

Fishing for Facts!

Fish are important to us. They provide food for millions of people and fishermen enjoy catching them for sport.

Fish are also important in the balance of nature. They eat plants and animals and, in turn, become food for plants and animals. This is called a **food chain**.

The balance of plants and animals in a lake may be upset by people catching too many fish of one kind. This is why the Illinois Department of Natural Resources sets limits on the fish you may keep. Remember, it is necessary for you to learn the fishing rules for your lake. You must take only the legal size and number of fish in order to help keep your lake healthy.

