

FISHING RULES FOR THE WESTERN AND NORTHERN COUNTIES

(Aroostook, Franklin, Oxford north of the Androscoggin River,
Piscataquis, and Somerset)

Lakes and Ponds:

- From April 1 - September 30: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, open to open water fishing under general law fishing provisions (see page 5),
- From October 1 - March 31: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, closed to open water fishing. Lakes and ponds with extended open water seasons will be indicated under the appropriate county:
- ALL LAKES AND PONDS ARE CLOSED TO ICE FISHING, unless indicated with an A or B code, which defines the winter fishing season.

Brooks, streams and rivers:

- From April 1 - August 15: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, open to open water fishing under general law fishing provisions (see page 5).
- From August 16 - September 30: Fishing in brooks, streams and rivers is restricted to the use of artificial lures or flies only, and the combined total daily bag limit for trout, landlocked salmon, and togue is 1 fish.
- From October 1 - March 31: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, brooks, streams and rivers are closed to all fishing. Any water open to open water fishing or ice fishing between October 1 - March 31 will be indicated under the appropriate county.

Many waters have special rules that differ from the general law provisions. Check the list of individual waters under each county. If the water you wish to fish appears in that list, the letter codes will direct you to the special rule(s) which are in effect that differ from general law or the provisions for Maine's Western and Northern counties. The meanings of the letter codes are as follows:

- A:** Open to ice fishing and open water fishing for all fish from December 1 - April 30.
- B:** Open to ice fishing and open water fishing from January 1 - March 31.
- CI:** Closed to ice fishing.
- S:** Special rule(s) in effect - Special Rules (S-codes) are listed on page 7.

(Note: Special rules may restrict the general law fishing provisions.)