman's reference and a school text throughout the nation.

The new edition may be obtained by sending \$2.50 in cash, check or money order to the State Conservation Commission, East 7th and Court, Des Moines. Copies will also be available at the Fish and Game Exhibit Building during the State Fair.

Color Plates Available

The 18 color plates contained in the book may be obtained separately from the text. They are available in two forms: poster and portfolio.

The full set of 18 color plates on two poster sheets, each 22 1/2 x 34 1/2 inches, may be purchased for \$2. Suitable for framing in schools, clubs or other public places, the

posters are mailed postpaid in heavy mailing tubes. Both sheets will be sold, and may not be purchased separately.

Also available is a portfolio of separate color plates, each mounted on heavy green paper. They are ideal for personal use, as gifts, or for framing in home or den. They are mailed postpaid in heavy manila envelopes for \$2 per set.

Trips . . .

(Continued from page 51) currents slacken and drop their loads. This is where catfish are, filling up on an easy supply of food. These places will usually be in deep holes and in tailwater holes below rapids, riffles and dams. Also twitch, pull or drag the bait or combine these methods with drift-fishing in and around these deep water haunts.

When catfish are on the move and feeding at twilight, night, or in turbid waters, driftfish, twitch, or drag baits in or near these deep holes and on adjacent gravel bars

where catfish go to forage on minnows, small fish, crayfish, insects and dead foods.

If you do still-fish sluggish or quiet holes during the daytime and shoals at night, don't leave your baits on the bottom for long intervals. Fish a hole or shoal area no longer than 15-20 minutes and then move if you have no strikes. Find the hungry fish instead of waiting for them to find your baits. This is particularly true when fishing deep holes during the day. At twilight, night and in turbid water, the fish will often find your baits. But even then the best tech-

nique is to move your bait occasionally. After the first 10 or 15 minutes, carefully and quietly twitch, drag or pull the bait, usually by a jerky turn or two of the reel handle every few minutes. This is true for any type of fishing, fish or bait.

Even though a bait is living or appealing to the smell-taste of fish, a movement of the bait sets up vibrations readily sensed by fish. A combination of smell-taste and vibration appeal is hard to beat for attracting catfish to a bait.

OPENING DAY

One of the best of many opening day comments was one from a column by Red Smith in the *New York Herald Tribune*:

"It is an article of faith that fish are by no means essential to fishing, but evidence of their presence does add something to a sport that is almost perfect without them."

Sticking or stubborn zippers on outdoor clothes can be made free-running when lubricated with stick paraffin.