

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Determine the town and county of the water body you will be fishing. The use of a Maine map or atlas will help you locate the water body you are planning to fish.

If a body of water is not listed, then the general law (page 5) and county regulations (page 16 or 44) apply. If the body of water is listed, it will be followed by special rules that apply (see S-Codes on page 7).

Portions of Maine Statute, Title 12 have been summarized for this publication. For the detailed language contained in Title 12, please visit our website at www.mefishwildlife.com.

Each revision of this publication is filed with the Secretary of State and, as a result, the rules herein have the force of law as printed.

NEW REGULATIONS IN THIS BOOK

The following are some of the more significant general rule changes for the open water and ice fishing seasons. In addition there are numerous changes on individual waters. Please check the body of water you will be fishing.

- 1) This lawbook contains both open water and ice fishing regulations for the period beginning April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2012. Please keep this lawbook until April 1, 2012!
- 2) Many of the Special Rules Codes (S-Codes) have changed. Please review page 7 for these changes.
- 3) For lakes and ponds in Hancock, Penobscot, and Washington Counties daily bag limit on brook trout is 2 fish unless otherwise specified by individual waters.
- 4) Fishing opportunities have been expanded on many lakes and ponds throughout the state. Changes include:
 - Most waters currently open to ice fishing are now also open to open water fishing during the same time period.
 - Class A ice fishing waters are now open from December 1 through April 30.
 - Most lakes and ponds in Southern and Eastern Counties are open to fishing year-round.

Free Family Fishing Days

Will take place on May 29 & 30, 2010, February 19 & 20, 2011, May 28 & 29, 2011, and February 18 & 19, 2012. On these days, any person (except those whose license has been suspended or revoked) may fish without a license.

All other laws and regulations apply on these days.