Opening this front cover flap allows you to view the General Fishing Laws, Season and Special Law Codes, and Special Fishing Laws at the same time.
GENERAL FISHING LAWS FOR INLAND WATERS

A valid fishing license is required. See page 54 for license requirements and fees.

**SEASONS**

**LAKES & PONDS**

**NORTH REGION**
- From April 1 to September 30: Open to open water fishing under general law bag and length limits. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies are permitted.
- From October 1 to March 31: Closed to all fishing.

**SOUTH REGION**
- January 1 to December 31: Open to ice and open water fishing under general law bag and length limits. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies are permitted.

**RIVERS, STREAMS, & BROOKS**

**NORTH & SOUTH REGIONS**
- From April 1 to August 15: Open to open water fishing under general law bag and length limits. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies are permitted.
- From August 16 to September 30: Open to open water fishing using artificial lures or flies only. General law length and bag limits apply, except daily bag limit one landlocked salmon and one brook trout.
- From October 1 to March 31: Closed to all fishing.

The daily bag, possession, and minimum length limits in the table below apply to all inland waters open to fishing.

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**SPECIAL LAW CODES**

**SPECIAL SEASON CODES**
- 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.
- CO: Closed to open water fishing from October 1 - March 31.

**SPECIAL LAW CODES**
- ALO: Artificial lures only.
- FFO: Fly fishing only.
- S-1: Closed to the taking of smelts.
- S-2: Closed to the taking of smelts, except by hook and line.
- S-3: Direct tributaries closed to the taking of smelts.
- S-4: Use or possession of live fish as bait is prohibited. (The use of dead fish, salmon eggs, or worms is permitted.)
- S-7: All trout, landlocked salmon, and togue caught must be released alive at once.
- S-8: Restricted to two lines per person.
- S-9: Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age or persons holding an eligible complimentary fishing license.
- S-10: Closed to all fishing from December 1 – March 31.
- S-13: No size or bag limit on bass.
- S-16: Daily bag limit on brook trout (includes splake and Arctic charr): 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches.
- S-17: Daily bag limit on brook trout (includes splake and Arctic charr): 2 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches, only 1 may exceed 12 inches.
- S-18: Daily bag limit on brook trout (includes splake and Arctic charr): 1 fish; minimum length limit 18 inches.
- S-19: Daily limit on brook trout (includes splake and Arctic charr): 2 fish.
- S-20: All brook trout (includes splake and Arctic charr) less than 6 inches and longer than 12 inches must be released alive at once.
- S-21: Daily bag limit on brook trout (includes splake and Arctic charr): 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches.
- S-22: Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 1 fish.
- S-25: Daily bag limit on togue: 1 fish.
- S-26: Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches, only 1 may exceed 18 inches.
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1. **General Fishing Laws apply to all inland waters.** See front cover flap to the left and pages 2-3.

2. **Check if the water you want to fish is listed in the alphabetical Special Fishing Laws beginning on page 5.**

**IF THE WATER IS LISTED**
Any exceptions to the General Laws will be designated by text or Special Season or Law Codes located on inside front cover flap.

**IF THE WATER IS NOT LISTED**
Only General Fishing Laws apply. Unlisted Tribal Waters located in Passamaquoddy or Penobscot Indian Territory are an exception. See page A-3 in Appendices for Tribal Water Laws.

**KEEP IN MIND**
Some waters (tributaries, outlets, connected waters) are NOT listed individually and may be listed with the main waterbody, or waters with an S-3 code (direct tributaries closed to the taking of smelts).

Some waters are collectively listed under one of the following area listings: Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Baxter State Park.

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**NORTH REGION COUNTIES**
1. Aroostook
2. Penobscot north of Route 11 & 157
3. Piscataquis
4. Somerset
5. Franklin
6. Oxford north of the Androscoggin River

**SOUTH REGION COUNTIES**
7. Oxford south of the Androscoggin River
8. York
9. Cumberland
10. Androscoggin
11. Kennebec
12. Sagadahoc
13. Lincoln
14. Waldo
15. Knox
16. Penobscot south of Route 11 & 157
17. Hancock
18. Washington

**WHY HAVE TWO REGIONS FOR LAKES & PONDS?**
There are different General Law Season dates, Brook Trout Bag Limits, and Bass Bag and Length Limits depending on region, North or South, illustrated to the left.

The North Region contains an abundance of wild and native coldwater fish populations, while the South Region contains predominately stocked and/or warmwater fisheries. The difference in General Fishing Laws reflect the management needs for the two regions, and typically offer additional protection to wild and native resources in the North and more angling opportunity (i.e., fall or year round fishing) in the South.
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WHY DIGITAL LAW BOOKS?
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Being a responsible user of the Maine outdoors means staying informed of, and complying with, the current laws and rules.

This book, published by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW), is designed to help you quickly find and understand the fishing laws and rules that apply to you. We’ve also included handy tips to make your Maine fishing experience a memorable one. And in the back, you’ll find MDIFW contact info, including regional game warden communication centers.

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GENERAL FISHING LAWS

Advance Baiting: It is unlawful to deposit any meat, bones, dead fish, or other food material in inland waters for the purpose of luring fish. However, it is lawful to place food particles in a baitfish trap for the purpose of luring baitfish (Title 12, §12657).

Bag Limit (All Fish): Any fish, except baitfish and smelts, taken from inland waters shall be immediately released alive into the water from which it was taken, or killed at once. Any fish killed becomes part of the daily bag limit (Title 12, §12611).

Bait Containers: A person selling bait may not provide or sell the bait in containers composed in whole or in part of polystyrene foam plastic. This does not apply to baitfish (Title 12, §12553-2).

Closed Waters: All inland waters, including those in Indian Territory (See page A-3), are closed to ice fishing except those opened by rule (Open Water Fishing – Title 12, §12453, Ice Fishing – Title 12, §12454).

Cusk Lines: All lines set through the ice at night (sunset to sunrise) for cusk must be checked at least once every hour by the person who set them (Title 12, §12659-A-4).

Complimentary (Free) Fishing License Provisions: A free fishing license will be issued, upon application, to the following (these free licenses may be obtained at the Department Office in Augusta):

1. Any Maine resident who is blind (Title 12, §10853-2);
2. Any Maine Native American who is a member of the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Maliseet, or Micmac Tribe (must obtain licenses from their respective tribal headquarters) (Title 12, §10853-8);
3. A resident or nonresident, if reciprocal privileges exist in the home state of the nonresident, who is a war veteran and has a service-connected disability of 50% (Title 12, §10853-4);
4. Any Maine resident (or nonresident, if reciprocal privileges exist in the home state of the nonresident) who is suffering from the loss, or loss of use, of both lower extremities (Title 12, §10853-3);
5. Any person with a developmental disability (as defined in Title 5, §19503) (Title 12, §10853-10);
6. Any person with a head injury (as defined in Title 22, §3086) (Title 12, §10853-12); and
7. Any resident 16 or 17 years old in the custody of the Dept. of Health and Human Services (Title 12, §10853-16).

Complimentary License Holders: Complimentary license holders eligible to fish in S-9 waters includes all of those listed under the Complimentary Fishing License Provisions above except item 2.

Failure to Label Fish: It is unlawful to keep bass, landlocked salmon, togue (lake trout) or trout at any sporting camp, hotel, public lodging place or any place other than a person’s residence without attaching the name and address of the person who caught the fish (Title 12, §12608).

Fishways: The area within 150 feet of any operational fishway is closed to fishing. For purposes of this subsection “operational” means a fishway capable of fish passage whether or not it is allowing the passage of fish at any given time.

Note: These provisions do not restrict the taking of alevines and smelts in accordance with laws regulating marine resources (Title 12, §12457).

Exceptions: Any fishway exceptions are noted in the special fishing laws section.

Fly Fishing: No more than 3 unbaited artificial flies individually attached to a line may be used. (Title 12, §12654-A).

Note: It is unlawful to troll a fly in waters restricted to fly fishing only (Title 12, §12658).

Free Fishing Days: Will take place on February 16-17, 2019 and June 1-2, 2019. 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 (Title 12, §12503-3).

Ice Fishing Shack: A person who owns any shack or temporary structure used for ice fishing:

- Must remove the shack or structure 3 days after the close of the ice fishing season or prior to ice out, which ever date comes first (Title 12, §12661).
- Shall identify on the outside of the shack or structure in 2-inch letters, the owner’s name and address when the shack or structure is on the ice of any inland waters (Title 12, §12661).
- A person may not leave a structure on another person’s land without permission of the landowner (Title 17, §2263-A).

Illegal Fishing: Except as otherwise provided, it is unlawful to fish other than with a single baited hook and line, artificial flies or artificial lures and spinners.

Exception: This does not apply to hook and line smelt fishing (Title 12, §12654). All other rules and regulations governing the taking of smelt apply. Use of gaff is unlawful (Title 12, §12656).

Illegal Use of Antifreeze: Adding substances containing ethylene glycol or other antifreeze agents to waters of this State is illegal (Title 38, §413).

Illegal Use of Implements:

A. Except as otherwise provided, it is unlawful to possess any grapnel, trawl, weir, seine, gill net, trap, set line or drop net on or adjacent to any of the inland waters of this State.

B. Except as otherwise provided, it is unlawful to fish with a grapnel, spear, spear gun, weir, gaff, seine, gill net, trap, or set lines (Title 12, §12656).

Importation of Fish: It is unlawful to import any live freshwater fish or eggs into this State without written permission from the Commissioner (Title 12, §12509 & Title 12, §12556).

Lead Sinkers: It is unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or use a lead sinker that weighs 1 ounce or less or measures 2.5 inches or less. This does not include artificial lures, weighted line or lines, or jig heads. It is unlawful to sell, offer for sale, or use an unpainted bare lead jig that weighs one ounce or less or measures 2.5 inches or less (Title 12, §12663-B & Title 12, §12664).

Line Restrictions: Unless otherwise provided by rule, the number of lines an angler may fish at any one time is limited to two lines while open water fishing (Title 12, §12652) and five lines while ice fishing (Title 12, §12659-A). At no time may an angler fish with more than five lines.

Litter: It is unlawful to dispose of litter (including abandoned ice fishing shack) anywhere in this State, except in areas or receptacles designed for that purpose. Convicted violators face fines up to $500 for the first offense and up to $2,000 for subsequent offenses (Title 17, §2264-A).
Marking Fish: It is unlawful to tag, fin clip, or otherwise mark any fish to be released alive into the inland waters of the State without the written consent of the Commissioner (Title 12, §12601).

Night Fishing: Except as otherwise provided by rule, all waters open to fishing are open to fishing 24 hours a day. All lines must be under the immediate supervision of the person who set them (Open Water Fishing - Title 12, §12652, Ice Fishing - Title 12, §12659-A).

Exception: All lines set through the ice at night for cusk must be checked at least once every hour by the person who set them (Title 12, §12659-A-4).

Notice of Submerged Vehicle: The owner of any motor vehicle, all-terrain vehicle or snowmobile that becomes submerged, or partially submerged, in the waters of the State shall immediately notify the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife of the event and the location of the vehicle. The owner is legally liable for removal and to pay any damages resulting from the submersion or removal. Motor vehicles shall be removed within 30 days (same day if public water supply). Snowmobiles and ATVs shall be removed within 24 hours (Title 17, §267-A).

Possessing Gift Fish: A person who does not possess a valid fishing license issued under chapter 913 may not possess a fish or any part of a fish given to that person except a person may possess in that person's domicile a gift fish that was lawfully caught and is plainly labeled with the name of the person who gave the fish and the year, month and day the fish was caught by that person. This section does not apply to baitfish (Title 12, §12613).

Possession Limit (All Fish): A person shall not possess at any time more fish than may lawfully be taken in one day (Title 12, §12602-2).

Railroad Track Restrictions: A person may not, without right, stand or walk on a railroad track or railroad bridge or pass over a railroad bridge except by railroad conveyance. For penalties see Title 23, Chapter 611, §7007.

Removal of Bag Limits on Bass: In waters where the bag limit on bass has been removed by special rule, the season on bass and the method of fishing for them is the same as for trout and landlocked salmon (Title 12, §12601).

Removal of Heads and Tails: It is unlawful to alter the length of landlocked salmon, trout, togue, lake whitefish, and bass unless the fish are being prepared for immediate cooking. It is unlawful to possess or transport fish dressed in such a manner that the species of fish cannot be identified; unless the fish are being prepared for immediate cooking (smoking does not constitute cooking) (Title 12, §12601).

River Herring: A licensed fisherman may harvest up to 25 river herring (for consumption by that person or members of their family) by use of hook and line or dip net (Title 12, §12506-5-A).

Salmon Eggs As Bait: Commercially prepared eggs from species that do not naturally occur in this State may be used for bait (Title 12, §12553).

Season Dates: All dates are inclusive.

Smelting: Unless closed by rule as indicated within the Special Regulations Section a person holding a valid Maine fishing license may take smelts for recreational purposes only from the inland waters or portions of inland waters that are naturally free of ice with a dip net in the usual and ordinary way from noon to 2:00 a.m. in accordance with bag limits established by rule. Bag limits established by rule under this paragraph are for a 24-hour period, beginning at noon on a given day and ending at 11:59 a.m. the following day. A person may not take smelts with a dip net unless it meets the requirements listed under the dip net definition (Title 12, §12456).

A dip net when used to take smelts in a tributary or within 100 feet of the mouth of a tributary must contain a rigid circular frame that is not more than 24 inches in diameter as measured at any point on the hoop and manually operated by a single person (Title 12, §10001-12-A). It unlawful to alter smelts (including removal of head, tail or innards) from their natural state until a wet measure has been conducted.

Note: An unlimited number of baited hooks may be used on your line while fishing for smelts.

Snagging: It is unlawful to fish for any fish, except suckers, by snagging (Title 12, §12651 & Title 12, §12602).

Special Bag Limit: Whenever any waters have a special bag limit, no person shall possess more than one day’s bag limit taken from those waters. (Title 12, §122601)

Species Identification: It is unlawful to possess or transport fish dressed in such a manner that the species of the fish cannot be identified unless the fish are being prepared for immediate cooking. (Smoking does not constitute cooking) (Title 12, §12601)

Suckers: Persons licensed, or otherwise entitled to fish, may take suckers for their own use between April 1st and June 30th from all rivers, streams and brooks open to fishing by use of a hand spear, bow and arrow or by snagging.

Note: If suckers are taken by bow and arrow, the arrow must have a barbed or pronged point and must be attached to the bow with a line (Title 12, §12506-7).

Supervision of Lines: All lines must be under the immediate supervision of the person who set them.

Exception: All lines set through the ice at night for cusk must be checked at least once every hour by the person who set them (Open Water Fishing - Title 12, §12652, Ice Fishing - Title 12, §12659-A, Cusk Fishing - Title 12, §12659-A).

Ten-Acre Ponds: All ponds of 10 acres or less, whether the pond is natural or artificial, formed on rivers, streams and brooks are governed by the same fishing laws that apply to the river, stream, or brook where the pond is situated (Title 12, §12451).

Note: This does not apply to private ponds.

Exception: If a lake or pond is in the alphabetical waterbody list of the Special Fishing Laws section then lake and pond general and special laws apply.

Use of Explosive, Poisonous or Stupefying Substance: It is unlawful to take or destroy any fish by use of an explosive, poisonous or stupefying substance (Title 12, §12653).

Use of Fish (live or dead) as Bait: See laws on pages 56-58 concerning the use of baitfish (live or dead).

Violation of Limits: It is unlawful to fish for or possess fish in violation of the number, amount, or size limits of any rule adopted by the Commissioner (Title 12, §12602).
DEFINITIONS

**Artificial Lure:** Any fishing lure constructed by humans as an imitation or substitute for natural bait or fish forage and includes, but is not limited to artificial flies, spinners, spoons, poppers, plugs, jigs and plastic, rubber or other artificial imitations of natural bait (Title 12, §10001-4). An artificial lures only rule prohibits the use of any live, dead or chemically preserved natural or organic bait or food (Title 12, §12655).

**Bass:** The term “bass”, when used alone, includes largemouth and smallmouth.

**Brook Trout:** The term “brook trout” includes brook trout, spake, and Arctic charr (Sunapee trout and blueback trout).

**Dip Net:** A device consisting of a rigid frame filled with netting, firmly attached to a rigid handle and manually operated by a single person (Title 12, §10001-12-A).

**Fly (Artificial Fly):** A single-pointed hook dressed with feathers, hair, thread, tinsel, or any similar material to which no additional hook, spinner, spoon or similar device is added (Title 12, §10001-26).

**Fly Fishing:** Casting upon water and retrieving in a manner in which the weight of the fly line propels the fly (Title 12, §10001-27).

**General Fishing Law:** General Fishing Law is defined as laws and rules that govern fishing in all water bodies unless there are other more specific regulations listed. More specifically, general law covers any legal terminal gear, daily bag and possession limits, season dates and species. The General Fishing Law provisions are located on the front cover flap.

**Hook:** A single fish hook constructed with 1, 2 or 3 points (Title 12, §10001-30). See single-baited hook definition.

**Ice Fishing:** Taking freshwater fish during the ice fishing season through man-made openings in the ice by the use of ice fishing implements. It is unlawful to open water fish in inland waters while positioned on ice (Title 12, §12601).

**Ice Fishing Implement:** Any lawful fishing implement used to take fish through the ice including a trap (tip-up), jig stick, rod in hand or handline, except that a person engaged in taking smelts and baitfish may do so in accordance with the laws and rules governing these activities.

**Ice Fishing Trap (Tip-Up):** An ice fishing implement for storing line, designed to be set through the ice and to indicate when something has disturbed the attached bait.

**Minimum Legal Length:** The total length of a fish measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail, with the lobes of the tail squeezed together (Title 12, §12601).

**Open Water Fishing:** Taking freshwater fish during the open water fishing season by means of hook and line, or attached to a rod, by casting or trolling artificial flies, lures, or baited hooks, provided that the person angling does not take fish through a man-made hole in the ice, from the ice or from any object supported by the ice (Title 12, §12601).

**Residency Definitions:** Resident means a citizen of the United States who is domiciled in this State or a person who is a citizen of the United States who is domiciled in this State or a person who is not a citizen of the United States, but has been so domiciled for one year. You will not be considered a resident unless:

- If registered to vote, registered in Maine;
- If licensed to drive a motor vehicle, applied for a Maine motor vehicle license;
- If owning a motor vehicle(s) located within the State, registered each vehicle in Maine;
- Complied with State income tax laws; and
- If a full-time student at a Maine college or university, resides in Maine AND satisfies above requirements.

Nonresident means a person who does not fall within the definition of a resident (Title 12, §10001-53).

**River Herring (migratory sea-run):** “River herring” means the same as Alewife or Blueback Herring (Title 12, §6001-37-B).

**Salmon:** The term “Salmon”, when used alone, means the same as landlocked salmon (Title 12, §10001-54).

**Set Line:** A line extending into the water and rigged to catch fish that has one end secured to the shore, or to a fixed or buoyant object, that is not personally attended (Title 12, §10001-56).

**Single-Baited Hook:** A single-baited apparatus designed to catch only one fish at a time (Title 12, §10001-57). See Hook definition.

**Snagging:** To fish by manipulating a hook or hooks in such a manner as to pierce or snag the fish in a part of the body other than the mouth (Title 12, §10001-58).

**Terminal Gear:** Tackle at the end of a line used to catch fish, including baited and unbaited hooks, artificial lures and baits, and artificial flies.

**Thoroughfares:** Waterways connecting lakes and/or ponds. The general fishing laws governing lakes and ponds also apply to thoroughfares (includes seasons, bag limits, length limits, etc.).

**To Fish:** To take, catch, kill, molest or destroy any fish or to attempt to take, catch, kill or molest or destroy any fish (Title 12, §10001-23).

**Togue:** The term “Togue” means the same as Lake Trout.

**Tributary:** A river, stream, or brook flowing directly or indirectly into a lake, pond, or another river, stream, or brook. A lake or great pond shall not be construed to mean tributary. The tributary to a great pond shall not be considered a tributary to the outlet of that great pond (Title 12, §10001-66).

**Troll:** To fish by trailing a line rigged to catch fish behind or in front of a watercraft being propelled by mechanical, wind or manual power (Title 12, §10001-67).

**Note:** Tandem flies are allowed when trolling.

**Trout:** The term “trout” when used alone, includes brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, Arctic charr (Sunapee trout and blueback trout), and spake.
SPECIAL FISHING LAWS

Review this section to determine if the body of water you wish to fish has any special regulations that differ from the General Fishing Laws found on the front cover flap and beginning on page 2. Keep in mind that some waters (tributaries, outlets, connected waters) are NOT listed individually and may be listed with the main waterbody, or waters with an S-3 code (direct tributaries closed to the taking of smelts).

Some waters are collectively listed under one of the following area listings: Allagash Wilderness Waterway, Baxter State Park.

EXAMPLE WATERBODY WITH SPECIAL REGULATIONS


ABBE POND, Bowmantown Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


ABRAMS POND, Eastbrook, Franklin (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: All bass must be released alive at once.

ACKLEY POND, Cutler (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish except that from October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


ALLAGASH LAKE, T7&8 R14 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except:

Ice Fishing: Open to ice fishing for all fish during the month of February only. S-4, S-8 (except that 5 lines may be used from sunset to sunrise while fishing for cusk), S-16. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 16 inches. The use of motorized equipment is prohibited.


ALLAGASH RIVER, T10 R12 WELS to Allagash. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From Churchill Dam downstream to the red markers at the confluence of Chisholm Brook, T10 R12 WELS. ALO, S-19. Only one brook trout may exceed 14 inches. From August 16 - September 30: ALO. Minimum length limit on trout: 12 inches. Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish.

– From Long Lake Dam downstream to Allagash Falls (Including Round Pond, T13 R12 WELS) and all tributaries. S-4. From August 16 - September 30: ALO. Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish.

– From Allagash Falls downstream to the confluence with the St. John River. Closed to the taking of live baitfish except by hook and line. The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply. From October 1 - November 30: ALO. Open to take bass and muskellunge only.

(See Allagash Wilderness Waterway).

ALLIGATOR LAKE, T28 MD, T34 MD (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-4, S-8, S-18, S-22. All landlocked salmon between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.


AMBAJEJUS LAKE, T1 R9 WELS. (See Pemadumcook Chain of Lakes).

ANASAGUNTICOOK (CANTON) LAKE, Canton, Hartland (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Lake and tributaries open to the taking of smelts, except for Sparrow Brook which is closed. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER, Gilead to Brunswick. General fishing laws apply, except: Open to open water fishing from the Maine-New Hampshire Border to tidewater from January 1-December 31.

- From the Maine-New Hampshire border downriver to the bridge crossing in Gilead: Single hook artificial lures only. S-7.

- From the bridge crossing in Gilead to the Route 232 Bridge, Rumford Point: From April 1-September 30: ALO. Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit on landlocked salmon, rainbow trout, and brown trout: 12 inches. All trout between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. From October 1-March 31: ALO. All trout and landlocked salmon must be released alive at once.

- From the Route 232 Bridge, Rumford Point to Livermore Falls Dam: From April 1-September 30: S-19; minimum length limit on landlocked salmon, rainbow trout, and brown trout: 12 inches. From October 1-March 31: ALO. All trout and landlocked salmon must be released alive at once.

- From the Livermore Falls Dam to tidewater: S-19. Open to ice fishing.

  (Gilead to Merrymeeting Bay: 6-12 fish meals a year. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).


- From Route 26 Welchville Dam in Oxford to the confluence with Androscoggin River: Open to open water fishing from April 1-October 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.

ANNABESSACOOK LAKE, Monmouth, Winthrop (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once.


AROOSTOOK RIVER, T8 R8 WELS to Fort Fairfield. General fishing laws apply, except: All landlocked salmon caught in any flowing water of the Aroostook River Watershed, must be released alive at once.

- From the junction of Munsungan Stream and Millinocket Stream in T8 R8 WELS downstream to the blue markers at the Oxbow Plantation/T9 R7 WELS town line (includes tributaries upstream to the first road crossing): ALO, S-17. From August 16-September 30: ALO. Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish.

  - From the blue markers at the Oxbow Plantation/T9 R7 WELS town line downstream to the Caribou Dam, in Caribou: From August 16-September 30: ALO. Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish.

  - From the Caribou Dam, in Caribou, downstream to the Maine/New Brunswick border (includes tributaries upstream to the first road crossing): ALO, S-17. From August 16-September 30: ALO. Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish.

  - From the Confluence with the Oxbow Plantation/T9 R7 WELS town line downstream to and including Otter Brook, including all tributaries in this section upstream to the first road crossing intersecting each tributary: Children 12 years of age or younger may fish from shore with a single-baited hook and line (Title 12, subsection 12458).

  - From Hockenhull Brook in Fort Fairfield downstream to and including Pattee Brook, including all tributaries in this section upstream to the first road crossing intersecting the tributary: Children 12 years of age or younger may fish from shore with a single-baited hook and line (Title 12, subsection 12458).

  - From the blue markers at the Oxbow Plantation/T9 R7 WELS town line downstream to the Caribou Dam, in Caribou: From August 16-September 30: ALO. Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish.

  - From the Caribou Dam, in Caribou, downstream to and including Otter Brook, including all tributaries in this section upstream to the first road crossing intersecting each tributary: Children 12 years of age or younger may fish from shore with a single-baited hook and line (Title 12, subsection 12458).


AUBURN LAKE, Auburn (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-1, S-3. Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish; minimum length limit 14 inches; all togue greater than 20 inches must be released alive at once. From October 1-November 30: ALO, S-7. Closed to open water fishing from December 1-March 31.

The Auburn Water District has closed to all fishing until May 15.

AZISCOHOS LAKE (INCLUDING SUNDAY POND) AND TRIBUTARIES, Lincoln Ptt, Lynchtown Twp, Parkertown Twp (North Region). Aziscohos Lake is the impounded portion of the Magalloway River south of a straight line between the 2 red markers on each shore by the Brown Company Landing, so-called, and the area of water south of a straight line between the 2 red markers just north of Sunday Pond on the Little Magalloway River.

General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4, S-17 on the lake and all tributaries upstream to the red markers. No size or bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 16 inches. Daily bag limit on salmon over 16 inches: 1 fish. All West shore tributaries from Aziscohos dam to (but not including) the Big Magalloway River: S-1.


BAGADUCE RIVER, Sedgwick, Penobscot, Brooksville. General fishing laws apply, except: That portion of the Bagaduce River and tributaries upstream of the North Brooksville - Sedgwick bridge, including Walker Pond, Parker Pond and Snow Cove Brook: closed to the taking of alewives.


AUSTIN STREAM AND TRIBUTARIES, Moscow, Bingham. General fishing laws apply, except: Austin Stream and all tributaries located below the falls as marked by red markers closed to all fishing until May 15.


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Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: ALO, open to taking muskelunge only.

BAKER POND, Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


BAKER POND TRIBUTARIES, Appleton Twp, Hobbstown Twp, T5 R6 BKP WRK. General fishing laws apply, except: FFO.


BALCH AND STUMP PONDS, Acton, Newfield. General fishing laws for Interstate Waters (page A-2) apply.


Barrows Lake, Alexander (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33.


Bassin Ponds, #1 (Upper) and #2 (Lower), Mount Katahdin Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4. The use of motor boats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


Baxter State Park Waters, T2 R9WELS, T6 R8WELS, etc (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Closed to the taking and use of live baitfish in all park waters. The use of motorboats or outboard motors in the Park is prohibited except on Matagamon and Katahdin Lakes. See individual water listings for any additional special fishing laws.


Bean Pot Pond, T5 R15 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.


Bear Pond and Tributaries, TA R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO.

Bearce Lake, Baring Plt, Meddybemps (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Outboard motors are prohibited.


Beaver Mountain Lake (Long Pond), Sandy River Plt (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4, S-17.

Beaver Pond, Bridgton (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats with internal combustion engines prohibited.

Beaver Pond, Denmark (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


**BEAVER POND**, Seven Ponds Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO. Beaver Pond Dam: Fishing is prohibited in or from the fishway; there are no distance restrictions when fishing near the fishway (Title 12, subsection 12457).


**BEECH HILL POND**, Otis (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-1, S-3, S-13. No minimum length on togue. Daily bag limit on togue: 2 fish, only 1 of which may exceed 33 inches. All togue between 23 and 33 inches must be released alive at once. During January and February: All landlocked salmon must be released alive at once without removal from the water. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

**BELGRADE STREAM**, Mount Vernon, Belgrade. General fishing laws apply, except: From Wings Mills Dam in Mount Vernon to the downstream side of the Route 27 bridge in Belgrade: Open to ice and open water fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


**BIG BROOK**, T13 R10 WELS, T14 R10 WELS. General fishing laws apply. Motorboats prohibited on Big Brook from Burt Garrity Road to Big Brook Lake.


**BIG LAKE**, Big Lake Twp, Grand Lake Stream Plt, Greenlaw Chopping Twp, Indian Twp (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: The portion of Big Lake at the mouth of Grand Lake Stream westerly of the red markers, one set on the point about 200 yards west of Little River Bluff and one set on an unnamed point on the opposite shore near Greenlaw Island, shall be closed to all ice fishing. Daily bag limit on smallmouth bass: 1 fish; all smallmouth bass between 12 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. No size or bag limit on largemouth bass. Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish. From October 1 - December 31: S-4, S-7.

**BIG POND ON SWAN ISLAND**, Richmond (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-9.


**BIRCH AND EAST BRANCH BIRCH STREAMS**, Argyle Twp. General fishing laws apply for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to those...
ports located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.


**BLACK BROOK AND TRIBUTARIES**, T3 R4 BKP WKR. General fishing laws apply, except: From the confluence with the Dead River upstream to the Dead River Hatchery: Closed to fishing until June 1.


**BLACK LAKE, LITTLE, Caswell Plt (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

**BLACK LAKE, LITTLE, Caswell Plt (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.


**BLACK POND, LOWER, Oxbow Twp (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-20.

**BLACK POND, UPPER, Bowmantown Twp (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-20.

**BLACK RIVER, BIG, T14 R16 WELS TO T15 R13 WELS (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: Closed to the taking of live baitfish except by hook and line. From October 1 - November 30: ALO. Open to taking bass and muskellunge only. From the confluence of Five Mile Brook in T15 R14 WELS upriver to the confluence of Depot Stream in T14 R15 WELS: B, S-19.

**BLACK RIVER, LITTLE, TRIBUTARY TO THE SAINT JOHN RIVER, T19 R12 WELS to Allagash.** General fishing laws apply, except: Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited from June 1 - September 15. From the confluence with the St. John River up river to the confluence of Carrie Bogan Brook in T18 R11 WELS: From October 1 - November 30: ALO. Open to taking bass and muskellunge only.

**BLACKMAN STREAM, BRADLEY.** General fishing laws apply, except: From the downstream side of the Route 178 bridge in Bradley to the Penobscot River: closed to all fishing from July 1 through September 30, both days inclusive. Leonard’s Mills Dam in Bradley: Fishing is prohibited in or from the fishway; there are no distance restrictions when fishing near the fishway (Title 12, subsection 12457).

**BLAKE LAKE, T16 R6 WELS (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

**BLAKESLEE LAKE, T5 R6 BKP WKR (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-19.

**BLANCHARD POND, ALDER STREAM TWP.** General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: CI, FFO. No motors allowed. Penobscot Indian Territory.

**BLANCHARD PONDS, DAVIS TWNP, LANGLEY TWP (NORTH REGION).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.

**BLOOD (DUCK) POND, T2 R13 WELS (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-19.

**BOULDER POND, MD (north region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.

**BOULTER POND, YORK.** Closed to all fishing.

**BOUNDARY POND, BEATTIE TWP (NORTH REGION).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4, S-19.

**BOUNDARY POND, SOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS GORE (NORTH REGION).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.

**BOURGOURN LAKE, FRENCHVILLE (NORTH REGION).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.


**BOWMAN POND #1 (WEST), BOWMAN TWP (NORTH REGION).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.


BRACKETT LAKE, Weston (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: ALO, S-7.


BRANCH LAKE, Ellsworth (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-2, S-3, S-18. No minimum length limit on togue. Daily bag limit on togue: 2 fish, only 1 may exceed 33 inches. All togue between 23 and 33 inches must be released alive at once. All brown trout must be released alive at once. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.

BRANCH LAKE, EAST, T3 R9 NWP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; minimum length limit on bass is 10 inches. All bass between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 5 fish. Penobscot Indian Territory.

BRANCH POND, EAST AND TRIBUTARIES, T7 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-16.


BRANCH POND, MIDDLE, Waterboro (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

BRANCH POND, UPPER MIDDLE, Aurora (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. CO.

BRANNS MILL POND, Dover-Foxcroft, Garland (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once.

BRASSUA LAKE, Brassua Twp, Rockwood Strip, Sandwich Academy Grant, Taunton-Raynham Academy Grant, Thomhagan Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. Closed to ice fishing is that portion southwest of a line between two red markers set on opposite shores at the entrance to Misery Cove, so-called. S-2, S-16, S-22 in lake and in all tributaries upstream to the red markers. Tributaries closed to the taking of smelts, except Misery Stream.


BROWN BROOK POND, T9 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.

BROWNFIELD BOG, so-called, on the east side of the Saco River, Brownfield and Fryeburg (South Region). General fishing laws for lakes and ponds apply.

BRYANT POND (LAKE CHRISTOPHER), Greenwood, Woodstock (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-13. Pond and tributaries open to the taking of smelts with exception of Bowker Brook and Stone Cottage Brook and the area within 200 feet of the mouth of Stone Cottage Brook. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


BURLINGTON FIRE POND, Burlington (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-8. Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age.


BURNT POND, Clifton, Dedham, Otis (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. CO, S-4.


BURNT POND, LITTLE, Otis (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-4.


BUTLER POND, King and Bartlett Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-17.


BUTTERMILK POND, 1ST, Bowerbank (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B.

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*CARPENTER POND AND TRIBUTARIES (INCLUDING LITTLE CARPENTER), T7 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-18.*

*CARR POND, T13 R8 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. S-2, S-8.*


*CARLISLE POND, T8 R3 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4.*

*CARLTON POND, 4TH, Bowerbank (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4.*

*C POND, C Surplus (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.*

*CAMBRIDGE POND, Cambridge (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.*

*CAMBOLASSE POND, Lincoln (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.*

*CANADA FALLS LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST ROAD CROSSING, Alder Brook Twp, Pittston Academy Grant, Soldiertown Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-19.*


*CARIBOU LAKE, Island Falls, T3 R4 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.*

*CARIBOU LAKE, T2&3 R12 WELS, T3 R13 WELS (See Chesuncook Lake).*

*CARIBOU POND, Mount Abram Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.*


*CARIBOU, EGG, AND LONG PONDS, Lincoln (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.*

*CARLTON POND, Readfield, Winthrop. Closed to all fishing.*

*CARLISLE POND, T8 R3 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4.*

*CARLTON POND (BOG), Detroit, Troy (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.*

*CASCADE STREAM, Sandy River Plt. General fishing laws apply, except: FFO, S-1.*

*CATHANCE LAKE, Cathance Twp, Cooper (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-13, S-18. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.*

*CELA POND, T3 R9 NWP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.*

*CELA POND, T3 R5 BKP WKR (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4.*

*CENTER POND, Lincoln (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.*

*CENTER POND, Phippsburg (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.*

*CELLA POND, T3 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-19, only 1 brook trout may exceed 14 inches. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: FFO, S-7.*

*CENTURY POND, Lincoln (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.*

*CENTURY POND, Pittston Academy Grant, Soldiertown Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From October 1 - October 31: CI. ALO, S-18.*

*CENTURY POND, Soldiertown Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.*


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CHAIN LAKE, LOWER, T5 ND BPP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: S-33. Open to ice fishing for all fish except trout, landlocked salmon, toge, and bass from the time ice forms in the fall until November 31. Only 1 trout may exceed 10 inches. Minimum length limit is 10 inches. (See Allagash Wilderness Waterway).

CHAIN LAKE, MIDDLE, T4 ND. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: S-33. Open to ice fishing for all fish except trout, landlocked salmon, toge, and bass from the time ice forms in the fall until December 31. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 5 fish. Passamaquoddy Indian Territory.

CHAIN LAKE, UPPER, T4 ND. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: S-33. Open to ice fishing for all fish except trout, landlocked salmon, toge, and bass from the time ice forms in the fall until December 31. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 5 fish. Passamaquoddy Indian Territory.


– From the Route 9 bridge to its confluence with Old Stream: ALO, S-13, S-19.

CHAIN LAKES, 1ST, 2ND, 3RD, T26 ED BPP, T31 MD BPP, T37, MD BPP, Wesley (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33.

CHAIN OF PONDS, Chain of Ponds Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-19. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish. Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 16 inches. Fishing is prohibited in or from the fishway; there are no distance restrictions when fishing near the fishway (Title 12, subsection 12457).


CHAIRBACK POND, WEST, T7 R9 NWP (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-16.

CHAMBERLAIN LAKE (INCLUDING ROUND POND AND TELOS LAKE) T6 R11 WELS, T6&7 R12 WELS, T7&8 R13 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except:

Ice Fishing: Chamberlain Lake (including Round Pond and Telos Lake). B, S-21. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 16 inches. Closed area: that portion from the mouth of Allagash Stream out to a straight line between two red markers, one set on the southwest shore near the Upper Crows Nest campsite, the other set on the northeast shore at the intersection of the T7 R13/T8 R13 township line with the lakeshore.

Open Water Fishing: Chamberlain Lake (including Round Pond and Telos Lake) and tributaries (except Allagash Stream) upstream to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway blazed line. S-21. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 16 inches. (See Allagash Wilderness Waterway).

CHANDLER LAKE, T9 R8 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-16.


CHAPMAN PIT POND, Limestone (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

(Do not eat any fish from this water. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).


CHASE STREAM POND, Chase Stream Twp, Misery Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.


CHASES POND, York. Closed to all fishing.

CHEMOQUASABAMTICOOK LAKE, T9&10 R15 WELS. (See Ross Lake).


CHUB POND, Chase Stream Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

CHURCH ON THE HILL POND, Houlton (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-8, S-19. Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age.


CHURCHILL LAKE (INCLUDING HERON LAKE), T9&10 R12 WELS, T9 R13 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except:

Ice Fishing: Churchill Lake (including Heron Lake). B. Only 1 brook trout may exceed 14 inches. Daily bag limit on whitefish: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 18 inches.

Open Water Fishing: Churchill Lake (including Heron Lake) and tributaries upstream to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway blazed line. Only 1 brook trout may exceed 14 inches. Daily bag limit on whitefish: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 18 inches. From August 16 - September 30: tributaries open to open water fishing: ALO. Total daily bag limit on trout and toge: 1 fish. (See Allagash Wilderness Waterway).


CLEAR POND, Pleasant Ridge Plt. (See Mill (Clear) Pond).


CLEFTMONS POND, BIG, Hiram (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-13. Pond and tributaries open to the taking of smelts with the exception of Little Clemmons Pond outlet and the area within 100 feet of the mouth of this tributary. From October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


CLIFFORD LAKE, T26&27 ED (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish. All bass must be released alive at once.


CLISH POND, T5 R20 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.

COBBOSSEECONTEE LAKE, Manchester, West Gardiner, etc. (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once.

COBBOSSEECONTEE STREAM (INCLUDING HORSESHOE POND), Manchester to Gardiner. General fishing laws apply, except: Open to ice and open water fishing January 1 - December 31: S-19. Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.

COBURN POND, Moose River (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


– From the highway bridge on State Route 188 in Enfield downstream to the red markers by the old hatchery fishway: S-8, S-19. Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


COLD WATER BROOK POND, Kennebunk (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Open to open water fishing April 1 - September 30: ALO, S-20. Closed to all fishing October 1 - March 31.

COLEBACK LAKE, Charlotte (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO, S-4, S-16.

COLLINS POND, Rainbow Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.


CONIC LAKE, Baring Plt (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats prohibited.


COOPER POND, TA R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A.


COX POND, South Berwick (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats with more than 10 horsepower prohibited.

CRAG POND, Orland (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-8. Closed to the taking of togue. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.


CRANBERRY POND (LITTLE NOTCH POND), Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


CRAWFORD POND AND TRIBUTARIES, TA R11 WELS and outlet to TA R10 line (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17, S-25.


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CROOKED POND, Lincoln (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4.


– From Bolster’s Mill Road bridge downstream to Route 11 in Casco: October 1 - October 15: Fishing allowed as described above. All other fish caught must be released alive at once.


CROSBY POND, Coburn Gore (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO.

CROSS LAKE, Cross Lake Twp, Square Lake Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. S-2, S-3, S-16. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. (See also Fish River Thoroughfares).

CROSS LAKE, T18 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. From October 1 - November 30: ALO. Open to taking bass and muskellunge only.


CRYSTAL (BEALS) POND, Turner (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

CRYSTAL LAKE, Hersey (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

CRYSTAL LAKE (ANONYMOUS POND), Harrison (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 16 inches. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


CUPSUPTIC LAKE, Adamstown Twp, Rangeley, etc. (See Mooselookmeguntic Lake).


CUPSUPTIC RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES, Oxbow Twp to Adamstown Twp. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From headwaters downstream to the red markers at Little Falls: FFO, S-1. From August 16 - September 30: FFO. Total daily bag limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish.

– Downstream of the red markers at Little Falls: Mooselookmeguntic Lake regulations apply.


CUXABEXIS LAKE, T5&6 R12 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B.

DAQUAM RIVER, T11 R17 WELS. General fishing laws apply, except: Closed to the taking of live baitfish except by hook and line. From October 1 - November 30: ALO. Open to taking bass and muskellunge only.

DAICEY POND, T3 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-19, only 1 trout may exceed 14 inches. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


DAVIDSON POND, Hersheytown Plt (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

DAVIS (EDDINGTON) POND, Eddington (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Davis Pond Dam: Fishing is prohibited in or from the fishway; there are no distance restrictions when fishing near the fishway (Title 12, subsection 12457).


DAVIS BROOK, Shapleigh. General fishing laws apply, except: From the Mann road downstream to the confluence with the Little Ossipee River: From April 1 - October 31: ALO, S-7.


DAVIS STREAM (INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST ROAD CROSSING), Willimantic. General fishing laws apply, except: From the First Davis Pond to the confluence with Wilson Stream: Closed to fishing from August 16 - September 30.


DEAD RIVER, T3 R4 BKP WKR to The Forks Plt. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From the outlet of Flagstaff Lake to the confluence with the Kennebec River at The


DAVIDSON POND, Hersheytown Plt (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

DAVIS (EDDINGTON) POND, Eddington (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Davis Pond Dam: Fishing is prohibited in or from the fishway; there are no distance restrictions when fishing near the fishway (Title 12, subsection 12457).


DAVIS BROOK, Shapleigh. General fishing laws apply, except: From the Mann road downstream to the confluence with the Little Ossipee River: From April 1 - October 31: ALO, S-7.


DAVIS STREAM (INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST ROAD CROSSING), Willimantic. General fishing laws apply, except: From the First Davis Pond to the confluence with Wilson Stream: Closed to fishing from August 16 - September 30.


DEAD RIVER, T3 R4 BKP WKR to The Forks Plt. General fishing laws apply, except:
Forbs: ALO. Minimum length limit on brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, landlocked salmon, and toge: 12 inches. Total daily bag limit on trout, landlocked salmon, and toge: 2 fish. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.

- From Grand Falls to the red markers located near the confluence of Spencer Stream, including all unnamed tributaries: S-7.

**DEAD RIVER, NORTH BRANCH AND TRIBUTARIES**, Chain of Ponds Twp to Eustis. General fishing laws apply, except: FFO.

- General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory (Alder Stream Twp), except: FFO. Penobsctot Indian Territory.

- From the King and Bartlett Road Bridge crossing in Jim Pond Twp downstream to the dam on the North Branch of the Dead River in Eustis: Open to open water fishing from October 1 - October 31: FFO, S-7.

- From the dam on the North Branch of the Dead River in Eustis downstream to the Flagstaff Road crossing: General fishing laws apply, except: Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


**DEBEC POND**, Amherst (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO, S-17.


**DEBSCONAG LAKE, 3RD**, T1&2 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-17. Daily bag limit on toge: 6 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches, only 1 may exceed 23 inches.

**DEBSCONAG LAKE, 4TH**, T1 R10&K11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4, S-17, S-25.


**DECKER POND #1**, Caratunk (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

**DECKER POND #2**, Caratunk (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.


**DEEP POND, T4 R9 WELS (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**DEER LAKE, T34 MD (South Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: S-33.

**DEER POND, Bowmantown Twp (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.


**DEER POND, King and Bartlett Twp (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

**DEER POND, T3 R10 WELS (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


**DEERING (LONGFELLOW) LAKE, Perham, Monson (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: S-13. That portion of the Dennys River in the town of Dennysville and Cathance Twp from a red painted marker approximately 100 feet upriver from the mouth of Robinson (Batson) Meadow Spring to a red painted marker approximately 100 feet downstream from Robinson (Batson) Meadow Spring: Closed to all fishing.

- (Meddybemp Lake to Dead Stream: 1-2 fish meals a month. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).

**DEPOT LAKE, T13 R16 WELS (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November.

**DESERT POND, Mount Vernon (South Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: S-13.

**DESIROLA POND, T8 R16 WELS (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-17.

**DICKWOOD LAKE, Eagle Lake (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.

**DILL POND, Dallas PIt (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.

**DIMMICK POND, BIG, Caratunk (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


**DINGLEY PONDS, THE THREE AND TRIBUTARIES AND OUTLETS, T4 R5 NBKP (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.

**DIXON POND, Pierce Pond Twp (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO.

**DODGE POND, Rangeley (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4, S-17.


**DOLBY POND, Grindstone Twp, Millinocket, TA R7 WELS (South Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: The pipeline is the demarcation between Dolby Pond and West Branch of the Penobsctot River.

**DOLE POND, Dole Brook Twp (North Region).** General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4, S-17.

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DONELLA POND, Franklin, T9 SD (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-13, S-22. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.


DOUGHTY PONDS, LOWER, UPPER AND TRIBUTARIES, Monson (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.


DRAKE LAKE, T34 MD (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33.


EAGLE LAKE (INCLUDING ROUND POND), T7&8 R12 WELS, T7,8,9 R13 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except:


Open Water Fishing: Eagle Lake (including Round Pond) and tributaries upstream to the Allagash Wilderness Waterway blazed line. Only 1 brook trout may exceed 14 inches. Daily bag limit on whitefish: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on whitefish: 18 inches. From August 16 - September 30: tributaries open to open water fishing: ALO. Total daily bag limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 3 fish. (See Allagash Wilderness Waterway).


EAST POND, Oakland, Smithfield (South Region). General fishing laws apply.

EAST POND STREAM (THE SERPENTINE), Smithfield. General fishing laws apply, except: From East Pond to the dam in Smithfield Village: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


EATON BROOK, Brewer. General fishing laws apply, except: From the downstream side of Route 9 in Brewer to the Penobscot River: closed to fishing for all species from July 1 - September 30, both days inclusive. (Marine Resources Rule).
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FIFTH LAKE BROOK (EAST AND WEST TRIBUTARIES) AND TRIBUTARIES, Allagash, First Section: ALO, S-7.

ENCHANTED POND, ELL (L) POND, and FALLS POND, T18 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-8, S-9, S-17, S-22. Daily bag limit on bass: 2 fish, only 1 may exceed 14 inches. The holding of any live baitfish not taken in Embden Pond is prohibited.


ECHO LAKE, PRESQUE ISLE, Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


EIGHTEEN POND, Monson (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


ELBOW LAKE, T3 Indian Purchase Twp. (See Penadamucook Chain of Lakes).

ELBOW POND, T3 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


ELM STREAM, Elm Stream Twp, Seboonook Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply.

ELVIS POND, King and Bartlett Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-17.

EMBDEN POND, Embden (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. S-2, S-3, S-19, S-22. Daily bag limit on bass: 2 fish, only 1 may exceed 14 inches. The holding of any live baitfish not taken in Embden Pond is prohibited.

ENCANTHED (BULLDOG) POND AND TRIBUTARIES, Upper Enchanted Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO.

ENCANTHED POND, LITTLE, Upper Enchanted Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


ENDLESS LAKE, T3 R9 NWP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Only 1 trout may exceed 14 inches. No size or bag limit on largemouth bass. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

ESKUTASSIS POND, Burlington, Lowell (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.


EVERETT POND, King and Bartlett Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-17.


FARRINGTON POND, Lovell (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.


FAULKNER LAKE, Weston (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

FELKER POND, King and Bartlett Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-17.

FELLOWS POND, Chesterville (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

FELTS BROOK, Brewer. General fishing laws apply, except: From the downstream side of Route 9 in Brewer to the Penobscot River: closed to fishing for all species from July 1 - September 30, both days inclusive. (Marine Resources Rule).

FEMALE POND, T1 R12 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.

FERGUSON POND, T14 R8 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-18. Artificial lures only with one hook-a single pointed hook or a treble hook-allowed.


FIFTH LAKE STREAM, HUGHES BROOK, AND OTHER TRIBUTARIES, T36 MD BPP, T41 MD, T42 MD BPP. General fishing laws apply, except: ALO, S-17.

FIRST (BILLINGS) POND, Blue Hill (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-13, S-16. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.


FISH POND, Pierce Pond Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.

FISH POND, Thorndike Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

FISH POND, BIG AND THOROUGHFARE (TRIBUTARY STREAM UPSTREAM TO LITTLE FISH POND), Holeb Twp. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: CI, FFO. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited. Passamaquoddy Indian Territory.

FISH POND, LITTLE, Alder Brook Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-17.


FISH RIVER EXCLUDING THOROUGHFARES, T13 R8 WELS to the Saint John River in Fort Kent. General fishing laws apply, except: S-2, S-3. The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply.

- From Fish River Lake downstream to Round Pond: ALO, S-16.
- From the Upper Fish River Falls in T14 R8 WELS downstream to St. Froid Lake in T14 R7 WELS: No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish. From August 16 - September 30: ALO. No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish. Daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish, minimum length limit on trout: 12 inches.
- From Eagle Lake in Wallagrass Plt. (including tributaries upstream to the first road or railroad crossing) to the red markers above the Fish River Falls in Fort Kent: ALO, S-16. No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish. From August 16 - September 30: ALO. No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish. From August 16 - September 30: ALO. No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish. Daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish, minimum length limit on trout: 12 inches.
- From Fish River Falls in Fort Kent downstream to the St. John River: Closed to the taking of live baitfish except by hook and line. From October 1 - March 31: ALO, S-7. Open to the taking of muskellunge.

FISH RIVER LAKE, T13&14 R8 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-2, S-3. Only 1 trout may exceed 14 inches.

FISH RIVER THOROUGHFARE (CONNECTING CROSS AND SQUARE LAKES), Square Lake Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-1, S-16. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply. From August 16 - September 30: ALO. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish.

FISH RIVER THOROUGHFARES (CONNECTING SQUARE, EAGLE, AND SAINT FROID LAKES), T17 R4 WELS, Square Lake Twp, T16 R6 WELS, Winterville Plt, Eagle Lake. General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-1, S-16. No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish. The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply. From August 16 - September 30: ALO. No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish. Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish.

FLOOD LAKE, Talmadge (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO, ALO, S-17.

FLOOD LAKE, UPPER, Talmadge (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO, ALO, S-21.

FLOODS POND, Otis. Closed to all fishing.


FOGG POND, Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-17.


FOLEY POND AND LITTLE FOLEY POND, Comstock Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

FOLLY POND, York. Closed to all fishing.

FOLSOM POND, Lincoln (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.


FOSS AND KNOWLTON POND, T2&3 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO. Only 1 trout may exceed 14 inches. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


FOSTER LAKE, Marion (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO, S-4, S-17. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

FOURTH LAKE, T7 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI.
ALO, S-17.


FOWLER POND, LITTLE, T5 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-4. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


FOX POND, TA R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


GEORGES POND, Franklin (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 12 and 20 inches must be released alive at once.


GETCHEL LAKES, LOWER AND UPPER, T43 MD BPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: ALO. All bass must be released alive at once.


GLAZIER LAKE, T18 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. Open to ice fishing at night for cusks. From October 1 - November 30: ALO. Open to taking bass and muskellunge only. International Water (page A-1).


GOOSE POND, Swans Island (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-4, S-17. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.


GRACE POND, Upper Enchanted Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.

GRAHAM LAKE, Ellsworth, Fletchers landing Twp, Mariaville, Waltham (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33.

GRAND FALLS FLOWAGE (INCLUDING BERRY BROOK FLOWAGE & GEORGE BROOK FLOWAGE), Baileyville, Fowler Twp, Indian Twp Res, Princeton (South Region).

– General fishing laws apply for that part of the flowage west of a line at McAlister’s Point, except: Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish. All smallmouth bass caught must be released alive at once. No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.

– East of a line at McAlister’s Point and north to

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Spednic Falls: International Water (page A-1).

Grand Falls Powerhouse Dam: The fishway and the area within 75 feet of any part of the fishway are closed to fishing at all times (Title 12, subsection 12457).

GRAND LAKE SEBOEIS, T7 R7 WELS, T8 R7 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

GRAND LAKE STREAM, Grand Lake Stream Plt, Greenlaw Chopping Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: FFO. The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply. Closed to all fishing within 150 feet of Grand Lake Stream Dam. No size or bag limit on largemouth bass. From April 1 - August 15: S-19, S-22. From October 1 - 20: All fish caught must be released alive at once, except no size or bag limit on largemouth bass.


East Grand Lake Dam: Fishing upstream from the dam at the top of fishway is lawful (Title 12, subsection 12457).

GRAND LAKE, WEST (INCLUDING PUG LAKE), T6 ND BPP, T6 R1 NBPP, Grand Lake Stream Plt (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-1, S-3. Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 12 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. No minimum length on togue. Daily bag limit on togue: 2 fish, only 1 of which may exceed 33 inches. All togue between 23 and 33 inches must be released alive at once. From October 1 - 20: ALO, S-7. From October 21 - January 31: Closed to all fishing. Closed to all fishing within 150 feet of Grand Lake Stream Dam. Open to ice fishing for all fish during February and March only. The holding of any live baitfish not taken in West Grand Lake and Pug Lake is prohibited.

GRANGER POND, Denmark (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.

GRANTS POND, Massachusetts Gore (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


GRASS POND, Pierce Pond Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

GRASSY POND, Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


GRASSY POND, T19 MD BPP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: S-33. Open to ice fishing for all fish except trout, landlocked salmon, toge, and bass from the time ice forms in the fall until December 31. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 5 fish. Passamaquoddy Indian Territory.

GRASSY POND, T2 R12 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

GRASSY POND, T3 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


GREAT POND, Great Pond (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 12 and 20 inches must be released alive at once.

GREAT WORKS STREAM, Bradley. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From the Big Rock in Bradley downstream to Route 178: A.

– From the downstream side of the route 178 bridge in Bradley to the Penobscot River: A. Closed to all fishing from July 1 through September 30, both days inclusive.


GREEN LAKE, Dedham, Ellsworth, etc. (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-2, S-3, S-25. Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 12 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. Minimum length limit on togue: 23 inches. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.


GREEN POND, Limestone (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

(Do not eat any fish from this water. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).


GRENIER POND, BIG, T4 R5 NBKR (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-16.

GRENIER POND, LITTLE, AND TRIBUTARIES AND OUTLET (FROM LITTLE GRENIER POND TO MIDDLE GRENIER POND), T4 R5 NBKP (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.

GRENIER POND, MIDDLE AND TRIBUTARIES AND OUTLET (FROM MIDDLE GRENIER POND TO BIG GRENIER POND), T4 R5 NBKP (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.


– From Seboomook Lake upstream to the first road crossing: S-1, S-4, S-19.

HADLEY LAKE, East Machias (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33.


HALFMOON POND, Carthage, Mexico (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


HALL POND, Inlet Stream to Duncan Pond, Prentiss Twp T4 R4 NBKP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: Closed to smelting in every even-numbered year. The daily bag limit on smelt is 1 quart. Passamaquoddy Indian Territory.

HAMILTON POND, Bar Harbor (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 12 and 20 inches must be released alive at once.

HAMPDEN POND, Little (JULIUS POND), Carrabassett Valley (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-17.


HANCOCK POND, Denmark, Sebago (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


– CLOSED TO ICE FISHING is that portion within 200 yards of the intake of the water supply of the towns of Anson, North Anson, and Madison.


HANNINGTON POND, Reed Plt (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-9, S-19.


HARDING POND AND TRIBUTARIES, T1 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.


HARLOW POND, Parkman (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. S-19. All bass must be released alive at once. Open to open water fishing from April 1 - November 30: S-19. All bass must be released alive at once.


HARRIMAN POND, Sebec (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


HARRIS POND (MILO FARM POND), Milo (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A, S-8, S-9, S-19. Open to open water fishing from April 1 - November 30.


HATCASE POND, Dedham, Eddington (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. CO, ALO, S-21. Fishing and boating prohibited within 2,000 feet of the intake of the Brewer Water District.

HATHAN BOGS, Coburn Gore (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


HAYWIRE POND, Benedicta Twp, T1 R5 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

HEALD POND, Caratunk (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.

HEALD POND, Lovell (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.


HEDGEPOT POND, Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.

HELEN POND, Pierce Pond Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO.

HEMLOCK STREAM, Argyle Twp. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.


HIGH POND, Pierce Pond Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO.

HIGH POND, Trout Brook Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


HILTON POND #1 (HILL POND #1), Kingsbury Plt (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4.


HOCTR POND, Hersheytown Plt (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


HOLT POND, Bridgton, Naples (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

HOOPER (LITTLE SABATTUS) POND, Greene (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats prohibited.

HOPKINS POND, Clifton, Mariaville (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-8, S-25. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.

HORN POND, Acton. General fishing laws for Interstate Waters (page A-2) apply. Signs posted at the downstream extent of the Great East Dam Outlet Canal denotes the boundary between Horn Pond and the Salmon Falls River.


HORSESHOE POND, Attean Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI.
ALO, S-17.

HORSESHOE POND, Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


HORSESHOE POND, Chesterville (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

HORSESHOE POND, Coburn Gore (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.

HORSESHOE POND, Denmark (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats prohibited.


HORSESHOE POND, T3 R5 BKP WKR (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-17.


HOT BROOK LAKES, LOWER AND UPPER, Bancroft, Danforth, T8 R3 NBPP, T8 R4 NBPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish. All bass must be released alive at once. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


HOUSTON POND, BIG, T6&7 R9 NWP (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Open to ice fishing during the month of February only. S-2, S-3, S-8 (except that 5 lines may be used from sunset to sunrise while fishing for cusk), S-17, S-25. Minimum length limit on togue: 23 inches.


HUDSON POND, T6 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4, S-17. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


HUMBRA CK BOG, T28 MD (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO, S-4.


HUNTER (TOWN LINE) POND, Linneus (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


HUSTON BROOK POND, Dead River Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.


INDIAN POND AND TRIBUTARIES, Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-18.

INDIAN POND, BIG, Moosehead Junction Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

INDIAN POND, BIG, Saint Albans (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. Open to open water fishing from October 1 -
December 31: ALO, S-7.


**INGALLS (FOSTER) POND,** Bridgton (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.


**IRON POND,** Hobbstown Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


**JAMES POND,** Charlotte (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-33. Only 1 trout may exceed 14 inches.

**JAMES POND,** Somerville (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-17.


**JERRY POND, T5 R7 WELS** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4, S-17.


**JOHNNY AYERS BROOK,** T2 R9 NWP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.

**JOHNNY MACK BROOK,** Orono. General fishing laws apply, except: S-9. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.

**JOHNS POND,** Davis Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO. S-33.

**JOHNS POND, T8 R14 WELS** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17, S-25.

**JOHNSON POND,** Waterville. Closed to all fishing.


**JONES POND,** Bald Mountain Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.


JORDAN RIVER, Raymond. (See Sebago Lake).

JUG STREAM, Monmouth. General fishing laws apply, except: From the outlet of Annabessacook Lake to the confluence with Cobbosseecontee Lake: Open to ice and open water fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.

JUNIOR LAKE, T5 R1 NBPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

JUNIPER KNEE POND, Elliottsville Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

KAMANKEAG POND, Davis Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


KELLY POND, T2 R12 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

KENDUSKEAG STREAM, Corinth to Bangor. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From Garland Pond Dam downstream to the southernmost Route 15 crossing: S-13. All brown trout and landlocked salmon must be released alive at once.

– From the southernmost Route 15 crossing downstream to the Harlow Street Bridge: S-13.


– From the Harlow Street Bridge downstream to the Maine Central Railroad Bridge in Bangor: S-13. Closed to all fishing from July 1 through September 30, both days inclusive (Marine Resources Rule).

KENNEBAGO LAKE, BIG AND TRIBUTARIES, INCLUDING BIG SAG BROOK, Davis Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. Open to open water fishing from April 1 - October 31: FFO. Minimum length limit on trout: 6 inches, only one trout may exceed 12 inches. Tributaries (except Kennebago River): FFO. Minimum length limit on trout: 6 inches, only one trout may exceed 12 inches. Closed to fishing after August 15.


KENNEBAGO RIVER, Seven Ponds Twp to Rangeley. General fishing laws apply, except:


– The Logans, so called, from upper (Manahan) dam upstream to red markers: Open to open water fishing April 1 - September 30: FFO. Daily limit on trout: 5 fish. Minimum length limit on trout: 6 inches, only 1 may exceed 12 inches.

– From lower (Kennebago Falls) dam downstream to the red marker at the confluence of Cupsuptic Lake: S-1, S-3.

– That section of river in Lower Cupsuptic Twp known as the spawning beds approximately 200 yards long between red markers: Closed to fishing after September 15.

KENNEBEC RIVER, Indian Stream Twp to Augusta. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From Indian Pond Dam in Indian Stream Twp, Somerset County, downstream to the upstream side of the Abenaki (lower) Dam in Madison (see separate listing for Wyman Lake): CI. From April 1 - October 31: ALO, S-13. Total daily bag limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 2 fish. Minimum length limit on Rainbow trout and round whitefish: 18 inches. Minimum length limit on brook trout: 14 inches. Minimum length limit on brown trout and landlocked salmon: 12 inches.

Kids fishing areas (under 16 years of age may use worms as bait):

• From the red markers near the confluence with Moxie Stream in Moxie Gore downstream to the Route 201 bridge in West Forks Plt and The Forks Plt.

• From the red markers near the boat launch in Bingham downstream to the Route 16 bridge in Bingham and Concord Twp.

– From the Abenaki (lower) Dam in Madison downstream to the upstream side of Lockwood (lower) Dam in Waterville and Winslow: ALO. Open to ice and open water fishing from January 1 - December 31. Total daily bag limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 2 fish. Minimum length limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 12 inches.

Kids fishing areas (under 16 years of age may use worms as bait):

• From the red markers near the Skowhegan Rest Area downstream to the upstream side of the Shawmut Dam.

• From the Interstate 95 bridge in Fairfield downstream to the upstream side of the Lockwood Dam in Waterville.

– From the downstream side of the Lockwood Dam to the downstream side of the power lines located about 4,200 feet above the Calumet Bridge in Augusta (head of tidewater): CI. Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31: ALO (single hook). Total daily bag limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 2 fish. Minimum length limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 12 inches. Striped Bass - From May 1 - June 30, inclusive: ALO (single hook); use or possession of marine bait, dead or alive, is prohibited; any striped bass caught shall be immediately released alive, without further injury, to the waters from which they were taken.

(Madison to Fairfield: 1-2 fish meals a month; Shawmut Dam in Fairfield to Augusta: 5 trout meals a year, 1-2 bass meals a month; Augusta to the Chops: Do not eat any fish from this area. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).

KENNEBEC RIVER TRIBUTARIES, Moscow, Bingham, Concord Twp, Embeden, Solon, etc. General fishing laws apply, except: All Kennebec River tributaries from the Wyman Dam in Moscow to Williams Dam in Solon are closed to all fishing until May 15. For additional regulations and exceptions see Austin Stream.


– From the dam at Moosehead Lake to yellow markers at tail of Beach Pool: Open to open water fishing from November 1 - March 31: FFO, S-7.

East Outlet Dam: The fishway and the area...
within 50 feet of any part of the fishway is
closed to fishing at all times (Title 12, subsection
12457).

KENNEBEC RIVER, WEST OUTLET,
Taunton and Raynham Academy Grant, Misery
Gore Twp, Sapling Twp. General fishing laws apply,
except: Open to open water fishing from
April 1 - August 15: S-19. General law
maximum length limit on landlocked salmon
does not apply. From August 16 - March 31:
ALO, S-19. All landlocked salmon caught must
be released alive at once.

KENNEBUNK PLAINS POND, Kennebunk
(South Region). General fishing laws apply,
except: CI, CO. ALO, S-7. Closed to the taking
of live baitfish.

KENNEBUNK POND, Lyman (South Region).
General fishing laws apply, except: From
October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

KEOKA LAKE, Waterford (South Region).
General fishing laws apply, except: S-2, S-3,

KETCHUM LAKE, TD R2 WELS (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
S-4.

KEYS POND, Sweden (South Region). General
fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-2, S-3, S-10,
S-13, S-16. Open to open water fishing October
1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.

KEZAR LAKE, Lovell, Stoneham (South
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-2,
S-3, S-22. Daily bag limit on togue: 6 fish;
minimum length limit: 14 inches, only 1 may
exceed 23 inches. Minimum length limit on
landlocked salmon: 16 inches. From October 1 -
December 31: ALO, S-7.

KIBBY STREAM AND TRIBUTARIES,
Kibby Twp, King and Bartlett Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: FFO.

KIDNEY POND, East Middlesex Canal Grant
(North Region). General fishing laws apply,
except: CI. S-4.

KIDNEY POND, T3 R10 WELS (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
FFO. Only 1 trout may exceed 14 inches. The
use of motorboats or outboard motors is
prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

KILGORE POND, Bowtown Twp, Pierce Pond
Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply,
except: CI. ALO, S-16.

KILGORE POND, UPPER, Bowtown Twp,
Pierce Pond Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17. Open
to open water fishing from October 1 -

KILLMAN (SELMORE) POND, T4 ND.
General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page
A-3) apply, except: CI. S-33. Passamaquoddy
Indian Territory.

KIMBALL POND, New Sharon, Vienna
(South Region). General fishing laws apply,
except: CI. ALO, S-10, S-13, S-16. Open to
open water fishing October 1 - November 30:
ALO, S-7.

KIMBALL POND, T5 R8 WELS (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
S-4, S-19.

KIMBALL POND, LOWER, Fryeburg.
General fishing laws for Interstate Waters (page
A-2) apply, except: Smelt dipping is allowed
between sunset and 12:00 midnight with nets not
greater than 18 inches in diameter.

KING BARTLETT LAKE, King and
Bartlett Twp (North Region). General fishing
laws apply, except: CI. S-4, S-17.

KING LAKE, LITTLE, AND
TRIBUTARIES AND OUTLET TO
BARRIER DAM, King and Bartlett Twp (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
ALO, S-19.

KING POND, Bowtown Twp (North Region).
General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO,
S-19.

KING POND AND TRIBUTARIES, Great
Pond (South Region). General fishing laws
apply, except: CI, CO. ALO, S-1, S-18.

KINGSBURY POND AND INLET TO
MAYFIELD POND, Kingsbury Plt., Mayfield
Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply,
except: B. S-3, S-21, S-22. During the open
generator season pond is closed to taking smelts
from midnight to noon. Open to open water
fishing from October 1 - December 31: ALO,
S-7.

KIRBY LAKE (THE MUCK), Belfast (South
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-8,
S-9.

KNICKERBOCKER LAKES, Boothbay
(South Region). General fishing laws apply,
except: Motorboats over 10 horsepower
prohibited. From October 1 - November 30:
ALO, S-7.

LANE POND, LITTLE, Hammond Twp
(North Region). General fishing laws apply, except:
CI. S-4. Open to open water fishing from
October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.

LANG POND, Parlin Pond Twp (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
FFO, S-20.

LARD POND, Turner (South Region). General
fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10
horsepower prohibited.

LAWTON POND, Mount Chase (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A.
Open to open water fishing from October 1 -
November 30 and open to ice fishing in

LAZY TOM POND, T1 R13 WELS (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
ALO, S-17. Open to open water fishing from
October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.

LEAD MOUNTAIN POND, UPPER,
T22 MD, T28 MD (South Region). General fishing
laws apply, except: S-2, S-3, except that smelts
may be taken from the unnamed tributary which
originates at Pinnacle Mountain and flows into a
cove at the northeast corner of the pond. From
October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

LEADBETTER POND, T9 R11 WELS (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
S-4.

LEAVITT BROOK, Limerick. General fishing
laws apply, except: From the F.R. Carroll facility
access road (Dole Ridge Road) to the first
cove at the northeast corner of the pond. From
October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.

LEAVITT POND, T1 R11 WELS (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI.

LAKE GEORGE, Canaan, Skowhegan (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B.
S-3, S-19. Open to open water fishing from
October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

LAKE WOOD, Bar Harbor (South Region).
General fishing laws apply, except: Motorboats
prohibited. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish,
extcept that from October 1 - November 30:
ALO, S-7.

LAMBERT LAKE, T11 R3 NBPP (South
Region). General fishing laws apply, except:
From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

LAMBERT POND, New Limerick (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
S-4.

LANE BROOK POND, T6 R6 WELS (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI

LANE POND, Comstock Twp (North Region).
General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO,
S-17.

LAKE WOOD, Bar Harbor (South Region).
General fishing laws apply, except: Motorboats
prohibited. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish,
extcept that from October 1 - November 30:
ALO, S-7.

LAMBERT LAKE, T11 R3 NBPP (South
Region). General fishing laws apply, except:
From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

LAMBERT POND, New Limerick (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
S-4.

LANE BROOK POND, T6 R6 WELS (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI

LANE POND, Comstock Twp (North Region).
General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO,
S-17.

LAKE POND, LITTLE, Hammond Twp
(North Region). General fishing laws apply, except:
CI. S-4. Open to open water fishing from
October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.

LANG POND, Parlin Pond Twp (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
FFO, S-20.

LANG POND, LITTLE, Parlin Pond Twp
(North Region). General fishing laws apply, except:
CI. FFO, S-20.

LARD POND, Turner (South Region). General
fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10
horsepower prohibited.

LAWTON POND, Mount Chase (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A.
Open to open water fishing from October 1 -
November 30 and open to ice fishing in

LAZY TOM POND, T1 R13 WELS (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
ALO, S-17. Open to open water fishing from
October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.

LEAD MOUNTAIN POND, UPPER,
T22 MD, T28 MD (South Region). General fishing
laws apply, except: S-2, S-3, except that smelts
may be taken from the unnamed tributary which
originates at Pinnacle Mountain and flows into a
cave at the northeast corner of the pond. From
October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

LEADBETTER POND, T9 R11 WELS (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI
S-4.

LEAVITT BROOK, Limerick. General fishing
laws apply, except: From the F.R. Carroll facility
access road (Dole Ridge Road) to the first
cove at the northeast corner of the pond. From
October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.

LEAVITT POND, T1 R11 WELS (North
Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI.

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LEVENSELLER POND, Lincolnville, Searsmont (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats prohibited.

LEWY LAKE, Indian Twp Res, Princeton, etc. (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on smallmouth bass: 1 fish; no minimum length limit on smallmouth bass; all smallmouth bass between 12 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. No size or bag limit on largemouth bass. Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish.

LILY (MERRILL) POND, Concord Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

LILY BAY BROOK (NORTH BROOK), Lily Bay Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: From the red markers at the lake upstream to the old fish hatchery concrete dam, closed to all fishing.


LILY PAD POND, T3 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

LILY POND, Concord Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI.


LILY POND, Edgecomb (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats prohibited.


LITTLE (HORSESHOE) POND, Franklin (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-7.


LITTLE POND (LITTLE MOOSE POND), Denmark (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.

LITTLE RIVER, Lebanon to Berwick. General fishing laws apply, except: From Fall Road downstream to Hubbard Road: Open to open water fishing from April 1 - October 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


LOBSTER STREAM, Northeast Carry Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply.

LOCKE POND, Chesterville (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


LONG (LITTLE LONG) POND, Chase Stream Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO.


LONG LAKE, Indian Twp Res, Princeton (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on smallmouth bass: 1 fish; no minimum length limit on smallmouth bass; all smallmouth bass between 12 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. No size or bag limit on largemouth bass. Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish.

LONG LAKE, Madawaska, Saint Agatha, T17 R3&4 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-2, S-3, S-16. Only 1 landlocked salmon may exceed 16 inches. Tributaries downstream of the first road crossing: S-16. Only 1 landlocked salmon may exceed 16 inches. The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply. (See also Fish River Thoroughfares).


LONG LAKE AND OUTLET TO LONG LAKE DAM (INCLUDING HARVEY POND) AND TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE ALLAGASH WILDERNESS WATERWAY BLAZED LINE, T11 R13 WELS, T12 R13 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Only 1 brook trout may exceed 14 inches. Minimum length on whitefish: 18 inches. From August 16 -
September 30: tributaries open to open water fishing: ALO. Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish. Minimum length on whitefish: 18 inches. (See Allagash Wilderness Waterway).


**LONG POND**, Denmark (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. Opens to open water fishing May 15: ALO, S-2, S-3, S-17. Closed to fishing from a point at the mouth of brook at north end of pond to a point 150 feet down the pond; points to be plainly marked. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited. From October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7. Closed to open water fishing from December 1 - May 14.


**LONG POND**, King and Bartlett Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-17.

**LONG POND**, Mount Desert and Southwest Harbor (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-13. All landlocked salmon 17-20 inches must be released alive at once. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 2 fish; only 1 of which may be greater than 20 inches. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

**LONG POND**, Parsonsfield (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-2, S-3 except the area approximately 4,000 feet as designated by red markers on the southeast shore of the lake including the outlet (Brown Brook) and the tributary from West Pond. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

**LONG POND**, Sandy River Plt. (See Beaver Mountain Lake).

**LONG POND**, Seven Ponds Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-17. Long Pond Dam: Fishing is prohibited in or from the fishway; there are no distance restrictions when fishing near the fishway (Title 12, subsection 12457).


**LONG POND, LITTLE**, T10 SD (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-16. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.


**LONGLEY POND**, T6 R13 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B.


**LOON LAKE**, T6 R15 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B.


**LOST POND**, Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


**LOST POND**, T3 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO. Only 1 trout may exceed 14 inches. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


LURVEY BROOK, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor. Closed to all fishing.


LYFORD POND, BIG, Shawtown Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.

LYFORD PONDS, LITTLE (1ST AND 2ND), Bowdoin College Grant East and West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-19.


MACHIAS LAKE, BIG, T12 R8 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. Open to ice fishing for smelts from the time the ice forms in the fall until March 31.

MACHIAS LAKE, LITTLE, Nashville Plantation (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. Open to ice fishing for smelts from the time the ice forms in the fall until March 31.

MACHIAS LAKES, 1ST, 2ND, AND 5TH, T36 MD BPP, T37 MD BPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33.

MACHIAS LAKES, 3RD AND 4TH, T42&43 MD BPP, T5 ND (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33. Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 12 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish.


MADAWASKA RIVER, LITTLE, T14 R5 WELS to Caribou. General fishing laws apply, except: All landlocked salmon caught must be released alive at once.

- From the bridge on the Grimes Road in Caribou upstream to the Route 1 bridge in Connor Twp: from June 15 - September 30: ALO, S-17.

(River and tributaries from Madawaska Dam to Grimes Mill Road: Do not eat any fish from these waters. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).


- Downstream of Azisochos Lake Dam to the border with New Hampshire: FFO, S-22. Use of barbed hooks is prohibited. All trout caught must be released alive at once. From August 16 - September 30: S-7.

- From Bennett’s Covered Bridge in Lincoln Plt. to red markers approximately 1,300 feet upstream: From June 1 - August 15, persons under 16 years of age wishing to fish under the S-4 regulation may do so only from the shore with barbless hooks; all other length and bag limits apply.


MAIN STREAM, Great Pond. General fishing laws apply, except: Downstream of the Stad Mill Road Bridge: Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 12 and 20 inches must be released alive at once.

MAINE RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES, Princeton, Alexander, Big Lake Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish. All bass must be released alive at once.

MAINSTREAM, Harmony. (See Sebasctook River).


MALABEAM LAKE, Limestone (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

MANHANOCK POND (NORTHWEST POND), Parkman, Sangerville (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. S-19. All bass must be released alive at once. Open to open water fishing from April 1 - November 30: S-19. All bass must be released alive at once.

MANTLE LAKE, Presque Isle (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age and complimentary license holders only. CI. S-4.


MARDEN POND, T1 R8 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


MARY PETUCHE POND, Prentiss Twp T4 R4 NBK. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: Subject to Tribal regulation and will be posted. Passamaquoddy Indian Territory.

MASSACHUSETTS BOG, Massachusetts Gore (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


MATTAGODUS STREAM, Carroll Plt. General fishing laws apply, except: South of Route 6: Fishing restricted to persons under 16
If your water is not listed then only General Fishing Laws apply. See inside front cover flap and pages 2-3.

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years of age and complimentary license holders, S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


MATTAMISCONTIS LAKE, BIG, T2&3 R9 NWP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: Open to ice fishing for all fish except trout, landlocked salmon, toge, and bass from the time ice forms in the fall until December 31. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 5 fish. Penobscot Indian Territory.

MATTAMISCONTIS LAKE, LITTLE, T3 R9 NWP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: Open to ice fishing for all fish except trout, landlocked salmon, toge, and bass from the time ice forms in the fall until December 31. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 5 fish. Penobscot Indian Territory.

MATTANAWCOOK POND, Lincoln (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.


MATTAWAMEK RIVER, Bancroft, Drew Plt, Kingman Twp, Winn. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From the Bancroft Road bridge in South Bancroft downstream to the Route 170 bridge in Kingman Twp: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.

– From July 1 - September 30: From the red posts at The Heaters (located above Gordon Falls in Winn) to the confluence with the Penobscot River: ALO.


MAYFIELD POND AND OUTLET TO KINGSBURY POND, Bridgton Plt, Mayfield Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. S-21, S-22. During the open water season pond and tributaries closed to taking

smelts from midnight to noon. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


MEADOW BROOK, Bangor. General fishing laws apply, except: closed to all fishing from July 1 through September 30, both days inclusive. (Marine Resources Rule).


MEDOMAK RIVER, Waldoboro. General fishing laws apply, except: From the outlet of Medomak Pond to the head of tide: Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.

MEDUXNEKEAG RIVER AND DIRECT TRIBUTARIES, Linneus to Littleton. General fishing laws apply, except: The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon and brown trout does not apply.

– From the Route 1 bridge in Houlton downstream to the Maine-New Brunswick boundary: River and direct tributaries upstream to the first highway crossing: ALO, S-17. From August 16 - September 30: ALO. Total daily bag limit on trout, landlocked salmon, and toge: 1 fish.

(Meduxnekeag River: 2 fish meals a month. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).


MEGUNTICOOK RIVER, Camden. General fishing laws apply, except: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


MERRILL RIVER, Wells. General fishing laws apply, except: From Route 9A downstream to Skimmers Mill Road: Open to open water fishing from April 1 - October 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.

MERRILL BROOK, Williamsburg Twp. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.

MESSALONKSEE STREAM, Oakland, Waterville. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From the outlet of Messalonskee Lake to the Union Gas Dam: Open to ice and open water fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.

– From the Union Gas Dam to the confluence with the Kennebec River: Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. Single hooked artificial lures only. Total daily bag limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 2 fish. Minimum length limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 12 inches.


MESSER POND, LITTLE, T5 R8 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply,
except: CI. Open to open water fishing October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


MIDDLE POND, York. Closed to all fishing.

MIDDLE RIVER, Marshfield, Machias. General fishing laws apply, except: Below the bridge on the Marshfield Flats Road downstream to the mouth of Smelt Brook: S-9, S-19. Persons age 16 and older can fish minnow traps to catch live bait.


MILL POND ON MUDDY BROOK, Industry (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From the dam on the outlet of Clearwater Pond to the next dam located below Route 43: CI. S-9, S-19.

MILL PRIVILEGE LAKE, Carroll Plt, T5 R1 NBPR. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: Open to ice fishing for all fish except trout, landlocked salmon, togue, and bass from the time ice forms in the fall until December 31. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 5 fish. Penobscot Indian Territory.

MILL STREAM, Embden. General fishing laws apply, except: From the Embden Pond outlet to the Cross Town Road bridge: S-9, S-19.

MILL STREAM (OUTLET OF LITTLE WASSOOGKEAG LAKE), Dexter. (See Sebasco River, East Branch).

MILLIKEN MILLS POND, Old Orchard Beach (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. CO.

MILLIMAGASSET LAKE, T7 R8 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. S-16. A person may fish using live fish for bait (Title 12, subsection 12461). From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.


MILLINOCKET STREAM, T1 R8 WELS, T3 Indian Purchase. General fishing laws apply, except: From Millinocket Lake Dam downstream to Millinocket Town Line: Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.

MILLINOCKET STREAM (INCLUDING ROUND POND) AND TRIBUTARIES, T7 R8 &9 WELS, T8 R8&9 WELS. General fishing laws apply, except:

- From the outlet of Millinocket Lake in T7 R9 WELS downstream to the outlet of Round Pond: ALO, S-7.

- From the outlet of Round Pond in T7 R9 WELS downstream to the confluence with Munsungan Stream in T8 R8 WELS, including all tributaries upstream to the first road crossing: ALO, S-17. All landlocked salmon caught must be released alive at once. From August 16 - September 30: Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish.

MILTON POND, Lebanon. General fishing laws for Interstate Waters (page A-2) apply.


MIRROR LAKE, Rockport. Closed to all fishing.

MISERY POND, Misery Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.


MONEE POND, EAST, T43 MD BPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO. Open to open water fishing from April 1 - September 30 in even numbered years. S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Closed to all fishing in odd numbered years.

MONEE POND, WEST, T43 MD BPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO. Open to open water fishing from April 1 - September 30 in odd numbered years. S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Closed to all fishing in even numbered years.

MONSON POND, Easton, Fort Fairfield (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. CO. Open to open water fishing from April 1 - September 30 in even numbered years. S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Closed to all fishing in odd numbered years.

MONSON POND, Easton, Fort Fairfield (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. CO. Open to open water fishing from April 1 - September 30 in odd numbered years. S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Closed to all fishing in even numbered years.

MOODY POND, Waterboro (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI.


MOORES POND, Monson (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.


MOOSE BROOK, Big, Big Moose Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: From the red markers at the lake upstream to the old concrete dam just upstream from Route 15: Closed to all fishing.


MOOSE POND, Bridgton, Denmark, Sweden (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-22. Open to the taking of smelts, except the tributaries Miller Brook and Sucker Brook (Beaver Pond Outlet), and that area within 100 feet of the mouth of either brook: S-1. From January 1 - March 31: Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 16 inches. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


MOOSE POND, Monson (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.


MOOSE POND, Big, Big Moose Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: From the red markers at the lake upstream to the old concrete dam just upstream from Route 15: Closed to all fishing.


MOOSE POND, Bridgton, Denmark, Sweden (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-22. Open to the taking of smelts, except the tributaries Miller Brook and Sucker Brook (Beaver Pond Outlet), and that area within 100 feet of the mouth of either brook: S-1. From January 1 - March 31: Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 16 inches. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


MOOSE POND, Monson (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.


MOOSE RIVER, Holeb Twp to Rockwood Strip T1 R1 NBKP. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From confluence of Holeb Stream (Holeb Twp) to Brassua Lake: S-1, S-19.

– From Brassua Lake Dam to the red markers located just upstream of Moose River Campground (formerly Woody’s Campground), approx. 1 mile upstream of Rockwood Bridge, including direct tributaries: S-1. Total daily bag limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 14 inches. General law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14 - 18 inches). From April 1 - August 31: Fly fishing and trolling with flies only. From September 1 - September 30: FFO.

– From the red markers located just upstream of Moose River Campground (formerly Woody’s Campground), to Moosehead Lake, including direct tributaries: S-1. Total daily bag limit for trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 14 inches. General law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish. Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14 - 18 inches). From April 1 - August 31: Fly fishing and trolling with flies only. From September 1 - September 30: FFO.

– From the red markers located just upstream of Moose River Campground (formerly Woody’s Campground), to Moosehead Lake, including direct tributaries: S-1. Total daily bag limit for trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 14 inches. General law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14 - 18 inches). From April 1 - August 31: Fly fishing and trolling with flies only. From September 1 - September 30: FFO.

MOOSEHEAD LAKE, Greenville, etc. (North Region).

Ice fishing: Moosehead Lake. General fishing laws apply, except: B. S-1, S-21. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14 - 18 inches). Closed to taking landlocked salmon until February 15: then S-22; minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 18 inches. Prior to February 15, all landlocked salmon caught must be released alive without removing the fish from the water.

CLOSED AREAS: That portion known as Spencer Bay; that portion from the mouth of Tomhegan Stream to a straight line between 2 red markers, 1 set on the small point of land on the north shore of Tomhegan Cove approximately 1/2 mile from the mouth of Tomhegan Stream, the other set on the small point of land on the south shore of Tomhegan Cove approximately 3/4 mile from the mouth of Tomhegan Stream; that portion from the mouth of Moose Brook to a straight line between 2 red markers, 1 set at the south shore of Moose Brook Cove; the other on the north shore of Moose Brook Cove on a line passing inside the islands in Moose Brook Cove; that portion from the mouth of Soucanet Stream to a straight line between 2 red markers, one set on the northerly shore of Soucanet Bay at the camp site known as the Lodges, the other set on the westerly shore of Soucanet Bay on a line passing just outside Wiggins Island; that portion from the mouth of Williams Brook in Big W Township to a straight line between 2 red markers, one set on the land of Hermon Brautigan on the south shore of Williams Cove and the other in a northeasterly direction on the opposite shore, Piscataquis County; that portion inside of the red markers located at the mouth of Moose River.

Open water fishing: Moosehead Lake and Tributaries (Upstream to red markers or the first rail or road crossing). General fishing laws apply, except: S-1, S-21, S-22. Minimum length limit on togue: 14 inches. Daily bag limit on togue: 5 fish (only 1 togue may be greater than 18 inches; all 5 may be between 14 - 18 inches). For additional regulations and exceptions to the above, see entries for the following: Kennebec River, East and West Outlets; Moose River; Roach River, Lily Bay Brook and Moose Brook; and Soucanet Stream.


MOOSELEUK STREAM, T10 R9 WELS to T8 R8 WELS. General fishing laws apply, except: From Mooseleuk Lake Dam in T10 R9 WELS’s downstream to the confluence of the Arrowood River in T8 R8 WELS: FFO, S-17. All landlocked salmon caught must be released alive at once. From August 16 - September 30: Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish. All landlocked salmon caught must be released alive at once.

MOOSELOOKMEGUNTIC LAKE (INCLUDES CUPSUTIC LAKE), Rangeley, etc. (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-2, S-3, S-4, S-17. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish. Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 16 inches.

Mooselookmeguntic Lake regulations apply:

– To Cupsutic Lake up to the red markers at Little Falls on the Cupsutic River.

– To the red markers at the confluence of Rangeley River and Kennebago River.

MOPANG LAKES, 1ST, 2ND, Devereaux Twp, T30 MD BPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33.


MORSE POND, Bingham (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.


MOULTON POND, Bucksport, Dedham (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.


MOUNT ZIRCON RESERVOIR, Rumford. Closed to all fishing.

MOUNTAIN BROOK, T3 R9 NWP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.

MOUNTAIN BROOK POND, Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.

MOUNTAIN CATCHER POND, T6 R8 WELS. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: CI, S-4. Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit on brook trout: 10 inches. Penobscot Indian Territory.

MOUNTAIN CATCHER POND, LITTLE, T6 R8 (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI.

MOUNTAIN CATCHER STREAM, T6 R8 WELS. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.

MOUNTAIN POND, Beaver Cove, Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-17.


MOUNTAIN POND, T8 R14 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.


MOUNTAIN VIEW (FITZGERALD) POND OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO THE RAILROAD BRIDGE AT MOOSEHEAD LAKE, Big Moose Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-1, S-19.


MOUSAM RIVER, Shawleigh, Sanford, Kennebunk. General fishing laws apply, except: From the dam at Mousam Lake downstream to red marker located at Roger's Park in Kennebunk. Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


MOXIE POND, LITTLE, East Moxie Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-16.


MUD LAKE, Cross Lake, T17 R4 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-2, S-3, S-16. (See also Fish River Thoroughfares).


MUD LAKE, Oakfield, T4 R3 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


MUD LAKES, LOWER AND UPPER, Alexander (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33. Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish. All bass must be released alive at once.


MUD POND, Chesterville (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

MUD POND, Coburn Gore (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


MUD POND, King and Bartlett Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.


MUD POND, Tim Pond Twp. (See Tim Pond).


MUD POND (LITTLE), Greenville (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.


MUNSUGAN LAKE (INCLUDING LITTLE MUNSUGAN), T8 R9&10 WELS, T9 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4, S-16. Daily bag limit on togue: 6 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches, only 1 may exceed 23 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches.

MUNSUGAN STREAM AND TRIBUTARIES, T8 R9 WELS to T8 R8 WELS. General fishing laws apply, except: from the red markers at the outlet of Little Munsungan Lake in T8 R9 WELS downstream to the confluence with Millinocket Stream in T8R8 WELS, including all tributaries upstream to the first road crossing: ALO, S-17. All landlocked salmon caught must be released alive at once. From August 16 - September 30: Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish. All landlocked salmon caught must be released alive at once.


MUSQUASH LAKE, WEST, T6 R1 NBPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-17. Minimum length limit on togue: 18 inches. Daily bag limit on togue 2 fish, only one over 33 inches. All togue between 23 and 33 inches must be released alive at once. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.

MYERS POND, NORTH AND SOUTH, Columbia (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-8, S-19. Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age.


NAHMAKANTA LAKE, T1&2 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-8 (except that 5 lines may be used from sunset to sunrise while fishing for cusk), S-16. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches.

NAHMAKANTA STREAM, T1 R11 WELS. General fishing laws apply, except: From Nahmakanta Lake downstream to the T1 R10 WELS town line: ALO.


NARRAGUAGUS RIVER, T34 MD to Debolis. General fishing laws apply, except:

– Closed to all fishing that portion of the Narraguagus River from a red marker at the mouth of Sodom Brook in Debolis, downstream approximately 150 yards to a red marker.

– From the Route 193 bridge in Debolis to the downriver side of the Route 1 bridge in Cherryfield: FFO. (See Schoodic Brook).

Except from 100 feet above the ice control dam in Cherryfield (this to the downriver side of the ice breakers) and extending upriver approximately 3.66 miles to the red markers situated on each side of the river: General law fishing.

– Closed to all fishing within 100 feet of the ice control dam in Cherryfield (Title 12, subsection 12457).

– Closed to all fishing from the ice control dam to the railroad bridge in Cherryfield, except from May 1 - June 10 a portion of river between two sets of red markers (at 100 feet below and 450 feet below the ice control dam): FFO.

NARRAGUAGUS RIVER, WEST BRANCH, AND TRIBUTARIES, T22 MD to Cherryfield. General fishing laws apply, except: Minimum length limit on trout: 8 inches. S-19. From the headwaters down to junction with Spring River: ALO.

NARROW POND, T8 R14 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-16.


NEQUASSET LAKE, Woolwich (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No vehicles on ice (ATVs and snowmobiles exempted). Motorboats with more than 10 horsepower prohibited. Nequasset Lake is defined as the area south of the mouth of Nequasset Stream on the north end of the lake, and the area north of the Railroad bridge on the south end.

NESOURNAHUNK (SOURNAHUNK) STREAM, T4 R10 WELS to T2 R10 WELS. (See Sournahunk Stream).

NESOWADNEHUK LAKE, T4 R10 WELS, T4 R11 WELS, T5 R10 WELS, T5 R11 WELS (See Sournahunk Lake).

NEZINSROT RIVER, Turner. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From the Central Maine Power Company transmission line crossing approximately 500 yards below the junction with Martin Stream to the Turner Mill Dam: ALO, S-19. Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31.

– From Turner Mill Dam downstream to its confluence with Meadow Brook downstream to its confluence with the...
Androscoggin River: S-19. Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


NOKOMIS POND, Newport, Palmyra (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats with internal combustion engines prohibited.


NORSE POND, Cutler (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.

NORTH GORHAM POND, Gorham, Standish, Windham (South Region). North Gorham Pond is the impounded portion of the Presumpscot River from the North Gorham Pond Dam upstream to the red markers at the end of the Eel Weir Canal and the natural falls on the river (Latitude: 43.817579 Longitude: -70.448736). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit 1 brook trout and 1 landlocked salmon.


NORTH POND, Chesterville (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Daily bag limit on bass: 2 fish, only 1 may exceed 14 inches. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

NORTH POND, Eliotville (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.


NORTH POND AND LITTLE POND, Mercer, Rome, Smithfield (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted from January 1 - December 31.

NORTHEAST POND, Acton, Lebanon. General fishing laws for Interstate Waters (page A-2) apply.


NORTHEAST POND, Little, Massachusetts Gore (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.

NORTHWEST POND, Little, Massachusetts Gore (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


NOTCH LAKE, LITTLE, Blue Hill (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO, S-4, S-17.


OAKS POND, Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


OAKS POND, LITTLE, Moosehead Junction Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

NOYES (NORRIS) POND, Blue Hill (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.


ONAWA LAKE, Eliotville, Williamsitic (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-4, S-8 (except that 5 lines may be used at night while fishing for cusk), S-16.

ORDWAY POND, Shirley (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.


ORLAND RIVER, Orland, Bucksport. General fishing laws apply, except: From the outlet of Alamoosook Lake down to the dam in Orland: Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


– From Kezar Fall’s Dam (Porter/ Parsonsfield) to Warren’s Bridge (Cornish): ALO, S-19.

– That portion of the Ossipee River between the red markers located approx. 100 yards upstream and 100 yards downstream from the confluence of Wedgwood Brook: Closed to all fishing. (See listing for Wedgwood Brook).

OSSIEPEE RIVER, LITTLE, Newfield, Shapleigh. General fishing laws apply, except: From the stone dam immediately above Route 11 in North Shapleigh downstream to Bridge Street in Newfield: From April 1 - October 31: ALO, S-7.


OTTER POND, Bridgton (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.


If your water is not listed then only General Fishing Laws apply. See inside front cover flap and pages 2-3.


OTTER POND, T3 R13 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

OTTER POND #2, Standish (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


OTTER POND, LITTLE, Sandwich Academy Grant (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


OXBROOK LAKES, LOWER AND UPPER, T6 ND, T6 R1 NBPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats prohibited.


PARKER POND, Chesterfield, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Vienna (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-2, S-3, S-8, except that 5 lines may be used from sunset to sunrise while fishing for cusk. October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


PARLIN POND AND TRIBUTARIES, upstream to Route 201, and outlet (Parlin Stream) downstream to the confluence with Bean Brook, Parlin Pond Twp, Johnson Mountain Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-19. Casting and trolling with artificial flies only. Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 12 inches. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: casting and trolling with artificial flies only: S-7.

PARKER POND, Sebec (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From Saponac Lake downstream to its confluence with the Penobscot River. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

PARKER POND AND TRIBUTARIES, from the Penobscot River to Passadumkeag. General fishing laws apply, except: From Saponac Lake downstream to its confluence with Bean Brook, Parlin Pond Twp, Johnson Mountain Twp, and trolling with artificial flies only.

PARKER POND, Sebec (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From Saponac Lake downstream to its confluence with Bean Brook, Parlin Pond Twp, Johnson Mountain Twp, and trolling with artificial flies only.

PARLIN POND AND TRIBUTARIES, from the Penobscot River to Passadumkeag. General fishing laws apply, except: From Saponac Lake downstream to its confluence with Bean Brook, Parlin Pond Twp, Johnson Mountain Twp, and trolling with artificial flies only.

PASSADUMKEAG RIVER, Grant Falls Twp to Passadumkeag. General fishing laws apply, except: From Saponac Lake downstream to its confluence with the Penobscot River. Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

PASSADUMKEAG RIVER, EAST BRANCH, T3 R1 NBPP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.

PASSAMAGMET LAKE, T1 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


PEARCE BROOK, Hodgdon, Houlton. General fishing laws apply, except: From Meduxnekeag River upstream to the Hollywood Road, so-called: fishing restricted to persons under 16 years of age and complimentary license holders only.

PEARL PONDS (#1 and #2), Bawdwin College Grant West Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


PELETTIER BROOK LAKE (4TH), T16 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-16.


PELETTIER BROOK LAKES (1ST, 2ND, 3RD), T16 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4, S-19.

PEMACOOK CHAIN OF LAKES (INCLUDES PEMADUMCOOK, AMBAJEJUS, ELBOW, NORTH AND SOUTH TWIN LAKES), T1 R9&10 WELS, etc. (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A, S-19. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: ALO, S-7.

PENNAMAQUIN RIVER, Pembroke. General fishing laws apply, except: From Upper Dam to Lower Dam, open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.

PENNESSEEWASEE (NORWAY) LAKE, Norway (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

PENNESSEEWASEE LAKE, LITTLE (HOBBS POND), Norway (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From the upstream side of the Main Street (Route 117) bridge downstream to the dam at Route 26: From April 1 - June 15: S-9, S-19.


PENOBSCOT COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION POND, Brewer (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-8, S-19. Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age.


PENOBSCOT POND, T1 R11&12 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.

PENOBSCOT RIVER, Medway (confluence of the East and West Branches of the Penobscot River) to Veazie. General fishing laws apply, except: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31. That area within 150 feet of any part of the West Enfield and Milford Dams, including fishways: Closed to fishing at all times. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7. (See Piscataquis River - Howland Dam Bypass).

The following areas are closed to fishing for all species from July 1 - September 30, both days inclusive:

- The Penobscot River on the easterly side of a straight line drawn from a red painted rock situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Felts Brook to a red painted marker on the Bangor Dam fishway situated on the upriver side of the mouth of Felts Brook. (Marine Resources Rule).

- The Penobscot River within 250 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Eaton Brook. (Marine Resources Rule).

- The Penobscot River within a 250 foot radius of the Maine Central Railroad Bridge abutments at the mouth of Meadow Brook. (Marine Resources Rule).

- The Penobscot River within 500 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Blackman Stream.

- The Penobscot River within 500 feet of a red painted marker situated on the downriver side of the mouth of Great Works Stream.

(Below Lincoln: 1-2 fish meals a month. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).

PENOBSCOT RIVER, EAST BRANCH, T6 R10 WELS to Medway. General fishing laws apply, except:

- From western Baxter Park Boundary to red markers set above the confluence with Webster Stream, Trout Brook Twp: Closed to the taking and use of live baitfish. The use of motorboats and outboard motors is prohibited.

- From red markers set at the confluence with Matagamon Lake upstream to the red markers set above the confluence with Webster Stream, Trout Brook Twp: ALO, S-17.

- The area within 150 feet of the Matagamon Dam, T6 R8 WELS: Closed to all fishing.

- From Matagamon Dam downstream to the Grand Lake Road Bridge, T6 R8 WELS: River and all tributaries upstream to the first road crossing: ALO, S-13, S-17.

- From the Grand Lake Road Bridge downstream to the T5 R8/T6 R8 WELS town line: River and all tributaries upstream to the first road crossing: ALO, S-13, S-17.

- From the T5 R8/T6 R8 WELS town line downstream to the Whetstone Bridge, T3 R7 WELS: River and all tributaries upstream to the first road crossing: ALO, S-13, S-17.

- From the Whetstone Bridge in T3 R7 WELS downstream to the confluence with the Penobscot River: S-13.

PENOBSCOT RIVER, NORTH BRANCH, Comstock Twp, Pittston Academy Grant. General fishing laws apply, except: From the Golden Road Bridge crossing near the mouth of Dole Brook downstream to the red markers near Pittston Farm on Seboomook Lake: From April 1 - August 15: S-19.

PENOBSCOT RIVER, SOUTH BRANCH, Prentiss Twp T4 R4 NBKP to Pittston Academy Grant. General fishing laws apply, except:

- General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory, except: April 1 - August 15: daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 6 inches (only 1 may exceed 12 inches). From August 16 - September 30: ALO. Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length: 6 inches. Passamaquoddy Indian Territory.

- From the eastern boundary of Passamaquoddy Territory in Hammond Twp, downstream to the first road crossing upstream of Canada Falls Lake: From April 1 - August 15: S-19.

- From Canada Falls Lake upstream to the first road crossing: ALO, S-19.

- From Canada Falls Lake downstream to the red markers near Pittston Farm on Seboomook Lake: From April 1 - August 15: S-19.

PENOBSCOT RIVER, WEST BRANCH, Seboomook Twp to Medway. General fishing laws apply, except: The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply.

- From Seboomook Dam to red markers set on the shores of Chesuncook Lake near the Boom House campsite: From April 1 to August 15: ALO, S-17, S-22. From August 16 - September 30: FFO. Total daily bag limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish.

- From Ripogenus Dam downstream to the Telos Road Bridge: From April 1 - September 30: FFO, S-22. Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 26 inches.

- From the Telos Road Bridge downstream to the red markers at the head of Pockwockamus Falls: From April 1 - August 15: only artificial lures with one hook - single-pointed hook or a treble hook - allowed. S-22. Minimum length on landlocked salmon: 18 inches. From August 16 - September 30: FFO. Total daily limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Minimum length on landlocked salmon: 18 inches.

- From red markers at the head of Pockwockamus Falls downstream to Ambajeus Lake: Smelts may be taken by dip net from the northeast bank of the river in the area between Ambajeus Lake and Passamaqamet Lake. Closed to taking smelts from midnight to noon each day. Daily bag and possession limit on smelts: 1 quart.

- From the dam at North Twin Lake to Quakish Lake, T3 Indian Purchase, Millinocket: S-13. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

- From Medway dam to the confluence of East and West Branches in Medway, Medway: The area within 150 feet of any part of the Medway Dam, including the powerhouse: closed to fishing at all times. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.
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PERCH POND (MUD POND), Old Town (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass. From October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


PERLEY POND, Denmark (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.


PICKEREL POND, T32 MD (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-8, S-19. Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age. No motor vehicles allowed on the ice. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.


PIERCE POND, UPPER PIERCE POND, AND THOROUGHFARE (SO-CALLED), Bowtown Twp, Pierce Pond Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Cl. Opens to fishing May 1. ALO, S-17. No size or bag limit on tongue.


PIKE BROOK POND, WEST, T18 MD BPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Cl. ALO, S-10, S-17. Open to open water fishing October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


PINE POND, BIG, T3 R13 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Cl. ALO, S-17, S-33. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 5 fish. Passamaquoddy Indian Territory.


PLEASANT (MUD) POND, Litchfield, etc. (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once.


PLEASANT LAKE, Island Falls, T4 R3 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-2, S-3, S-19, S-22. Open to ice fishing for smelts from the time the ice forms in the fall until March 31. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


PLEASANT LAKE, T6 R1 NBPP, T7 R2 NBPR (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-25. Minimum length limit on togue: 23 inches. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.

PLEASANT LAKE, T6 R6 WELS (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Cl, CO, S-17.


PLEASANT POND, Otisville Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


PLEASANT POND, BIG AND TRIBUTARIES, T4 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-1, S-17, S-25.

PLEASANT POND, LITTLE, T10 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply,
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If your water is not listed then only General Fishing Laws apply. See inside front cover flap and pages 2-3.

except: CI, FFO, S-19, only 1 trout may exceed 12 inches.


PLEASANT RIVER, WEST BRANCH, Shawtown Twp to Bowdoin College Grant East Twp, Williamsburg Twp. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From Stair Falls upstream to the red markers on outlet of First West Branch Pond: S-4.

– General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.


POCASSET (MILL) STREAM, Wayne. General fishing laws apply, except: From the bridge on State Route 133 to its confluence with Androscoggin Lake: Open to ice and open water fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


POCUMCUS LAKE, TS&D ND BPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except:

Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 12 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. No minimum length on togue. Daily bag limit on togue: 2 fish, only 1 of which may exceed 33 inches. All togue between 23 and 33 inches must be released alive at once. From October 1-20: ALO, S-7. From October 21 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.


POGY POND, T4 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

POLAND POND, T7 R14 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

POLY POND, T3 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.

POLYWOG POND AND TRIBUTARIES, Rainbow Twp, T1 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17, S-25.

POND IN THE RIVER, C Surplus Twp, Township C, Upton (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. Use of barbed hooks prohibited. All trout caught must be released alive at once.

– Closed to all fishing during July and August is that portion of Pond in the River delineated by red markers located approximately 1/2 mile above the remnants of Lower Dam, and red markers located about 200 yards below the inlet of the Rapid River.

PORRER BARGE LAKE, T6 R1 NBPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO, ALO, S-16.

PORTAGE LAKE, Portage Lake Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-2, S-3, S-16. No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish. Open to ice fishing for smelts from the time ice forms in the fall until March 31. No person shall operate any boat or canoe propelled by motor on that portion of Portage Lake known as the Floating Island Area, north and westerly of a line beginning at the eastern edge of the marshy peninsula running out from Hutchinson Ridge, running 50 yards outside of the floating islands in a northerly direction to the mouth of Mosquito Brook.


PORTER POND, T3ND (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO, S-4.

PORTLAND LAKE, Bridgewater (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B.

POTTER POND, Patten (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

PRATT LAKE, T11 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B.


PRESQUE ISLE STREAM, NORTH BRANCH, T11 R4 WELS to Mapleton. General fishing laws apply.

(2 fish meals a month. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).

PRESTILE STREAM, Mars Hill, Blaine, Bridgewater. General fishing laws apply, except: From the Mars Hill Dam in Mars Hill downstream to the Maine/New Brunswick Border: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

(1 fish meal a month. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).

PRESUMPTSCOT RIVER (excluding North Gorham Pond and Dundee Pond), Windham to Falmouth. General fishing laws apply, except: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31.

– From Sebago Lake Dam to the confluence with North Gorham Pond, including Eel Weir Canal and power station tailrace: CI, FFO. Daily bag limit: 1 brook trout and 1 landlocked salmon.

– See regulations for North Gorham Pond.

– From North Gorham Dam downstream to tidewater: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


PRIESTLY LAKE, T10 R13 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4. All brook trout caught must be released alive at once.


PROVINCE LAKE, Parsonsfield. General fishing laws for Interstate Waters (page A-2) apply.

PUG LAKE, Pukakon Twp. (See Grand Lake, West).


PUSHAW LAKE, Glenburn, Hudson, Old Town, Orono (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.

Pushaw Lake Dam: Fishing is prohibited in or from the fishway; there are no distance restrictions when fishing near the fishway (Title 12, subsection 12457).

PUSHAW POND, LITTLE, Hudson (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.

PUSHAW STREAM, Hudson, Alton, Old Town. General fishing laws apply, except: From the railroad bridge in Hudson downstream to Pushaw Lake and from Pushaw Lake downstream to Stillwater River: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31. From October 1 - December 31: S-7.

Pushaw Lake Dam, Hudson: Fishing is prohibited in or from the fishway; there are no distance restrictions when fishing near the fishway (Title 12, subsection 12457).


QUAKISH LAKE, T3 Indian Purchase (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-13. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches.


QUIMBY POND, Rangeley (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO, S-17. Closed to all fishing is that area located near the state boat landing from shore to the floating markers. Motorboats prohibited.

QUINTS BOG, so-called, on the west side of the Saco River, Brownfield and Fryeburg (South Region). General fishing laws for lakes and ponds apply.


RAGGED PONDS, LOWER EAST, LOWER WEST, UPPER EAST, UPPER WEST, T4 Indian Purchase (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-8, S-9. The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply.

RAINBOW DEADWATERS 1ST, 2ND, 3RD AND TRIBUTARIES, Rainbow Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17. No size or bag limit on landlocked salmon.

RAINBOW LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES, Rainbow Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17. No size or bag limit on landlocked salmon.


RANGE POND, LOWER, Poland (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


RANGELEY RIVER, Rangeley. General fishing laws apply, except:

- From the fish screen downstream to the dam on outlet of Rangeley Lake: FFO. Total daily bag limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish.

- From the downstream side of the dam on the outlet of Rangeley Lake to the red markers at the confluence of Cupsuptic Lake: FFO, S-1. Total daily bag limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 1 fish. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - 31: FFO, S-7.

RAPID RIVER, Township C, Upton. General fishing laws apply, except: FFO. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. Use of barbed hooks prohibited. All trout caught must be released alive at once.

- Closed to all fishing after September 15 is that portion of the Rapid River between the remnants of Lower Dam to the red markers near the head of Long Pool, so-called.

RAPID STREAM, Carrabassett Valley to Freeman Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: FFO.


RED BROOK, Scarborough. General fishing laws apply.

(6 fish meals a year. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).


REED POND, Macwahoc Pt (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

REED POND, BIG, AND TRIBUTARIES AND OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO REED DEADWATER, T8 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 2 fish. All Arctic charr must be released alive at once. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

REED POND, LITTLE, T8 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-16.

RICH MILL POND, Standish (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited.

RICHARDSON LAKES, LOWER AND UPPER AND TRIBUTARIES, Richardsontown Twp, Township C, etc. (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI.
S-1, S-4, S-17. (See listing for Upper Dam Pool).


**RIPPLEGENUS LAKE**, T3 R11&12 WELS (See Chesuncook Lake).


**RIPPLEGENUS STREAM**, T4 R12 WELS, T3 R12 WELS. General fishing laws apply, except: S-1. General law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply.

**RIPPLE BROOK**, Mount Desert. Closed to all fishing.


**ROACH RIVER**, T1 R12 WELS to Spencer Bay Twp. General fishing laws apply, except:
- From the red markers at the outlet of Second Roach Pond to the red markers at the confluence with North Inlet: ALO, S-19, S-22.

- From the First Roach Pond dam downstream to the red markers on the shores of Moosehead Lake: FFO, S-1, S-7.

**ROARING BROOK**, T7 R9 WELS to Williamsburg Twp. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.

**ROARING BROOK POND**, T7 R9 NWP (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B.

**ROBAR POND**, T4 R8 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI.


**ROCK CRUSHER POND**, Island Falls (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-8, S-9, S-19.

**ROCK POND, Chain of Ponds Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-17.


**ROCK POND**, T5 R6 BKP WKR (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


**ROCKY POND, LITTLE**, T3 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO. Only 1 trout may exceed 14 inches. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


**ROSS POND, Rangeley (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


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ROUND POND, Chesterville (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

ROUND POND, Lyman (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: January 1 - March 31: S-8, S-9. April 1 - September 30: Open to open water fishing only, ALO. October 1 - December 31: Open to open water fishing only, ALO, S-7.

Exception: Children under the age of 16 and eligible complimentary license holders may fish under S-4.


ROUND POND, T6 R11 WELS (See Chamberlain Lake).

ROUND POND, T7 R14 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B.


ROUND POND, Vinallhaven. Closed to all fishing.


ROUND POND AND TRIBUTARIES, TA R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO.


TrIBUTARIES and Outlet: S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


ROUND POND, LITTLE and TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE ALLAGASH WILDERNESS BLAZED LINE, T8 R13 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: ALO, S-16. (See Allagash Wilderness Waterway).


ROYAL RIVER, Yarmouth. General fishing laws apply, except: From Elm Street downstream to tidewater: Open to open water fishing January 1 - December 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


RUSH POND, T2 R6 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


RUSSELL POND, T4 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


SABAO LAKE, LOWER, T35 MD (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33.

SABBATUS POND, Greene, Sabattus, Wales (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish.


SACO RIVER, Fryeburg to Saco. General fishing laws apply, except: From the Maine/New Hampshire border in Fryeburg to Cataract Dam in Saco: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.


SAINT CROIX LAKE, T7&8 R4 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B.


East Grand Lake Dam, Forest City Twp: The area within 75 feet of the downstream mouth of the fishway is closed to fishing at all times (Title 12, subsection 12457).

– From Mud Lake to Specnic Lake, Forest City, T10 R3 NBPP. Closed to the taking of smallmouth bass.

– From Grand Falls Dam to the Milltown Dam, Baileyville, Baring Twp, Calais. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - October 31: ALO. All fish caught must be released alive at once, except no size or bag limit on largemouth bass.

Grand Falls Powerhouse Dam, Baileyville: The fishway and the area within 75 feet of any part of the fishway are closed to fishing at all times (Title 12, subsection 12457).

Woodland Dam, Baileyville: The fishway and the area within 75 feet of any part of the fishway are closed to fishing at all times (Title 12, subsection 12457).

– From Milltown Dam to the Unionville Bridge located at the end of Todd Street in Calais. FFO.


SAINT FRANCIS RIVER, Big Twenty Twp to T18 R10 WELS. General fishing laws apply, except: The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply. From October 1 - November 30: ALO. Open to taking bass and muskellunge only. International Water (page A-1).

SAINT FROID LAKE, T14 R7 WELS, Winterville Pt (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. S-2, S-3, S-16. No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish. (See also Fish River Thoroughfares).


SAINT GEORGE RIVER, Liberty to Warren. From St. George Lake in Liberty, downstream to the head of tide in Warren. General fishing laws apply, except: Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31. Total daily bag limit on trout, landlocked salmon, and togue: 1 fish. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.

SAINT JOHN POND, 1ST (LOWER), T4 R17 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4.

SAINT JOHN POND, 1ST (UPPER), T4 R17 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4.


SAINT JOHN POND, 5TH, T5&6 R17 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: ALO. Open to taking muskellunge only. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

SAINT JOHN RIVER, Big Ten Twp to Hamlin.

– From the confluence of the Northwest and Southwest Branches of the St. John River in Big Ten Twp downstream to the eastern most border of the town of Hamlin: General fishing laws apply, except: B. The general law maximum length limit on landlocked salmon does not apply. Closed to the taking of live baitfish except by hook and line. From October 1 - November 30: ALO. Open to taking bass and muskellunge only.

SAINT JOHN RIVER, BAKER BRANCH, T5 R17 WELS to T9 R17 WELS. General fishing laws apply, except: Closed to the taking of live baitfish except by hook and line. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: ALO. Open to taking bass and muskellunge only.

SAINT JOHN RIVER, NORTHWEST AND SOUTHWEST BRANCHES, T12 R17 WELS to Big Ten Twp and T5 R20 WELS to Big Ten Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: Closed to the taking of live baitfish except by hook and line. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: ALO. Open to taking bass and muskellunge only.

SALMON FALLS RIVER, Acton, Lebanon, Berwick, South Berwick. General fishing laws for Interstate Waters (page A-2) apply, except: CI. From the Great East Lake Dam downstream to tidewater (excluding all lakes and ponds on the river): Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31.

(Below Berwick: 6-12 meals a year. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).


SALMON STREAM LAKE, T1 R6 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31.

SALMON STREAM LAKE, LITTLE, T1 R6 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31.

SALMON STREAM POND, Guilford. Closed to all fishing.

SAM AYERS STREAM, T2 R9 NWP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.


SAND POND, Chesterville (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


SAND POND, North Berwick, Sanford (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.


SANDY RIVER, Sandy River Plt to Starks. General fishing laws apply, except:

- From its origin at the outlet of the Sandy River Ponds to the upper (Route 142) bridge in Phillips: ALO, S-19.

- From the upper (Route 142) bridge in Phillips, downstream to its confluence with the Kennebec River, Starks and Norridgewock: S-19. From October 1 - October 31: ALO, S-21.


SANDY STREAM POND, Mount Katahdin (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

SAPONAC POND, Burlington, Grand Falls Twp (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.


SCARBOROUGH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, Scarborough. General fishing laws apply. Motorboats prohibited on that portion of the area upstream of the abandoned railroad right-of-way from March 1 - September 30.

SCHOODIC BROOK, Cherryfield. General fishing laws apply, except: Closed from red marker at its mouth to red marker 1,000 feet upstream.


SCITUATE POND, York (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats with internal combustion engines prohibited.


SCRAGGLY LAKE, T5 R1 NBPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


SEAL COVE POND, Tremont (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

SEBAGO LAKE, AND ALL DIRECT TRIBUTARIES INCLUDING RIVERS, Naples, etc (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-1. Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 16 inches. No bag limit for togue under 26 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 33 inches: 1 fish. All togue between 26 - 33 inches must be released alive at once. All trout (excluding lake trout) and landlocked salmon caught while ice fishing must be released immediately without removal from the water. Closed to all fishing within 100 feet of White’s Bridge.

From October 1 - December 31: ALO. Togue may be harvested as described above.

From October 1 - March 31: All trout (excluding lake trout) and landlocked salmon caught while open water fishing must be released alive at once. Direct tributaries are closed to fishing, except for the lower reach of the Muddy River south of the Lake House Road and the lower reach of the Sticky River northeast of the Route 114 crossing. Closed to open water fishing is the “mouth of the Songo River”, which is the area to the north of a line drawn between Bear Point and Outer Island and then along a line to the north shore.

Portland Water District restrictions: (1) the portion of Sebago Lake within 3,000 feet of the water intakes in Standish is a "No Trespassing" zone (including boating and fishing); and (2) the area of within 2 miles of the water intakes is a "No Bodily Contact" zone and no motor vehicles are allowed on the ice (ATVs and snowmobiles are allowed).


SEBASTICOOK RIVER, Harmony to Winslow. General fishing laws apply, except:

- From the red markers at the outlet of Lake Como to its confluence with Great Moose Pond: Closed to taking smelts from midnight to noon each day.

- From the Great Moose Pond Dam in Hartland downstream to the Benton Falls Dam in Benton: S-19. Open to open water and ice fishing from January 1 - December 31.

- From the Benton Falls Dam in Benton downstream to the confluence with the Kennebec River in Winslow: ALO (single hook only). Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31. Total daily bag limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 2 fish. Minimum length limit on trout and landlocked salmon: 12 inches.

Exception: Anglers under 16 years of age may fish under S-4 from 150 feet downstream of the Benton Falls dam fishway to the confluence of Pattee Brook in Winslow.

(Corinna/Hartland to Winslow: 2 fish meals a month. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).

SEBASTICOOK RIVER, EAST BRANCH, Dexter to Detroit. General fishing laws apply, except:

- From the dam on Little Wassookeag to the downstream side of the Liberty Street Bridge: S-9, S-19.

- From the Liberty Street Bridge downstream to the confluence with the Sebasticook River: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

(2 fish meals a month. See Fish Consumption Advisories on page A-4).

SEBEC RIVER, Sebec, Milo. General fishing laws apply, except: Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7. From the dam at Route 6 in Milo downstream to the Piscataquis River: S-19.

SEBOEIS LAKE, Lakeview Plt, T4 R9 NWP (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B. S-19, only 1 trout may exceed 14 inches. No size or bag limit on largemouth bass. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

SEBOEIS RIVER, T6 R7 WELS to T3 R7 WELS. General fishing laws apply, except: From the upstream side of the Grand Lake Road bridge to the confluence with the East Branch of the Penobscot River: ALO, S-17.


SEBOEIS STREAM, EAST BRANCH, Cedar Lake Twp. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.


SECOND (GARDNER) LAKE, Marion Twp (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

SECOND (HADLEY) LAKE, T18 ED BPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33.


SECRET POND, Seven Ponds Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


SEWALL POND, Arrowsic (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: The area from the fishway, upstream to the red markers, closed to fishing at all times. Motorboats with internal combustion engines prohibited.

SEWALL POND, T3 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO.


SHAD POND, Millinocket (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


SHALLOW LAKE, LITTLE, T7 R14 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.


SILVER PUG LAKE, T26 ED BPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish. All bass must be released alive at once.


SING SING POND AND TRIBUTARIES, T1 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.

If your water is not listed then only General Fishing Laws apply. See inside front cover flap and pages 2-3.

1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


**SLAUGHTER POND**, T3 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


**SNAG POND (STUMP POND)**, Lincoln (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.

**SNAKE POND**, Johnson Mountain Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


**SOCATEAN STREAM**, West Middlebury Canal Grant. General fishing laws apply, except: Closed to all fishing from the yellow markers at Moosehead Lake upstream to the Williams Stream Road.


**SOPER LOGAN**, T6 R8 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.

**SOUDBASCOOK STREAM**, Carmel. General fishing laws apply, except: Grist Mill Pond Dam, Carmel: Fishing is prohibited in or from the fishway; there are no distance restrictions when fishing near the fishway (Title 12, subsection 12457).

**SOURNAHUNK (NESOWADNEHUNK) THOROUGHFARE**, T4 R10 (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Closed to all fishing: that portion of the thoroughfare between Sourdahunk (Nesowadnunk) Lake and the dam northerly from the dam for approximately 1,000 feet to red markers set on the shore.

**SOURNAHUN/K LAKE**, T5 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


**SOURNAHUN/K STREAM (NESOURNAHUN/K STREAM)**, T4 R10 WELS to T2 R10 WELS. General fishing laws apply, except: FFO, except that from the downstream side of the bridge at Nesowadnunk Field to the downstream side of the bridge at Foster Field: fishing restricted to the use of single hook artificial lures only.


**SOUTH POND**, Greenwood (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-3. Areas in the lake within 100 feet of the mouth of any tributary are closed to the taking of smelts. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


**SPAULDING LAKE**, Oakfield (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. S-19. Open to open water fishing from October 1 -
November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: ALO, S-7.


**Spectacle Pond, King and Bartlett Twp** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4, S-17.

**Spectacle Pond and Tributaries, Blanchard Twp** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.


Spendnic Lake Dam: the area within 75 feet of the mouth of the fishway is closed to fishing at all times (Title 12, subsection 12457).

**Spencer Lake, Hobbstown Twp, T3 R5 BKP WKR** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-17.


**Spencer Stream and Tributaries, Skinner Twp to T3 R4&5 BKP WKR**. General fishing laws apply, except: FFO.


**Spring Brook Pond, Amherst** (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO, S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.

**Spring Brooks, Big and Little**, T4 R8 WELS, T5 R8 WELS. General fishing laws apply, except: ALO, S-17.


**Spring Lake, T3 R4 BKP WKR** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-1 (ice fishing), S-2 (open water fishing), S-3 (open water fishing), S-4, S-19, S-26.


**Spring Pond, T7 R10 WELS** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-17.

**Spring River and Tributaries, T16 MD**. General fishing laws apply, except: S-19. Minimum length limit on trout: 8 inches.

**Spring River Lake, T10 SD** (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


**Spruance Pond, TA R11 WELS** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO.


**Squapan Lake, Ashland, Masardis, T10 & 11 R4 WELS**. (See Scopan Lake).

**Square Lake, T15&16 R5 WELS** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-2, S-3, S-16. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. (See also Fish River thoroughfares).


**Squirrel Brook, Cedar Lake Twp**. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.


**Stevens Brook, Sometimes Called Cemetery Brook**, New Gloucester. General fishing laws apply, except: From Church Rd. downstream to Gloucester Hill Road: S-9, S-19.

**Stevens Pond**, Liberty (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.


**Stinking Brook**, Williamsburg Twp. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.


**Stratton Pond, Rainbow Twp** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO.

**Stump Pond, T3 R10 WELS** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4. Closed to the taking of live baitfish. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited.

**Sturtevant Pond, Magalloway Plt** (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-2, S-3, S-4, S-22. Open to open water fishing
from October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.

**SUCKER BROOK POND,** Katahdin Iron Works Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A.

**SUCKER LAKE,** Weston (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


**SUNDAY POND,** Lynchtown Twp, T5 R4 WBKP (See Aziscohos Lake (including Sunday Pond) and tributaries).

**SUNDAY POND,** Magalloway Plt (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4, S-17.


**SURPLUS POND,** Andover, North Surplus (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO, S-17.


**SWIFT RIVER,** Byron to Rumford. General fishing laws apply, except: From the Route 17 bridge crossing located south of Coos Canyon in Byron, south to the confluence with the Androscoggin River: Open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.


**SYLADOBIS LAKE, LOWER,** T5 ND BPP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: Daily bag limit on brook trout: 5 fish. Passamaquoddy Indian Territory.


**TAYLOR HILL POND,** Strong (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.

**TAYLOR POND OUTLET,** Mount Vernon. General fishing laws apply, except: S-2, S-8 (except that 5 lines may be used from sunset to sunrise while fishing for cusk), S-22, S-25.

**Exception:** From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7 in effect on Taylor Pond Outlet from the downstream side of Taylor Pond dam to Echo Lake.


**TELOS LAKE,** T6 R11 WELS (See Chamberlain Lake).


**THISSELL POND,** T5 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-16.


**THOMPSON LAKE (INCLUDING THE HEATH),** Oxford, Poland, etc. (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-2, S-3, S-22, S-26. Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 16 inches. All salmon caught while ice fishing must be released immediately without removal from the water. From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7. From January 1 - March 31: All salmon caught while open water fishing must be released immediately without removal from the water.

Motorboats prohibited in The Heath, the southernmost part of Thompson Lake separated from the main lake by a causeway.


**TILTON POND,** Fayette (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-3.

**TIM BROOK,** Tim Pond Twp, Eustis. General fishing laws apply, except: FFO.

**TIM POND AND MUD POND,** Tim Pond Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO. Tributaries closed to all fishing.


**TOBEY POND,** Johnson Mountain Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, FFO.


**TODDY POND,** Brooks, Monroe, Swanville (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.


**TOGUE POND, LOWER,** T2 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: B, S-19, only 1 trout may exceed 14 inches. Open to the taking and use of live

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If your water is not listed then only General Fishing Laws apply. See inside front cover flap and pages 2-3.
baitfish. Motorboats over 10 horsepower are prohibited. Daily bag and possession limit on smelts: 1 quart. Closed to the taking of smelts from midnight to noon each day. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

**TOGUE POND, UPPER,** T2 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to the taking and use of live baitfish. Motorboats over 10 horsepower are prohibited. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


**TOMHEGAN POND,** West Middlesex Canal Grant (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4.


**TOWNHOUSE POND,** Lebanon. General fishing laws for Interstate Waters (page A-2) apply.

**TRACY POND,** T3 R10 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


**TRAVELER POND,** T5 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


**TROUT POND,** Bowdoin College Grant West (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.


**TROUT POND,** Stoneham (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, CO, ALO, S-13, S-16.


**TUCKER STREAM (GRANT BROOK),** Brighton Plt, Athens, Harmony. General fishing laws apply, except: Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


**TUMBLEDOWN DICK POND,** T1 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, S-4.


**TUNKLAKE,** Sullivan, T7 SD, T10 SD (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-1, S-3, S-16. No bag limit on togue under 23 inches and no minimum length limit. Daily bag limit on togue greater than 33 inches: 1 fish. All togue between 23 and 33 inches must be released alive at once. All landlocked salmon between 17 and 22 inches must be released alive at once. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 2 fish; only one may exceed 22 inches. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.


**TWENTYEIGHT POND,** T28 MD (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33.


**TWIN LAKES, NORTH AND SOUTH,** T4 Indian Purchase Twp. (See Pemadumcook Chain of Lakes).

**TWIN POND,** T4 R7 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI.

**TWIN PONDS,** T2 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI, ALO, S-17.

**TWIN PONDS (#1 and #2),** T4 R9 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4. Only 1 trout may exceed 14 inches. The use of motorboats or outboard motors is prohibited. Closed to the taking of live baitfish.


**UMBAGOG LAKE,** Upton. Waters of Umbagog Lake include the waters of the Androscoggin River downstream to the Errol Dam, the waters of the Magalloway River upstream to coordinates 44.795602°-071.062732° to 44.795602°-071.061793° using WGS84 map
datum, and the waters of the Rapid River upstream to the red markers at Cedar Stump in the State of Maine.

General fishing laws for Interstate Waters (page A-2) apply, except: S-2, S-18. Closed to ice fishing is that portion of the lake north of a straight line from a red marker set on a point between Spillman and Glassby Coves on the east shore in Maine, and a red marker set at Molls Rock, so-called, on the west shore in New Hampshire.

UMBAZOOKUS LAKE, T6 R13 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A.


UMSASKIS LAKE (INCLUDING THOROUGHFARE TO LONG LAKE) AND TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE ALLAGASH WILDERNESS WATERWAY

BLAZED LINE, T11 R13 WELS, etc (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Only 1 brook trout may exceed 14 inches. Minimum length on whitefish: 18 inches. From August 16 - September 30: tributaries open to open water fishing: ALO. Total daily bag limit on trout and tongue: 1 fish. Minimum length on whitefish: 18 inches. (See Allagash Wilderness Waterway).

UNION RIVER, Ellsworth. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From Graham Lake dam down to Ellsworth dam: open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19. The use of all legal forms of bait, artificial lures, and artificial flies is permitted.
– Below Ellsworth dam: Closed to all fishing is an area on the west side of the river marked by a red line on the spillway of the above named dam and extending diagonally downstream to a red marker on the west shore (closed area includes powerhouse and adjacent fishway and trap).

UNITY UTILITIES DISTRICT, Unity. All waters on the property of the Unity Utilities District located on Route 139 and Prairie Road in the Town of Unity are closed to fishing at all times (Title 12, subsection 12457).

UNKNOWN LAKES, LOWER AND MIDDLE, T4 ND (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: All bass must be released alive at once.


UPPER DAM POOL, Richardsontown Twp. General fishing laws apply, except: Includes that area between Mooselookmeguntic Lake dam and a line drawn between the two cribwork piers approximately 800 yards west of said dam. FFO, S-1, S-22. Minimum length limit on landlocked salmon: 16 inches. All brook trout must be released alive at once. Open to open water fishing in October: FFO, S-7.

– No motorboats allowed from the gates of the dam, downstream or westerly 150 yards.


Vining lake, Cathance Twp, Cooper (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish, except that from October 1 - November 30: ALO, S-7.


WABBASUS LAKE, T5&6 ND BPP, T43 MD BPP (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish. All bass must be released alive at once.


WADLEIGH POND AND TRIBUTARIES, T1 R11 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17, S-25.


WALLAGRASS LAKE, 3RD AND TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE

WALLAGRASS LAKES, 1ST AND 2ND, Wallagrass Plt, etc. (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4, S-19. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches.


WASSOOKEAG LAKE, BIG (WEST OF STATE ROUTE 23), Dexter (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-2, S-3, S-25. Closed to all fishing from October 1 - December 31. Closed to ice fishing is the area west of the Guy F. Hall Memorial Bridge on State Route 23. From the bridge, this area extends westerly to the red markers on the north and south shores.


WATSON POND, Rome (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats prohibited.


WEBBER POND, Bremen (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

WEBBER POND, Vassalboro (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Webber Pond Dam: Fishing is prohibited in or from the fishway; there are no distance restrictions when fishing near the fishway (Title 12, subsection 12457).


WEBSTER STREAM, T6 R11 WELS to Trout Brook Twp. General fishing laws apply, except:

– From the Telos Lake Dam downstream to Webster Lake (known as the Telos Cut): ALO, S-17. From August 16 - September 30: ALO. Minimum length limit on trout: 10 inches. Total daily bag limit: 1 brook trout (Title 12, subsection 12458).

– From Webster Lake to the confluence with the East Branch of the Penobscot River: ALO, S-17.

WEDGEWOOD BROOK, Cornish, Parsonsfield. General fishing laws apply, except: From Route 25 downstream to the confluence with the Ossipee River: closed to all fishing.


WELCH POND, York. Closed to all fishing.

WELHERN (WETHRON) POND, Eustis (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in November: S-7.


WELMAN POND, LOWER, Prentiss Twp T4 R4 NBKP. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply, except: CI. ALO. Daily bag limit on brook trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches. Passamaquoddy Indian Territory.


WENTWORTH POND, Athens, Solon. (See Ironbound (Wentworth) Pond).


WEST BRANCH POND, FIRST AND TRIBUTARIES AND OUTLET DOWN TO THE RED MARKERS, Shawtow Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.

WEST BRANCH PONDS, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH AND TRIBUTARIES, Shawtow Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.

WEST HARBOR POND, Boothbay Harbor (South Region). General fishing laws apply. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.


WESTERN LAKE, Robbinston (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-4. From October 1 - December 31: Closed to all fishing.


WHESTONE BROOK, Williamsburg Twp. General fishing laws for Tribal Waters (page A-3) apply to that portion located in Indian Territory. Penobscot Indian Territory.


WHIDDEN POND #1, Mount Katahdin (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4.


WHITEHORSE LAKE, T7 R7 WELS (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: A. Open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30 and open to ice fishing in

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WILSON STREAM, Wilton. General fishing laws apply, except: From the first bridge downstream of Wilson Pond, including the canal, to the third (Route 156) road crossing downstream of Wilson Pond: S-9, S-19.

WINNEGANCE POND, West Bath (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Minimum length limit on pickerel: 12 inches.


WILSON HILL POND, Little, Johnson Mountain Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. FFO.


WILSON POND, Patten (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. ALO, S-17.


WILSON POND, Boothbay (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: Closed to the taking of live baitfish. Motorboats prohibited. Closed to all fishing during the months of January and March. February: open to ice fishing S-4, S-8, S-9. From April 1 - December 31: ALO.


WILSON POND, Perham (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From the first road downstream to Sebec Lake; Closed to fishing from August 16 - September 30.

WILSON POND, Perham (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: From the first bridge downstream of Wilson Pond, including the canal, to the third (Route 156) road crossing downstream of Wilson Pond: S-9, S-19.

WILSON POND, Perham (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: To red markers north of Caratunk Boat Landing: Open to ice fishing for smelts from the time ice forms in the fall until March 31. B. S-16.


YOUNGS POND, Otis (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: CI. S-4.

YOUNGS POND, Otis (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: See inside front cover flap and pages 2-3. 53


WOODLAND FLOWAGE, Baileyville (South Region). General fishing laws apply, except: S-33. No size or bag limit on largemouth bass.


License Requirements & Fees

**WHO NEEDS A LICENSE?**
A valid Maine fishing license is required for anyone 16 years of age or older to fish in inland waters or transport fish taken from inland waters.

**HOW ARE LICENSES OBTAINED?**
Residents and nonresidents may obtain fishing licenses from agents throughout the State (sporting goods stores, many convenience stores, town clerks, and turnpike service centers), online at mefishwildlife.com or from our Department office in Augusta. 

*Note:* Not all town clerks issue nonresident licenses.

**OTHER FISHING LICENSE PROVISIONS**
A person is required to keep his/her fishing license with him/her at all times while fishing or transporting fish and must exhibit their license for inspection by any warden, department employee, guide, or landowner upon request. An electronic license or permit can now be displayed in lieu of a physical paper license or permit. Possession of fishing tackle in the fields or forest or on the waters or ice of this State without a fishing license is prima facie evidence of fishing in violation of the law.

The commissioner may allow a licensee who has received a complimentary fishing license (See General Fishing Laws and Definitions) to have a person accompany and assist that licensee in fishing. The person accompanying and assisting the holder of a complimentary fishing license may do so without obtaining a separate fishing license. This subsection does not authorize the person accompanying and assisting the licensee to assist that licensee with more than one fishing rod and reel. The person accompanying and assisting the licensee must remain within the immediate proximity of the licensee while that licensee is fishing.

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*1-day fishing license may be exchanged by a Maine resident for a season fishing or combination hunting and fishing license upon payment of the difference between that fee and the fee for the season license, plus the agent’s fee.

**Maine resident permanently stationed outside the state of Maine.

***Nonresident 15-day fishing license may be exchanged for a nonresident season fishing license upon payment of $17 plus the agent’s fee.

Fees listed do not include the agent fee.

Effective January 1, 2019, Alien licenses will no longer be available. A person who resides outside of the country will purchase a nonresident license at the nonresident license fee.

A non-resident between 18 and 24 enrolled full-time in a college in Maine may be eligible for a resident rate license for fishing, hunting, & trapping. This license must be obtained at the main office in Augusta.

*Note:* All residents and nonresidents who operate any motorized watercraft or aircraft equipped with pontoons on inland waters must display a Lake & River Protection Sticker in addition to a current boat registration sticker.
MAINE LIFETIME LICENSE

Pass on a Maine Tradition and a Gift that will Last a Lifetime

Your investment in a lifetime license for yourself or as a gift will allow the bearer to fish, trap, and/or hunt for their lifetime, regardless of where they will live in the future. The revenues generated by the sale of these licenses will be deposited in a special trust fund that will provide long-term financial support for Maine’s fish and wildlife.

FREE FISHING DAYS

Free fishing days are February 16-17, 2019 and June 1-2, 2019. 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.

LIFETIME LICENSE FEES

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Applicants 70 Years of Age

For a one-time fee of $8.00, a senior lifetime license entitles the holder to all privileges they are qualified to receive including hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing. The license also includes the following: bear hunt, bear trap, migratory waterfowl, pheasant, spring and fall turkey, coyote night hunt, crossbow, muzzleloader, one expanded archery antlerless deer permit, and one expanded archery either-sex permit. (Must still apply for any-deer and moose permits each year when applications become available.)

Note: If you purchased a senior lifetime license before age 70, you do NOT have to pay the $8.00 fee, and the permits listed in the previous paragraph are included with your lifetime license anytime during the calendar year you turn 70 years of age. For more information about the Lifetime License Program, please call (207) 287-8000.

SUPERPACK LICENSE

To be eligible for this license, the applicant must be a Maine resident. This license permits a person who has met the eligibility requirements for each license or permit to hunt and fish for all legal game and fish species subject to all of the laws covering these activities; fishing, hunting, and archery. The Superpack license includes muzzleloader, crossbow, migratory waterfowl, pheasant, spring/fall turkey, bear, coyote night hunt, and three expanded archery antlerless permits. The Superpack license also includes one free chance in the moose lottery and entry into a special category in the annual any-deer permit lottery.

FREE FISHING DAYS

Free fishing days are February 16-17, 2019 and June 1-2, 2019. 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.

LIFETIME LICENSE FEES

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<th>FISHING</th>
<th>HUNTING</th>
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<th>COMBINATION OF ANY TWO*</th>
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<td>5 years &amp; under</td>
<td>$450</td>
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<td>6 – 15 years</td>
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*Hunting, fishing, archery, trapping

These fees are subject to change. Please check with the Department for current fees.
Baitfish Information

**THE ONLY FISH THAT MAY BE USED AS BAIT, DEAD OR ALIVE**
The following are the only fish species that may be used as bait (dead or alive) for fishing in inland waters of Maine:

- Common Shiner
- Golden Shiner
- Blacknose Dace
- Finescale Dace
- Northern Redbelly Dace
- Pearl Dace
- Creek Chub
- Lake Chub
- Eastern Silvery Minnow
- Fathead Minnow
- Fallfish
- Smelt
- Longnose Sucker
- White Sucker
- Banded Killifish
- Mummichog
- American Eel

**TIPS ON IDENTIFYING COMMON LEGAL BAITFISH**

- **Rainbow Smelt**
  - Long, slender, and silvery
  - Adipose fin present

- **Fathead Minnow**
  - First dorsal fin ray is short and thick
  - Distinctive fat/flattened head shape
  - Generally 2–2.5” in length

- **Creek Chub**
  - Similar to Lake Chub but with a dark spot at base of dorsal fin
  - Upper jaw extends at least to below front of eye
**BAITFISH INFORMATION**

**TROUBLE BY THE BUCKETFUL**

*That’s what the illegal introduction of exotic species brings to Maine’s waters.*

Some thoughtless individuals are attempting to destroy the future of Maine’s native fisheries. These nonsportsmen illegally stock the type of fish they prefer to catch, without regard for the environmental havoc they inflict on the resource. Illegal stocking selfishly denies the people of Maine the right to decide what is best for our waters.

Please help fight this serious problem.
- It is illegal to transport live fish without a permit except legal baitfish or smelts.
- It is illegal to dump unused baitfish into any waterway.
- There is a $10,000 fine for a conviction of illegal stocking.
- Always keep your ears and eyes open for those who are committing these senseless acts.
- If convicted, the license revocation has increased from 1 to 5 years.

To report information about an illegal introduction please call: 1-800-ALERT-US (253-7887)

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**Sucker (White and Longnose)**
- Mouth points downward with thick lips
- Large scales
- Adults can be over 22” in length

**Northern Redbelly Dace**
- Two black lateral bands down body
- Males may exhibit bright red coloration on bellies
- Similar legal species include blacknose, longnose, pearl, and finescale dace

**Golden Shiner**
- Deep flattened body with a strongly downward curving lateral line
- Large scales
- Sickle-shaped anal fin
- Fleshy “keel” (lacks scales) between the pelvic fins and anal fin

**Eastern Silvery Minnow**
- Silvery sides with some olive coloration on back
- Lower jaw is crescent or banana shaped
- Somewhat similar in appearance to rainbow smelt, but adipose fin absent

**Common Shiner**
- Deep bodies with a slightly downward curving lateral line (curved less deeply than the golden shiner)
- Scales on sides near the front of the body are obviously taller than they are wide
- Mature individuals may have red fins (also known as the “Redfin Shiner”)

**Lake Chub**
- Similar in appearance to Creek Chub, but lacks a dot at the base of the dorsal fin
- Mature adults may have bright orange/red spots where the pectoral fins meet the body
HARVESTING BAITFISH FOR PERSONAL USE
All inland waters (including rivers, streams and brooks) are open to the taking of baitfish for personal use unless designated “closed to the taking of live baitfish” (see Special Fishing Laws beginning on page 5).

• See page 56 for list of only legal fish that may be used or harvested as bait. All other fish species must be immediately released alive into the water from which they were taken.

• Any person with a valid Maine fishing license may take baitfish for their personal use only and may not be sold without a bait dealers license.

• All baitfish traps and holding cages must be labeled with the owner’s name and address.

• Always seek landowner permission before crossing private land to trap baitfish.

• Baitfish traps may not exceed 50 cubic feet in volume.

• Baitfish traps must be tended at least once every 7 days by the person who set them.

IMPORTATION OF BAITFISH PROHIBITED
It is unlawful to import any live baitfish or smelts into the State of Maine.

STORING LIVE BAITFISH
Live baitfish may not be stored or held in any waters where the use or possession of live fish as bait is prohibited during the entire fishing season. This includes waters restricted to the use of artificial lures only, waters restricted to fly fishing only, and where there are other prohibitions on the use of live fish as bait. To obtain a list of Maine waters where baitfish cannot be stored contact MDIFW’s Augusta Office, or visit mefishwildlife.com.

COMMERCIAL BAIT DEALER’S LICENSE
In order to harvest for sale or purchase and sell live baitfish or live smelts you must possess a valid bait dealer’s license (Bait Retail License, Bait Wholesale License, or Smelt Wholesale License). For further information on license requirements or how to obtain a license, contact MDIFW at (207) 287-8000 or visit mefishwildlife.com.
Illegal Introductions

Help us Keep it Maine: Protect our Waters from Invasive Species

Maine is lucky to have some of the country’s most pristine, healthy waters, full of aquatic diversity and quality fishing. These waters provide endless outdoor recreation opportunities for anglers and others, but they are also threatened each year by invasive species.

WHAT IS AN AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES?
An aquatic invasive species is any type of fish, plant or other organism that is established in a body of water where that species did not previously exist.

WHAT ARE THE DANGERS?
Invasive fish compete for food and habitat with native fish, may prey on smaller native fish, and can forever change the natural balance of an aquatic ecosystem. In recent years Maine’s lakes and rivers have experienced dozens of illegal introductions that pose real and immediate threats to our native fish populations, especially brook trout and Arctic charr.

Some invasive plants are more than able to strangle a body of water. These plants are fast-growing and can quickly multiply and spread into a thick blanket that keeps sunlight from penetrating deep into the water. This inhibits the natural growth of algae and plankton, which small fish need for food. Once an invasive plant kills plankton, small fish are likely to starve — a situation that detrimentally impacts larger fish and the entire body of water.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?
Once an invasive fish or plant has established itself in a body of water, it is extremely difficult to eradicate them. Eradication efforts are costly, can carry their own risks, and are not always successful. Therefore, prevention is key. It’s our duty as those who enjoy using Maine’s waters to protect them against invasive species.

What are my responsibilities?
• Under Maine law, you must immediately kill any fish that you decide to keep, and never transport any live fish (other than legal baitfish).
• Make sure you’re using legal baitfish. A quick guide to identifying common legal baitfish species appears on pages 56-57.
• Don’t dump your bait! Properly dispose of unused baitfish on land or in the trash. Do not release any live baitfish into a water body.
• Before leaving the launch, check your boat, motor, trailer and any other gear that touches the water, removing any bits and pieces of plants.
• Don’t assume a dry plant is dead – some invasive plants can dry out while on equipment, re-saturate when exposed again to water, and survive to spread in the next body of water they enter.

If you see or suspect someone is moving live fish, contact the Maine Warden Service immediately at 1-800-ALERT-US or report the offense at MaineOGT.org.
Fishing with Soft Plastics

PROPERLY HANDLING SOFT PLASTIC BAITS

Soft plastic baits are popular fishing tackle. Many discarded plastic baits are ending up on lake bottoms or in fish stomachs. Fish often ingest these baits off the bottom, and they may impact fish health. You can do your part to make sure that plastic baits are handled properly.

The best thing you can do is inspect your soft plastic bait frequently. After catching a fish, make sure your bait is still intact. If your bait is worn and will likely fall off, replace it with a new bait, re-hook it, or repair it. You can also extend the useful life of your plastic baits quite easily. Use a small o-ring or cinched small zip-tie in the middle of the bait, and place your hook right under the o-ring or zip-tie. That way, if your hook pulls through the bait, the o-ring or zip-tie will help retain your bait.

Never discard or dump used soft plastic baits into the water! Dispose of your used baits properly in a trash can, keep an eye out for recycling canisters which are now located at several boat launches in southern and central Maine, and check with your local fishing club or retailer to see if they are involved in a bait recycling program.

ALL OF THESE LURES WERE FOUND IN THE STOMACH OF A 14 LB. LAKE TROUT CAUGHT BY GEORGE MANLEY OF SIDNEY, MAINE IN MARANACOOK LAKE IN 2009.
Recreational Angling for Migratory Fish

There are several species of migratory fish (such as shad, river herring/alewives, and striped bass) that are managed by the Maine Department of Marine Resources and may be found in the inland waters of Maine.

Complete information on recreational angling regulations for these species, and others, can be found by visiting maine.gov/dmr/recreational-fishing or by contacting the Maine Department of Marine Resources, 32 Blossom Lane, 21 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0021, (207) 624-6550.

KNOW THE S-33 CODE

Maximum length limit on Landlocked Salmon and Brown Trout: 25 inches

Sea-run Atlantic salmon occur in many of Maine’s inland waters where landlocked Atlantic salmon and brown trout may also exist. Sea-run salmon are listed as endangered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and therefore may not be fished or harvested. Sea-run salmon exhibit a variety of color phases from black to silver to brown, and can look similar to brown trout and landlocked salmon in coloration. Therefore, establishing a 25 inch maximum length limit (S-33) on waters where adult sea-run Atlantic salmon may occur ensures anglers will not inadvertently “take” a misidentified endangered fish. Any sea-run Atlantic salmon incidentally caught must be released immediately, alive and uninjured. At no time should sea-run Atlantic salmon be removed from the water.

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<tr>
<td>American Eel</td>
<td>25 fish</td>
<td>9 inches</td>
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<tr>
<td>River Herring</td>
<td>25 fish</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shad</td>
<td>2 fish</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Striped Bass</td>
<td>1 fish</td>
<td>28 inches</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sturgeon</td>
<td>No Fishing Permitted</td>
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International Waters Between Maine & New Brunswick

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ON BOUNDARY WATERS

Either a Maine or New Brunswick license will be honored while fishing on the main body of the waters listed to the right, or on International river waters. Fishing on these waters in any area or cove where jurisdiction can be determined by a straight line drawn between two points of land, or fishing while positioned on shore or tied up to shore requires the appropriate agency license.

WATERS AFFECTED BY THIS SECTION

- **Grand Lake, East**, Danforth, Forest City Twp, Orient, Weston
- **Glazier Lake**, T18 R10 WELS
- **Grand Falls Flowage**, east of a line between red markers on McAllister Point and Abbott’s Point and north to Spednic Falls.
- **Monument Brook**, Amity, Orient
- **Mud Lake**, Forest City
- **North Lake**, Orient
- **The Thoroughfare between North Lake and East Grand Lake**, Orient
- **Saint Croix River**, in its entirety
- **Saint Francis River**, T18 R10 WELS, T19 R11 WELS, Big Twenty Twp.
- **Saint John River**, from its confluence with the St. Francis River to the easternmost border of the town of Hamlin.
- **Spednic Lake**, Forest City Twp, Forest Twp, T11 R3 NBPP, and Vanceboro
- **Woodland Flowage** (St. Croix River Flowage), Baileyville

Complete information on recreational angling regulations for these species, and others, can be found by visiting maine.gov/dmr/recreational-fishing or by contacting the Maine Department of Marine Resources, 32 Blossom Lane, 21 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333-0021, (207) 624-6550.
Interstate Waters Between Maine & New Hampshire

**Licensing Requirements on Border Waters**
Fishing licenses issued to any person by either this State or New Hampshire shall be recognized when used on any lake or pond which is partly in both States of Maine and New Hampshire.

**Waters Affected by This Section**
- **Balch and Stump Ponds**, Acton, Maine and Wakefield, New Hampshire.
- **Great East Lake**, Acton, Maine and Wakefield, New Hampshire.
- **Horn Pond**, Acton, Maine and Wakefield, New Hampshire. Signs posted at the downstream extent of the Great East Dam Outlet Canal denote the boundary between Horn Pond and the Salmon Falls River.
- **Kimball Pond, Lower**, Fryeburg, Maine and Chatham, New Hampshire.
- **Province Lake**, Parsonfield, Maine and Effingham/Wakefield, New Hampshire.
- **Salmon Falls River**, Acton, Lebanon, Berwick, and South Berwick, Maine, and Milton, Rochester, Somersworth, and Rollinsford, New Hampshire. Included is the upper reach of the Salmon Falls River beginning at the outlet dam of Great East Lake, also known as State Line Canal, to a point downstream marked by signage indicating the northern terminus of Horn Pond.
- **Spaulding Pond**, Lebanon, Maine and Milton, New Hampshire.
- **Townhouse Pond**, Lebanon, Maine and Milton, New Hampshire.
- **Umbagog Lake**, Upton, Maine and Errol/Cambridge, New Hampshire. Waters of Umbagog Lake include the waters of the Androscoggin River downstream to the Errol Dam, the waters of the Magalloway River upstream to coordinates 44.795602°-071.062732° to 44.795602°-071.061793° using WGS84 map datum, and the waters of the Rapid River upstream to the red markers at Cedar Stump in the State of Maine.

**General Fishing Laws**
General Fishing Laws listed below apply to New Hampshire border waters that DO NOT have Special Fishing Laws. If a water has Special Fishing Laws that differ from the General Fishing Laws listed below, they will be listed in the Special Fishing Laws section.

**Season Dates**
- **Ice Fishing**: January 1 to March 31: Lakes and ponds are open for all species except landlocked salmon and cusk.
- **Open Water Fishing**: April 1 to September 30: Lakes, ponds, rivers, streams and brooks are open to open water fishing for all species.
- **October 1 to December 31**: Lakes and ponds are open to open water fishing for all species; all trout, landlocked salmon, and togue must be released alive at once.
- **October 1 to March 31**: Rivers, streams and brooks are closed to all fishing (except Salmon Falls River).

**Equipment**
- **Ice Fishing**: Not more than five (5) lines per person (except Great East Lake).
- **Open Water Fishing**: Not more than two (2) lines per person.
- **From May 15 to June 30**: Black bass (largemouth and smallmouth) may be taken only with artificial lures and flies.

**Baitfish Use**
No dead or living pickerel, goldfish, yellow perch, white perch, black bass, sunfish, crappie, horned pout (bullhead), carp, or any spiny finned fish shall be taken, sold, or possessed for use as bait for fishing in New Hampshire-Maine interstate waters.

### Species Daily Bag & Possession Limits

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<td><strong>Brook Trout</strong></td>
<td>2 fish</td>
<td>6 inches</td>
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<td><strong>Rainbow Trout</strong></td>
<td>2 fish</td>
<td>10 inches in lakes and ponds. 6 inches in rivers, streams, and brooks.</td>
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<td><strong>Brown Trout</strong></td>
<td>2 fish</td>
<td>10 inches in lakes and ponds. 6 inches in rivers, streams, and brooks.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Landlocked Salmon</strong></td>
<td>No Landlocked Salmon through the ice; 2 fish open water fishing</td>
<td>14 inches</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Togue (Lake trout)</strong></td>
<td>2 fish</td>
<td>18 inches</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Large and Smallmouth Bass</strong></td>
<td>May 15 to June 30: all Black Bass must be released alive at once. July 1 to May 14: 2 fish</td>
<td>No minimum length limit. Only 1 may exceed 14 inches.</td>
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<td><strong>Smelts</strong></td>
<td>2 quarts by hook and line only</td>
<td>No length limit</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Pickerel</strong></td>
<td>10 fish</td>
<td>No length limit</td>
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All other inland species: NO DAILY BAG, POSSESSION, OR LENGTH LIMITS
Tribal Waters

**WATERS REGULATED BY THE TRIBES**

Any pond 10 acres or less within Indian Territory is regulated by the Tribe in whose territory the pond is located. Anyone wishing to fish in one of these ponds in Indian Territory should contact one of the following:

- **Penobscot Nation** (207) 817-7331
  Department of Natural Resources
  12 Wabanaki Way
  Indian Island, ME 04468

- **Passamaquoddy Warden Service**
  Indian Township (207) 796-2677
  PO Box 446
  Princeton, ME 04668

**WATERS REGULATED BY THE MAINE TRIBAL-STATE COMMISSION**

As a result of the Maine Indian Claim Settlement Act of 1980, the Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over fishing on any pond of greater than 10 acres with 50% or more of its shoreline within Indian (Passamaquoddy or Penobscot) territory and any section of a river, brook, or stream both sides of which are in Indian territory or one side of which is in Indian territory for a continuous length of ½ mile or more. The Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission has adopted rules which affect any waters meeting the above criteria. Anyone wishing to fish in these waters should contact:

- **Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission** (207) 944-8376
  PO Box 241
  Stillwater, ME 04489
  mitsced@roadrunner.com
  www.mitsc.org

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**GENERAL FISHING LAWS**

General Fishing Laws listed below apply to tribal waters in Passamaquoddy and Penobscot territories that do not have Special Fishing Laws. If a water has Special Fishing Laws that differ from the General Fishing Laws listed below, they will be listed in the Special Fishing Laws section.

**Open Water Fishing Season**
April 1 – September 30:
Lakes, ponds, rivers, streams, and brooks are open to open water fishing.

**Ice Fishing Season**
January 1 – March 31:
Lakes and ponds are open to ice fishing. Rivers, streams, and brooks are closed to ice fishing.

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<td>LAKES &amp; PONDS</td>
<td>RIVERS, STREAMS, BROOKS</td>
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<td>Brook Trout (includes Splake &amp; Arctic char)</td>
<td>[North Region: 5 fish] 5 fish</td>
<td>6 inches minimum</td>
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<td>Brown Trout</td>
<td>2 fish</td>
<td>2 fish</td>
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<td>Rainbow Trout</td>
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<td>Togue (Lake Trout)</td>
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<td>2 fish</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bass (Largemouth &amp; Smallmouth)</td>
<td>North Region: Unlimited</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Whitefish</td>
<td>3 fish</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Smelts</td>
<td>2 quarts</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sea-run Atlantic Salmon</td>
<td>Federally Endangered Species – No Fishing Permitted for this Species</td>
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<tr>
<td>Inland species not listed above</td>
<td>Unlimited</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Striped Bass, Shad, River Herring, American Eel, Sturgeon</td>
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2019 STATE OF MAINE LAWS & RULES FISHING
WARNING ABOUT EATING FRESHWATER FISH

Mercury in Maine freshwater fish may harm the babies of pregnant and nursing mothers, and young children.

• Pregnant and nursing women, women who may get pregnant, and children under age 8 SHOULD NOT EAT ANY freshwater fish from Maine’s inland waters, except, for brook trout and landlocked salmon, one meal per month is safe.

• All other adults and children older than 8 CAN EAT two freshwater fish meals per month. For brook trout and landlocked salmon, the limit is one meal per week.

SAFE EATING GUIDELINES

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<td>6–12 fish meals a year</td>
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<td>Dennys River Meddybemps Lake to Dead Stream</td>
<td>1–2 fish meals a month</td>
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<td>Green Pond, Chapman Pit, &amp; Greenlaw Brook (Limestone)</td>
<td>Do not eat any fish from these waters</td>
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<tr>
<td>Little Madawaska River &amp; tributaries (Madawaska Dam to Grimes Mill Road)</td>
<td>Do not eat any fish from these waters</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kennebec River Augusta to the Chops</td>
<td>Do not eat any fish from these waters</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kennebec River from Shawmut Dam in Fairfield to Augusta</td>
<td>5 trout meals a year, 1–2 bass meals a month</td>
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<td>Kennebec River from Madison to Fairfield</td>
<td>1–2 fish meals a month</td>
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<td>Meduxnekeag River</td>
<td>2 fish meals a month</td>
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<td>North Branch Presque Isle River</td>
<td>2 fish meals a month</td>
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<td>Penobscot River below Lincoln</td>
<td>1–2 fish meals a month</td>
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<td>Prestile Stream</td>
<td>1 fish meal a month</td>
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<td>Red Brook in Scarborough</td>
<td>6 fish meals a year</td>
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<td>Salmon Falls River below Berwick</td>
<td>6–12 fish meals a year</td>
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<td>Sebasticook River (East Branch, West Branch &amp; Main Stem) (Corinna/Hartland to Winslow)</td>
<td>2 fish meals a month</td>
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For more information please visit the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention web site at maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc.
Fishing Opportunities for Youth & Complimentary License Holders

These waters are restricted to persons under 16 years of age and complimentary license holders.

*Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age*

**SEBAGO LAKE REGION**
- Alden’s Pond, Gorham
- Billy Brook, Brownfield
- Coffin Pond, Brunswick
- Leavitt Brook, Limerick
- Lower Hinckley Pond, South Portland
- Penesseewasee (Norway) Lake Outlet, Norway
- Pettingill Park Pond, Auburn
- Round Pond, Lyman
- Stevens (Cemetery) Brook, New Gloucester
- Wilcox Pond, Biddeford

**BELGRADE LAKES REGION**
- Big Pond on Swan Island, Richmond
- Fairfield Recreation (PAL) Ponds, Fairfield
- Kirby Lake (The Muck), Belfast
- Quarry Pond, Waldoboro
- Rocky Pond, Rockport
- Sebasticook River, East Branch, Dexter to Detroit
- Thompson Ice Pond, South Bristol
- Wiley Pond, Boothbay

**GRAND LAKE REGION**
- Foxhole Pond, Deblois*
- Grand Lake Stream Canal, Grand Lake Stream Plt.*
- Middle River, Marshfield and Machias
- Myers Pond, North and South, Columbia*
- Penobscot County Conservation Assn Pond, Brewer*

**RANGELEY LAKES REGION CONT.**
- Harvey Pond, Madrid
- Hight Pond, Skowhegan
- MacDougall Pond, Caratunk
- Mill Pond on Muddy Brook, Industry
- Mill Stream, Embden
- Pinnacle Pond, Kingfield
- Tibbetts Pond, Concord Twp.
- Toothaker Pond, Phillips
- Wilson Stream, Wilton

**RANGELEY LAKES REGION**
- Abbott Brook, Mexico
- Aunt Hannah Brook, Dixfield
- Haley Pond Outlet, Rangeley
- Hannington Pond, Reed Plt.
- Harris Pond (Milo Farm Pond), Milo
- Jerry Pond, Millinocket
- Johnny Mack Brook, Orono
- Mattagodus Stream, Carroll Plt.
- Pickerel Pond, T32 MD*
- Rock Crusher Pond, Island Falls
- Rocky Brook, Lincoln
- Round Pond, Little, Lincoln

**MOOSEHEAD REGION**
- Drummond Pond, Abbot
- Dunham Brook (Including Kiwanis Park Pond), Guilford

**PENOBSCOT REGION**
- Burlington Fire Pond, Burlington
- Cold Stream, Enfield*
- Edwards Family Kids Fishing Pond, Lincoln
- Giles Pond, Patten
- Hannington Pond, Reed Plt.
- Jerry Pond, Millinocket
- Johnny Mack Brook, Orono
- Mattagodus Stream, Carroll Plt.
- Pickerel Pond, T32 MD*
- Rock Crusher Pond, Island Falls
- Rocky Brook, Lincoln
- Round Pond, Little, Lincoln

**FISH RIVER LAKES REGION**
- Church On The Hill Pond, Houlton*
- Mantle Lake, Presque Isle
- Pearce Brook, Hodgdon and Houlton

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*Please review the Special Fishing Laws beginning on page 5 for any additional regulations on these waters.*
Take the Kids Fishing

Fishing can be very rewarding and educational for children. Here are some tips for taking them along.

- **Be relaxed**: As you head out the door, leave behind the tension and take along a smile, an open mind, and a lot of patience.

- **Make it fun**: Above all else, make the fishing trip fun and safe. Don’t measure the success of the trip by the number or size of fish caught, but rather by having a fun, safe time outdoors. Praise children for their patience and cooperation.

- **Make it a shore thing**: Try giving a child their first few lessons at a local park, farm pond, or a lake with a dock or gentle shoreline where they can run and play when their attention span runs short. Knowing how to fish from shore will allow them to go on their own or with friends when they are old enough. If and when you progress to a boat, be sure to have the proper safety equipment for you and your youngster.

- **Fish for little fish**: Most kids prefer to catch lots of fish versus big fish. Start new anglers off on species that are plentiful and more easily caught, like sunfish or perch. Once the child has developed basic fishing skills, you can move on to larger pursuits.

- **Start with the basics**: Begin with simple equipment and bait. Use simple spincasting equipment, a bobber, and a hook with live bait, as it will work well for a variety of fish species. And be sure the equipment your child uses is in good working order to avoid any unnecessary frustration.

- **Teach skills**: People, regardless of their age, enjoy fishing more when they are in control and can do it themselves. Resist the temptation to do things for your children. If you are using live bait, teach them how to put it on the hook themselves. Teach them how to tie their hook onto their line and how to cast. On future trips, watch their skills, and their confidence, grow.

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How to Bring Home a Quality Catch

*Please review Maine's Freshwater Fish Consumption Advisory on page A-4.*

1. **Make sure it’s legal and safe**. Before making the decision to keep your catch, reference the Open Water and Ice Fishing Laws and safe eating guidelines in Maine for the area you’re fishing to determine if the fish there are legal to keep and safe to eat. A few bodies of water are polluted with mercury and other pollutants such as PCBs, and may carry recommendations for less frequent consumption and/or avoidance by certain groups such as pregnant women or small children.

2. **Keep it cool**. Degradation is a function of time and temperature, so make sure you are able to rapidly cool or keep your catch cold. For most of the year, a cooler with ice works best. When water temperature is about 40°F or less, a stringer to hold your fish in the water can also work well. Even though the water may feel cold to the touch, it may not be cold enough to preserve your catch for lengthier periods of time. If using a stringer, be sure your catch is not still alive.

3. **Kill quickly and humanely**. Quick dispatch is as much about quality as it is about being humane, and it’s also the law! Allowing your catch to have a prolonged, stressful death will result in lactic acid production and a lower resting pH of the fish flesh. The low pH results in gaping and softer, rather than firm, flesh. Fish can be dispatched quickly with a blow to the head or with bleeding by cutting the gill arches with a knife or scissors. Although bleeding can improve the taste of some species, the main benefit of the practice is that it kills fish quickly.

4. **Clean your fish**. Enzymatic activity of organs and bacteria of the GI tract can spoil your catch if these parts are not quickly removed. If you’re planning to cook your fish whole (good for smaller, tasty fish such as brook trout), cleaning it is a must. For larger fish, you may choose to fillet for cooking. Filleting is a fast method of cleaning fish that maximizes meat and minimizes bones. To do it properly, you’ll need a fillet knife with a long, slender, flexible blade.

   - **Remove the head if you like**, though trout are often cooked with the head on. Note: It is unlawful to alter the length of land-locked salmon, trout, togue, lake whitefish, and bass unless the fish is being prepared for immediate cooking, so do not remove the head until then.

5. **Clean up, cook, and enjoy**: Clean your fish-cleaning table, collect the guts, heads, and scales, and discard them properly. Your clean fish is now ready to be cooked.
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