

## 2019 Rule Making Proposals - Statewide Waters

REGION	WATCODE ID	WATER NAME	TOWN(S)	COUNTY OR COUNTIES	PROPOSAL SOURCE
A		SEBAGO LAKE, AND ALL DIRECT TRIBUTARIES INCLUDING RIVERS	Naples, Casco, Raymond, Windham, Standish, Sebago	CUMBERLAND	MDIFW

### REGULATION CHANGE DESCRIPTION

Change lower end of togue slot limit from 23 to 26 inches.

### PURPOSE

Recent research and data on lake trout indicates the population is very slow growing and currently exhibiting very low mortality. Once togue move into the existing protective slot they remain there for approximately 18-19 years before exiting. In addition, research shows that the extreme depths of Sebago Lake combined with lake trout habits protect a large segment of the population (approximately 75%) from harvest during the open water season; and anglers are often only able to fish a small portion of the lake during the ice fishing season due to the trend of poor ice conditions. Modeling and angler catch rate data both suggest lake trout abundance is increasing, which is contrary to the objectives identified in the Sebago Lake management plan. The stockpiling of lake trout is a significant concern; as excessive pressure on the forage population(s) from lake trout could create complications.

### CURRENT REGULATIONS

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D	0314	BALD MOUNTAIN POND AND TRIBUTARIES	Bald Mountain Twp T2 R3	SOMERSET	MDIFW

### REGULATION CHANGE DESCRIPTION

Liberalize the lake trout bag and length limit from general law to "no size or bag limit".

### PURPOSE

Lake trout were recently confirmed at Bald Mountain Pond. This regulation would allow unlimited harvest and no size limit on these non-indigenous fishes at Bald Mountain Pond. Bald Mountain Pond is home to one of Maine's 12 endemic Arctic charr populations.

### CURRENT REGULATIONS

**BALD MOUNTAIN POND AND TRIBUTARIES**, Bald Mountain Twp (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: **CI**. ALO, S-17. Tributaries: S-4.

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E	093133	MOOSE RIVER	Holeb Twp to Rockwood Strip T1 R1 NBKP	SOMERSET	MDIFW

### REGULATION CHANGE DESCRIPTION

Add FFO in September.

### PURPOSE

Both sections of the Moose River below Brassua Lake Dam were managed under a September FFO (Fly Fishing Only) gear restriction from 1967 (at least) through 2016 to reduce hooking mortality on landlocked salmon prior to spawning. In 2016, a FFO regulation was implemented for the entire open water season on the upper section, therefore the September FFO regulation was no longer needed and was removed from the lawbook. In 2018, the FFO was removed from the upper section and replaced with "Fly fishing and trolling flies only". Inadvertently, the FFO in September was not re-instituted. This proposal would correct that omission and regain consistency during September on both sections below the Brassua Lake Dam.

### CURRENT REGULATIONS

**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: From April 1- September 30: S-1, Fly fishing and trolling with flies only. 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 the red markers located just upstream of Moose River Campground (formerly Woody's Campground), to Moosehead Lake, including direct tributaries: From April 1 - August 31: S-1. No special terminal gear restrictions. Total daily bag limit for trout and landlocked salmon: 1

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- From the red markers located just upstream of Moose River Campground (formerly Woody's Campground), to Moosehead Lake, including direct tributaries: From April

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F	2232	COLD STREAM PONDS, UPPER	Lincoln	PENOBSCOT (SOUTH)	MDIFW

### REGULATION CHANGE DESCRIPTION

Add S-2.

### PURPOSE

This proposal would eliminate the dipping of rainbow smelt, which is the primary forage for landlocked salmon. There are two distinct basins making up the Big and Little Narrows, the local names for Upper Cold Stream Pond. In the spring, smelts run through the culverts that separate the two basins. Last year, an S-3 regulation (Direct tributaries closed to the taking of smelt) was implemented at Upper Cold Stream Pond through rulemaking with the intent of eliminating dipping of smelt. However, it has since been determined that the culvert location is not a tributary and therefore dipping could legally occur at this location. The addition of the proposed regulation would achieve the goal of prioritizing smelts as forage by prevent dipping, while still allowing some limited harvest by hook and line in the pond.

### CURRENT REGULATIONS

**COLD STREAM PONDS, UPPER**, Lincoln (South Region).  
General fishing laws apply, except: S-3, S-13, S-22, S-25.  
From October 1 - December 31: ALO, S-7.

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F	210	PENOBSCOT RIVER	Medway, Veazie	PENOBSCOT (SOUTH)	MDIFW

### REGULATION CHANGE DESCRIPTION

Add the area 150 feet downstream of Milford Dam to the sections closed to fishing. Change "fishway" to "fishways".

### PURPOSE

Current law prohibits fishing within 150 feet of any operational fishway (unless otherwise specified). The dam at the Milford Hydroelectric Project facility on the Penobscot River in Milford, ME contains three fishways and determining the location of closed areas can be difficult. This proposal (after consultation with the Maine Warden Service and the Maine Department of Marine Resources) would further protect migratory fish (including Atlantic salmon and shad) utilizing the fishways and create a closure area that would be easier to interpret by anglers.

### CURRENT REGULATIONS

**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 Dam, including fishway: 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).
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G	427216	FISH RIVER EXCLUDING THOROUGHFARES	T13 R8 WELS to Fort Kent	AROOSTOOK	MDIFW

### REGULATION CHANGE DESCRIPTION

Remove "Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. " and replace with "No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish."

### PURPOSE

The proposed liberal salmon regulation is the current rule on Eagle Lake, one of the main waters of the Fish River Chain of Lakes, which has been in effect for nearly three years now. Regional Staff have conducted extensive follow-up on this water to track changes in the fishery, the salmon population, and angler response to the opportunity to harvest more salmon. While the special rule (enacted in 2016) has increased salmon harvest at Eagle Lake, that harvest level does not appear to be sufficient to reduce the salmon population in the greater extent of the watershed. Recent data indicates Eagle Lake likely has a larger population now, than the years prior to 2016. The proposed regulations to further liberalize landlocked salmon upstream and downstream of Eagle Lake is an effort to better address the salmon growth issues that are not confined entirely to Eagle Lake.

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**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: Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. From August 16 - September 30: ALO, daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. 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, daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only one may exceed 16 inches. From August 16 - September 30: ALO, daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12

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– From the 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.

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G	4272162309	FISH RIVER THOROUGHFARE (CONNECTING CROSS AND SQUARE LAKES)	Square Lake Twp	AROOSTOOK	MDIFW

### REGULATION CHANGE DESCRIPTION

Remove "CROSS" from the special "FISH RIVER THOROUGHFARES (CONNECTING CROSS, SQUARE, EAGLE AND SAINT FROID LAKES)" and create a new listing for the thoroughfare connecting Cross and Square Lakes.

### PURPOSE

Due to poor landlocked salmon growth and condition, the current regulations on the thoroughfares connecting Square Lake, Eagle Lake, and Saint Froid Lake are proposed to allow for "No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish." However, landlocked salmon in Square Lake and Cross Lake are not experiencing the same growth issues as in Eagle Lake and Saint Froid Lake. Therefore, this proposal would create a separate listing and would allow the thoroughfare between Square Lake and Cross Lake to be regulated independently of the other thoroughfares within which it is currently grouped.

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## 2019 Rule Making Proposals - Statewide Waters

REGION	WATCODE ID	WATER NAME	TOWN(S)	COUNTY OR COUNTIES	PROPOSAL SOURCE
G	1602	PORTAGE LAKE	Portage Lake	AROOSTOOK	MDIFW

### REGULATION CHANGE DESCRIPTION

Remove "Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. " and replace with "No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish."

### PURPOSE

This proposed liberal salmon regulation is the current rule on Eagle Lake (one of the main waters of the Fish River Chain of Lakes) and has been in effect for nearly three years. Regional Staff have conducted extensive follow-up on this water to track changes in the fishery, the salmon population, and angler response to the opportunity to harvest more salmon. While the special rule (enacted in 2016) has increased salmon harvest at Eagle Lake, that harvest level does not appear to be sufficient to reduce the salmon population in the greater extent of the watershed. Recent data indicates Eagle Lake likely has a larger population now, than the years prior to 2016. The proposed regulations to further liberalize landlocked salmon upstream and downstream of Eagle Lake is an effort to better address the salmon growth issues that are not confined entirely to Eagle Lake.

### CURRENT REGULATIONS

**PORTAGE LAKE**, Portage 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. 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.

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REGION	WATCODE ID	WATER NAME	TOWN(S)	COUNTY OR COUNTIES	PROPOSAL SOURCE
G	1610	SAINT FROID LAKE	T14 R7 WELS, Winterville Plt	AROOSTOOK	MDIFW

### REGULATION CHANGE DESCRIPTION

Remove "Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. " and replace with "No bag limit on landlocked salmon less than 14 inches. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon over 14 inches: 2 fish."

### PURPOSE

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### CURRENT REGULATIONS

**SAINT FROID LAKE, T14 R7 WELS, Winterville Plt (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).

### PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

**SAINT FROID LAKE, T14 R7 WELS, Winterville Plt (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. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches. (See also Fish River Thoroughfares).

### PROPOSED REGULATIONS

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## 2019 Rule Making Proposals - Statewide Waters

REGION	WATCODE ID	WATER NAME	TOWN(S)	COUNTY OR COUNTIES	PROPOSAL SOURCE
G	9783	SOLDIER POND, INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST ROAD OR RAILROAD CROSSING	Wallagrass	AROOSTOOK	MDIFW

### REGULATION CHANGE DESCRIPTION

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### CURRENT REGULATIONS

**SOLDIER POND, INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST ROAD OR RAILROAD CROSSING**, Wallagrass Plt (North Region). General fishing laws apply, except: **CI**. ALO, S-16. Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit on salmon: 12 inches, only one may exceed 16 inches. From August 16 - September 30: ALO. Daily bag limit on salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit on salmon: 12 inches, only one may exceed 16 inches. Total daily bag limit on trout and togue: 1 fish. Minimum length on brook trout: 12 inches.

### PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

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