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New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation
Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Few states have more freshwater than New York and none can match the diversity of fishing opportunities found here. Managing such a large resource is no easy task and DEC staff continue to work to protect and improve fishing opportunities in New York State. Efforts continue on the Beaverkill and Willowemoc, where important fish population, angler use and water quality data are being gathered to improve our management of these famed

trout fisheries. Our efforts to improve and expand walleye populations also continue with new or improved walleye fisheries developed in 30 waters, resulting in this valuable sportfish now being found in all of our watersheds, including Long Island.

Since 1995, over 60 miles of new public fishing rights to streams have been acquired and more than 70 new boating and fishing access sites have been developed. Over 500,000 acres of open space has been protected, most of which provide fishing, hunting and boating opportunities. The Hudson River remains an important priority of our Administration, and as we approach the 400 year anniversary of Henry Hudson's first voyage up the river, I am committed to making the Hudson swimmable from its source in the Adirondacks all the way to Manhattan, as well as ensuring that every community along the river has at least one new or upgraded access point.

I encourage you to take advantage of the many recreational and sport fishing opportunities available throughout New York. From the open waters of Long Island Sound to the shores of the Great Lakes, whether you're a resident New Yorker or a visitor, I know that you'll agree that **Fishing's Great in New York State.**


Governor George E. Pataki

ABOUT OUR COVER

Sunset at Cranberry Lake taken by Joelle Meschino. Seven thousand acre Cranberry Lake is one of over 3,000 lakes and ponds, and over 30,000 miles of rivers and streams found within NY's Adirondack Park. An angler's paradise, these waters contain a wide variety of sportfish species including large and smallmouth bass, Atlantic salmon, brook trout, walleye, northern pike and a host of panfish species. For more info on recreational opportunities in the Adirondacks go to: www.adk.com

FISHING REGULATIONS GUIDE 2004-2006

NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

George E. Pataki - Governor

Erin M. Crotty - Commissioner

New York State facilities are available to all persons without regard to race, color, national origin or handicap in accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. This guide is a summary that is intended for convenience only - for complete reference consult the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Volume 6 of the Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York. Copies can be reviewed at your local Supreme Court library or by contacting a regional Division of Law Enforcement Office. Be sure to see "How To Use This Guide" and review Highlights of Changes on page 81.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

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USING THIS GUIDE

1. First, review:
STATEWIDE ANGLING REGULATIONS
2. Then review:
 - GENERAL REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS
 - SPECIAL REGULATIONS BY COUNTY
 - GREAT LAKES - Lake Erie, Niagara River, Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence River and their tributaries to first barrier
 - FINGER LAKES - all tributaries to first barrier
 - LAKE CHAMPLAIN - all tributaries to first barrier
 - GREENWOOD LAKE - NY/NJ border water
 - INDIAN LAKE - NY/CT border water
 - DELAWARE RIVER & WEST BRANCH DELAWARE - NY/PA border water
 - NYC RESERVOIRS
3. If the water you intend to fish is not among the waters named above or in the SPECIAL REGULATIONS BY COUNTY, then STATEWIDE ANGLING REGULATIONS apply.
4. Consult the LICENSE INFORMATION section to determine if you need a fishing license.
5. Review information on health advisories, possession and transportation, buying and selling, dip netting, snatching, spears and longbows.
6. If you have any questions or are unsure of any regulations, call the nearest DEC REGIONAL OFFICE.

STATEWIDE ANGLING REGULATIONS

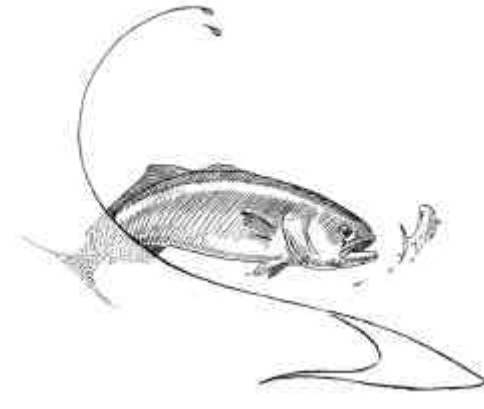
SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT
TROUT- BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND THE HYBRIDS OF THESE SPECIES; AND SPLAKE	APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 15	ANY SIZE	5
LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1- OCTOBER 15	21"	3
LANDLOCKED (LL)/ATLANTIC SALMON	APRIL 1- OCTOBER 15	15"	3
KOKANEE	APRIL 1- OCTOBER 15	ANY SIZE	10
COHO, CHINOOK, PINK SALMON	SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS		
BLACK BASS LARGEMOUTH, SMALLMOUTH	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE - NOV. 30	12"	5
MUSKELLUNGE	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE - NOV. 30	30"	1
NORTHERN PIKE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY - MARCH 15	18"	5
PICKEREL	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY - MARCH 15	15"	5
TIGER MUSKELLUNGE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY - MARCH 15	30"	1
WALLEYE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY - MARCH 15	15"	5
CRAPPIE	ALL YEAR	9"	25
ATLANTIC, SHORTNOSE, LAKE STURGEON, PADDLEFISH	CLOSED	POSSESSION PROHIBITED	
WHITEFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5
STRIPED BASS - IN THE HUDSON RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES NORTH OF GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE	REGULATION CHANGE PENDING CONTACT (631) 444-0435, OR WWW.DEC.STATE.NY.US/DFWMR/MARINE/SWFLAWS.HTML FOR MORE INFORMATION		
AMERICAN SHAD	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	6
YELLOW PERCH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	50
SUNFISH - BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, REDBREAST	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	50
AMERICAN EEL- ALL WATERS EXCEPT HUDSON RIVER	ALL YEAR	6"	50
AMERICAN EEL- HUDSON RIVER FROM THE BATTERY TO TROY AND ALL TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST BARRIER	ALL YEAR	EELS 6-14" ONLY MAY BE POSSESSED IN ANY NUMBER FOR BAIT. NO EELS GREATER THAN 14" MAY BE POSSESSED. NO EELS MAY BE POSSESSED FOR FOOD.	
ALL OTHER SPECIES	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	ANY NUMBER

THIS GUIDE IS A SUMMARY THAT IS INTENDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY - FOR A COMPLETE REFERENCE, CONSULT THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW AND VOLUME 6 OF THE CODES, RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. COPIES CAN BE REVIEWED AT YOUR LOCAL SUPREME COURT LIBRARY OR BY CONTACTING A REGIONAL DIVISION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICE.

MARINE RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS

Recreational fishing regulations for marine fish species are subject to frequent changes in response to rapid changes in fishing conditions and development of interstate management strategies for these species. For complete and accurate information on current New York marine recreational fishing regulations, contact the DEC Bureau of Marine Resources, Finfish and Crustacean Unit (631) 444-0435 or visit the DEC website at:

www.dec.state.ny.us/dfwmr/marine/lawsregs.html



FISHING HOTLINES

WARRENSBURG	518-623-3682
RAY BROOK	518-891-5413
REGION 7	607-753-1551
ORLEANS COUNTY	585-589-3220
LAKE ERIE (DUNKIRK)	716-679-ERIE
LAKE ERIE (BUFFALO)	716-855-FISH
ERIE COUNTY (EXT 4142)	716-844-1111
NIAGARA COUNTY	716-433-5606
WAYNE COUNTY	315-946-5466

ARTIST CREDIT

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License Fees

Resident	
Senior (65+)	\$ 5
Annual Fishing	\$ 19
7 Day fishing	\$ 12
Includes Fishing:	
Sportsman ¹	\$ 37
Super Sportsman ²	\$ 68
Conservation Legacy ³	\$ 76
Non-Resident	
Annual Fishing	\$ 40
7 Day Fishing	\$ 25
Super Sportsman ²	\$ 250
Resident & Non-Resident	
1 Day Fishing	\$ 15

¹ License type that allows the holder to hunt small game and big game, and to fish.

² License type that includes sportsman license(which includes fishing), plus bow hunting, muzzle-loader hunting, and turkey hunting.

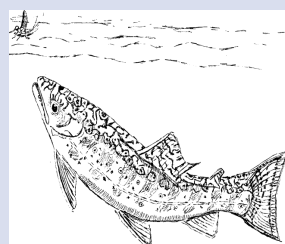
³ License type that includes super sportsman license, plus habitat stamp and subscription to the Conservationist. (Habitat stamp is a new, voluntary stamp. Revenue from sale of the stamp will go into a dedicated account within the Conservation Fund to be used for projects to both protect and improve habitat and provide public access for fishing and other wildlife-related recreation).

LIFETIME LICENSES

Buy a lifetime license and never worry about future fee increases. Lifetime licenses are available only to New York State residents but remain valid even if you move out of state.

Lifetime licenses can now be purchased at all license issuing outlets. For more information visit the DEC website or contact us at: License Sales Unit, NYS DEC, 625 Broadway, Program CW, Albany, NY 12233-4790.(518)-402-8843.

The Collectable for **ALL** Conservationists



Now ANYBODY can help save habitat and increase public access to fish and wildlife.

Donate to the State's Conservation Fund by buying **HABITAT STAMPS \$5.00 where sporting licenses are sold**

LICENSE INFORMATION

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Everyone must have a valid fishing license in their possession while fishing, except:

- Persons under 16 years of age.
- When fishing waters of the Marine District or in the Hudson River south of Troy Barrier Dam.

NOTE: A fishing license is required on entire length of all Hudson River tributaries south of Troy Dam to Tappan Zee Bridge even if tributary is subject to tidal flow.

- When fishing on licensed fishing preserves.

- Citizen-resident owners, lessees and citizen members of their immediate families occupying and cultivating farm lands, when fishing on their own lands.

- Persons holding farm fish pond licenses and members of their immediate families, when fishing on waters covered by their licenses.

- Resident patients at Dept. of Mental Health institutions and Dept. of Health rehabilitation hospitals, and inmates at Division of Youth rehabilitation centers. A license exemption is available through the hospital/institution from: NYSDEC License Sales Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4790.

FREE LICENSES

The following individuals are eligible for a free fishing license and may obtain a license at any license issuing outlet:

- Citizen residents who are blind
- Active members of the U.S. Armed Forces who provide proof that they are New York State residents and are in the state for a maximum of 30 days.

Resident patients at U.S. Veterans Administration hospitals or facilities can obtain a free fishing license through their hospital or facility.

Native Americans who are members of the Shinnecock and Poospatuck tribes or the Six Nations residing on reservations in New York State may obtain a free fishing license by contacting their reservation or the DEC License Sales Office at (518) 402-8843.

LOST LICENSE REPLACEMENT

A lost license may be replaced for \$5.00 for each license type at any license issuing outlet.

LICENSE PRIVILEGES

Persons holding a fishing license or combined hunting and fishing license (including those entitled to fish without a license) may take fish by angling, spearing, hooking, longbow, nets, traps and tip ups; take frogs by spearing, catching with the hands or by use of a club or hook; and take bait fish for personal use, all as permitted by law or DEC.

- The holder of a license, tag or stamp shall have such license tag or stamp on the holder's person while exercising any privilege of that license.

- The holder of a license, tag or stamp shall exhibit it on demand to any police officer, peace officer, or the owner, lessee or other person in control of the lands or waters on which the license holder is present.

- No license or stamp authorizes the holder to trespass upon private lands or waters or interfere with property belonging to another person.



LICENSE INFORMATION

RESIDENT LICENSES

To qualify for a resident license, one must be domiciled in New York State for more than 30 days immediately preceding date of application for a license. Property ownership in New York State is not a residency criterion.

Residency is that place where a person maintains a fixed, permanent and principal home and to which such person (regardless wherever temporarily located) always intends to return, evidence of which includes that such person votes or is registered to vote in that place in elections for any public office other than school board (if under 18, the residence of parents or legal guardian shall be deemed such person's residence).

Active members of the U.S. Armed Forces stationed in the State, and full-time college students (citizen) in residence in the state during the school year (proof required) also qualify for resident licenses.

LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Fishing licenses may be purchased statewide from license issuing agents (town and county clerks, some major discount stores and many sporting goods stores).

CREDIT CARD USE

Computerized fishing licenses (only) may be purchased with a credit card through a special telephone number: 1-86-NY-DECALS or through the mail. Additional information can be found on the DEC website at www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/license/decalsproc.html. Applicants should have the following items ready prior to their call:

- Complete name & address information.
- Proof of residency information - driver's license number or non-driver's I.D. number.
- MasterCard or Visa number and card expiration date.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR BORDER WATERS

Does a New York State fishing license entitle holder to fish the out-of-state portion of waters listed below?

WATER	STATE - PROVINCE	YES/NO
Lake Ontario	Ontario	No
Lake Erie	Ontario, Pennsylvania	No
St. Lawrence River	Ontario, Quebec	No
Niagara River	Ontario	No
Lake Champlain	Quebec	No
	Vermont	Yes ^a
Delaware River & West Branch	Pennsylvania	Yes
Delaware River (along boundary)		
Greenwood Lake	New Jersey	Yes ^b
Indian Lake	Connecticut	Yes ^b

^aAll Vermont portions of Lake Champlain with the exception of The Inland Sea, Mallett's Bay, Missisquoi Bay and all rivers.

^bNew York license permits fishing out-of-state portion from boat or ice only.

DEFINITIONS

ANGLING means taking fish by hook and line. This includes bait and fly fishing, casting, trolling and the use of landing nets to complete the catch. Anglers must be in immediate attendance when their lines are in the water. An angler may operate no more than two lines with or without a rod, and each line is limited to not more than five lures or baits or a combination of both, and in addition, each line shall not exceed fifteen hook points in any combination of single, double or treble hooks. Snatching, lifting, hooking and use of tip-ups are not angling.

ARTIFICIAL LURES OR BAIT means artificial imitations of natural bait, man-made flies, spinners, spoons, plugs, jigs and other lures including those that may contain some natural substances such as deer hair and feathers.

ARTIFICIAL FLY means a hook with no more than two points dressed with feathers, hair, thread, tinsel or any similar material to which no additional hooks, spinners, spoons or similar devices have been added.

BLACK BASS means both largemouth and smallmouth bass.

BLIND SNATCHING means the taking of fish by snatching when the fish is not visible to the fisherman.

FISHING means the taking, killing, netting, capturing or withdrawal of fish by any means. This includes every attempt to take fish, plus assisting another person in taking or attempting to take fish.

FOUL-HOOKED means not hooked in the mouth.

HOOK GAP means the distance from the shank to the point of the hook.

LL SALMON means landlocked salmon or Atlantic salmon

MINIMUM LENGTH means the greatest possible length measured from the tip of the fish's snout to the tip of the tail. The mouth may be open or closed and the tail may be spread or compressed in order to achieve the greatest length.

NATURAL BAIT means all baits which entice or might be ingested or swallowed by fish including, but not limited to, fish (dead or alive), fish eggs, worms, shellfish, crustacea, amphibians (salamanders, frogs and toads), insects (including all stages of development as larvae, pupae, etc.), pork rinds, liver, meat, corn or other vegetable matter, tapioca, candy, cheese, bread and putty or dough-like scented baits.

NIGHT means 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.

SNATCHING means taking fish not attracted by bait or artificial lure with hooks, gangs or similar devices whether or not baited. Snagging, lifting, and single hook snagging are types of snatching.

TROUT means brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout and hybrids of these species including splake.

SPEARFISHING OR "SPEAR" means a hand-propelled single or multiple pronged pike, blade or harpoon. It does not include the mechanically propelled device commonly called a spear gun.

CATCH AND RELEASE means catching and immediately releasing the caught fish without harm. Measuring, weighing and photographing of the fish are permitted as long as the fish is not removed from the water for an extended period or handled in a manner that could cause it harm. Fish may not be placed in a bucket, tub, livewell, on a string or any other "holding device."

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SPEARFISHING

The taking of fish by spear is permitted only as follows:

- In Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties, suckers may be taken in any stream from January 1 through May 15.
- In the Delaware River, East Branch Delaware River below Pepacton Reservoir, West Branch Delaware River below Cannonsville Reservoir, Neversink River below Neversink Reservoir, Rondout River below Rondout Reservoir and above Eddyville Dam, and Esopus Creek below Ashokan Reservoir and above Cantine Dam, eels may be taken from May 15 through September 30.
- In Montgomery County, suckers may be taken from January 1 through May 15 from Evas Kill, Flat Creek, Canajoharie Creek from mouth to dam one half mile above mouth and Caroga Creek.
- In Otsego County, suckers may be taken from January 1 through May 15 from Herkimer Creek, Hyder Creek, Trout (Mink) Creek, Hayden Creek from mouth to Shipman Pond Dam, Shadow Brook, Sand Hill Creek from mouth to Rte. 7 bridge, Otsdawa Creek from mouth to Rte. 7 bridge and Mill Creek from mouth to Rte. 7 bridge.
- In Clinton County, bowfin, burbot, carp, eel, freshwater drum, gar, redhorse and suckers may be taken from March 20 through September 30 from Corbeau Creek and Scotion Creek from mouth upstream to Beekmantown town line.
- In Lake Champlain, bowfin, burbot, carp, eel, freshwater drum, gar, redhorse and suckers may be taken from March 20 through September 30.
- In Franklin County, bowfin, burbot, carp, eel, freshwater drum, gar, redhorse and suckers may be taken from March 20 through September 30 from Big Salmon River from Canada upstream to dam at Fort Covington,

Lawrence Brook from county line upstream to County Rte. 6 west of Moira, Little Salmon River from mouth upstream to County Rte. 32 in South Bombay, Pike Creek from Canada upstream to State Rte. 95 west of Bombay, St. Regis River from Canada upstream to dam at Hogansburg and Farrington Brook from mouth upstream to U.S. Rte. 11.

- In the Hudson River, carp, eel and suckers may be taken from March 20 through September 30 from Bakers Falls in the Village of Hudson Falls upstream to confluence of Stony Creek in Warren County.
- In Cayuga County, bullhead and sucker may be taken from January 1 through May 15 from Sterling Creek downstream of Rte. 104A, Sterling Valley Creek downstream of Rte. 104A, Eightmile Creek and Ninemile Creek.
- In Oswego County, bullhead and suckers may be taken from January 1 through May 15 from Grindstone Creek downstream of the dam at Fernwood, Little Salmon River downstream from the bridge at Arthur, Ninemile Creek downstream of Rte. 104A, Eightmile Creek downstream of Rte. 104A, Salmon River downstream of NY Rte. 3, Red Creek or Sunset Bay Creek, Otter Branch Creek, Butterfly Creek, Sage Creek and Snake Creek.
- In Wayne County, bullhead and suckers may be taken from January 1 through May 15 from Black Creek Bay and Red Creek Bay.

SPEARFISHING PROHIBITED

- Spear guns may only be used in the Marine District.
- Spears may not be used within 275 yards of eel weirs.
- Spears may not be possessed on any water in the Adirondack Park or within 200 feet of the high water mark of these waters.
- Possession of spears is prohibited on all waters except where the taking of fish by spear is permitted.

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SNATCHING

Snatching is prohibited at all times in all Great Lakes waters including tributaries (see note under GREAT LAKES AND TRIBUTARY REGULATIONS). Grappling hooks and snatch hooks may not be possessed on Lake George or within 200 feet of the high water mark of Lake George, except in a dwelling or building. Possession of snatch hooks is prohibited on all waters except those where fish may be taken by snatching. In waters other than tributaries to the Great Lakes, snatching, but not blind snatching, is permitted January 1 through May 15 only as follows:

- In Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester counties, suckers may be taken from any stream.
- In Delaware County, suckers may be taken from the West Branch Delaware River, East Branch Delaware River and Charlotte Creek.
- In Otsego County, suckers may be taken from the Unadilla River, Wharton Creek and Butternut Creek.
- In Fulton, Saratoga, Washington, Franklin, Warren, Clinton, Essex and Hamilton counties, suckers may be taken from any stream except the Mohawk River, the Hudson River downstream of Bakers Falls including tributaries upstream to first barrier, or tributaries to Lake Champlain and Lake George upstream to first barrier.
- In Chenango and Madison counties, suckers may be taken from the Chenango River downstream of Randallsville and the Unadilla River downstream of South Edmeston. Snatching and blind snatching is permitted with hooks having no more than two hook points to take whitefish in Otsego Lake from January 1 through March 15 and in Piseco Lake from January 1 through November 30. Snatching and blind snatching is permitted to take burbot in Scotion Creek in Clinton County from its mouth to Pardy Road during December 1 through March 31.

USE OF GAFFS

Use or possession of gaffs or gaff hooks is prohibited when fishing in freshwater except when ice fishing.

BOWFISHING

Any person who has a fishing license or a small game hunting license or is entitled to fish without a license may take carp of any size and in any number by longbow from May 15 through September 30 from any water of the state where fishing and the discharge of a bow is permitted. Taking fish by bow is otherwise prohibited.

FISH CARCASS DISPOSAL LAW

It is illegal to discard any fish carcass, or parts thereof, into the freshwaters of the state within 100 feet of shore or upon any public or private lands contiguous to and within 100 feet of such water, except:

- On private lands by owners of such lands.
- If properly disposing into suitable garbage or refuse collection systems or by burial.
- Where incidental cleaning of fish for consumption is permitted. However resulting waste may not be disposed of within 100 feet of any public launching or docking site unless into suitable refuse collection system.
- Live fish and fish which must be returned to the water because of size limits, open seasons and creel limits are not subject to the fish carcass disposal law.

FISH CLEANING LAW

It is illegal when upon New York State waters to possess walleye, black bass, brook trout, lake trout or Atlantic salmon that have been cut, dismembered, filleted, skinned or otherwise altered so that the species and total length of such fish cannot be easily determined. However these fish may be gilled or gutted. Other species of fish may be filleted provided that the skin is not removed from the fillets. This regulation allows more

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effective enforcement of harvest regulations on protected game fish.

FOUL HOOKING

All foul-hooked trout, lake trout, coho salmon, chinook salmon, pink salmon and landlocked salmon must be released without unnecessary injury. All foul-hooked walleye must be released without unnecessary injury to the fish in Oneida Lake and the tributaries to first bridge upstream from the lake.

TAGGED FISH

If you catch a tagged fish write down the tag number, length of the fish, date and location of capture and send this information to the address on the tag. You will be sent information about the DEC tagging program and the individual fish reported. Don't remove tags from fish you release.

ICE FISHING

Ice fishing is permitted in the following waters:

- All non-trout waters unless otherwise prohibited.
- Certain trout waters listed in the guide including Lake Champlain, Lake Erie, Niagara River, Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence River, Finger Lakes, Border Waters, most New York City reservoirs and all other waters designated as ICE FISHING PERMITTED in SPECIAL REGULATIONS BY COUNTY. Read through the regulations pertaining to the water you intend to fish. Where ice fishing is permitted, fish may be taken in accordance with the seasons, minimum size and creel limits in effect in that water. Wherever ice fishing is permitted, no more than two hand lines and 5 tip-ups may be used, except as noted in BORDER WATERS, LAKE CHAMPLAIN or SPECIAL REGULATIONS BY COUNTY. All tip-ups must be marked with the name and address of the operator. The operator must be present when lines (tip-ups or hand lines) are in the water. [Tip-ups may only be operated on waters of the state between November 15 and April 30.](#)

REMEMBER: Trout waters where ice fishing is permitted are specifically designated in this guide; ice fishing is prohibited in all other trout waters. If you are unsure whether a water is considered trout or nontrout, contact the DEC Regional Office for that area.

ICE SHANTIES must be marked on the outside with the owner's name and address in letters at least 3 inches high. Shanties must be removed from all waters by March 15 to prevent them from falling through the ice in spring and becoming navigational hazards.

PURCHASE AND SALE

Fish that are salable at any time include:

- Those species in the STATEWIDE ANGLING REGULATIONS table for which there is no closed season or no minimum length.
- Fish taken on licensed fishing preserves. These fish must be properly tagged prior to removal from preserve premises.
- The following fish only if taken outside of New York or if legally taken in licensed commercial gear: coho, chinook and pink salmon, Atlantic salmon, lake trout, whitefish, pickerel, crappie, northern pike and walleye. Additional regulations may apply to the sale of these imported fish; contact a DEC Regional Office for more information. Exception: the American eel is the only fish taken from the Quebec portion of Lake Champlain and the Richelieu River that may be transported into and sold in New York State.

Fish that are non-salable, unless taken on a licensed fishing preserve or private hatchery and properly tagged, include black bass, landlocked salmon, muskellunge and trout.

EXCEPTIONS: Sale of catfish taken in Lake Ontario and its tributaries upstream to the first barrier and in the St. Lawrence River is prohibited. Sale

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of American eel from Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence, Hudson, Harlem and East rivers is prohibited except for use as bait. Sale of coho, chinook and pink salmon taken in Lake Erie, Niagara River, Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence River and their tributaries upstream to the first barrier impassable by fish is prohibited except that eggs may be bought and sold.

ENDANGERED & THREATENED FISH

It is illegal to possess fish that are officially listed by DEC as endangered or threatened: Endangered — silver chub, bluebreast darter, deepwater sculpin, gilt darter, pugnose shiner, round whitefish, shortnose sturgeon and spoonhead sculpin; Threatened — eastern sand darter, lake chubsucker, lake sturgeon, longear sunfish, moon-eye, gravel chub, banded sunfish, long-head darter, swamp darter, spotted darter and mud sunfish.

FROGS

Any person who has a small game hunting license or a fishing license or is entitled to fish without a license may take frogs with a spear, club, hook, or by hand. A small game hunting license is required to take frogs with a gun and with a longbow. Frogs may be taken in any number from June 15 through September 30 between sunrise and sunset. Frogs may be imported, bought and sold at any time. An importer must keep a record of names and addresses of buyers and sellers. Leopard frogs may not be taken in NYC, Nassau or Suffolk Counties. Northern cricket frogs may not be taken anywhere in New York.



ARTISTS WANTED!

Would you like to see your original artwork or line drawings "in print"? Each year we seek attractive artwork for a variety of DEC uses, including incorporation in the Fishing Regulations Guide, technical reports and educational brochures. The large press run of 1,100,000 copies of the Fishing Regulations Guide may be an outstanding opportunity to showcase your talents or simply a way to "give something back" to the environment that we all enjoy so much. Artist credit will be provided for all images selected for use by DEC; no other compensation can be provided. Submit copies of all artwork to be considered to: NYSDEC Bureau of Fisheries, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4753 - Please note: all materials submitted are non-returnable, so please send us a copy, not your original.

FREE FISHING DAYS

JUNE 25-26, 2005

JUNE 24-25, 2006

During the last weekend in June anyone can fish New York State waters and no license is required!

Since no license is required, it's the perfect time to take a friend or relative fishing.

For more information, contact a NYS Regional DEC Fisheries Office.

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AQUATIC INSECTS

No aquatic insect (or any insect that lives in the water during any of its life stages) shall be taken from waters inhabited by trout, or from the banks of those waters at anytime.

BAITFISH COLLECTION

Any person who has a fishing license or is entitled to fish without a license may collect baitfish for personal use (sale prohibited) as specified in the following table. Fish taken may be used only for bait in hook-and-line fishing. These are the only circumstances where the use of seines, traps, cast nets and gill nets are permitted unless a commercial license has been obtained. Possession of endangered or threatened fish species is prohibited. Minnows, killifish, mudminnows, darters, sticklebacks, stonecats, smelt, alewives, suckers and blueback herring are the only fish that may be taken:

GEAR	TIME	WATERS
SEINE OR SCAP NET: MAXIMUM SIZE - 36 SQUARE FEET	SUNRISE TO SUNSET	ALL NON-TROUT WATERS
TRAP: MAXIMUM LENGTH 20", MAXIMUM ENTRANCE DIAMETER 1", MUST BE MARKED WITH OWNERS NAME AND ADDRESS	ANYTIME	ALL WATERS
SEINE: MAXIMUM SIZE- 36 SQUARE FEET	ANYTIME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LAKE ERIE & ONTARIO EXCLUDING THEIR INLETS, OUTLETS, BAYS ● NIAGARA RIVER ● HUDSON RIVER BELOW TROY DAM
CAST NET: MAXIMUM- 10 FEET IN DIAMETER	ANYTIME	HUDSON RIVER BELOW TROY DAM INCLUDING TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER
IN ADDITION, ALEWIVES ARE THE ONLY FISH THAT MAY BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:		
GILL NETS: MAXIMUM LENGTH- 25 FEET, MAXIMUM SIZE - 1" BAR	ANYTIME	THE FOLLOWING LAKES: CANADICE, CANANDAIGUA, CAYUGA, HEMLOCK, KEUKA, OWASCO, OTISCO AND SENECA.
SEINE: MAXIMUM SIZE- 25 SQUARE FEET	ANYTIME	THE FOLLOWING LAKES: CANADICE, CANANDAIGUA, HEMLOCK, KEUKA, CAYUGA AND SENECA.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Possession or use of minnow nets and traps is prohibited on units of state land/waters where the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited.
- In the Hudson River below Troy Dam, and in Lake Champlain, Upper Saranac Lake, Lake Clear (Franklin County), Chazy Lake, Upper Chateaugay Lake and their tributaries to first barrier, smelt may be taken only by angling.

RESTRICTIONS ON USE OR POSSESSION OF FISH AS BAIT

WATERS AND STATE LANDS WHERE BAITFISH ARE PROHIBITED-

The use or possession of fish as bait is prohibited on many trout waters and on certain units of state land. These restrictions are necessary to preserve trout fishing and maintain native fish communities. Baitfish can become established if they escape from a bait pail or get off a hook alive. Natural reproduction of trout can be severely reduced or eliminated by competing fish. Aquatic insects and other food items are less available to trout in the presence of competitors. The result is a rapid and dramatic decline in the total weight of trout in a pond after competing fishes become established.

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Please don't use fish as bait in these waters or state-owned land areas. Your fishing and that of your children and fellow anglers will be jeopardized for years to come.

RESTRICTED BAITFISH SPECIES

- Carp, goldfish and goby may not be used for bait.
- Lamprey larvae may be used for bait only in the Delaware River and West Branch Delaware River where they form the boundary between New York and Pennsylvania.
- The use, or possession for use, of alewife or blueback herring as fish bait is prohibited in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Warren and Washington Counties.
- The use, or possession for use, of alewife or blueback herring as fish bait is prohibited on the Hudson River upstream of Lock C4 and its associated dam near Stillwater (Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties).

TAKING AND POSSESSION

- A person may not fish for a species (not even catch and release) during the closed season for that species on a given water.
- A person may not have in possession, or intentionally kill or injure fish other than the sizes specified and allowed for that species on a given water.
- A person may not possess, kill or unnecessarily injure fish in excess of the daily limit for that species.
- The fish an angler catches and immediately releases uninjured will not be counted as part of the daily limit for that species.
- A person may continue to fish for a species while in possession of a daily limit for that species provided all fish of that species subsequently caught are immediately returned to the water. Special provisions are made for largemouth and smallmouth bass.
- A single, uninjured largemouth bass or smallmouth bass that an angler is landing, measuring or in the process of releasing from a recirculating or aerated livewell, is not considered to be part of the daily limit.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation of fish as designated below is permitted except while fishing in New York waters.

Fish caught in New York State:

- No more than two day's legal take of non-salable fish may be transported unless a permit is obtained from a DEC Regional Office, or the fish are frozen, processed and packaged for storage.
- Salable fish may be transported in any number.

Fish caught elsewhere may be transported into New York in any manner, except parcel post, in the number that may be legally exported from the place of taking, subject to the following:

- Fish that are salable in New York may be brought in any time.
- Fish that are non-salable in New York may be brought in any time. However during their closed season (refer to STATEWIDE ANGLING REGULATIONS) a \$1.00 importation license must be obtained from the Division of Law Enforcement at a DEC Regional Office.

Non-salable fish transported by carrier:

- A tag must be attached showing name and address of both taker and consignee, and contents of the package.

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NON-TOXIC SINKERS

The loss of sinkers and lures is a routine part of fishing. Unfortunately, lost sinkers, especially split-shot, may be mistaken for food or grit and eaten by water birds such as ducks, geese, swans, gulls or loons. Toxic effects of even a single lead sinker can cause birds to sicken and increase the risk of death through predation, exposure or lead poisoning.

Effective May 7, 2004, the sale of certain lead sinkers (including "split shot") weighing one-half ounce or less is prohibited in New York State. This includes sale from out-of-state vendors, including catalog and internet sales. This prohibition does not include artificial lures, weighted line, weighted flies or jig heads.

As responsible anglers, we should all seek to reduce any unintended effects on the natural environment and leave no trace of our presence. A trip to your favorite tackle shop will reveal a variety of alternatives to lead split shot, sinkers and jig heads. By switching to non-toxic sinkers with your next purchase, you can assure that your fishing tackle choices are helping to reduce the risk of lead poisoning to birds.

USED FISHING LINE

Lost or discarded fishing line can last a long time in the environment. It is a type of litter that originates from no one other than anglers! Too often birds and other wildlife become entangled leading to severe injury or a slow and painful death. Be sure to properly discard all fishing line by collecting it for proper disposal in trash cans or tackle shop recycling programs. Any additional line that you are able to collect and remove from the areas that you fish will also have a beneficial effect on the environment.

NESTING BIRDS

Many species of birds select nest sites on or close to water. These include ducks, geese, swans, loons, herons, ospreys and eagles. Close approach by anglers and activities associated with fishing may cause these birds to leave their nests. This makes the eggs or young vulnerable to predators, chilling, overheating, disruption of parental care, and possible abandonment and starvation. Please pay attention and keep a good distance from nesting birds or birds with chicks. Also, be sure to move away from birds that appear to be frightened or defending nesting areas.

NON-NATIVE PLANTS AND ANIMALS

Many waters in New York State have been affected by the unintentional introduction of non-native plants and animals. Many additional lakes, ponds and rivers where these unwanted invaders are not yet found are threatened with establishment of non-native species such as zebra mussels, Eurasian water-milfoil and water chestnut. Other species of fish such as the river ruffe (a small, perch-like fish) have recently become established in the Great Lakes and could spread through New York waters if great care is not taken. When species such as these become newly established in a water body, the absence of natural mechanisms such as predators or diseases to control the population can often result in out-of-control population growth. The invading species may rapidly displace native species through aggressive competition for resources such as food and growing space. The entire natural balance and species composition of the aquatic system can be seriously disrupted.

You can help to prevent the spread of unwanted aquatic species and maintain the best possible fishing in New York's lakes, ponds and rivers by carefully following these guidelines:

- Do remove all mud and aquatic plants from all gear, boats, motors, and trailers

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before departing from the access site.

- Do drain all water including bilges, live wells, and bait tanks before departing from the access site.
- Do Not transport fish from one body of water to another.
- Do Not release unused bait into any body of water.
- Do Not dispose of fish carcasses or by-products in any body of water.

FISH DISEASES AND PARASITES

In addition to non-native plants and animals, fish diseases and parasites can also be transported from water to water by careless anglers and boaters. Whirling disease and largemouth bass virus (LMBV) are 2 serious fish diseases in this country that may be spread via anglers. In addition to the guidelines listed previously under non-native plants and animals, anglers are also encouraged to:

- Rinse all mud and debris from waders and other wading gear.
- Consider disinfecting waders and live wells by using a 10% chlorine/water solution, particularly after fishing known infected waters. Rinse well after treatment to remove all residual chlorine.
- Use good livewell and tournament procedures to avoid stressing fish.
- Stage tournaments during cool weather periods.

Additional information on whirling disease and guidelines to prevent its spread can be found at www.whirling-disease.org. Additional information on LMBV, tournament, and livewell procedures can be found at www.bassmaster.org.

FISH AS BAIT

The introduction of non-native fish species into a body of water disrupts the established delicate balance of nature. Many of New York's lakes and ponds that once supported outstanding brook trout fisheries are now heavily populated with baitfish or small panfish. Trout populations decrease as introduced species become abundant and compete for food and living space. As these unwanted fish become established in one water body there is risk of spread to nearby waters throughout the watershed.

DEC fisheries biologists strive to maintain native fish communities but too often chemical reclamations necessary to remove undesirable fish and return ponds to their native species are impossible. Round whitefish, an Adirondack native species, has become endangered in New York, largely from aggressive competition of non-native species.

The use and discarding of baitfish and the water in your bait bucket is also a potential means of spreading undesirable aquatic organisms such as zebra mussels and the parasite that causes whirling disease in trout.

Please carefully review the SPECIAL REGULATIONS BY COUNTY (found in this guide) for waters where the use and possession of baitfish is prohibited, and remember:

- Never use baitfish in waters where their use is prohibited.
- Never release live bait from your bait bucket into any of New York's waters.
- Never stock any species of fish in any water without first obtaining a free Fish Stocking Permit from your Regional Fisheries Manager.
- Always dispose of water from your baitbucket on land, never pour it into a lake, pond or stream.
- Always encourage others to follow these guidelines to help New York native fish populations remain healthy and keep fishing productive.

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CATCH AND RELEASE

A fresh fish dinner represents the ideal conclusion to a fishing trip for many people. However, fish populations are not limitless resources and it has been shown that a relatively few skilled anglers can quickly reduce the quality of a fish population by selectively harvesting larger fish. Indiscriminate removal, even within legal seasons, creel and size limits can result in less desirable fisheries in sensitive waters. Anglers wanting to minimize their impact on these waters, should consider releasing a large portion of the fish that they catch. This is particularly important for larger, quality sized gamefish which are relatively rare in a population and oftentake an extended period of time to reach these sizes. In addition, recent research has also shown that large panfish are important to the genetic makeup and health of panfish populations. While these facts should in no way stop you from taking home a healthy fish meal, they should encourage you to only take what you can use and be conscious of the impact that excessive fish harvest could have on your favorite lake or pond.

Whether the release of fish is dictated by fishing regulations or conservation, follow these simple guidelines for catch and release to be sure that the fish you release have the best possible chance to live and be caught again.

- Quickly play and land fish.
- Have necessary tools on hand to remove the hook.
- Unhook fish in the water, if possible.
- Handle fish carefully to avoid injury—avoid contact with gills. Do not squeeze fish or remove protective slime. Do not grasp fish by the eye sockets.
- Cut leaders on deeply-hooked fish.
- Consider using barbless or circle hooks.
- Don't "cull" fish.
- Fish caught from water depths greater than 30 feet often develop distended air bladders due to sudden pressure reduction. Learn to release these fish by requesting the pamphlet "Fish for the Future" from DEC Regional offices.

STOP AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS!



When you leave a body of water:

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment.
- Drain water from equipment (boat, motor, trailer, live wells) before transporting.
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

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DIP NETS

Any person who has a fishing license or is entitled to fish without a license may operate one dip net as specified in the tables below; these are the only circumstances where dip-netting is permitted unless a commercial license has been obtained.

NOTE: smelt, suckers, alewives and blueback herring are the only fish that may be taken.

SMELT MAY BE TAKEN IN A DIP NET NOT EXCEEDING 14 INCHES IN DIAMETER OR 13 x 13 INCHES IF SQUARE, AS FOLLOWS:

WATERS	OPEN SEASON	DAILY HOURS AND LIMIT	TRIBUTARIES
BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE	APRIL 1 - MAY 15	5 AM TO 10 PM (PREVAILING TIME) - 8 QTS	ALL FROM LAKE UPSTREAM 1/2 MILE
RAQUETTE LAKE	ANYTIME	SUNSET TO SUNSET 8 QUARTS	ALL FROM LAKE UPSTREAM 1/2 MILE
TUPPER LAKE	ANYTIME	SUNSET TO SUNSET 8 QUARTS	PROHIBITED: DIPPING RESTRICTED TO LAKE
CANANDAIGUA LAKE CANADICE LAKE HEMLOCK LAKE KEUKA LAKE SENECA LAKE	ANYTIME	SUNSET TO SUNSET 8 QUARTS	ALL FROM LAKE UPSTREAM TO FIRST BARRIER.
EXCEPTIONS: NO DIPPING IN CATHARINE CREEK AND L'HOMMEDIU DIVERSION CHANNEL (SENECA LAKE) AND UPSTREAM OF OLD LEHIGH- VALLEY RAILROAD BRIDGE AT NAPLES CREEK (CANANDAIGUA)			
INDIAN LAKE, FULTON CHAIN - EXCEPTION: DIPPING IN SEVENTH LAKE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES IS PROHIBITED. EAST CAROGA LAKE, WEST CAROGA LAKE	APRIL 1 - MAY 15	5 AM TO 10 PM (PREVAILING TIME) 8 QUARTS	ALL FROM LAKE UPSTREAM TO FIRST BARRIER. NO DIPPING IN MEAD CREEK FROM MOUTH UPSTREAM TO STATE RT. 29A
CAYUGA LAKE*, OWASCO LAKE	MARCH 1 - MAY 21	7PM - 2 AM (PREVAILING TIME) 8 QTS. *NO SMELT DIPPING PERMITTED IN WILLOW CREEK	ALL FROM LAKE UPSTREAM TO FIRST BARRIER.
HUDSON RIVER UPSTREAM TO THE TROY DAM	ANYTIME	ANYTIME ANY NUMBER	ALL FROM RIVER UPSTREAM TO FIRST BARRIER.
MARINE DISTRICT	ANYTIME	SUNSET TO SUNSET 10 QUARTS	ALL UPSTREAM TO EXTENT OF TIDAL INFLUENCE

SMELT MAY BE TAKEN IN ANY SIZE DIP NET AS FOLLOWS:

LAKE ERIE, LAKE ONTARIO,
NIAGARA RIVER ANYTIME 8 QUARTS ALL FROM LAKE UPSTREAM
TO FIRST BARRIER.

SUCKERS MAY BE TAKEN IN A DIP NET NOT EXCEEDING 14" IN DIAMETER, OR 13" x 13" IF SQUARE AS FOLLOWS:

CAYUGA LAKE	ANYTIME	ANY NUMBER	ALL EXCEPT WILLOW CREEK
SENECA LAKE	ANYTIME	ANY NUMBER	ALL EXCEPT CATHARINE CREEK
CANANDAIGUA LAKE	ANYTIME	ANY NUMBER	ALL EXCEPT NAPLES CREEK WHERE NETTING IS PROHIBITED UPSTREAM OF OLD LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD BRIDGE
HUDSON RIVER UPSTREAM TO THE TROY DAM	ANYTIME	ANY NUMBER	ALL FROM RIVER UPSTREAM TO FIRST BARRIER.

ALEWIVES & BLUEBACK HERRING MAY BE TAKEN IN A DIP NET NOT EXCEEDING 14" IN DIAMETER, OR 13" x 13" IF SQUARE AS FOLLOWS:

HUDSON RIVER UPSTREAM TO THE TROY DAM AND MOHAWK RIVER FROM CRESCENT DAM UPSTREAM TO DAM AT JUNCTION OF BARGE CANAL AND MOHAWK RIVER IN CITY OF ROME	ANYTIME	ANY NUMBER	ALL FROM RIVER UPSTREAM TO FIRST BARRIER.
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GREAT LAKES AND TRIBUTARY REGULATIONS

These regulations apply to New York waters of Lake Erie, the Upper and Lower Niagara River, Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River, and designated areas of the tributaries to these waters. Areas of the tributaries which are subject to these regulations are generally defined as the bridge closest to the mouth upstream to the first barrier impassable to fish. Tributaries with different boundaries and exemptions are listed separately below. **Note that there are also seasonal tackle restrictions and restrictions on night fishing in the tributaries. Statewide angling regulations apply for species not listed.**

LAKE ERIE AND TRIBUTARIES

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT
BROWN TROUT RAINBOW TROUT (INCLUDING STEELHEAD) COHO SALMON CHINOOK SALMON PINK SALMON	ALL YEAR	9"	3 IN ANY COMBINATION
LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	9"	1
NORTHERN PIKE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY THROUGH MARCH 15	22"	5
WALLEYE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY THROUGH MARCH 15	15"	4
MUSKELLUNGE AND TIGER MUSKELLUNGE	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER 30	54"	1
BLACK BASS (OPEN WATERS OF LAKE ERIE EXCLUDING TRIBUTARIES)	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY THROUGH FRIDAY BEFORE 3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE	15"	1
	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER 30	12"	5
LAKE STURGEON	CLOSED	POSSESSION PROHIBITED	

UPPER NIAGARA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT
BROWN TROUT RAINBOW TROUT (INCLUDING STEELHEAD) COHO SALMON CHINOOK SALMON PINK SALMON	ALL YEAR	9"	3 IN ANY COMBINATION
LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	9"	1
NORTHERN PIKE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY THROUGH MARCH 15	22"	5
WALLEYE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY THROUGH MARCH 15	15"	4
MUSKELLUNGE AND TIGER MUSKELLUNGE	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER 30	48"	1
YELLOW PERCH, SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	50 OF EACH
BLACK BASS (NORTH OF THE PEACE BRIDGE)	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER 30	12"	5
LAKE STURGEON	CLOSED	POSSESSION PROHIBITED	

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LOWER NIAGARA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT
BROWN TROUT RAINBOW TROUT (INCLUDING STEELHEAD) COHO SALMON CHINOOK SALMON PINK SALMON	ALL YEAR	15"	3 IN ANY COMBINATION NOT TO INCLUDE MORE THAN 1 ATLANTIC SALMON
LAKE TROUT	JANUARY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30	FISH GREATER THAN 25" AND LESS THAN 30" MUST BE RELEASED	
ATLANTIC SALMON	ALL YEAR	25"	
MUSKELLUNGE AND TIGER MUSKELLUNGE	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE THROUGH DEC 15	48"	1
NORTHERN PIKE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY THROUGH MARCH 15	22"	5
BLACK BASS	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE THROUGH NOV 30	12"	5
WALLEYE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY THROUGH DECEMBER 31	18"	3
YELLOW PERCH, SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	50 OF EACH
AMERICAN EEL, LAKE STURGEON	CLOSED	POSSESSION PROHIBITED	

LAKE ONTARIO, ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT
BROWN TROUT RAINBOW TROUT (INCLUDING STEELHEAD) COHO SALMON CHINOOK SALMON PINK SALMON	ALL YEAR	15" EXCEPT 9" IN IRONDEQUOIT CREEK (ENTIRE), LINDSEY CREEK AND SKINNER CREEK (OSWEGO AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES), AND THE BLACK RIVER (JEFFERSON COUNTY)	3 IN ANY COMBINATION NOT TO INCLUDE MORE THAN 1 RAINBOW TROUT (OR STEELHEAD) IN THE TRIBUTARIES.
LAKE TROUT	JAN. 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30	FISH GREATER THAN 25" AND LESS THAN 30" MUST BE RELEASED	3
ATLANTIC SALMON	ALL YEAR	25"	1
NORTHERN PIKE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY THROUGH MARCH 15	22"	5
BLACK BASS, LAKE ONTARIO	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER 30	12"	5
BLACK BASS, ST. LAWRENCE RIVER	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE THROUGH NOVEMBER 30	12"	5
WALLEYE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY THROUGH MARCH 15	18"	3
MUSKELLUNGE AND TIGER MUSKELLUNGE	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER 15	48"	1
SUNFISH, YELLOW PERCH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	50 EXCEPT YELLOW PERCH AND SUNFISH MAY BE TAKEN IN ANY NUMBER IN JEFFERSON COUNTY EAST OF STONY POINT.
AMERICAN EEL, LAKE STURGEON	CLOSED	POSSESSION PROHIBITED	

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR GREAT LAKES & TRIBUTARIES

REGULATIONS FOR ALL GREAT LAKES WATERS INCLUDING LAKE ERIE, LAKE ONTARIO, UPPER AND LOWER NIAGARA RIVER, ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES TO THESE WATERS

At all times:

Snatching and attempting to snatch is prohibited. (See definition of snatching on page 7.)

All foul-hooked fish must be immediately released without unnecessary injury. Use or possession of gaff hooks is prohibited except when ice fishing.

Any action to frighten fish and move them from concealment, including herding, driving, kicking or stoning is prohibited.

The use of other than conventional sport-fishing rod, reel & line is prohibited.

ADDITIONAL SEASONAL REGULATIONS FOR GREAT LAKES TRIBUTARIES

SPECIFIC PORTION OF EACH TRIBUTARY SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL SEASONAL REGULATIONS:

WATER	COUNTY	PORTION OF TRIBUTARY SUBJECT TO SPECIAL REGULATIONS
CATTARAUGUS CREEK	ERIE & CATTARAUGUS	FROM THE ALDRICH STREET EXTENSION BRIDGE IN GOWANDA UPSTREAM TO SPRINGVILLE DAM
EIGHTEENMILE CREEK	NIAGARA	FROM THE ROUTE 18 BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO BURT DAM
OAK ORCHARD CREEK	ORLEANS	FROM THE POWER LINES THAT ARE 1.9 MILES UPSTREAM (SOUTH) OF ROUTE 18 BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO WATERPORT DAM
STERLING CREEK	CAYUGA	FROM OLD STATE ROAD TO IMPASSABLE BARRIER UPSTREAM OF ROUTE 104A
STERLING VALLEY CREEK	CAYUGA	FROM MCINTYRE ROAD TO IMPASSABLE BARRIER UPSTREAM OF ROUTE 104A
OSWEGO RIVER	OSWEGO	FROM THE UTICA STREET BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO THE VARICK DAM
CATFISH CREEK	OSWEGO	FROM THE MOUTH UPSTREAM TO DAM AT COUNTY ROUTE 1
SALMON RIVER ¹	OSWEGO	FROM THE UPSTREAM MOST NAVIGATION BUOY LOCATED BETWEEN THE BREAKWALLS AT THE MOUTH UPSTREAM TO THE COUNTY ROUTE 52 BRIDGE IN ALTMAR
BLACK RIVER	JEFFERSON	FROM THE UPSTREAM TIP OF THE LOWER-MOST ISLAND TO MILL STREET DAM IN WATERTOWN
ALL OTHER TRIBUTARIES	ALL	FROM THE BRIDGE CLOSEST TO THE MOUTH UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH

1- SEE ADDITIONAL SPECIAL FLY FISHING ONLY, CATCH AND RELEASE AREAS AND REGULATIONS FOR THE SALMON RIVER (OSWEGO COUNTY) WHICH ARE LISTED SEPARATELY.



SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR GREAT LAKES TRIBUTARIES

GREAT LAKES TRIBUTARIES EXEMPTED FROM ADDITIONAL SEASONAL TRIBUTARY REGULATION:

WATER	COUNTY	APPLICABLE REGULATIONS
BUFFALO RIVER	ERIE	LAKE ERIE REGULATIONS APPLY FROM THE MOUTH UPSTREAM TO FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH
NIAGARA RIVER	ERIE & NIAGARA	UPPER NIAGARA RIVER OR LOWER NIAGARA RIVER REGULATIONS APPLY
ROUND POND, BUCK POND, LONG POND, CRANBERRY POND AND IRONDEQUOIT BAY	MONROE	LAKE ONTARIO REGULATIONS APPLY
SODUS BAY	WAYNE	LAKE ONTARIO REGULATIONS APPLY
SOUTH SANDY POND	OSWEGO	LAKE ONTARIO REGULATIONS APPLY
TRIBUTARIES TO THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER	ALL TRIBUTARIES IN CLINTON & FRANKLIN	GENERAL RULES APPLY

GREAT LAKES TRIBUTARIES WITH SEASONAL CLOSURES:

WATER	COUNTY	CLOSED PERIOD
SPOONER CREEK AND TRIBUTARIES	ERIE	FISHING PROHIBITED FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31
NORTH BRANCH CLEAR CREEK AND TRIBUTARIES FROM TAYLOR HOLLOW ROAD UPSTREAM TO OUTFLOW OF CLEAR LAKE	ERIE	FISHING PROHIBITED FROM JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31

EFFECTIVE DATES FOR SPECIAL SEASONAL TRIBUTARY REGULATIONS:

Special tributary regulations are effective SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31 for all tributaries except the Salmon River in Oswego County where the effective dates are AUGUST 15 THROUGH APRIL 14.

FISHING HOURS

Fishing at night (one half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise) is prohibited, except in the Black River (Jefferson County) from Lake Ontario upstream to the Route 180 bridge in Dexter where fishing is permitted at all times and in the Salmon River in Oswego County where fishing at night is permitted from Lake Ontario to the Route 3 bridge from April 1 through August 14.

ANGLERS ARE ADVISED THAT ATTEMPTING TO TAKE FISH BY SNATCHING, WHICH IS INDICATED BY REPEATED OR EXAGGERATED JERKING MOTIONS OF THE FISHING ROD, IS PROHIBITED (SEE DEFINITION OF SNATCHING ON PAGE 7).

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR GREAT LAKES TRIBUTARIES

HOOKS

- Hooks attached to any lure, except an artificial fly must be free-swinging.
- Hooks may have a gap (distance between the shank and the point) of no more than one half inch.
- Use of hooks with added weight is prohibited, except that artificial flies with no more than one-eighth ounce of added weight may be used. For the purposes of this regulation, the method by which weight is added to a hook does not affect classification as an “artificial fly” provided the conditions of the definition of an “artificial fly” (page 7) are otherwise met.
- Only one hook with a single hook point is permitted, except that floating lures may have multiple hooks including double and treble hooks only as permitted below.

FLOATING LURES

- A “floating lure” is a lure that floats while at rest in water regardless of any weight attached to the line, leader or lure.
- Any hooks on a floating lure must be attached to the lure by a ring or swivel.
- The distance between the body of a floating lure and the points of any attached hooks shall not exceed one and one-half inches.

RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF MULTIPLE HOOKS AND HOOKS WITH MULTIPLE POINTS ON FLOATING LURES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WATER	COUNTY	REGULATION
ALL LAKE ONTARIO TRIBUTARIES IN CAYUGA AND OSWEGO COUNTIES EXCEPT THE OSWEGO RIVER AND SALMON RIVER		RESTRICTED TO ONE HOOK WITH A SINGLE HOOK POINT SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31
SALMON RIVER	OSWEGO	RESTRICTED TO ONE HOOK WITH A SINGLE HOOK POINT AUGUST 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 31
GENESEE RIVER	MONROE	RESTRICTED TO ONE HOOK WITH A SINGLE HOOK POINT FROM THE DRIVING PARK BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO THE LOWER FALLS SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30
ALL OTHER TRIBUTARIES AND THE OSWEGO RIVER	ALL	MULTIPLE SINGLE, DOUBLE, OR TREBLE HOOKS ARE PERMITTED AT ALL TIMES

LEADERS AND WEIGHTS

- The distance between the hook, artificial fly or lure and any weight attached to the line or leader, whether fixed or sliding, shall not exceed four feet.
- In addition, when the above special tributary regulations are in effect for Lake Ontario tributaries in Oswego and Cayuga Counties, and the Genesee River (Monroe County) from the Driving Park Bridge upstream to the Lower Falls: weight shall not be added to the line, leader, swivels, artificial fly or lure in any manner such that the weight hangs lower than the attached hook, artificial fly or lure when the line or leader is suspended vertically from the rod.

Salmon River Special Fly Fishing Only/Catch and Release Areas: See Regulations Page 23.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR THE SALMON RIVER (OSWEGO COUNTY) FLY FISHING CATCH-AND-RELEASE AREAS

LOCATION

Two stream sections between County Route 52 Bridge in Altmar and the Lighthouse Hill Reservoir.

FISHING HOURS, SEASON DATES & BOUNDARIES

Angling permitted: From one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. **Trespassing prohibited at night.**

Lower Fly Section: September 15 through May 15. From County Route 52 bridge in Altmar upstream .25 miles to the marked boundary at Beaverdam Brook.

Upper Fly Section: April 1 through November 30. From a marked boundary upstream of the New York State Salmon River Fish Hatchery property to marked boundary approximately 0.6 miles upstream at the Lighthouse Hill Reservoir tailrace.

REGULATIONS

Catch & Release: All fish must be released without unnecessary injury.

Tackle Restrictions: Tackle is restricted to a traditional flyrod, flyreel and flyline.

Flies: A single unweighted or weighted artificial fly having one hook point with a one-half inch maximum gap. A weighted fly may have no more than a one-eighth ounce added weight.

Leaders: The total length of the leader including the tippet shall not exceed 15 feet.

Additional Weight: The maximum distance between the artificial fly and any added weight to the line, leader or tippet shall not exceed four feet.

Weight shall not be added to the line, leader, swivels or artificial fly in any manner such that the weight hangs lower than the attached fly when the line or leader is suspended vertically from the rod.

NOTE: THE DAILY LIMIT FOR RAINBOW TROUT OR STEELHEAD IS ONE FISH PER DAY FOR ALL LAKE ONTARIO TRIBUTARIES EXCEPT LOWER NIAGARA RIVER.

FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS

CONESUS LAKE, HEMLOCK LAKE, CANADICE LAKE, HONEOYE LAKE, CANANDAIGUA LAKE, KEUKA LAKE, SENECA LAKE, CAYUGA LAKE, OWASCO LAKE, SKANEATELES LAKE AND OTISCO LAKE

BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
ALL FINGER LAKES	ALL OTHER SPECIES EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	SEE GENERAL ANGLING REGULATIONS			
	BROWN TROUT, RAINBOW TROUT, LAKE TROUT, ATLANTIC SALMON	ALL YEAR	15" EXCEPT 9" FOR RAINBOW TROUT IN OWASCO LAKE AND SKANEATELES LAKE AND 18" FOR ATLANTIC SALMON IN CAYUGA LAKE	5 IN COMBINATION (CATCH SHALL INCLUDE NO MORE THAN 3 LAKE TROUT OR 3 ATLANTIC SALMON)	
	NORTHERN PIKE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY - MARCH 15	22"	5	
	WALLEYE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY - MARCH 15	18" EXCEPT 15" IN HONEOYE LAKE	3	
ALL FINGER LAKES EXCEPT FOR CAYUGA LAKE, OTISCO LAKE, OWASCO LAKE AND SKANEATELES LAKE	BLACK BASS	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE - MARCH 15	12"	5	
		1ST SATURDAY OF MAY - FRIDAY BEFORE THE 3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE		CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	
OWASCO LAKE	BLACK BASS	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE - MARCH 15	12"	5	
CAYUGA LAKE, OTISCO LAKE	BLACK BASS	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE - NOVEMBER 30	12"	5	
SKANEATELES LAKE	BLACK BASS	3RD SATURDAY IN JUNE - NOVEMBER 30	10"	5	
HONEOYE LAKE, SKANEATELES LAKE	ALEWIFE, SAWBELLIES	POSSESSION PROHIBITED			
ALL TRIBUTARIES TO CANADICE LAKE, CANANDAIGUA LAKE, CAYUGA LAKE, HEMLOCK LAKE, KEUKA LAKE, OWASCO LAKE, OTISCO LAKE, SENECA LAKE AND SKANEATELES LAKE UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH.	LAKE TROUT, BROWN TROUT, RAINBOW TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON	APRIL 1 - DECEMBER 31	*15"	3 IN COMBINATION	
	ALL OTHER SPECIES	OPEN SEASON, DAILY LIMIT AND MINIMUM LENGTH REGULATIONS THAT ARE IN EFFECT FOR FINGER LAKES.			

EXCEPTIONS:

* TROUT 9" MINIMUM LENGTH IN OWASCO, SKANEATELES AND OTISCO LAKES' TRIBUTARIES. LANDLOCKED SALMON 18" MINIMUM LENGTH IN CAYUGA LAKE TRIBUTARIES.



FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

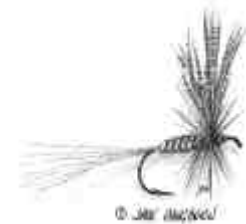
- a. Any action to frighten fish and move them from concealment, including herding, driving, kicking and stoning is prohibited.
- b. Angling is prohibited from January 1 through March 31, and between sunset and sunrise from April 1 through May 15 and October 1 through December 31 except for those stream sections listed below.
- c. Possession of landing nets larger than 50" around the frame or with handles longer than 20" is prohibited except for those stream sections as listed.
- d. Use of more than one line with a single hook point is prohibited except for those stream sections listed below.
- e. Possession of hooks with a gap greater than 1/2" is prohibited except for those stream sections listed below.

STREAM SECTIONS FOR WHICH ADDITIONAL TRIBUTARY REGULATIONS B, C, D AND E ABOVE DO NOT APPLY: (TROUT SEASON IS CLOSED JANUARY 1 THROUGH MARCH 31 IN THESE SECTIONS.)

- West River, Sucker Brook from Canandaigua Lake upstream in Ontario County.
- Cayuga Inlet and flood control channel from Cayuga Lake upstream to posted "NO FISHING" boundary below the Fishway in Tompkins County.

- Guyanoga Creek from Keuka Lake upstream to Rt.54A bridge, Yates County.
- Old Barge Canal from Seneca Lake upstream to northernmost Rte. 14 bridge in Montour Falls, Schuyler County.
- Yawgers Creek from Cayuga Lake upstream to abandoned Lehigh Valley RR bridge in Cayuga County.
- Owasco Inlet from Owasco Lake upstream 2/3 mile to marked boundary at old railroad bed in Cayuga County.

Note: Dutch Hollow Brook from Owasco Lake to Rt, 38A fishing or dip-netting prohibited from March 16 to the opening of walleye season.



LAKE CHAMPLAIN REGULATIONS

ATTENTION LAKE CHAMPLAIN ANGLERS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004

LAKE CHAMPLAIN RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT:

Anglers with either a New York or Vermont fishing license may fish in the "Main" and "South" portions of Lake Champlain between New York and Vermont. South Bay in New York, and the Inland Sea, Mallett's Bay and Missisquoi Bay in Vermont are not included in the agreement. Anglers fishing on these waters must have a fishing license from the State in which the waterway is located. In addition, rivers that flow into Lake Champlain are excluded from the reciprocal agreement.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN REGULATIONS

LAKE CHAMPLAIN - including all tributaries upstream to the first barrier impassable by fish. Contact Region 5 DEC Regional Office at Ray Brook for barrier locations.

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT
TROUT		12"	3
LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	15"	3
LL SALMON		15"	2
BLACK BASS	2ND SAT. OF JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5
WALLEYE	1ST SAT. MAY - MARCH 15	18"	5
SAUGER	1ST SAT. MAY - MARCH 15	ANY SIZE	ANY NUMBER
MUSKELLUNGE		30"	1
NORTHERN PIKE		20"	5
CRAPPIE	ALL YEAR	8"	25
PICKEREL		ANY SIZE	10
ALL WATERS EXCEPT CUMBERLAND BAY			
YELLOW PERCH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	ANY NUMBER
SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	ANY NUMBER
BULLHEADS, CARP, CATFISH, CISCO, ROCK BASS, SMELT, SUCKERS, WHITEFISH, AND ALL OTHER FISH NOT LISTED IN THIS TABLE	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	ANY NUMBER
LAKE STURGEON, MOONEYE		POSSESSION PROHIBITED	
ALEWIVES, BLUEBACK HERRING		USE OR POSSESSION FOR USE AS BAIT IS PROHIBITED	

NOTE: Each fishing line may have no more than two baited hooks or artificial lures with or without added natural bait.

ICE FISHING is legal to take any species during its open season. Fifteen tip-ups and two hand lines may be used for ice fishing from Nov. 15 - April 30.

CUMBERLAND BAY, LAKE CHAMPLAIN

YELLOW PERCH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	50
SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	50

CUMBERLAND BAY is defined as those waters of Lake Champlain north and west of a line extending from Cumberland Head Lighthouse to the northern tip of Crab Island, then westerly to the southerly of the two piers at the Oil Terminal known locally as the Copeland Oil Terminal.

ADDITIONAL LAKE CHAMPLAIN TRIBUTARY REGULATIONS

SARANAC RIVER FROM CATHERINE STREET BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO IMPERIAL DAM. AUSABLE RIVER FROM MARKED BOUNDARY 800 FEET WEST OF THE DOWNSTREAM MOST RT. 9 BRIDGE, UPSTREAM 2.3 MILES TO THE MOUTH OF AUSABLE CHASM. ANGLING FROM BOATS PROHIBITED

SARANAC RIVER FROM CATHERINE STREET BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO IMPERIAL DAM. AUSABLE RIVER FROM MARKED BOUNDARY 800 FEET WEST OF THE DOWNSTREAM MOST RT. 9 BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO RAINBOW FALLS. BOQUET RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER FROM MOUTH UPSTREAM TO WADHAM FALLS. NOTE ADDITIONAL SECTIONS CLOSED BELOW.

FROM JUNE 15 - DEC 31 - MAXIMUM HOOK GAP 1/2 INCH. FISHING PROHIBITED FROM 1/2 HOUR AFTER SUNSET TO 1/2 HOUR BEFORE SUNRISE. FISHING PERMITTED WITH UNWEIGHTED ARTIFICIAL FLIES OR UNWEIGHTED NATURAL BAITS ONLY (SEE DEFINITIONS). EXCEPTION: ON THE SARANAC RIVER FLOATING LURES WITH ONE FREE SWINGING HOOK PERMITTED. NO SUPPLEMENTAL WEIGHT - METAL LEADERS, SINKERS, SPLIT SHOT, TWIST-ONS, OR SWIVELS MAY BE ATTACHED TO THE LINE, LEADER OR HOOK.

NORTH BRANCH BOQUET RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER. MILL BROOK (PORT HENRY) FROM MOUTH TO FALLS WEST OF RT. 22, AUSABLE BOAT BASIN POOL AT MOUTH OF AUSABLE CHASM AS POSTED ON SITE.

FISHING PROHIBITED FROM OCT. 1 THROUGH DEC. 31 TO PROTECT SPAWNING SALMON

BOQUET RIVER FROM MARKED BOUNDARY BELOW WILLSBORO DAM UPSTREAM TO RT. 22 WILLSBORO

FISHING PROHIBITED TO PROTECT MIGRATING LANDLOCKED SALMON

CHAZY RIVER FROM RT. 9B AT COOPERSVILLE UPSTREAM TO PERRYS MILLS DAM

FISHING PROHIBITED MARCH 16 THRU OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON TO PROTECT SPAWNING WALLEYE

SCOMOTION CREEK FROM MOUTH UPSTREAM TO PARDY ROAD

SNATCHING AND BLIND SNATCHING BURBOT PERMITTED FROM DEC. 1 - MARCH 31

BORDER WATERS REGULATIONS

The General Angling Regulations apply to species and waters not listed.

GREENWOOD LAKE (NEW YORK - NEW JERSEY BORDER WATER)

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	3	
BLACK BASS	JUNE 16 - APRIL 14	12"	5	
BLACK BASS	APRIL 15 - JUNE 15	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		
WALLEYE	MAY 1 - LAST DAY FEB.	18"	3	
PICKEREL		15"	5	
MUSKELLUNGE, TIGER MUSKELLUNGE, CHANNEL CATFISH	ALL YEAR	36"	1	
CRAPPIE		12"	5	
		8"	10	

Ice fishing is legal to take any species during its open season. Five tip-ups and two hand lines may be used.

INDIAN LAKE (NEW YORK - CONNECTICUT BORDER WATER)

BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. APRIL (6AM) - NOVEMBER 30	12"	6
PICKEREL	3RD SAT. APRIL (6AM) - MARCH 31	15"	6
FISHING PROHIBITED FROM APRIL 1 TO 6 AM ON THE 3RD SAT. IN APRIL		ICE FISHING LEGAL FOR ANY SPECIES DURING ITS OPEN SEASON. FIVE TIP-UPS AND TWO HANDLINES MAY BE USED.	

DELAWARE RIVER & WEST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER (NY - PA BORDER WATER)

BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
DELAWARE RIVER	TROUT	1ST SAT. AFTER APR. 11 - SEPT. 30	14"	1	
		OCT. 1 TO 1ST SAT. AFTER APRIL 11	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		
WEST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER	TROUT	1ST SAT. AFTER APR. 11 - SEPT. 30	12"	2	
		OCT. 1 TO 1ST SAT. AFTER APRIL 11	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	BLACK BASS	ALL YEAR	12"	5	
	WALLEYE	1ST SAT. MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	
DELAWARE RIVER , WEST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER	PICKEREL	ALL YEAR	12"	5	
	MUSKELLUNGE	ALL YEAR	30"	2	
	STRIPED BASS	ALL YEAR	28"	2	

No more than two lines whether fished by rod or hand may be used except a maximum of five devices including no more than two lines fished by rod or hand are legal when ice fishing. Each line is limited to three hooks and nine hook points.

NEW YORK CITY RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

A free NY City Public Access Permit is required in order to fish these reservoirs. A valid New York State fishing license is no longer necessary to obtain a NY City Public Access Permit. However, all anglers must possess a valid New York State fishing license when fishing on New York City Reservoirs.

All NY City fishing permits issued prior to 2002 are no longer valid. You must obtain a new permit before entering these lands.

New permit applications must be submitted by mail, to the address indicated on the application. Public Access Permit application forms are available at existing New York City Department of Environmental Protection [DEP] Offices, DEP Police Precincts, Town Offices within the NYC watershed area and tackle shops and sporting goods stores within the NYC watershed area. In New York City, applications are available during normal business hours at:

DEP's One-Stop Center in Queens
96-05 Horace Harding Expressway, Corona, NY (718) 595-4820

DEP's Bureau of Customer Conservation Services in Manhattan
1250 Broadway, 8th Floor, New York, NY (212) 643-2215

For information about changing NYC Reservoir access conditions, information about fishing on New York City Reservoirs, Public Access Permit application forms, Boating Tag application forms and Fishing and Boating Regulations contact DEP at 1-800-575-5263 or via the internet by following the link to DEP at:

www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish/fishregs/fishregsnyc.html

Boating for the purpose of fishing is allowed on New York City Reservoirs. Boats are permitted for the reservoir specified on the application only, and must remain at the reservoir. All boats must be approved by and registered with New York City DEP. The DEP will honor current boat permits. Anglers who would like to register a new boat must first obtain a valid Public Access Permit and then file a Boating Tag Application in person. For more information on boating, or to schedule an appointment to process a new boat, contact the appropriate Watershed Protection Office:

Ashokan Reservoir

Box 370, NYS Route 28A, Shokan, NY 12481 (845) 657-2663

Schoharie Reservoir

Box 234, Road Seven, Prattsville, NY 12468 (607) 588-6631

Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs

Box 358, NYS Route 42, Grahamsville, NY 12740 (845) 985-0386

Pepacton and Cannonsville Reservoirs

Box D, NYS Route 30, Downsville, NY 13755 (607) 363-7009

All East of Hudson Reservoirs

54 Croton Falls Road, Mahopac, NY 10541 (914) 232-1309

NEW YORK CITY RESERVOIR REGULATIONS

RESERVOIRS	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT
AMAWALK, BOG BROOK, CROSS RIVER, DIVERTING, MIDDLE BRANCH, MUSCOOT, TITICUS	TROUT	ALL YEAR ICE FISHING PERMITTED	12"	3
CROTON FALLS	TROUT	ALL YEAR ICE FISHING PERMITTED	18"	1
LAKE GILEAD	LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	21"	3
LAKE GLENEIDA	TROUT	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	ANY SIZE	5
BOYD CORNERS	TROUT	ALL YEAR (ICE FISHING PERMITTED)	12"	3
EAST BRANCH RESERVOIR	WALLEYE	1ST SAT. MAY-MAR 15	18"	3
WEST BRANCH RESERVOIR	LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	21"	3
	TROUT		12"	3
	LL SALMON	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	18"	1
KENSICO	LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	21"	3
	TROUT		12"	3
NEW CROTON SCHOHARIE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	3
RONDOUT	LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1	18"	3
	TROUT	- NOV. 30	12"	3
ASHOKAN	TROUT	APRIL 1- NOV. 30	12"	3
	WALLEYE	1ST SAT. MAY-MAR 15	18"	3
CANNONVILLE NEVERSINK - SMELT FISHING PROHIBITED	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT. 15	12"	3
PEPACTON	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT. 30	15"	2 FISH TO INCLUDE ONLY 1 OVER 21"

USE OF A LINE WITH MORE THAN THREE HOOKS AND ANY HOOK WITH MORE THAN THREE POINTS IS PROHIBITED.

SEE NEW YORK CITY RESERVOIR USE REGULATIONS ON PAGE 28.

"ICE FISHING PERMITTED"

Where it appears in this guide, "Ice Fishing Permitted" means that any species, during its open season, may be taken from November 15th through April 30th by ice fishing. Persons required to have a fishing license must have a current license. No other DEC special permit is required. With few exceptions (as noted in the regional regulations sections), no more than five tip-ups and two hand lines may be used.



HEALTH ADVISORIES

The following recommendations are based on contaminant levels in fish and shellfish. The advisories are for the year 2004, but they may change from year to year based on new information. To minimize potential adverse health impacts, the NYS Dept. of Health recommends:

- Eat no more than one meal (one-half pound) per week of fish from the state's freshwaters, the Hudson River estuary, Upper Bay of New York Harbor (north of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge), Arthur Kill, Kill Van Kull, East River to the Throgs Neck Bridge and Harlem River, except as recommended below.
- Women of childbearing age, infants and children under the age of 15 should not eat any fish species from waters listed below.
- Follow trimming and cooking advice.
- Observe the following restrictions on eating fish from these waters and their tributaries to the first barrier impassable by fish.

<u>Water (County)</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
Amawalk Reservoir (Westchester)	Largemouth and smallmouth bass over 16"	1 meal/month
Arthur Kill (Richmond)	See Hudson River (south of Catskill)	
Ashokan Reservoir (Ulster)	Smallmouth bass over 16" and walleye	1 meal/month
Barge Canal (Tonawanda Creek)	Carp	1 meal/month
• Lockport to Niagara River (Erie/Niagara)		
Beaver Lake (Lewis)	Chain pickerel	1 meal/month
Big Moose Lake (Herkimer)	Yellow perch over 9 inches	1 meal/month
Bog Brook Reservoir (Putnam)	Walleye over 21"	1 meal/month
Boyd Corners Reservoir (Putnam)	Largemouth bass over 16" and walleye	1 meal/month
Buffalo River/Harbor (Erie)	Carp	Eat none
Canadice Lake (Ontario)	Lake or brown trout	1 meal/month
Cannonville Reservoir (Delaware)	Smallmouth bass over 15" and yellow perch	1 meal/month
Carry Falls Reservoir (St. Lawrence)	Walleye	1 meal/month
Cayuga Creek (Niagara)	All species	Eat none
Chenango River	Walleye over 22"	1 meal/month
Cranberry Lake (St. Lawrence)	Smallmouth bass	1 meal/month
Cross River Reservoir	Largemouth & smallmouth bass over 16"	1 meal/month
Dart Lake (Herkimer)	Yellow perch over 10"	1 meal/month
Delaware Park Lake (Erie)	Carp	1 meal/month
Diverting Reservoir (Putnam)	Walleye	1 meal/month
East Branch Reservoir (Putnam)	Walleye	1 meal/month
East River (NYC)	American eel	Eat none
	Atlantic needlefish,	1 meal/month
	bluefish, striped bass,	1 meal/month
	white perch	1 meal/month
Effley Falls Reservoir	Chain pickerel & smallmouth bass	1 meal/month
Eighteen Mile Creek (Niagara)	All species	Eat none
Ferris Lake (Hamilton)	Yellow perch over 12"	Eat none
	Smaller yellow perch	1 meal/month
Forked Lake (Hamilton)	Largemouth & smallmouth bass	1 meal/month
Fourth Lake (Herkimer & Hamilton)	Lake trout	Eat none
Francis Lake (Lewis)	Yellow perch	1 meal/month
Freeport Reservoir (Nassau)	Carp	1 meal/month

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<u>Water (County)</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
Goodyear Lake (Otsego)	Walleye over 22"	1 meal/month
Grant Park Pond (Nassau)	Carp	1 meal/month
Grasse River (St. Lawrence)		
• Mouth to Massena Power Canal	All species	Eat none
Halfmoon Lake (Lewis)	Yellow perch	1 meal/month
Hall's Pond (Nassau)	Carp and goldfish	Eat none
Harlem River (NYC)	American eel	Eat none
	Atlantic needlefish,	1 meal/month
	bluefish, striped bass	1 meal/month
	and white perch	1 meal/month
	Brook trout	1 meal/month
	Brown trout over 14"	1 meal/month
Herrick Hollow Creek (Delaware)		
Hoosic River (Rensselaer)		
Hudson River		
• Corinth Dam to Dam at Rt. 9 bridge in South Glens Falls	Smallmouth bass over 14"	1 meal/month
• Sherman Island Dam downstream to Feeder Dam at South Glens Falls	Carp	1 meal/month
• Dam at Route 9 Bridge in South Glens Falls to Troy Dam	All species	Eat none
• Troy Dam south to bridge at Catskill	All species except below:	Eat none
	American shad	1 meal/week
	Alewife, blueback herring, rock bass, yellow perch	1 meal/month
	Gizzard shad	Eat none
• Bridge at Catskill south to and including the Upper Bay of New York Harbor (north of Verrazano Narrows Bridge), Arthur Kill and Kill Van Kull	American eel, Atlantic needlefish, bluefish, brown bullhead, carp, channel catfish, goldfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye rainbow smelt, striped bass, white catfish and white perch	1 meal per month
	Blue crab	6 crabs/week
	—hepatopancreas	Eat none
	—cooking liquid	Discard
• Dobbs Ferry south to Greystone	American eel	Eat none
	Other species	See Hudson River south of Catskill
Indian Lake (Lewis)	All species	1 meal/month
Irondequoit Bay (Monroe)	Carp	Eat none
Keuka Lake (Yates & Steuben)	Lake trout over 25"	1 meal/month
Kill Van Kull (Richmond)	See Hudson River (south of Catskill)	
Kinderhook Lake (Columbia)	American eel	1 meal/month
Koppers Pond (Chemung)	Carp	1 meal/month
Lake Capri (Suffolk)	American eel and carp	1 meal/month
Lake Champlain		
• Whole Lake	Lake trout over 25" and walleye over 19"	1 meal/month
• Bay in Cumberland Head to Crab Island	Brown bullhead	Eat none
	American eel and yellow perch	1 meal/month
Lake Durant (Hamilton)	Largemouth bass over 15"	1 meal/month
Lake Eaton (Hamilton)	Yellow perch > 10"	1 meal/month

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<u>Water (County)</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
Lake Ontario/Niagara River below Falls	American eel, channel catfish, lake trout over 25", carp, brown trout over 20", chinook salmon	Eat none
	White sucker, rainbow trout, smaller lake trout, smaller brown trout, and coho salmon over 25"	1 meal/month
● West of Point Breeze	White perch	Eat none
● East of Point Breeze	White perch	1 meal/month
Loft's Pond (Nassau)	Carp and goldfish	1 meal/month
Long Pond-Croghan (Lewis)	Splake over 12"	Eat none
Lower & Upper Sister Lakes (Hamilton)	Yellow perch over 10"	Eat none
Massapequa Reservoir (Nassau)	White perch	1 meal/month
Massena Power Canal (St. Lawrence)	Smallmouth bass	1 meal/month
Meacham Lake (Franklin)	Yellow perch over 12" Smaller yellow perch	Eat none 1 meal/month
Mohawk River (Oneida & Herkimer) Between Oriskany and West Canada Creeks	Carp Largemouth bass and Tiger muskellunge	Eat none 1 meal/month
Moshier Reservoir (Herkimer)	Yellow perch	1 meal/month
Nassau Lake (Rensselaer)	All species	Eat none
Neversink Reservoir (Sullivan)	Smallmouth bass Brown trout over 24"	1 meal/month 1 meal/month
New York Harbor	See Hudson River (south of Catskill) and Marine Waters	
Niagara River		
● Above Niagara Falls	Carp	1 meal/month
● Below Niagara Falls (Also see Lake Ontario)	White perch Smallmouth bass	Eat none 1 meal/month
North Lake - Town of Ohio (Herkimer)	Yellow perch	1 meal/month
Onondaga Lake (Onondaga)	Walleye All other species	Eat none 1 meal/month
Oswego River (Oswego)		
● Oswego power dam to upper dam at Fulton	Channel catfish	1 meal/month
Pepacton Reservoir (Delaware)	Smallmouth bass over 15", brown trout over 24" & yellow perch	1 meal/month
Polliwog Pond (Franklin)	Smallmouth bass	1 meal/month
Ridders Pond (Nassau)	Goldfish	Eat none
Rondout Reservoir (Sullivan & Ulster)	Smallmouth bass over 16"	1 meal/month
Rock Pond - Town of Indian Lake (Hamilton)	Largemouth bass over 15"	1 meal/month
Round Pond (Hamilton)	Yellow perch over 12"	1 meal/month
Sand Lake-Town of Arietta (Hamilton)	Chain pickerel	1 meal/month
St. James Pond (Suffolk)	All species	1 meal/month

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<u>Water (County)</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Recommendations</u>
St. Lawrence River		
● Entire river	American eel, channel catfish, lake trout over 25", carp, brown trout over 20" and chinook salmon	Eat none
	White perch, white sucker, rainbow trout, smaller lake trout, smaller brown trout, coho salmon over 25"	1 meal/month
● Bay at St. Lawrence/ Franklin Co.line	All species	Eat none
Salmon River (Oswego)		
● Mouth to Salmon Reservoir (also see Lake Ontario)	Smallmouth bass	1 meal/month
Sauquoit Creek (Oneida) Mohawk River to Old Silk Mill Dam	Brown trout	Eat none
Saw Mill River (Westchester)	American eel	1 meal/month
Schoharie Reservoir (Delaware, Greene and Schoharie)	Smallmouth bass over 15" Walleye over 18" Smaller fish of the above	Eat none Eat none 1 meal/month
Schroon Lake (Warren, Essex)	Lake trout over 27", Yellow perch over 13", Smallmouth bass	1 meal/month
Sheldrake River (Westchester)	American eel Goldfish	Eat none 1 meal/month
Skaneateles Creek (Onondaga)		
● Seneca River to dam at Skaneateles	Brown trout over 10"	1 meal/month
Smith Pond at Rockville Centre (Nassau)	White perch	1 meal/month
Smith Pond at Roosevelt Park (Nassau)	American eel Carp and goldfish	Eat none 1 meal/month
Soft Maple Dam Pond and Soft Maple Reservoir (Lewis)	Rock & smallmouth bass	1 meal/month
South Pond-Town of Long Lake (Hamilton)	Yellow perch over 10"	1 meal/month
Spring Pond - Middle Island (Suffolk)	Carp and goldfish	Eat none
Stillwater Reservoir (Herkimer)	Yellow perch over 9", Smallmouth bass & splake	1 meal/month
Sunday Lake (Herkimer)	Yellow perch	1 meal/month
Susquehanna River	Walleye over 22"	1 meal/month
Threemile Creek (Oneida)	White sucker	1 meal/month
Titicus Reservoir (Westchester)	White perch	1 meal/month
Tupper Lake (Franklin & St. Lawrence)	Smallmouth bass & walleye	1 meal/month
Upper Twin Pond (Orange)	American eel	1 meal/month
Unadilla River	Walleye over 22"	1 meal/month
Upper & Lower Sister Lakes (Hamilton)	Yellow perch over 10"	Eat none
Valatie Kill (Rensselaer)		
● Between County Rt. 18 and Nassau Lake	All species	Eat none
West Branch Reservoir (Putnam)	Walleye	1 meal/month
Whitney Park Pond (Nassau)	Carp and goldfish	1 meal/month
Willis Lake (Hamilton)	Smallmouth bass	1 meal/month

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GENERAL ADVISORY FOR EATING SPORTFISH

The general health advisory for sportfish is that you eat no more than one meal (one-half pound) per week of fish taken from the state's freshwaters and some marine waters at the mouth of the Hudson River. These include the New York waters of the Hudson River, Upper Bay of New York Harbor (north of Verrazano Narrows Bridge), Arthur Kill, Kill Van Kull, Harlem River and the East River to the Throgs Neck Bridge. This general advisory is to protect against eating large amounts of fish that have not been tested or may contain unidentified contaminants. The general advisory does not apply to most marine waters.

SPECIFIC ADVISORIES FOR FRESHWATER, THE HUDSON RIVER AND THE UPPER BAY OF NEW YORK HARBOR

More than 90 waters in New York have fish with contaminant levels greater than federal guidelines. DOH recommends limiting or avoiding eating fish from these particular waters. The specific advisories are provided in the "Health Advisory Table" and in "Additional Advice." DOH recommends that women of childbearing age, infants and children under the age of 15 do not eat any fish from waters listed in the "Health Advisory Table." The reason for this advice is that chemicals may have a greater effect on developing organs of young children or in the fetus. They also build up in women's bodies and are often passed on in the mother's milk.

HEALTH BENEFITS

When properly prepared, fish provide a diet high in protein and low in saturated fats. Almost any kind of fish may have real health benefits if it replaces a high-fat source of protein in the diet. You can get the health benefits of fish and reduce unwanted contaminants by following the guidelines in these advisories.

ADDITIONAL ADVICE

ADVISORIES FOR LAKE ERIE - Due to PCB contamination, women of childbearing age, infants and children under the age of 15 are advised to eat no more than one meal per week of chinook salmon less than 19 inches, burbot, freshwater drum, lake whitefish, rock bass and yellow perch and to eat no more than 1 meal/month of all other fish from Lake Erie. Other people should eat no more than one meal per week of any Lake Erie fish species.

MARINE BLUEFISH AND EELS - The general advisory {Eat no more than one meal (one-half pound) per week} applies to bluefish and American eels but not to most other fish (see "Marine Striped Bass") from Long Island Sound, Block Island Sound, Peconic/ Gardiners Bays, the Lower Bay of New York Harbor, Jamaica Bay and other Long Island south shore waters.

MARINE STRIPED BASS - Women of childbearing age and children under the age of 15 should eat no striped bass taken from Upper and Lower Bays of New York Harbor or Long Island Sound west of Wading River. Other people

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should eat no more than 1 meal/month of striped bass from these waters. Everyone should eat no more than one meal per week of striped bass taken from Jamaica Bay, Eastern Long Island Sound, Block Island Sound, Peconic/Gardiners Bay or Long Island south shore waters.

CRABS AND LOBSTERS - The hepatopancreas (sometimes called mustard, tomalley or liver) of crabs and lobsters should not be eaten because it has high contaminant levels. Crab or lobster cooking liquid is contaminated and should be discarded.

DEFORMED OR ABNORMAL FISH - The health implications of eating deformed or abnormal fish are unknown. Any obviously diseased fish (marked by tumors, lesions or other abnormal condition of the fish skin, meat or internal organs) should be discarded.

HUDSON RIVER AMERICAN SHAD - The advisory for women of childbearing age, infants and children under the age of 15 is EAT NONE for all fish from the lower Hudson River because of PCB contamination. However, American shad have lower PCB levels than other species. A few meals of Hudson River American shad meat and roe, especially using cooking and trimming methods that minimize PCB content, would not pose an unacceptable health risk for women of childbearing age and children, assuming this is their only significant exposure to PCBs.

REDUCING EXPOSURE TO CHEMICAL CONTAMINANTS FROM FISH - Fish are an important source of protein and are low in saturated fat. Naturally occurring fish oils lower plasma cholesterol and triglycerides, thereby decreasing the risk of coronary heart disease. Increasing fish consumption is useful in reducing dietary fat and controlling weight. By eating a diet that includes food from a variety of protein sources, an individual is more likely to have a diet that is adequate in all nutrients.

Although eating fish has some health benefits, fish with high contaminant levels should be avoided. When deciding whether or not to eat fish that may be contaminated, the benefits of eating those fish can be weighed against the risks.

For young women, eating contaminated fish is a health concern not only for themselves but also for any unborn or nursing child, since the chemicals may reach the unborn babies and can be passed on in mother's milk. For an older person with heart disease, the risks, especially of long-term health effects, may not be as great a concern when compared to the benefits of reducing the risks of heart disease.

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Everyone can benefit from eating the fish they catch and can minimize their contaminant intake by following these general recommendations:

- Choose sportfish from waterbodies that are not listed on pages 30 through 33 and follow the advice in this booklet.
- When preparing sportfish, use a method of filleting the fish that will reduce the skin, fatty material and dark meat. These parts of the fish contain many of the contaminants.
- When deciding which sportfish to eat, choose smaller fish, consistent with DEC regulations, within a species since they may have lower contaminant levels. Older (larger) fish within a species may be more contaminated because they have had more time to accumulate contaminants in their bodies.
- Do not eat the soft green tissue (mustard, tomalley, liver or hepatopancreas) found in the body section of crab and lobster. This tissue has been found to contain high levels of chemical contaminants, including PCBs and heavy metals.
- When eating sportfish, use cooking methods such as broiling, poaching, boiling and baking, which allow contaminants from the fatty portions of fish to drain out. Pan frying is not recommended. The cooking liquids and fat drippings of fish from contaminated waters should be discarded since these liquids may retain contaminants.
- Anglers who want to enjoy the fun of fishing but who wish to eliminate the potential risks associated with eating contaminated sportfish may want to consider "catch and release" fishing. Refer to the DEC New York State Fishing Regulations Guide for suggestions on catch and release fishing techniques.

BOTULISM IN FISH AND WATERFOWL - In recent years, large numbers of some species of Lake Erie fish and waterfowl have been found dead, sick and dying, many of them as a result of botulism poisoning. The botulism poison is produced by *Clostridium botulinum*, a bacterium which is common in the environment and can produce harmful levels of botulism poison under certain environmental conditions. This poison has been found in some of the affected fish and waterfowl. The botulism poison can cause illness and death if consumed by humans or animals. Cooking may not destroy the botulism poison. This problem may also occur in other waters, and we don't know whether all or only some fish and waterfowl species can be affected.

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No human cases of botulism poisoning have been linked to these events. However, as a precaution, do not eat any fish or game if they are found dead or dying, act abnormally or seem sick. If you must handle dead or dying fish, birds or other animals, cover your hands with disposable rubber or plastic protective gloves or a plastic bag. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation is monitoring the situation and investigating the cause of this problem.

GOOD SANITARY PRACTICES - BACTERIA, VIRUSES AND PARASITES IN FISH & GAME

Fish and game and other meats can be contaminated with bacteria, viruses or parasites that can cause illness. You should harvest fish and game that act and look healthy, and follow good sanitary practices when preparing them. We recommend that you wear rubber or plastic protective gloves while filleting, field dressing, skinning or butchering. We also recommend that you remove intestines soon after harvest, don't eat intestines and avoid direct contact with intestinal contents. Hands, utensils and work surfaces should be washed before and after handling any raw food, including fish and game meat. Fish and game should be kept cool (with ice or refrigerated below 45° F or 7° C) until filleted or butchered and then should be refrigerated or frozen. Some hunters prefer to hang big game for several days before butchering; this should not be done unless the game can be kept at temperatures consistently below 45° F. Fish and other seafood should be cooked to an internal temperature (in the thickest part) of 140° F (60° C); game birds and other types of wild game meat should be cooked to an internal temperature (in the thickest part) of 165° F (74° C).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - To receive an updated, complete version of the advisories, or for more DOH information on health effects from exposure to chemical contaminants, contact:

Environmental Health Information - 1-800-458-1158 ext. 27815
Leave your name, number and a brief message. Your call will be returned.

The complete updated advisories are available from the internet at:
<http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/fish/fish.htm>

You can also request these updates by e-mail:
BTSA@health.state.ny.us

For more DEC information on contaminant levels in sportfish, contact:
Bureau of Habitat, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-4756
Telephone: 518-402-8996

NEW YORK STATE ANGLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

To enter a fish in the Angler Achievement Awards Program, it must meet the minimum qualifying weight or length for the species in the entered category. The following list shows the minimum qualifying requirements for each species. For more information on New York State's Angler Achievement Awards Program, refer to pages 39-43.

ANNUAL AWARD/STATE RECORD CATEGORY INFORMATION

SPECIES	MINIMUM WEIGHT
Bass, Largemouth	6 lb 0 oz
Bass, Rock	1 lb 0 oz
Bass, Smallmouth	4 lb 0 oz
Bass, Hybrid Striped	6 lb 0 oz
Bass, Striped	
Hudson River, Delaware River	30 lb 0 oz
Bass, White	1 lb 0 oz
Bluegill	1 lb 0 oz
Bowfin	5 lb 0 oz
Bullhead, Black	1 lb 0 oz
Bullhead, Brown	1 lb 0 oz
Burbot	3 lb 0 oz
Carp, Common	20 lb 0 oz
Catfish, Channel	10 lb 0 oz
Catfish, White	2 lb 0 oz
Cisco (Lake Herring)	1 lb 0 oz
Crappie, Black	1 lb 8 oz
Crappie, White	1 lb 8 oz
Drum, Freshwater	1 0 lb 0 oz
Eel, American	4 lb 0 oz
Fallfish	1 lb 0 oz
Gar, Longnose	5 lb 0 oz
Muskellunge	30 lb 0 oz
Muskellunge, Tiger	15 lb 0 oz
Perch, White	1 lb 0 oz
Perch, Yellow	1 lb 0 oz
Pickereel, Chain	4 lb 0 oz
Pickereel, Redfin	1 lb 0 oz
Pike, Northern	15 lb 0 oz
Salmon, Atlantic	
Great Lakes	14 lb 0 oz
Inland	8 lb 0 oz
Salmon, Chinook	33 lb 0 oz
Salmon, Coho	16 lb 0 oz
Salmon, Kokanee	1 lb 0 oz
Salmon, Pink	3 lb 8 oz
Sauger	1 lb 8 oz
Shad, American	6 lb 0 oz
Sucker, Redhorse	6 lb 0 oz
Sucker, White	2 lb 8 oz
Sunfish, Pumpkinseed	1 lb 0 oz

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NYS ANGLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS RULES OF ENTRY

- Fish must be taken during their respective open season by angling or ice fishing in New York State waters in accordance with New York State Fishing Regulations. Angling does not include any method by which the fish are foul hooked. Fish showing signs of foul hooking, gill nets, tampering or foreign objects will be disqualified.
- Qualifying fish must be entered on an official entry form or facsimile. All applicable portions of the entry form must be completed.
- Entry forms must be received by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Bureau of Fisheries within 30 days of the catch.
- All entries must be accompanied by a clear, side-view photograph of the fish or the angler with the fish (if possible). Information provided on the entry form and any associated photographs become the property of the DEC and may be used for promotional purposes. Photographs cannot be returned.
- Pins awarded annually will be limited to one pin per angler per species.
- To enter a fish in the Annual Award category:**
 - Make sure the fish is one of the 45 species designated under the Annual Award category.
 - Make sure the fish is weighed on a certified scale by the owner or an employee of the business where the scale is located.
 - Make sure the fish meets or exceeds its minimum qualifying weight.
 - Make sure weighing is observed by one witness other than the scale owner or business employee.
 - Make sure sections A,B,C,D,E,G of the entry form are completed.
 - Make sure a side view photograph of the fish (angler with the fish, if possible) is enclosed with the entry form.
- To enter a fish in the Catch and Release category:**
 - Make sure the fish is one of the 20 species designated under the catch and release category.
 - Make sure the fish is measured from tip of nose to tip of tail.
 - Make sure the fish meets or exceeds the minimum qualifying length for its species.
 - Make sure sections A-B of the entry form are completed.
 - Make sure a side view photograph of the fish (angler with the fish, if possible) is enclosed with the entry form. Photograph must be taken at the catch site; entry forms accompanied by photographs taken at the angler's home, bait shop, etc. will be disqualified.
 - Make sure the fish is handled properly. Fish should be measured, photographed and released quickly. Improper handling (i.e. fish hanging from stringers or scales) will result in disqualification. Fish not released promptly (ie. weighed off-site prior to release) are not eligible for catch and release consideration.
- To enter a fish in the New York State Record category:**
 - Make sure the fish is one of the 45 species designated for State Record consideration.
 - Make sure the fish is weighed on a certified scale by the owner or (his) an employee of the business where the scale is located.
 - Make sure weighing is observed by one witness other than the scale owner or business employee.
 - Make sure sections A-F of the entry form are completed.

NEW YORK STATE ANGLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

SECTION A: ENTRY CATEGORY

FISH IS BEING ENTERED IN (CHECK ONE): ANNUAL AWARD CATEGORY (COMPLETE SECTIONS B, C, D, E, G) STATE RECORD (COMPLETE SECTIONS B, C, D, E, F, G)
 CATCH AND RELEASE CATEGORY (COMPLETE SECTIONS B, C, G)

SECTION B: ANGLER INFORMATION

NAME OF ANGLER: _____ PHONE: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ DATE: _____
 CITY/TOWN: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

SECTION C: CATCH INFORMATION

FISH SPECIES: _____ DATE OF CATCH : _____ KEPT : RELEASED :
 TIME OF CATCH: _____ AM : PM: _____ LENGTH : _____
 NAME OF WATER BODY : _____ COUNTY : _____ NEAREST TOWN : _____
 LURE/BAIT USED: _____ LURE COLOR / SIZE : _____
 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOW FISH WAS CAUGHT: _____

SECTION D: WEIGHT INFORMATION (ANNUAL AWARD OR STATE RECORD ENTRIES ONLY)

NAME OF WEIGHER: _____ WEIGHER SIGNATURE : _____
 WEIGHT : _____ LBS : _____ OZ : _____ (ANNUAL AWARD OR STATE RECORD ENTRIES ONLY)
 ADDRESS OF WEIGHER : _____ PHONE : _____
 CITY / TOWN: _____ STATE : _____ ZIP CODE: _____ TODAY'S DATE: _____
 SCALE CERTIFICATION NUMBER: _____ DATE OF LAST CERTIFICATION : _____

SECTION E: WITNESS VERIFICATION (ANNUAL AWARD OR STATE RECORD ENTRIES ONLY)

NAME OF WITNESS: _____ WITNESS SIGNATURE : _____
 ADDRESS OF WITNESS : _____ PHONE : _____
 CITY / TOWN: _____ STATE : _____ ZIP CODE: _____ DATE: _____

SECTION F: SPECIES INFORMATION (STATE RECORD ENTRIES ONLY)

I HAVE EXAMINED THE FISH DESCRIBED ABOVE AND CONFIRM THAT IT IS A:
 NAME OF DEC FISHERIES BIOLOGIST: _____
 SIGNATURE : _____ DATE: _____

SECTION G: ANGLER SIGNATURE (ALL ENTRIES) AND NOTARIZATION (STATE RECORD ENTRIES ONLY)

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

I HEREBY SWEAR THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THIS FORM IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND THAT THE TAKING OF THE FISH DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE NEW YORK STATE ANGLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS PROGRAM. FURTHERMORE, I RELEASE TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION THE RIGHT TO USE THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND ANY ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPHS FOR PROMOTIONAL PURPOSES, ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS DOES NOT RESTRICT MY USE OF THE SAME INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

SIGNATURE OF ANGLER (ALL ENTRIES) : _____
 SWORN BEFORE ME THIS DAY OF : _____ YEAR : _____
 SIGNATURE OF NOTARY (STATE RECORD ENTRIES ONLY) : _____

NOTARY SEAL

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RULES OF ENTRY - CON'T.

- e. Make sure the fish is identified and examined by a DEC fisheries biologist, or his designee, prior to any cutting of the fish or removal of entrails.
Section E will be completed by the person verifying the fish.
- f. Make sure a **clear** side view photograph of the fish (angler with the fish if possible) is enclosed with the entry form.
9. Send completed entry forms (for fish entered in the Annual Award or Catch & Release categories) to:
New York State Angler Achievement Awards
NYSDEC- Bureau of Fisheries, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4753
* Completed entry forms for fish entered in the State Record category should be sent directly to the DEC Bureau of Fisheries regional office nearest you.)
10. **The DEC Bureau of Fisheries reserves the right to reject any Angler Achievement Award Application on the basis of erroneous species identification, improper handling, illegal fishing methods, evidence of tampering or foreign objects, or inability to adequately document any of the circumstances relating to the catch.**

NEW YORK STATE ANGLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Each year numerous anglers take to the water in hope of catching a trophy-sized fish. For those individuals lucky enough to land a large fish, one way of marking the event is to enter the fish in DEC's New York State Angler Achievement Awards Program. Begun in the early 1900s and then expanded in 1990, this program officially recognizes anglers for their fishing accomplishments. Awards are given for catching any of 45 different eligible freshwater fish species. You can get an award for catching a one pound perch just as easily as you can for catching a 33 pound chinook salmon. You can enter your catch in any of three categories—Annual Award, Catch and Release, and State Record.

ANNUAL AWARD

The Annual Award recognizes the anglers who caught the three heaviest fish of the calendar year (Jan 1 - Dec 31) for each species. Each fish entered must meet or exceed the minimum qualifying weights found on pages 38 and 43. The winning anglers are awarded an Angler Achievement Award lapel pin and a Certificate of Achievement.

CATCH AND RELEASE

The Catch and Release Award commends the actions of those anglers who return their qualifying catch to the water. This category is limited to 20 major sportfish species found on page 43. Anglers catching a qualifying fish are awarded a distinctive Catch and Release lapel pin.

STATE RECORD

The State Record recognizes those anglers who break current New York State records for any of the 45 eligible fish species. Anglers receive a custom engraved plaque, an Angler Achievement Award lapel pin and a Certificate of Achievement.

For more information on the New York State Angler Achievement Awards program contact (518) 402-8920.

NEW YORK STATE ANGLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

ANNUAL AWARD CATEGORY INFORMATION (cont. from 38)

SPECIES	MINIMUM WEIGHT
Trout, Brook*	3 lb 0 oz
Trout, Brown	
Great Lakes	16 lb 0 oz
Inland	10 lb 0 oz
Trout, Lake	16 lb 0 oz
Trout, Rainbow	
Great Lakes	14 lb 0 oz
Inland	8 lb 0 oz
Trout, Splake	8 lb 0 oz
Walleye	8 lb 0 oz
Whitefish, Lake	4 lb 0 oz

CATCH AND RELEASE CATEGORY

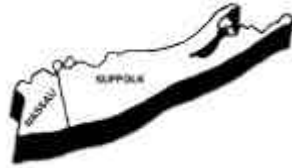
SPECIES	MINIMUM LENGTH
Bass, Largemouth	20 inches
Bass, Smallmouth	18 inches
Bass, Striped	
Hudson River, Delaware River	36 inches
Bluegill	10 inches
Carp, Common	36 inches
Crappie, Black or White	14 inches
Muskellunge, Inland	48 inches
Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, St. Lawrence and Niagara Rivers.	
Minimum legal length for each water body.	
Muskellunge, Tiger	36 inches
Perch, Yellow	14 inches
Pickereel, Chain	25 inches
Pike, Northern	36 inches
Salmon, Atlantic	
Great Lakes	30 inches
Inland	24 inches
Salmon, Chinook	40 inches
Salmon, Coho	33 inches
Sunfish, Pumpkinseed	10 inches
Trout, Brook	18 inches
Trout, Brown	
Great Lakes	32 inches
Inland Lakes	24 inches
Inland Streams	20 inches
Trout, Lake	34 inches
Trout, Rainbow	
Great Lakes	30 inches
Inland Lakes	24 inches
Inland Streams	20 inches
Walleye	25 inches

* Lakes and ponds which have been stocked with brook trout brood stock or splake are not eligible for NYS brook trout records. Check with your regional fisheries office.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS BY COUNTY REGION 1 • LONG ISLAND



REGION 1
SUNY, Bldg. 40
Stony Brook, NY
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(631) 444-0280

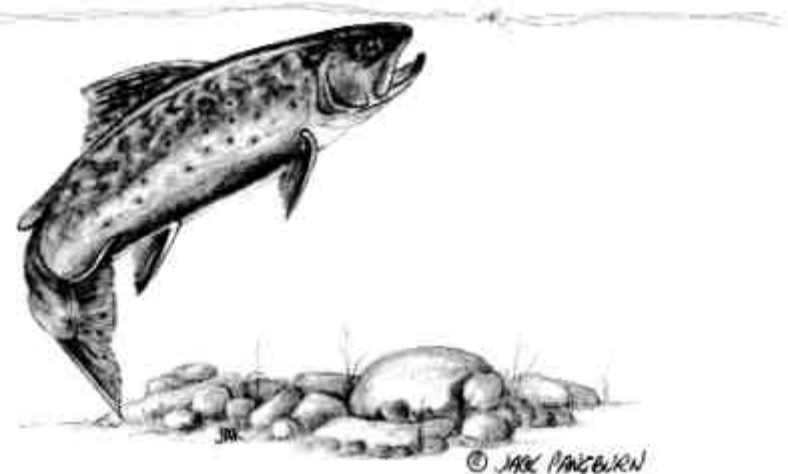


- This is a list of exceptions to the STATEWIDE ANGLING REGULATIONS.
- Trout waters where ice fishing is permitted are identified here.
- Where regulations appear in the Method column, they pertain to all fishing in the listed water.
- In some cases, you will be referred to the regulations tables for major resource blocks (GREAT LAKES, FINGER LAKES, LAKE CHAMPLAIN, BORDER WATERS, NEW YORK CITY RESERVOIRS).

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD	
NAUSSAU	ALL WATERS EXCEPT HEMPSTEAD LAKE	CRAPPIE	ALL YEAR	9"	15		
		SUNFISH (BLUEGILL AND PUMPKINSEED)	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	15		
		YELLOW PERCH	ALL YEAR	8"	15		
	HEMPSTEAD LAKE	ALL SPECIES EXCEPT BLACK BASS	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY			
		BLACK BASS	1ST SAT. IN JUNE - MARCH 15	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	NOTE: IT IS ILLEGAL TO FISH FOR BASS DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 16 THROUGH FRIDAY PRECEDING 1ST SAT. JUNE		
	ALL PONDS AND LAKES	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	3		
	ALL STREAMS	BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	3		
		BROOK TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY			
	SUFFOLK	ALL WATERS	CRAPPIE	ALL YEAR	9"	15	
			SUNFISH (BLUEGILL AND PUMPKINSEED)	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	15	
YELLOW PERCH			ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	15		
ALL WATERS EXCEPT LAKE RONKONKOMA, BELMONT LAKE, ARTIST LAKE, BLYDENBURGH LAKE, AND FORT POND		BLACK BASS	1ST SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30 DEC 1 - MARCH 15	12"	5	NOTE: IT IS ILLEGAL TO FISH FOR BASS DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 16 THROUGH FRIDAY PRECEDING 1ST SAT. JUNE	
		BLACK BASS	1ST SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30 DEC 1 - MARCH 15	15"	5	NOTE: IT IS ILLEGAL TO FISH FOR BASS DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 16 THROUGH FRIDAY PRECEDING 1ST SAT. JUNE	
LAKE RONKONKOMA, FORT POND		WALLEYE	1ST SAT. IN MAY - MAR 15	18"	3		
		BLACK BASS	1ST SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	12"	5		
BLYDENBURGH LAKE		BLACK BASS	DEC 1 - FRI. BEFORE 1ST SAT. IN JUNE	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY			
ARTIST LAKE, BELMONT LAKE	BLACK BASS	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY				
ALL TIDAL STREAMS	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	3			

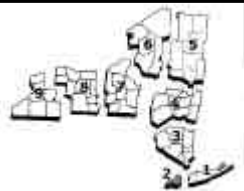
SUFFOLK

BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
ALL FRESH WATER LAKES AND PONDS EXCEPT EAST (SWAN) LK., LAUREL LK., DEEP PD.	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
EAST (SWAN) LAKE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	10"	3	
LAUREL LAKE, DEEP POND	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
ALL FRESHWATER (NON-TIDAL) STREAMS EXCEPT CARMANS RIVER IN SOUTHAVEN COUNTY PARK, CONNETQUOT RIVER IN CONNETQUOT RIVER STATE PARK AND NISSEQUOGUE RIVER IN CALEB SMITH STATE PARK	BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	3	
CARMANS RIVER (SOUTHAVEN COUNTY PARK)	BROOK TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		
	SPECIAL REGULATIONS BY RIVER SECTIONS. ADDITIONAL PARK REGULATIONS MAY APPLY; CALL 631-854-1414				
• FROM LIPA TRANSMISSION LINES AT GATE G UPSTREAM TO YAPHANK AVE.	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		FLY FISHING ONLY
• FROM CEMENT DAM UPSTREAM TO LIPA TRANSMISSION LINES AT GATE G.	BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	9"	3	FLY FISHING ONLY
• FROM CEMENT DAM DOWNSTREAM TO HARDS LAKE DAM	BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	9"	3	
CONNETQUOT AND CALEB SMITH STATE PARKS	TROUT	PARK REGULATIONS APPLY, PERMIT REQUIRED; CALL 631-581-1005 CONNETQUOT • 631-265-1054 CALEB SMITH			



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1 Hunters Point Plaza
47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, NY
11101-5407
(718) 482-4922



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- In some cases, you will be referred to the regulations tables for major resource blocks (GREAT LAKES, FINGER LAKES, LAKE CHAMPLAIN, BORDER WATERS, NEW YORK CITY RESERVOIRS).

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
BRONX	CROTONA PARK POND, VAN CORTLAND LAKE	ALL	ALL YEAR			CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY.
KINGS (BROOKLYN)	PROSPECT PARK LAKE	ALL	ALL YEAR			CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY.
NEW YORK (MANHATTAN)	CENTRAL PARK ALL WATERS	ALL	ALL YEAR			CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY.
QUEENS	BAISLEY'S POND KISSENA LAKE, MEADOW LAKE, OAKLAND LAKE, WILLOW LAKE	ALL	ALL YEAR			CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY.
RICHMOND (STATEN ISLAND)	BROOKS LAKE, CLOVE LAKE, SILVER LAKE, WILLOWBROOK LAKE, WOLFES POND	ALL	ALL YEAR			CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY.

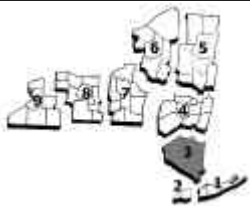
Many New York City Parks contain lakes or ponds that offer excellent fishing opportunities. Fishing on all of these waters is limited to Catch & Release fishing and are subject to additional regulations of the New York City Parks Department. Before fishing any of these waters, be sure to contact park staff to find out if there are any additional rules that you need to be informed about.

LAKES AND PONDS	ACRES	SHORELINE ACCESS	CONTOUR MAP AVAILABLE	INFORMATION NUMBER
WOLFES POND	15	AVAILABLE		718-984-8266
MARTLING LAKE	5	AVAILABLE		718-390-8000
SILVER LAKE	51	LIMITED		718-390-8031
CENTRAL PARK POND	23	AVAILABLE	YES	212-360-3444
VAN CORTLAND LAKE	30	LIMITED	YES	718-430-1890
CROTONA PARK POND	3	AVAILABLE		718-589-0096
PROSPECT PARK LAKE	57	AVAILABLE	YES	718-965-8900
MEADOW LAKE	100	AVAILABLE		718-760-6600
WILLOW LAKE	40	LIMITED		718-760-6600
KISSENA LAKE	8	AVAILABLE	YES	718-520-5359
OAKLAND LAKE	15	AVAILABLE	YES	718-225-2620
BAISLEY'S POND	25	AVAILABLE		718-520-5314

The information above was excerpted from the booklet "Fishing the Freshwaters of Long Island and New York City". To request a copy of this booklet, contact the DEC Region 1 or Region 2 Offices.



SPECIAL REGULATIONS BY COUNTY REGION 3 • SOUTHEASTERN NEW YORK



REGION 3
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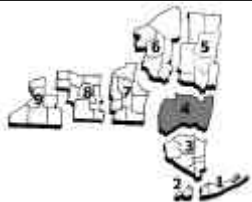


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	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
DUTCHESS	ALL RIVERS AND STREAMS EXCEPT HUDSON RIVER	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	UPTON LAKE, SYLVAN LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	WAPPINGER CREEK DOWNSTREAM OF DAM IN PLEASANT VALLEY	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	
	INDIAN LAKE	BLACK BASS, PICKEREL	SEE BORDER WATERS REGULATIONS			
	MORGAN LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
ORANGE	ALL RIVERS AND STREAMS EXCEPT HUDSON RIVER & DELAWARE RIVER	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	ASKOTI, HESSIAN, ROUND, SKANNATATI, AND WALTON LAKES	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	BASHAKILL MARSH	PICKEREL BLACK BASS	ALL YEAR ALL YEAR	15" 12"	5 5	
	BLUE LAKE (STERLING FOREST)	SEE GENERAL ANGLING REGULATIONS				ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	STERLING LAKE	USE AND POSSESSION OF BAITFISH PROHIBITED				
	DELAWARE RIVER, GREENWOOD LAKE	ALL SPECIES	SEE BORDER WATERS REGULATIONS			
	MONGAUP RIVER FROM RIO DAM DOWNSTREAM TO RT.97 BRIDGE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	12"	3	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	RAMAPO RIVER	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	
PUTNAM	ALL RIVERS AND STREAMS EXCEPT HUDSON RIVER	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	BOG BROOK, BOYD CORNERS, CROTON FALLS, DIVERTING, E. BRANCH, MIDDLE BRANCH, W. BRANCH RESERVOIR, LAKE GLENEIDA, LAKE GILEAD	TROUT, LAKE TROUT, WALLEYE	SEE NYC RESERVOIRS REGULATIONS			
	EAST BRANCH CROTON RIVER FROM DIVERTING RESERVOIR TO EAST BRANCH RESERVOIR	TROUT	ALL YEAR	14"	1	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	WEST BRANCH CROTON RIVER FROM CROTON FALLS RESERVOIR TO EAST BRANCH CROTON RIVER	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	WEST BRANCH CROTON RIVER FROM WEST BRANCH RESERVOIR TO CROTON FALLS RESERVOIR	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	9"	5	
	WHITE POND	WALLEYE	1ST SAT. OF MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	ALL RIVERS AND STREAMS EXCEPT HUDSON RIVER	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	RAMAPO RIVER	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	
ROCKLAND	HESSIAN LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED

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SULLIVAN	ALL RIVERS AND STREAMS EXCEPT DELAWARE RIVER	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	BASHAKILL MARSH	PICKEREL BLACK BASS	ALL YEAR ALL YEAR	15" 12"	5 5	
	BASKET CREEK & TRIBUTARIES, CALLICOON CREEK FROM MOUTH TO HORTONVILLE, HANKINS CREEK & TRIBUTARIES FROM MOUTH TO FALLS AT MILESES, HOOLIHAN BROOK & TRIBUTARIES, N.BRANCH CALLICOON CREEK & TRIBUTARIES FROM MOUTH TO GOSSWEYLER POND ABOVE N. BRANCH, PEA BROOK & TRIBUTARIES	TROUT	1ST SAT. AFTER APRIL 11 - SEPT 30	ANY SIZE	5	
	BEAVER KILL FROM STATE RT. 206 (COUNTY RT 7) BRIDGE IN DELAWARE COUNTY DOWNSTREAM, WILLOWEMOC CREEK FROM IRON BRIDGE AT PARKSON DOWNSTREAM EXCEPT SECTION BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	9"	5	
	DELAWARE RIVER	TROUT, BLACK BASS, MUSKELLUNGE, PICKEREL, WALLEYE	SEE BORDER WATER REGULATIONS			
	WILLOWEMOC CREEK 1200 FT. ABOVE MOUTH OF ELM HOLLOW BROOK DOWNSTREAM 3.5 MILES TO SECOND RT.17 QUICKWAY BRIDGE EAST OF ROSCOE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	NEVERSINK RIVER, FROM NEVERSINK RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	9"	5	
	CRYSTAL LAKE, HODGE POND	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	10"	3	USE/POSSESSION OF BAITFISH PROHIBITED
	LAKE HUNTINGTON	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	MONGAUP RIVER FROM RIO DAM DOWNSTREAM TO RT. 97 BRIDGE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	12"	3	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	MONGAUP POND	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	NEVERSINK RESERVOIR, RONDOUT RESERVOIR	TROUT, LAKE TROUT, LL SALMON	SEE NYC RESERVOIRS REGULATIONS			
	SWINGING BRIDGE RESERVOIR	WALLEYE	1ST SAT. OF MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	WHITE LAKE	TROUT, LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE 15"	5 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	NEVERSINK RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES LOCATED WITHIN THE NEVERSINK RIVER UNIQUE AREA AND OWNED BY PEOPLE OF THE STATE NEW YORK SITUATED IN THE TOWNS OF THOMPSON AND FORESTBURGH AND ABUTTING THAT REACH OF THE NEVERSINK RIVER FROM ITS CONFLUENCE WITH MERCER BROOK SOUTH TO THE SULLIVAN-ORANGE COUNTY LINE, EXCEPT ANY PORTION THEREOF WHERE THE RIGHT TO FISH IS PRIVATELY OWNED.	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
ULSTER	ALL WATERS EXCEPT HUDSON RIVER	WALLEYE	1ST SAT. OF MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	
	ALL RIVERS AND STREAMS EXCEPT HUDSON RIVER	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	ALDER LAKE ECHO LAKE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	10"	3	USE/POSSESSION OF BAITFISH PROHIBITED
	ASHOKAN RESERVOIR RONDOUT RESERVOIR	TROUT, LAKE TROUT, WALLEYE	SEE NYC RESERVOIRS REGULATIONS			
	ESOPUS CREEK	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	
	HONK LAKE					ICE FISHING PERMITTED
WESTCHESTER	ALL RIVERS AND STREAMS EXCEPT HUDSON RIVER	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	AMAWALK OUTLET FROM AMAWALK RESERVOIR TO MUSCOOT RESERVOIR	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	12"	3	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	AMAWALK, CROSS RIVER, KENSICO, MUSCOOT, NEW CROTON, TITICUS RESERVOIRS	TROUT	SEE NYC RESERVOIRS REGULATIONS			
WEST BRANCH CROTON RIVER FROM CROTON FALLS RESERVOIR TO EAST BRANCH CROTON RIVER	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY	

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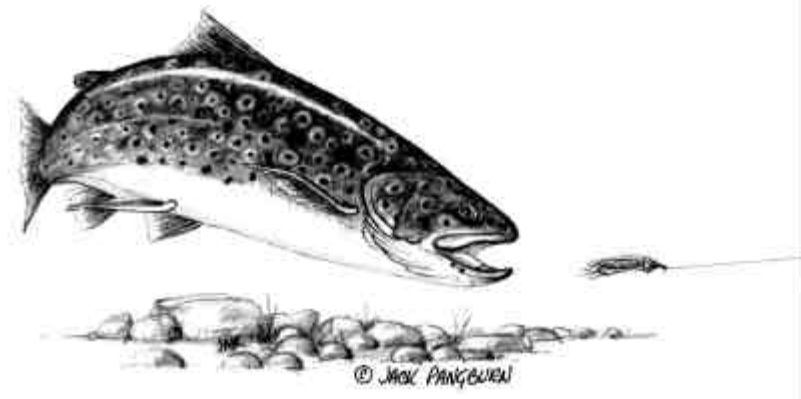
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ALBANY	HUDSON RIVER FROM TROY DAM UPSTREAM TO BAKERS FALLS IN THE VILLAGE OF HUDSON FALLS AND TRIBUTARIES IN THIS SECTION TO FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH, MOHAWK RIVER BELOW ROUTE 32 BRIDGE.	ALL SPECIES	ALL YEAR				
						CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY. BAIT FISH LISTED ON PAGE 12 MAY BE POSSESSED FOR USE AS FISH BAIT. USE OF TIP-UPS IS PERMITTED.	
	THOMPSONS LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
	NORMANS KILL FROM MOUTH TO WATERLIET RESERVOIR	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5		
COLUMBIA	QUEECHY LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
	KINDERHOOK CREEK, ADAMS CROSSING DOWNSTREAM	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5		
DELAWARE	ALL STREAMS AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES THAT FLOW INTO THE DELAWARE RIVER IN DELAWARE COUNTY DOWNSTREAM OF HANCOCK	TROUT	1ST SAT. AFTER APRIL 11 - SEPT. 30	ANY SIZE	5		
	ALL UNLISTED TRIBUTARIES TO PEPACTION RESERVOIR AND TO EAST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER UPSTREAM FROM PEPACTION RESERVOIR HIGH WATER MARK	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT. 30	ANY SIZE	5		
	BUSH KILL, TREMPER KILL, TERRY CLOVE, FALL CLOVE, PLATTE KILL, DRY BROOK, BATAVIA KILL	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	9"	5		
	EAST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER SPECIAL REGULATIONS BY RIVER SECTION BELOW:						
	FROM PEPACTION RESERVOIR HIGHWATER MARK UPSTREAM	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT. 30	9"	5		
	FROM PEPACTION DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE SHINHOPPLE BRIDGE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT. 30	12"	2		
				ANGLING PROHIBITED FROM OCT 1 - MARCH 31 TO PROTECT SPAWNING TROUT			
	FROM SHINHOPPLE BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO MOUTH AT HANCOCK	TROUT	APRIL 1-OCT 15 OCT 16 - NOV 30	12"	2		
				CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY			
	ALL STREAMS & THEIR TRIBUTARIES THAT FLOW INTO THE EAST BRANCH OF THE DELAWARE RIVER BETWEEN THE VILLAGES OF EAST BRANCH & HANCOCK	TROUT	1ST SATURDAY AFTER THE 11TH OF APRIL - SEPT 30	ANY SIZE	5		
	WEST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER SPECIAL REGULATIONS BY RIVER SECTION BELOW:						
	FROM CANNONSVILLE RESERVOIR HIGHWATER MARK UPSTREAM	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT. 30	9"	5		
FROM CANNONSVILLE DAM DOWNSTREAM TO THE RT. 17 OVERPASS AT DEPOSIT	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT. 30	12"	2			
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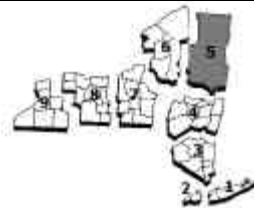
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DELAWARE	FROM RT. 17 OVERPASS AT DEPOSIT DOWNSTREAM 2.0 MILES	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT. 30			ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
				ANGLING PROHIBITED FROM OCT 1 - MARCH 31 TO PROTECT SPAWNING TROUT		
	FROM THE LOWER LIMIT OF NO-KILL SECTION IN DEPOSIT DOWNSTREAM TO THE NY/PA BORDER 1.7 MI. BELOW HALE EDDY BRIDGE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT. 30	12"	2	
				ANGLING PROHIBITED FROM OCT 1 THROUGH MARCH 31 TO PROTECT SPAWNING TROUT		
	DELAWARE RIVER AND WEST BRANCH OF DELAWARE RIVER FORMING THE NY-PA BORDER	TROUT, BLACK BASS, MUSKELLUNGE, PICKEREL, WALLEYE		SEE BORDER WATER REGULATIONS		
	CANNONSVILLE RESERVOIR, PEPACTION RESERVOIR	TROUT	SEE NEW YORK CITY RESERVOIR REGULATIONS			
	TOWN OF COLCHESTER- TROUT POND (CABLES LAKE), HUGGINS LAKE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	12"	2	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
				THE USE OR POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED		
	LAUNT POND	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	10"	3	
	BIG POND, LITTLE POND	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
MUD POND	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	12"	3		
BEAVER KILL FROM STATE RT. 206 (COUNTY RT.7) BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	9"	5		
BEAVER KILL: 1) FROM SULLIVAN COUNTY LINE (BELOW ROSCOE) DOWNSTREAM 2.5 MILES TO THE OLD RAILROAD TRESTLE 2) FROM ONE MILE UPSTREAM TO 1.6 MILES DOWNSTREAM OF IRON BRIDGE AT HORTON	TROUT	ALL YEAR			CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	
					ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY	
BEAVER KILL: FROM IRON BRIDGE AT HORTON DOWNSTREAM TO FIRST RT. 17 OVERPASS			ANGLING PROHIBITED JULY 1 THROUGH AUGUST 31 TO PROTECT THERMALLY STRESSED TROUT			
GREENE	GREENS LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	BEARDSLEY LAKE					ICE FISHING PERMITTED
MONTGOMERY	SCHOHARIE CREEK	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	ARNOLD LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
OTSEGO	BASSWOOD POND	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	10"	3	USE OR POSSESSION OF BAITFISH PROHIBITED
	CANADARAGO LAKE	YELLOW PERCH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	25	
	CRUMHORN LAKE					TIP-UPS PROHIBITED
	GILBERT LAKE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	12"	3	
	GOODYEAR LAKE	YELLOW PERCH BLUEGILL	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	25	
	OTSEGO LAKE	TROUT LL SALMON LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	TROUT 18" LL SALMON 18" LAKE TROUT 21"	2 IN ANY COMBINATION *	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
				* WITH NO MORE THAN 1 LAKE TROUT LONGER THAN 27"		
	SUSQUEHANNA RIVER FROM OTSEGO LAKE DAM TO GOODYEAR LAKE	TROUT LL SALMON LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	TROUT ANY SIZE LL SALMON 15" LAKE TROUT 21"	3 IN ANY COMBINATION	
	UNADILLA RIVER	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	

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RENSSELAER	GLASS LAKE	KOKANEE TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE 12"	10 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	HOOSIC RIVER, LITTLE HOOSIC RIVER	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	9"	5	
	KINDERHOOK CREEK, ADAMS CROSSING DOWNSTREAM	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	
	HUDSON RIVER FROM TROY DAM UPSTREAM TO BAKERS FALLS IN THE VILLAGE OF HUDSON FALLS AND TRIBUTARIES IN THIS SECTION TO FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH, MOHAWK RIVER BELOW RT 32 BRIDGE	ALL SPECIES	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY. BAIT FISH LISTED ON PAGE 12 MAY BE POSSESSED FOR USE AS FISH BAIT. USE OF TIP-UPS IS PERMITTED.		
	HUDSON RIVER UPSTREAM OF LOCK C-4 AND ITS ASSOCIATED DAM, NEAR STILLWATER, NY		USE OR POSSESSION OF ALEWIFE OR BLUEBACK HERRING PROHIBITED			
	SECOND POND, LONG POND, SHAVER POND	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	TOMHANNOCK RESERVOIR		ICE FISHING SEASON: JAN 1 - MARCH 15 DAYLIGHT HOURS ONLY. FISHING BY PERMIT ONLY - AVAILABLE FROM CITY OF TROY.			
SCHENECTADY	DYKEN POND, DUNHAM RESERVOIR, BURDENRESERVOIR (BURDEN LAKE)	WALLEYE	1ST SAT. OF MAY - MAR 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	SCHOHARIE CREEK FROM RT. 20 BRIDGE UPSTREAM	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	
SCHOHARIE	SCHOHARIE CREEK FROM RT. 20 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	MALLET POND	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	SCHOHARIE CREEK FROM SCHOHARIE RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM TO ROUTE 20 BRIDGE	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	
	SCHOHARIE CREEK FROM RT. 20 BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM	BLACK BASS	3 RD SAT IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	SCHOHARIE RESERVOIR	TROUT	SEE NEW YORK CITY RESERVOIR REGULATIONS			

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CLINTON	ALL WATERS - USE OR POSSESSION OF ALEWIFE OR BLUEBACK HERRING AS BAIT IS PROHIBITED					
	ALL WATERS EXCEPT LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
	LAKE CHAMPLAIN AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE LAKE CHAMPLAIN REGULATIONS			
	ALL WATERS EXCEPT CUMBERLAND BAY	YELLOW PERCH SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	ANY NUMBER	
	CUMBERLAND BAY- LAKE CHAMPLAIN	YELLOW PERCH SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	50	
	UPPER CHATEAUGAY LAKE, CHAZY LAKE	TROUT LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE 21" 15"	5 3 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	GREAT CHAZY RIVER FROM RT. 9B AT COOPERVILLE UPSTREAM TO PERRYS MILLS DAM		FISHING PROHIBITED MARCH 16TH UNTIL OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON IN MAY			
	SARANAC RIVER FROM IMPERIAL DAM UPSTREAM TO THE MILLSTONE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SAND POND ROAD AND NYS RT 22B IN MORRISONVILLE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	5	
	SARANAC RIVER FROM THE MILLSTONE MONUMENT LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SAND POND ROAD AND NYS RT. 22B IN MORRISONVILLE UPSTREAM TO KENT FALLS DAM	TROUT	ALL YEAR		CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	SARANAC RIVER FROM MARKED BOUNDARY 100 YARDS UPSTREAM OF ITS CONFLUENCE WITH THE NORTH BRANCH SARANAC RIVER UPSTREAM 1.4 MILES TO STORD BROOK	TROUT	ALL YEAR		CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	NORTH BRANCH SARANAC RIVER FROM MOUTH OF COLD BROOK UPSTREAM TO ALDER BROOK	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	3	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	TAYLOR POND	LL SALMON	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	18"	2	
	FERN LAKE	WALLEYE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY THROUGH MAR 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	IN ADDITION, USE AND POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING WATERS: TOWN OF BLACK BROOK - CRANBERRY POND, MUD POND (TWO MILES SOUTHWEST OF RIVER VIEW), MUD POND. TOWN OF DANNEMORA- MUD POND					
ESSEX	ALL WATERS - USE OR POSSESSION OF ALEWIFE OR BLUEBACK HERRING AS BAIT IS PROHIBITED					
	ALL WATERS EXCEPT LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
	LAKE CHAMPLAIN AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE LAKE CHAMPLAIN REGULATIONS			

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ALL WATERS EXCEPT LAKE GEORGE	YELLOW PERCH SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	ANY NUMBER	
BOQUET RIVER FROM WADHAMS FALLS UPSTREAM TO RT. 9N ELIZABETH TOWN	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	9"	5	
INDIAN RIVER	TROUT LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 3 3	
WEST BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER EXCEPT AS LISTED:	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5	
WEST BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER FROM MOUTH OF HOLCOMB POND OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO MARKED BOUNDARY 2.2 MILES DOWNSTREAM OF MONUMENT FALLS	TROUT	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
WEST BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER FROM THE WHITEFACE SKI CENTER BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO THE RT 86 BRIDGE AT THE FLUME	TROUT	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
BIGSBY POND, COPPERAS POND FISHING PROHIBITED OCT.16- MAR31	LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	15"	3	TIP-UPS PROHIBITED
EAGLE LAKE, CONNERY POND	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
UPPER AND LOWER CASCADES	ROUND WHITEFISH	POSSESSION PROHIBITED	USE OR POSSESSION OF BAITFISH PROHIBITED		
FIRST LAKE OF ESSEX CHAIN, PHARAOH LAKE	LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	15"	3	USE/POSSESSION OF BAITFISH PROHIBITED
LAKE GEORGE AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	TROUT LAKE TROUT LL SALMON SMELT	SEE LAKE GEORGE UNDER WARREN COUNTY SMELT — USE OR POSSESSION PROHIBITED			
	YELLOW PERCH SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	50	
HUDSON RIVER	BLACK BASS TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
CRANE POND • USE OR POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED	LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	15"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
PARADOX LAKE	TROUT LAKE TROUT PICKEREL	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE 18"	5 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
MIRROR LAKE, LAKE PLACID	LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	15"	3	
MOOSE POND, TOWN OF ST. ARMAND	BLACK BASS LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1- NOV 30 APRIL 1- OCT 15	ANY SIZE 15"	ANY NUMBER 3	USE/POSSESSION OF BAITFISH PROHIBITED
SCHROON LAKE, SCHROON RIVER FROM SCHROON LAKE UPSTREAM TO ALDER MEADOW ROAD	TROUT LAKE TROUT LL SALMON PICKEREL	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE 18" 15"	5 2 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
TICONDEROGA CREEK FROM LOWER FALLS UPSTREAM TO LAKE GEORGE	TROUT LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	LAKE CHAMPLAIN REGULATIONS APPLY			
HARRIS LAKE	WALLEYE	1ST SATURDAY IN MAY THROUGH MAR 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED

IN ADDITION, THE USE OR POSSESSION OF BAIT FISH IS PROHIBITED ON ALL LANDS, LAKES, PONDS, AND STREAMS OF THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC AREAS - DIX MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS, GIANT MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS, HIGH PEAKS WILDERNESS, HOFFMAN NOTCH WILDERNESS, HUDSON GORGE PRIMITIVE AREA, (EXCEPT HUDSON RIVER), MCKENZIE MOUNTAIN WILDERNESS (EXCEPT W. BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER), PHARAOH LAKE WILDERNESS, SENTINEL RANGE WILDERNESS (EXCEPT EAST BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER) AND THE FOLLOWING WATERS:

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ALL WATERS - USE OR POSSESSION OF ALEWIFE OR BLUEBACK HERRING AS BAIT IS PROHIBITED					
ALL WATERS	YELLOW PERCH, SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	ANY NUMBER	
ALL WATERS EXCEPT LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 PLUS FIVE BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
PONDS: BIG FISH, LEDGE, LITTLE FISH, WEST PINE, ST. REGIS	LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	15"	3	USE/POSSESSION OF BAITFISH PROHIBITED
LAKE CLEAR MEACHAM LAKE	TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE 15"	5 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
LOWER CHATEAUGAY LAKE	TROUT LL SALMON LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE 15" 21"	5 3 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
LAKE COLBY	TROUT LL SALMON BLACK BASS	ALL YEAR ALL YEAR 3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV 30	ANY SIZE 15" ANY SIZE	5 3 5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
DEER POND (TOWN OF SANTA CLARA)	TROUT LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE 15"	5 3	
FRANKLIN FALLS FLOW, LOWER SARANAC LAKE, RAINBOW LAKE	WALLEYE	1ST SAT OF MAY - MAR 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
LITTLE CLEAR POND, LITTLE GREEN POND AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES	FISHING PROHIBITED TO PROTECT LANDLOCKED SALMON AND BROOK TROUT BROOD STOCK				
FOLLENSBY CLEAR POND	LL SALMON	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	15"	3	TIP-UPS PROHIBITED
MOUNTAIN POND (TOWN OF BRIGHTON)	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
POLLIWOG POND	TROUT KOKANEE	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 10	ICE FISHING LEGAL USE OR POSSESSION OF BAITFISH PROHIBITED
FLOODWOOD POND, SQUARE POND, ROLLINS POND	LL SALMON LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	15" 21"	3 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
SARANAC RIVER FROM PINE ST. BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO LAKE FLOWER DAM IN VILLAGE OF SARANAC LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 - PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
SARANAC RIVER FROM HOUGH BROOK AT UNION FALLS FLOW UPSTREAM TO FRANKLIN FALLS FLOW DAM	FISHING PROHIBITED MARCH 1ST - MAY 15TH TO PROTECT SPAWNING WALLEYES				
WHEY POND	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	12"	3 IN COMBINATION	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
UPPER SARANAC LAKE	TROUT LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT. 15	ANY SIZE 23"	5 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED TIP-UPS PROHIBITED
TUPPER LAKE	LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	21" 15"	3 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED

IN ADDITION, THE USE OR POSSESSION OF BAIT FISH IS PROHIBITED ON ALL LANDS, LAKES, PONDS, AND STREAMS OF THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC AREAS - HIGH PEAKS WILDERNESS (EXCEPT RAQUETTE RIVER AND SARANAC RIVER), ST. REGIS CANOE AREA, AND THE FOLLOWING WATERS:

TOWN OF ALTAMONT - RAG POND (200 FEET NORTH OF WEST PINE POND), WEST PINE POND. TOWN OF BELLMONT - DRAIN POND. TOWN OF BRIGHTON - BARNUM POND, BLACK POND (ON VISITOR'S INTERPRETIVE CENTER PROPERTY), LONG POND (NORTH OF BLACK POND), LOON POND, LOST POND (0.4 MI. SOUTHWEST OF MOUNTAIN POND), MOUNTAIN POND, SLUSH POND, STAR MOUNTAIN PONDS (2), UPPER SPECTACLE POND. TOWN OF DUANE - BUCK POND, CLEAR POND, DEBAR POND, SKIFF POND, WINEBAGO POND. TOWN OF FRANKLIN - HOPE POND, LITTLE HOPE POND, NO HOPE POND (300 FEET NORTH OF HOPE POND). TOWN OF HARRIETSTOWN - BEAR POND, MEADOW POND (1/2 MILE NORTHWEST OF LAKE CLEAR), PANTHER POND, PORKCHOP POND (0.6 MILES EAST OF UPPER SARANAC LAKE), ST. GERMAIN POND (1/2 MILE NORTH OF LAKE CLEAR). TOWN OF MALONE - MALONE VILLAGE ICE POND. TOWN OF SANTA CLARA - BAD NEWS POND (1000 FEET NORTHWEST OF POLLIWOG POND), BLACK POND (BETWEEN SQUARE POND AND WHEY POND), DUCK OR ECHO POND, DUELL POND (1/4 MILE SOUTH OF LITTLE GREEN POND), EAST COPPERAS POND, FEDERATION POND (1/4 MILE SOUTHEAST OF EAST PINE POND), FROG POND (650 FEET NORTH OF POLLIWOG POND), GRASS POND (1 1/4 MILES NORTHEAST OF BENZ POND), LITTLE BLACK POND (BETWEEN BLACK AND SQUARE PONDS), GREEN POND (NORTH OF FOLLENSBY CLEAR POND), HORSESHOE POND, LITTLE POLLIWOG POND, MADEWASKA POND, POLLIWOG POND, RAT POND, SUNDAY POND (SOUTHEAST OF RAT POND), SUNRISE POND (EAST OF FOLLENSBY CLEAR POND), TRACK POND (3/4 MILE NORTHEAST OF FLOODWOOD POND), TWELFTH TEE OR GORDON POND (400 FEET NORTH OF GREEN POND), WHEY POND. TOWN OF WAVERLY - BENZ POND, LITTLE CLEAR POND, LONG POND.

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
FULTON	ALL WATERS	PICKEREL	1ST SAT OF MAY - MAR 15	ANY SIZE	5	
	ALL WATERS EXCEPT LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
	CANADA LAKE, GREEN LAKE, LILY LAKE, WEST LAKE	LAKE TROUT TROUT	ALL YEAR	21" ANY SIZE	3 5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	EAST CAROGA LAKE, WEST CAROGA LAKE, NORTHVILLE POND, GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE TRIBUTARIES FROM LAKE UPSTREAM TO FIRST HIGHWAY BRIDGE, SACANDAGA RIVER FROM LAKE UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST CROSSING OF RT.30 IN HAMILTON COUNTY					FISHING PROHIBITED MARCH 16TH - UNTIL THE OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON IN MAY
	IN ADDITION, THE USE OR POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING WATERS: TOWN OF BLEECKER - HOLMES LAKE, COUNTY LINE LAKE, MUD LAKE; TOWN OF CAROGA - FISH HATCHERY POND, INDIAN LAKE, OTTER LAKE, STEWART LAKE; TOWN OF STRATFORD - COGLIN LAKES, FOURTH LAKE, GOOSE EGG LAKE, HOUSE POND, KNAPPS LONG LAKE, LONG POND, THIRD LAKE.					
	ALL WATERS	PICKEREL	1ST SAT IN MAY - MAR 15	ANY SIZE	5	
		YELLOW PERCH SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	ANY NUMBER	
	ALL WATERS EXCEPT THOSE LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
	ABANAKEE LAKE, INDIAN RIVER (TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE)	TROUT LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 3 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
ADIRONDACK LAKE	NORTHERN PIKE	1ST SAT IN MAY - MAR 15	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
LAKE ALGONQUIN	TROUT WALLEYE	ALL YEAR 1ST SAT IN MAY - MAR 15	ANY SIZE 18"	5 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
LIMEKILN LK., GREAT SACANDAGA LK., LAKE PLEASANT, SACANDAGA LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
BLUE MT. LAKE, EAGLE LAKE, FORKED LAKE, GILMAN LAKE, LONG LAKE, SOUTH POND, UTOWANA LAKE	TROUT LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE 21"	5 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
LAKE LILA	LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	15"	3	USE OR POSSESSION BAITFISH PROHIBITED	
PISECO LAKE	LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	21" 18"	2 2	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
FAWN LAKE (TOWN OF LAKE PLEASANT)	LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	18"	3	TIP-UPS PROHIBITED	
FIRST LAKE OF ESSEX CHAIN, WEST CANADA LAKE	LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	15"	3	USE OR POSSESSION BAITFISH PROHIBITED	
FOURTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	TROUT LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	9" 21" 15"	5 3 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
LOWER SARGENT POND	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5	USE OR POSSESSION BAITFISH PROHIBITED	
SACANDAGA LAKE TRIBUTARIES AND OUTLET, LAKE PLEASANT TRIBUTARIES					FISHING PROHIBITED FROM MARCH 16 UNTIL THE OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON IN MAY	
HUDSON RIVER	BLACK BASS TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
INDIAN LAKE (TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE)	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
LAKE EATON, LEWEY LAKE, RAQUETTE LAKE	LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	21" 15"	2 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
JENNINGS PARK POND	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	3	USE OR POSSESSION BAITFISH PROHIBITED	
SAGAMORE LAKE	LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	18"	3		

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
HAMILTON	SEVENTH LAKE, SIXTH LAKE	TROUT, LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE 18" 15"	5 3 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE TRIBUTARIES FROM LAKE UPSTREAM TO FIRST HIGHWAY BRIDGE, EXCEPT THE SACANDAGA RIVER AND WEST STONY CREEK FROM LAKE UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST CROSSING OF RT 30.					FISHING PROHIBITED FROM MARCH 16 UNTIL THE OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON IN MAY
	LITTLE TUPPER LAKE, ROCK POND AND ROCK POND OUTLET STREAM BETWEEN ROCK POND AND LITTLE TUPPER LAKE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY	USE/POSSESSION BAITFISH PROHIBITED
	ROUND LAKE TO THE BOUNDARY WITH LITTLE TUPPER LAKE	BROOK TROUT	APR 1 - OCT 15	12"	3	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY USE/POSSESSION BAITFISH PROHIBITED
	CHARLEY POND OUTLET (WITHIN W.C. WHITNEY AREA)					FISHING PROHIBITED JULY 1 - SEPT. 15
	IN ADDITION, THE USE OR POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED ON ALL LANDS, LAKES, PONDS AND STREAMS IN THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: BLUE RIDGE WILDERNESS, BUELL BROOK PRIMITIVE AREA, FIVE PONDS WILDERNESS, HIGH PEAKS WILDERNESS (EXCEPT RAQUETTE RIVER), HUDSON GORGE PRIMITIVE AREA (EXCEPT HUDSON RIVER), PIGEON LAKE WILDERNESS, SIAMESE PONDS WILDERNESS, SILVER LAKE WILDERNESS (EXCEPT SACANDAGA RIVER), WEST CANADA LAKES WILDERNESS, WILLIAM C. WHITNEY AREA AND THE FOLLOWING WATERS: TOWN OF ARIETTA - CHRISTIAN LAKE, G LAKE, IRON LAKE, JOCKEYBUSH LAKE, LOWER SARGENT POND, MIDDLE SARGENT POND, RED LOUSE LAKE. TOWN OF HOPE - BENNETT LAKE, MIDDLE LAKE, MURPHY LAKE. TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE - BARKER POND, BULLHEAD POND, FIRST LAKE (ESSEX CHAIN OF LAKES), GRASSY POND, LITTLE GRASSY POND, LOWER HELMS POND, MIDDLE HELMS POND, PINE LAKE, PINE POND (EAST OF BLUE MT. LAKE) TIRRELL POND, UNKNOWN POND, UNNAMED POND (3/4 MILE EAST OF BARKER POND), UPPER HELMS POND. TOWN OF INLET - BUG LAKE, EAGLE NEST POND, HIGH ROCK POND, ICEHOUSE POND, LOST PONDS (3), MITCHELL PONDS (2). TOWN OF LAKE PLEASANT - PANTHER MT. POND. TOWN OF LONG LAKE - BOG POND, CLEAR POND, HIGH POND, LOON POND, LOST POND, LOUIE POND, MAYS POND, MOSQUITO POND, OWLS HEAD POND RAQUETTE LAKE RES. TOWN OF MOREHOUSE - BOCHEN LAKE, SQUAW LAKE, UNNAMED POND (ONE QUARTER MILE SOUTHWEST OF SQUAW LAKE).					
	ALL WATERS EXCEPT MOHAWK RIVER	PICKEREL	1ST SAT IN MAY - MAR 15	ANY SIZE	5	
	ALL WATERS EXCEPT BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
	HUDSON RIVER FROM WARREN COUNTY LINE DOWNSTREAM TO WASHINGTON COUNTY LINE EAST OF GLENS FALLS	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	HUDSON RIVER FROM GLENS FALLS BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO WARREN COUNTY LINE, SACANDAGA RIVER FROM MOUTH UPSTREAM TO STEWARTS BRIDGE RESERVOIR DAM	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
HUDSON RIVER FROM TROY DAM UPSTREAM TO BAKERS FALLS IN THE VILLAGE OF HUDSON FALLS AND TRIBUTARIES IN THIS SECTION TO FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH, MOHAWK RIVER BELOW ROUTE 32 BRIDGE.	ALL SPECIES	ALL YEAR			CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY. BAIT FISH LISTED ON PAGE 12 MAY BE POSSESSED FOR USE AS BAIT FISH. USE OF TIP-UPS IS PERMITTED.	
HUDSON RIVER FROM UPSTREAM OF LOCK C-4 AND ITS ASSOCIATED DAM, NEAR STILLWATER, NY					USE OR POSSESSION OF ALEWIFE OR BLUEBACK HERRING AS BAIT-FISH IS PROHIBITED.	
KAYADEROSSERAS CREEK FROM SARATOGA LAKE UPSTREAM TO FIRST R.R. BRIDGE					FISHING PROHIBITED FROM MARCH 16 UNTIL THE OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON	
KAYADEROSSERAS CREEK FROM FIRST R.R. BRIDGE UPSTREAM	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE, MOREAU LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5		
GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE TRIBUTARIES FROM LAKE UPSTREAM TO FIRST HIGHWAY BRIDGE					FISHING PROHIBITED FROM MARCH 16 UNTIL THE OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON IN MAY	
PALMER LAKE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	ANY SIZE	5		
SARATOGA LAKE	SUNFISH (BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, REDBREAST)	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	15	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
ALL WATERS - USE OR POSSESSION OF ALEWIFE OR BLUEBACK HERRING AS BAIT IS PROHIBITED						
ALL WATERS	PICKEREL	1ST SAT IN MAY - MAR 15	ANY SIZE	5		
ALL WATERS EXCEPT LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - PLUS FIVE BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"		
BRANT LAKE, BRANT LAKE MILL POND, BRANT LAKE OUTLET, HUDSON RIVER, LAKE LUZERNE, TROUT LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	

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- Trout waters where ice fishing is permitted are identified here.
- Where regulations appear in the Method column, they pertain to all fishing in the listed water.
- In some cases, you will be referred to the regulations tables for major resource blocks (GREAT LAKES, FINGER LAKES, LAKE CHAMPLAIN, BORDER WATERS, NEW YORK CITY RESERVOIRS).

WARREN

BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
LAKE GEORGE	TROUT LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE 23" 18"	5 2 2	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
SMELT — USE OR POSSESSION PROHIBITED					
LAKE GEORGE TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO FIRST BARRIER IMPASSIBLE BY FISH	LL SALMON	FISHING PROHIBITED OCT. 1ST THRU MARCH 31ST. APRIL 1ST THROUGH MAY 15TH NO FISHING BETWEEN 10PM -5AM			
GLEN LAKE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
HOUR POND, JABE POND, LITTLE JABE POND, PEAKED MT. POND AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	12"	3	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
HUDSON RIVER FROM GLENS FALLS BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO THURMAN BRIDGE, LILY POND, PACK FOREST LAKE	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT IN JUNE- NOV30	10"	5	
HUDSON RIVER FROM THURMAN BRIDGE UPSTREAM	BLACK BASS	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
SCHROON LAKE	YELLOW PERCH SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	ANY NUMBER	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
SCHROON LAKE, SCHROON RIVER FROM SCHROON LAKE DOWN- STREAM TO STARBUCKVILLE DAM	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING
	LAKE TROUT		18"	2	PERMITTED
	LL SALMON		15'	3	
SCHROON RIVER FROM STARBUCKVILLE DAM DOWNSTREAM	BLACK BASS	3 RD SAT. JUNE-NOV 30	10"	5	
	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING
	LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	3	PERMITTED
THIRTEENTH LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES AND OUTLET DOWNSTREAM TO HUDSON RIVER	LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	3	
	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	USE OR POSSESSION OF BAITFISH PROHIBITED
PALMER POND	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	USE OR POSSES- SION OF BAIT- FISH PROHIBITED
IN ADDITION, THE USE OR POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED ON ALL LANDS, LAKES, PONDS, AND STREAMS OF THE FOLLOWING GEOGRAPHIC AREAS: PHARAOH LAKE WILDERNESS AND THE SIAMESE PONDS WILDERNESS. AND THE FOLLOWING WATERS: TOWN OF BOLTON - BROWN POND. TOWN OF CHESTER - CLEAR POND, PALMER POND. TOWN OF HAGUE - BUTTERMILK POND, JABE POND, LITTLE JABE POND, RACKET POND, SPECTACLE PONDS (2). TOWN OF HORICON - DUCK POND, LONG POND, ROUND POND. TOWN OF JOHNSBURG - CRANE MT POND, EAGLE POND, KIBBY POND. TOWN OF STONY CREEK - NEW LAKE, WILCOX LAKE. TOWN OF THURMAN - LITTLE JOE POND, LIXARD POND, SHIRAS POND, UNNAMED POND (1 MILE NORTHWEST OF LIXARD POND), UNNAMED POND (2 MILES EAST OF KIBBY POND). TOWN OF WARRENSBURG - GAY POND, VIELE POND.					

WASHINGTON

ALL WATERS - USE OR POSSESSION OF ALEWIFE OR BLUEBACK HERRING AS BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED					
ALL WATERS	PICKEREL	1 ST SAT IN MAY- MAR15	ANY SIZE	5	
ALL WATERS EXCEPT LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
BATTENKILL FROM VERMONT STATE LINE DOWNSTREAM TO COVERED BRIDGE AT EAGLEVILLE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
HOOSIC RIVER	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	9"	5	
LAKE CHAMPLAIN AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE LAKE CHAMPLAIN REGULATIONS			
LAKE GEORGE AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	TROUT LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	SEE LAKE GEORGE REGULATIONS UNDER WARREN COUNTY SMELT — USE OR POSSESSION PROHIBITED			
HUDSON RIVER FROM TROY DAM UPSTREAM TO FT. EDWARD AND TRIBUTARIES IN THIS SECTION TO FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH, MOHAWK RIVER BELOW ROUTE 32 BRIDGE.	ALL SPECIES	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL FISH MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY. BAIT FISH LISTED ON PAGE 9 MAY BE POSSESSED FOR USE AS BAIT FISH. USE OF TIP-UPS IS PERMITTED.		
IN ADDITION, THE USE OR POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED THE FOLLOWING WATERS: TOWN OF DRESDEN- BLACK MT PONDS (2), BUMPS POND, FISHBROOK POND, GREENLAND POND, LAPLAND POND. TOWN OF FT. ANN- INMAN POND. TOWN OF JACKSON- DEAD LAKE. TOWN OF WHITEHALL- SAWMILL POND, SPRUCE POND.					

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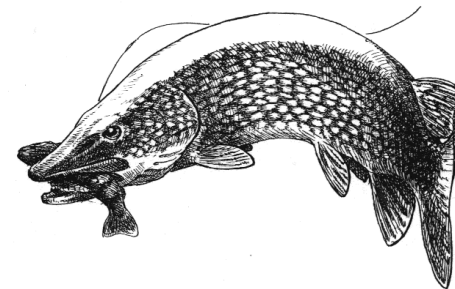
BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
ALL PONDS AND STREAMS IN THE MOOSE RIVER PLAINS REC. AREA	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - PLUS FIVE BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
BEARDSLEY LAKE, KYSER LAKE, MOHAWK RIVER (BARGE CANAL)					ICE FISHING PERMITTED
FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH LAKES OF FULTON CHAIN	TROUT LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	9" 21" 15"	5 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
LIMEKILN LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
HORN LAKE, EVERGREEN LAKE, HID- DEN LAKE, PEAKED MOUNTAIN LAKE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	3	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
MOOSE RIVER, MIDDLE AND SOUTH BRANCH OF MOOSE RIVER DOWN- STREAM OF MOOSE RIVER PLAINS REC. AREA, WEST CANADA CREEK FROM MOUTH UPSTREAM TO CINCINNATI CREEK	TROUT	APRIL 1- NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	
NICKS LAKE	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE -NOV. 30	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		
WEST CANADA CREEK FROM TREN- TON FALLS DAM DOWNSTREAM 2.5 MILES TO CINCINNATI CREEK	TROUT	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
STILLWATER RESERVOIR	TROUT	ALL YEAR	9"	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
WOODHULL LAKE	LAKE TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	15"	3	
IN ADDITION, USE AND POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING WATERS: ALL PONDS AND STREAMS IN THE FIVE PONDS WILDERNESS, HE-DE-RON-DAH WILDERNESS, PEPPERBOX WILDERNESS, PIGEON LAKE WILDERNESS AND WEST CANADA LAKES WILDERNESS. TOWN OF WEBB - BEAR LAKE, BUBB LAKE, BREWER LAKE, BUCK LAKE (1/2 MILE NORTH OF HOG POND), BUCK POND (ONE MILE WEST OF THIRSTY POND), MOSS LAKE, NICKS LAKE, BIG OTTER LAKE, QUIVER POND, RAZORBACK POND, SIS LAKE, TIED LAKE, TWICHELL LAKE, WEST POND (0.6 MILES SOUTHWEST OF BIG MOOSE LAKE) WOODS LAKE.					

JEFFERSON

ALL WATERS EXCEPT SANDY POND	YELLOW PERCH SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	ANY NUMBER	
SANDY POND	YELLOW PERCH SUNFISH	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	50 EACH	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
BLACK RIVER, INDIAN RIVER	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT IN JUNE- NOV30	10"	5	
BLACK RIVER FROM UPSTREAM TIP OF LOWER-MOST ISLAND TO MILL STREET DAM IN WATERTOWN		SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS			
CLEAR LAKE, GRASS LAKE, HYDE LAKE, SIXTOWN POND, MOON LAKE MUSKELLUNGE LAKE, BUTTERFIELD LAKE	WALLEYE	1 ST SAT OF MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
LAKE-OF-THE-WOODS	LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	21"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
JEFFERSON	LAKE ONTARIO, ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS			
	PERCH LAKE	CLOSED TO ALL FISHING FROM MARCH 2 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30. ICE FISHING PERMITTED FROM DECEMBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 1. GENERAL ANGLING REGULATIONS MINIMUM LENGTHS AND DAILY LIMITS APPLY.				
LEWIS	BLACK RIVER, DEER RIVER, WEST BRANCH DEER RIVER, BEAVER RIVER	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	EAST BRANCH FISH CREEK FROM ROME RESERVOIR DAM DOWNSTREAM, MOOSE RIVER	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	
	LAKE BONAPARTE	TROUT LAKE TROUT WALLEYE	ALL YEAR ALL YEAR 1ST SAT. MAY - MAR 15	9" 21" 18"	5 3 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	IN ADDITION, USE AND POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING WATERS: ALL PONDS AND STREAMS IN THE HE-DE-RON-DAH WILDERNESS TOWN OF CROGHAN- CLEAR POND, ROCK POND, SEEPAGE POND, TROUT POND. TOWN OF DIANA- GREEN POND, SEALY POND, SILVER DAWN LAKE, LITTLE SILVER DAWN LAKE. TOWN OF GREIG- PITCHER POND. TOWN OF WATSON- CLEVELAND LAKE, EVIES POND, LONG LAKE, PAYNE LAKE.					
ONEIDA	BLACK RIVER	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	MOHAWK RIVER FROM BARGE CANAL UPSTREAM TO DELTA DAM, MOHAWK RIVER FROM BRIDGE IN WESTERNVILLE UPSTREAM TO LANSING KILL, MOOSE RIVER, NINE MILE CREEK, ONEIDA CREEK SAUQUOIT CREEK FROM PINNACLE ROAD IN SAUQUOIT DOWNSTREAM	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	
	ONEIDA LAKE EAST OF ROUTE 81 BRIDGE AND TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH, AND BARGE (ERIE) CANAL & TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO LOCK 22	WALLEYE	1ST SAT MAY - MAR 15	15"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	ORISKANY CREEK FROM BRIDGE IN DEANSBORO DOWNSTREAM TO MOHAWK RIVER	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT. 15 OCT 16 - MAR 31	ANY SIZE CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	5 ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY	
	ONEIDA CREEK FROM PETERBORO RD DOWNSTREAM TO NYS THRUWAY	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	
	WEST CANADA CREEK, EAST BRANCH FISH CREEK FROM ROME RESERVOIR DOWNSTREAM AND WEST BRANCH FISH CREEK, EXCEPT FOR BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	
	W. CANADA CREEK FROM TRENTON FALLS DAM DOWNSTREAM 2.5 MILES TO MOUTH OF CINCINNATI CREEK.	TROUT	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY	
	FISH CREEK FROM BARGE CANAL UPSTREAM TO JUNCTION OF EAST AND WEST BRANCHES OF FISH CREEK, WEST BRANCH OF FISH CREEK FROM MOUTH UPSTREAM TO DAM IN MCCONNELSVILLE, EAST BRANCH FISH CREEK FROM MOUTH UPSTREAM TO THE RT. 69 BRIDGE IN TABERG, MOHAWK RIVER FROM DELTA LAKE UPSTREAM TO BRIDGE IN WESTERNVILLE.				FISHING PROHIBITED MARCH 16TH UNTIL THE OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON IN MAY	
	IN ADDITION, USE AND POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING WATERS: TOWN OF FORESTPORT- BRANDY LAKE, ROUND POND.					
	ST. LAWRENCE	ALL RIVERS AND STREAMS EXCEPT THE RAQUETTE RIVER IMPOUNDMENTS AND THOSE COVERED BY THE GREAT LAKE REGULATIONS	BLACK BASS MUSKELLUNGE	3RD SAT IN JUNE- NOV 30	10" 40"	5 1
BLACK LAKE INCLUDING THE INDIAN RIVER FROM FALLS IN ROSSIE DOWNSTREAM TO THE CONFLUENCE WITH THE OSWEGATCHIE RIVER		BLACK BASS WALLEYE	3RD SAT IN JUNE- NOV 30 1ST SAT IN MAY - MAR 15	15" 18"	5 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
ST. LAWRENCE	ALLEN POND, COLD BROOK (ON COLD BROOK FWMA), JORDAN RIVER FROM CARRY FALLS RESERVOIR UPSTREAM TO FRANKLIN COUNTY LINE, S. BRANCH GRASS RIVER FROM 0.5 MILE DOWNSTREAM OF RT. 3 UPSTREAM TO GRASS RIVER FLOW AND LAKE GEORGE ROAD, TOWN OF CLARE UPSTREAM TO TWIN PONDS OUTLET, TOWN OF CLIFTON, TAMARACK POND, WEST BRANCH ST. REGIS RIVER FROM RT. 116 BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO ALLEN FALLS RESERVOIR DAM	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15		CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE GREAT LAKE REGULATIONS			
	TOOLEY POND	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT IN JUNE- NOV 30		CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	LAKE OZONIA	TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	9" 15"	5 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	LITTLE RIVER (TOWNS OF FINE, CLINTON), OSWEGATCHIE RIVER FROM CRANBERRY LAKE DAM DOWNSTREAM	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	
	PLEASANT LAKE, HORSESHOE LAKE	WALLEYE	1ST SAT MAY MAR 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	PORTAFERRY LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES	SMELT FISHING PROHIBITED				
	ST. REGIS RIVER FROM FT. JACKSON TO DAYS MILL ROAD IN HOPKINTON	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	
	STAR LAKE	TROUT LAKE TROUT	ALL YEAR	9" 21"	5 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	TROUT LAKE	TROUT LAKE TROUT WALLEYE	ALL YEAR ALL YEAR 1ST SAT. MAY - MAR 15	9" 21" 18"	5 3 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	TUPPER LAKE	LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	21" 15"	3 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	CRANBERRY LAKE	NORTHERN PIKE	1ST SAT IN MAY - MAR 15	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
IN ADDITION, USE AND POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING WATERS: ALL PONDS AND STREAMS IN THE FIVE PONDS WILDERNESS. TOWN OF CLARE - ALLEN POND TOWN OF COLTON - BURNTBRIDGE POND, CHURCH POND, CLEAR OR HEDGEHOG POND, CURTIS POND, DOG POND, TOWNLINE POND, BIG TROUT POND, LITTLE TROUT POND. TOWN OF FINE- LONG LAKE, NICKS POND, ROUND LAKE, STREETER LAKE. TOWN OF PARISHVILLE - CLEAR POND, LONG POND, LILYPAD POND. TOWN OF PIERCEFIELD - BIG TROUT POND, BLACK POND, BOOTTREE POND, BRIDGEBROOK POND, DEER POND, HORSESHOE POND, LITTLE TROUT POND, LOWS LAKE (BOG RIVER UPSTREAM OF DAM ABOVE HITCHENS POND), MASSAWEPIE LAKE, PINE POND, ROUND POND, TOWNLINE POND.						



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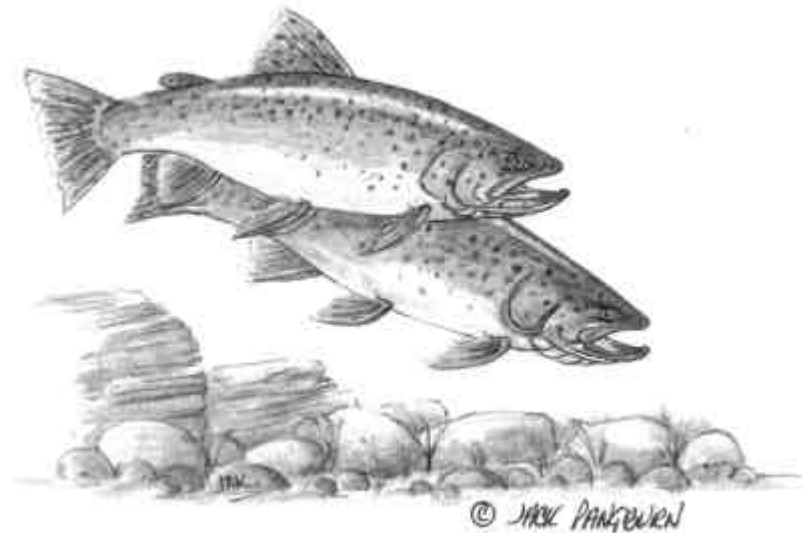
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	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD	
BROOME	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"		
	ARCTIC LAKE, GREENWOOD LAKE, NANTICOKE LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
	CHENANGO RIVER, SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, TIOUGHNIOGA RIVER	MUSKELLUNGE TIGER MUSKELLUNGE		1ST SAT IN MAY - MARCH 15	30"	1 COMBINED	
		AMERICAN SHAD		ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL AMERICAN SHAD MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY.		
	OQUAGA CREEK FROM OLD RT. 17 BRIDGE EAST OF MCCLURE DOWNSTREAM 3 MILES TO NEW RT. 17 BRIDGE WEST OF DEPOSIT	TROUT	ALL YEAR		CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY	
	OTSELIC RIVER FROM MOUTH TO WHITNEY POINT RESERVOIR DAM, SUSQUEHANNA RIVER IN BINGHAMTON BETWEEN ROCK BOTTOM DAM AND EXCHANGE STREET BRIDGE, SUSQUEHANNA RIVER IN THE TOWNS OF UNION AND VESTAL FROM THE ERIE-LACKAWANNA R.R. BRIDGE DOWNSTREAM TO MURPHY'S ISLAND. TIOUGHNIOGA RIVER FROM NY RT. 26 BRIDGE TO U.S. RT. 11 BRIDGE, LITTLE CHOCONUT CREEK FROM MOUTH TO GOUDEY STATION BUILDING.					FISHING PROHIBITED MARCH 16 UNTIL THE OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON IN MAY	
	WHITNEY POINT RESERVOIR & UPPER OTSELIC RIVER UPSTREAM TO CORTLAND COUNTY RT. 169 BRIDGE AT LANDERS CORNERS	WALLEYE		1ST SAT IN MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	
	WEST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER	SPECIAL REGULATIONS BY RIVER SECTION					
	FROM BROOME / DELAWARE CTY. BORDER DOWNSTREAM TO RT. 17 OVERPASS AT DEPOSIT	TROUT		APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	12"	2	ALL ANGLING PROHIBITED FROM OCT 1 - MARCH 31
	FROM RT. 17 OVERPASS AT DEPOSIT DOWNSTREAM 2 MILES	TROUT		APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	12"	2	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY ANGLING PROHIBITED FROM OCT 1 - MARCH 31
FROM THE LOWER LIMIT OF TROUT NO-KILL SECTION NEAR DEPOSIT DOWNSTREAM TO NY/PA BORDER - (1.7 MILES BELOW HALE EDDY BRIDGE)	TROUT		APRIL 1 - SEPT 30	12"	2	ALL ANGLING PROHIBITED FROM OCT 1 - MARCH 31 TO PROTECT SPAWNING TROUT	
CAYUGA	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"		
	CAYUGA LAKE, OWASCO LAKE, SKANEATELES LAKE AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS				
	CROSS LAKE, SENECA RIVER	NORTHERN PIKE	1ST SAT IN MAY - MAR 15	22"	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD	
CAYUGA	CROSS LAKE, SENECA RIVER FROM JORDAN RD. TO PLAINVILLE RD. IN ONONDAGA COUNTY	WALLEYE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
	DUTCH HOLLOW BROOK FROM OWASCO LAKE UPSTREAM TO THE ROUTE 38A BRIDGE		ANGLING AND DIPNETTING PROHIBITED FROM MARCH 16 UNTIL THE OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON				
	LAKE ONTARIO AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS				
	OWASCO LAKE OUTLET	ALL SPECIES	REGULATIONS IN EFFECT FOR OWASCO LAKE APPLY: SEE FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS				
CHENANGO	ALL WATER EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"		
	GENEGANTSLET CREEK FROM FIRST RT. 220 BRIDGE NORTH OF SMITHVILLE FLATS UPSTREAM TO MOUTH OF FIVE STREAMS	TROUT	ALL YEAR		CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY	
	GUILFORD LAKE, MILL BROOK RESEVOIR	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
	CHENANGO RIVER, SUSQUEHANNA RIVER	MUSKELLUNGE TIGER MUSKELLUNGE AMERICAN SHAD		1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15 ALL YEAR	30"	1 COMBINED	CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL AMERICAN SHAD MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY.
UNADILLA RIVER	BLACK BASS		3RD SAT IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5		
CORTLAND	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"		
	GOODALE LAKE, LITTLE YORK LAKE, CASTERLINE POND, TRI-COUNTY POND	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
	OTSELIC RIVER, TIOUGHNIOGA RIVER, EAST BRANCH TIOUGHNIOGA, WEST BRANCH TIOUGHNIOGA	BLACK BASS		3RD SAT IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
	OTSELIC RIVER FROM CTY RT. 169 BRIDGE AT LANDERS CORNERS DOWNSTREAM TO BROOME CTY LINE	WALLEYE		1ST SAT IN MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	
	SKANEATELES LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS				
	TULLY LAKE	WALLEYE		1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
MADISON	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS FIVE BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"		
	EATON BROOK RESERVOIR	TROUT WALLEYE	ALL YEAR 1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	ANY SIZE 18"	5 3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
	CANASERAGA CREEK FROM RT. 31 BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO THRUWAY, CHITTENANGO CREEK FROM MOUTH UPSTREAM TO CONRAIL RR LINE, COWASELON CREEK FROM MOUTH UPSTREAM TO RT. 13			FISHING PROHIBITED MARCH 16TH UNTIL OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON IN MAY			
	CHENANGO CANAL FROM RT. 46 TO ORISKANY CREEK	TROUT	ALL YEAR		12"	2	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	CHENANGO RIVER, UNADILLA RIVER	BLACK BASS		3RD SAT IN JUNE - NOV 30	10"	5	
CHITTENANGO CREEK FROM RT. 20 NORTH TO CONRAIL RAILROAD LINE	TROUT		ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"		

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
MADISON	LEBANON RESERVOIR, LELAND PONDS	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 -WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	ONEIDA CREEK FROM PETERBORO ROAD TO NYS THRUWAY	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	
	ONEIDA LAKE EAST OF RT. 81 BRIDGE AND TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE TO FISH	WALLEYE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	15"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
ONONDAGA	ALL WATER EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 -WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS FIVE BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
	CHITTENANGO CREEK FROM MOUTH UPSTREAM TO CONRAIL R.R. LINE		FISHING PROHIBITED MARCH 16TH UNTIL OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON IN MAY			
	CROSS LAKE, SENECA RIVER	NORTHERN PIKE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	22"	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	CROSS LAKE, SENECA RIVER FROM JORDAN RD. IN CAYUGA CO. TO PLAINVILLE RD.	WALLEYE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	GREEN LAKE IN GREEN LAKES STATE PARK	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5 -WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	LIMESTONE CREEK-MOUTH TO RT.20 BUTTERNUT CREEK- MOUTH TO RT.20	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 -WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
	JAMESVILLE RESERVOIR, TULLY LAKE	WALLEYE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	ONEIDA LAKE EAST OF RT. 81 BRIDGE AND TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH	WALLEYE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	15"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	OTISCO LAKE, SKANEATELES LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES OF SKANEATELES LAKE TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS			
	SKANEATELES CREEK FROM OLD SENECA TURNPIKE BRIDGE NORTH OF VILLAGE OF SKANEATELES DOWNSTREAM 10.2 MILES TO JORDAN RD. BRIDGE IN VILLAGE OF JORDAN	TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON	APRIL 1 - OCT. 15		CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
OSWEGO	ALL WATER EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 -WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
	LAKE ONTARIO AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE TO FISH	ALL SPECIES	SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS			
	REDFIELD RESERVOIR	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 -WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8" ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
	SCRIBA CREEK FROM MOUTH UPSTREAM TO FISH HATCHERY DAM		FISHING PROHIBITED MARCH 16 UNTIL THE OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON IN MAY			
	ONEIDA LAKE EAST OF RT. 81 BRIDGE AND TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH	WALLEYE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	15"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
TIOGA	ALL WATERS EXCEPT LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 -WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
	CATATONK CREEK, CAYUTA CREEK	BLACK BASS	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	
	CAYUTA CREEK	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	SUSQUEHANNA RIVER	MUSKELLUNGE TIGER MUSKELLUNGE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	30"	1 COMBINED	
TOMPKINS	ALL WATER EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 -WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
	CAYUGA LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER IMPASSABLE TO FISH	ALL SPECIES	SEE FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS			
	FALL CREEK FROM ITHACA FALLS UPSTREAM	BLACK BASS	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5	
	FALL CREEK FROM RT. 38 BRIDGE AT FREEVILLE UPSTREAM TO BRIDGE AT GROTON CITY	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" PLUS 5 BROOK TROUT UNDER 8"	
	TRI-COUNTY POND	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 - WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12" ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
		AMERICAN SHAD	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL AMERICAN SHAD MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY.		



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CHEMUNG	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT. 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	CAYUTA CREEK EXCEPT BELOW	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	CAYUTA CREEK FROM THE WYN-COOP CREEK RD. BRIDGE UPSTREAM TO NY RT. 223 BRIDGE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	2	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	CHEMUNG RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES	MUSKELLUNGE TIGER MUSKELLUNGE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	30"	1 COMBINED	
		AMERICAN SHAD	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING ONLY. ALL AMERICAN SHAD MUST BE RETURNED TO THE WATER IMMEDIATELY.		
SENECA LAKE TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS				
PARK STATION POND	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	ICE FISHING PERMITTED	
GENESEE	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT. 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	OATKA CREEK	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
IN ADDITION, USE OR POSSESSION OF BAITFISH IS PROHIBITED IN THE FOLLOWING WATER: TOWN OF DARIEN- HARLOW LAKE						
LIVINGSTON	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT. 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	CONESUS LAKE, HEMLOCK LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE FINGER LAKE REGULATIONS			
	CONESUS INLET FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA FROM CONESUS LAKE SOUTH TO THE DAM, EXCEPT THE CANAL WEST OF CONESUS INLET AND THAT PORTION OF THE INLET NORTH OF THE CANAL; NORTH MCMILLIAN CREEK		FISHING PROHIBITED MARCH 1ST UNTIL THE OPENING OF WALLEYE SEASON IN MAY TO PROTECT SPAWNING WALLEYE AND NORTHERN PIKE			
	COHOCTON RIVER, MILL CREEK	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	SPRING CREEK EXCEPT CALEDONIA STATE FISH HATCHERY PROPERTY		APRIL 1 - OCT. 15	12"	2	
			OCT 16 - MARCH 31	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY	
SPRING CREEK ON CALEDONIA FISH HATCHERY PROPERTY AS POSTED		APRIL 1 - OCT 15 8 AM - 4 PM	12"	2	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY	
		OCT 16 - MARCH 31 8 AM - 4 PM	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY		

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
MONROE	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT. 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	LAKE ONTARIO AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS			
	OATKA CREEK EXCEPT SECTIONS BELOW	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	OATKA CREEK FROM BOWERMAN ROAD UPSTREAM 1.4 MILES TO UNION STREET AND WHEATLAND CENTER ROAD UPSTREAM 2.5 MILES TO THE MOUTH OF SPRING CREEK		APRIL 1 - OCT 15	12"	2	
			OCT 16 - MARCH 31	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY	
OATKA CREEK FROM UNION STREET UPSTREAM 1.7 MILES TO WHEATLAND CENTER ROAD	TROUT	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY		
SPRING CREEK		APRIL 1 - OCT 15	12"	2		
		OCT 16 - MARCH 31	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY		
ONTARIO	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	CANADICE LAKE, CANANDAIGUA LAKE, HONEOYE LAKE, SENECA LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES OF CANADICE LAKE, CANANDAIGUA LAKE AND SENECA LAKE TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS			
	LAKE ONTARIO AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS			
ORLEANS	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	LAKE ONTARIO AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS			
SCHUYLER	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT. 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	CAYUTA CREEK	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	CAYUTA LAKE	WALLEYE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
SENECA LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES OF CAYUGA LAKE AND SENECA LAKE TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS				
SENECA	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	CAYUGA LAKE, SENECA LAKE AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS			
	SENECA RIVER		NORTHERN PIKE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	22"	5
		TROUT LAKE TROUT LL SALMON	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5	
STEBEEN	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT. 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	KEUKA LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS			
CHEMUNG RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM OF RT. 17 WEST OF CORNING	BLACK BASS	3RD SAT OF JUNE- NOV30	10"	5		

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
STEUBEN	CHEMUNG RIVER, TIOGA RIVER	MUSKELLUNGE TIGER MUSKELLUNGE	1ST SAT MAY - MARCH 15	30"	1 COMBINED	
	COHOCTON RIVER EXCEPT SECTIONS BELOW	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	COHOCTON RIVER FROM NORTH BOUNDARY OF U.S. VETERANS FACILITY UPSTREAM TO RT. 415 BRIDGE AND FROM NORTH BOUNDARY OF AVOCA VILLAGE UPSTREAM TO MOUTH OF NEIL CREEK	TROUT	ALL YEAR	12"	2	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	MILL CREEK	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
WAYNE	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	LAKE ONTARIO AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS			
YATES	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	CANDAIGUA LAKE, KEUKA LAKE, SENECA LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS			
	KEUKA OUTLET FROM FIRST BARRIER UPSTREAM	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	

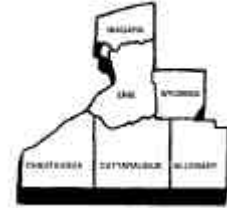


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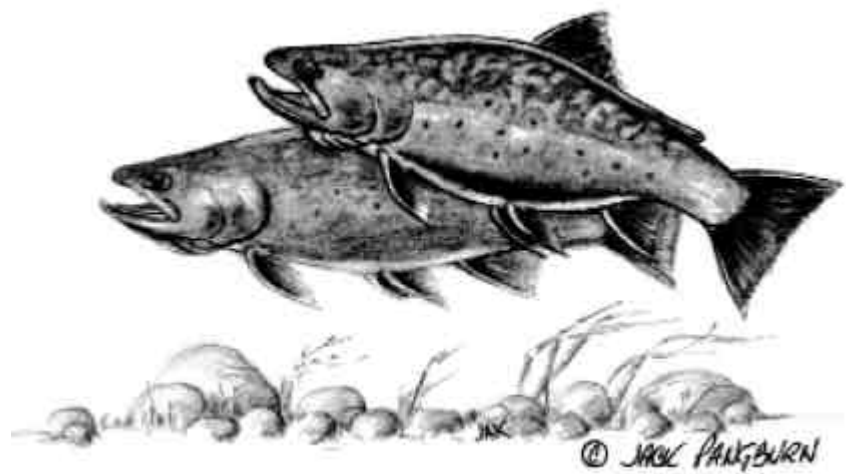


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- In some cases, you will be referred to the regulations tables for major resource blocks (GREAT LAKES, FINGER LAKES, LAKE CHAMPLAIN, BORDER WATERS, NEW YORK CITY RESERVOIRS).

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
ALLEGANY	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	RUSHFORD LAKE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - NOV 30	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	ALLEN LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
		BLACK BASS	3RD SAT. IN JUNE - NOV. 30	15"	3	
	GENESSEE RIVER FROM BELMONT DAM UPSTREAM TO PA. STATE LINE EXCEPT SECTION BELOW	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
GENESSEE RIVER FROM RT. 19 BRIDGE IN SHONGO DOWNSTREAM 2.5 MILES	TROUT	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY	
ALLEGANY STATE PARK: STATE PARK REGULATIONS MAY APPLY, CHECK WITH PARK POLICE						
CATTARAUGUS	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	CASE LAKE, HARWOOD LAKE, NEW ALBION LAKE, RED HOUSE LAKE, QUAKER LAKE	TROUT	ALL YEAR	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	CLEAR CREEK FROM WYOMING-CATTARAUGUS COUNTY LINE UPSTREAM, LIME LAKE OUTLET, MCKINSTRY CREEK	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	9"	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
				OCT 16 - MAR 31	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY	ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	ISCHUA CREEK FROM 0.9 MILES DOWNSTREAM TO 1.3 MILES UPSTREAM OF RT. 98 BRIDGE IN CADIZ	TROUT	ALL YEAR	CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY		ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	LIME LAKE	WALLEYE	1ST SAT. MAY - MAR 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
CATTARAUGUS CREEK DOWNSTREAM OF SPRINGVILLE DAM	SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS					
CHAUTAQUA	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	BEAR LAKE, FINDLEY LAKE	WALLEYE	1ST SAT. MAY - MARCH 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
	CHAUTAQUA LAKE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES AND THE CHADAKOIN RIVER TO WARNER DAM	MUSKELLUNGE AND TIGER MUSKELLUNGE	3RD SAT JUNE - NOV 30	40"	1	
		WALLEYE	1ST SATIN MAY - MAR 15	18"	3	ICE FISHING PERMITTED
CASSADAGA LAKES	BLACK BASS	3RDSATJUNE - NOV 30		5		

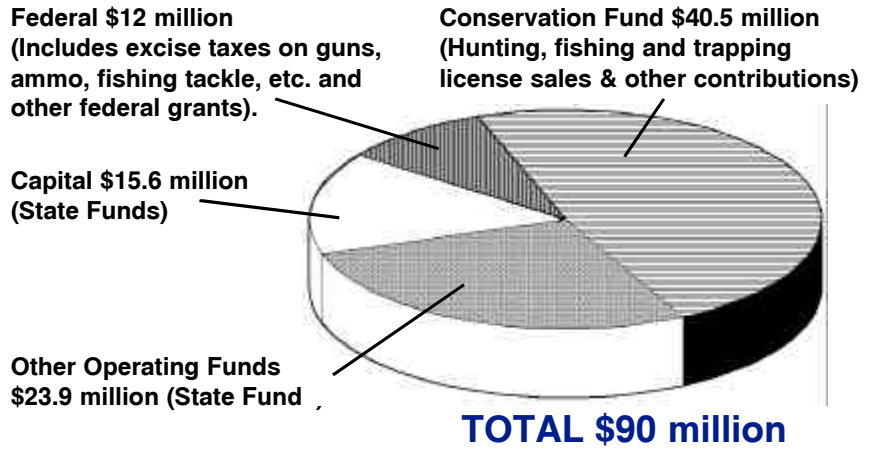
POSSESSION OF FISH 12"-15" PROHIBITED; POSSESSION OF FISH LESS THAN 12" OR GREATER THAN 15" IS PERMITTED.

	BODY OF WATER	SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	DAILY LIMIT	METHOD
ERIE	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
	LAKE ERIE, NIAGARA RIVER AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES TO THE FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS			
	HOSMER (SARDINIA) BROOK	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	9"	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
NIAGARA	LAKE ONTARIO, NIAGARA RIVER AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES TO THE FIRST BARRIER	ALL SPECIES	SEE GREAT LAKES REGULATIONS			
	ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	ANY SIZE	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
WYOMING	WISCOY CREEK EXCEPT SECTION BELOW	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	10"	3	
	WISCOY CREEK FROM 0.5 MILES UPSTREAM TO 0.5 MILES DOWNSTREAM OF EAST HILLSIDE RD. BRIDGE	TROUT	ALL YEAR			CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY
	CLEAR CREEK FROM MOUTH TO WYOMING-CATTARAUGUS COUNTY LINE	TROUT	APRIL 1 - OCT 15	9"	5 WITH NO MORE THAN 2 LONGER THAN 12"	
			OCT 16 - MAR 31			CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

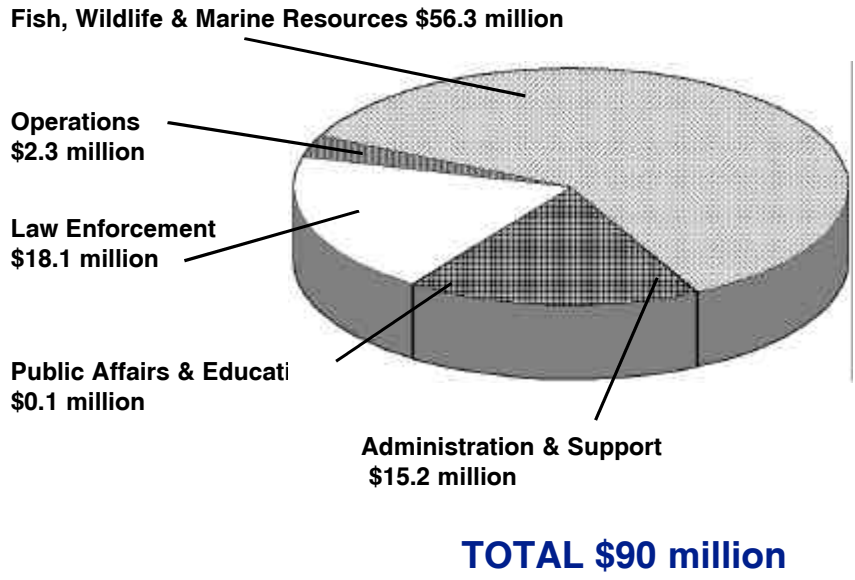


NEW YORK STATE FISH, WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES PROGRAM

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM ...



WHERE THE MONEY GOES ...



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NYS CONSERVATION FUND ADVISORY BOARD

The NYS Conservation Fund Advisory Board was established by law to make recommendations to state agencies on state government plans, policies and programs affecting fish and wildlife.

The Board:

- consults with and advises the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) about expenditure of Conservation Fund monies and ways to increase revenue to this fund.
- promotes participation in fishing, hunting and trapping, and conservation and management of New York's natural resources.
- annually reviews the allocations and expenditures of DEC for fish and wildlife purpose and makes a report to the Commissioner of DEC by July 1st of each year.

All eleven voting Board members are unpaid volunteers. Three members are appointed by the governor, three by the senate and three by the assembly. One member each is designated by the NYS Conservation Council and the Fish and Wildlife Management Board. Voting members represent each of the nine DEC regions. The commissioner of DEC and the chairs of the senate finance committee, senate environmental conservation committee, the assembly ways and means committee and the assembly committee on environmental conservation, or their designees, serves as ex officio, non-voting, members of the Board.

For more information, contact: The Conservation Fund Advisory Board, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-4750, or send an e-mail to the DEC fwinfo@gw.dec.state.ny.us.

ACCESSIBLE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

New York's campgrounds, educational centers and many other facilities offer recreational opportunities for people with disabilities, including camping, fishing and nature viewing.

To find out more about these many opportunities, request a copy of the booklet titled : "OPENING THE OUTDOORS TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES" from your Regional DEC office or go to:

www.dec.state.ny.us/website/df/publands/access/index.html

PLAIN TALK

ANGLERS:

HELP MAKE SURE THAT YOUR NEXT TRIP IS YOUR BEST TRIP!

No one can be sure when the first angler recognized that fishing was an enjoyable pastime in addition to being a way of obtaining a meal. Certainly it has been centuries since angling became a "sport" in addition to being a means of food gathering. Long established sport fisheries all over the world have developed rich traditions and expectations of conduct which ensure the long term well-being of the resource as well as the enjoyment by anglers.

New York's Great Lakes tributary trout and salmon fisheries developed quickly. Within the past 35 years, streams which had few migratory trout and salmon since the 1800's became world class angling destinations that provide over 650,000 days of angling per year. Without the strong local guidance of an established fishing tradition, unethical angler behavior developed, diminishing both the potential of the fishery resource and its enjoyment. This has led to frequent changes in fishing regulations and calls for more stringent enforcement to "fix" the problems created by those who see no reason to follow the rules. Unfortunately, it is not likely that regulations and enforcement alone will ever result in fisheries that achieve full potential for quality and enjoyment.

ETHICAL ANGLER BEHAVIOR is the only sure way to have the best possible tributary fisheries. Simply put, **ANGLING ETHICS MEANS RESPECT**— respect for the **RESOURCE**, respect for **OTHER ANGLERS** and respect for **THE SPORT** of fishing.

RESPECT THE RESOURCE

- Sport Fishing is a valid recreational activity; fishing regulations are intended to protect the resource and maintain quality angling opportunities.
- Like all living things, all fish will eventually die. Although coho and chinook salmon will die within a few weeks after entering tributaries, they should be fished for ethically and treated respectfully. Those fish not creel'd should be carefully revived and released. Any fish not hooked in the mouth should be immediately broken off, not played to exhaustion.
- Anglers who wish to minimize their impact on the resource and contribute to the opportunity for quality angling experiences, should consider releasing most of the fish they catch.
- Certain species such as steelhead or muskellunge are highly valued as trophies. Wild, naturally spawned fish make a valuable contribution to these fisheries. The killing of these fish is best avoided or limited to a rare trophy. [Fiberglass replica mounts of most fish are available to match the dimension of the fish you catch and actually make better-appearing, longer-lasting wall hangings.

PLAIN TALK

RESPECT FOR OTHER ANGLERS

- Observing angling etiquette is an essential part of ethical fishing; it ensures that everyone has an opportunity for an enjoyable experience and a reasonable chance to attempt to catch fish.
- Be aware of your actions and their potential effect on other's angling opportunity. Try not to reduce the chances of others by your actions.
- Respect the space of others who reached the water before you. If you are unable to fish elsewhere, fish a respectful distance after the first person to reach the water has had an opportunity.
- Share the water. Make way for anglers playing or landing fish; assist if possible and if agreeable to the angler. Consider rotating prime locations to spread opportunity more evenly.
- Share advice and techniques. It's hard not to see anglers fishing inappropriately during peak fishing periods. A few minutes spent demonstrating proper rigging and technique could help create a convert to "doing it right," and perhaps lead to a longterm friendship.
- The game law violator is always a thief. Even if the activity does not effect a fish population, it does rob others of the opportunity to have an enjoyable and successful angling experience.

RESPECT FOR THE SPORT OF ANGLING

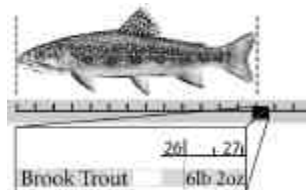
- It is the angler's responsibility to entice the fish to strike the bait or lure. It is this challenge that makes angling a lifetime sport.
- The sport of fishing is based upon the experience of fishing, not the number of fish taken.
- The sport of angling is based upon the concept of "fair chase." Fish are not fairly taken when confined by low water levels or temperature conditions.
- Ethical fishing is not limited to any particular method or technique as long as fish are enticed to bite under fair chase conditions.
- Remember "**Adults Teach by Example, Children Learn by Observing**" **ALWAYS** be aware of the example that you are setting. The future of our sport depends upon it!



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Fish can harbor a variety of parasites that may attach to the skin, gill fillaments, internal organs, or burrow into the flesh. The vast majority of fish parasites do not represent a human health concern, and when thoroughly cooked, the parasitized fish is perfectly fine to eat. Two of the more common parasite-caused "diseases" in New York fish are yellow grub, a cream colored fluke that is oftentimes found burrowed into the flesh, and black spot, a larval fluke whose habitat of burrowing under skin and into flesh causes black "pepper-like" spots. Both black spot and yellow grub have complex life cycles involving fish-eating birds, snails and fish. Fish infected with either parasite are perfectly fine to consume if thoroughly cooked. More information on fish parasites can be found at:

www.ces.uga.edu/pubcd/C772-w.htm

HAVE YOU SEEN ME ?



Since 1995, over 200 otters have been released into their historic range of central and western New York by the Department of Environmental Conservation with the New York River Otter Project, Inc. For more information, see our web site: www.dec.state.ny.us/web-site/dfwmr/wildlife/otter.html

Intelligent, shy and mostly nocturnal, otters can be seen swimming with their heads just above water or undulating just below the surface. They can swim up to 7 MPH and can out swim trout but are generally not fast runners on land. Often seen near mud or grass slides and playing "following the leader" along the

streamside banks, otters seek crayfish, frogs, fish, clams, salamanders, turtles, worms, snakes, snails and sometimes small birds for food. Anglers, in particular, may see otters due to their time spent near lakes and streams.

If you have recently seen any otters, please record the time, date, and location of the sighting. Please send a detailed e-mail with this information about your encounter to our e-mail-fwwildf@gw.dec.state.ny.us or call (607) 776-2165 ext. 17. We would appreciate your help gathering data and sightings. Thank You!

New York State has about 300 Environmental Conservation Officers and Investigators patrolling an average of over 400 square miles each. With such large patrol areas, the assistance of the public is essential to the effective enforcement of the Environmental Conservation Law. If you observe someone violating the Environmental Conservation Law, or see the results of a violation, **REPORT IT!** Poachers and polluters are thieves, stealing from you, our fellow anglers and future generations. Those who pollute our air or water, destroy our environment, or ignore fish and wildlife laws are criminals.

HOW TO CONTACT AN ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION OFFICER

Call 1-877-457-5680. You will have a choice of being connected to a dispatcher or leaving a voice mail message. To give confidential information concerning **significant** illegal activities, you may also call 1-800-TIPP-DEC to speak to a dispatcher.

HOW TO REPORT A VIOLATION

If you observe someone violating the Environmental Conservation Law or see the results of a violation, follow these procedures to report it:

- **When a violation is observed, keep a distance from the violator.**
Do not approach or attempt to confront the suspects. They may be dangerous, could destroy evidence, or simply evade the officers if forewarned.
- **Write everything down.**
Make notes on what the violators are doing. How many people are involved? What exactly have you observed?
- **What did they look like?**
Determine and record identifying features such as age, sex, height, weight, hair color and any other marks that would aid in identifying the person(s).
- **How were they dressed?**
Note the type and color of the suspects hat, coat, pants and shoes or boots.
- **What kind of vehicle was involved?**
Jot down license numbers, color, make, model, year and any other distinguishing characteristics to help authorities track down the violator.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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INFORMATION FOR BOATING ANGLERS



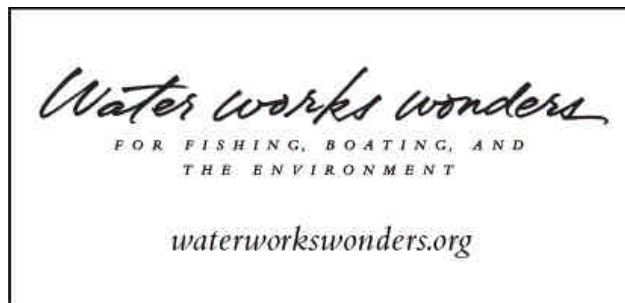
LIFE JACKETS

Every pleasure vessel including canoes, kayaks, and rowboats must have on board at least one wearable personal flotation device for each person on board. Each life jacket must be of a type approved by the United States Coast Guard, must be in good condition and must be readily accessible. Vessels sixteen feet and greater in length must also carry a U.S. Coast Guard approved throwable flotation device.

Children under 12 years of age, on any vessel 65 feet or less in length must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved type I, II or III PFD, while underway.

The operator or person in control of the pleasure vessel, rowboat or canoe is responsible for compliance with these regulations.

For more information on boating regulations go to:
www.nysparks.com/boats/



NEW YORK'S GREAT ANGLING OUTDOORS PHOTO CONTEST

New York is fortunate to have an abundance of outstanding fishing opportunities that can be enjoyed in some of the most scenic locations in the country. The DEC wants your help in documenting these fishing opportunities by providing photographs that can be used to help promote New York's freshwater fishing in DEC publications, web-pages, displays and other promotional efforts. Shakespeare fishing tackle is the official sponsor of the contest and will be providing: a Pflueger Fly Fishing outfit for the 1st place photo; an Ugly Stik spinning outfit for 2nd place; and a soft tackle bag for 3rd place. Top rated photos will be those that best comprise the theme "New York's Great Angling Outdoors" by combining fish, fishing and outdoor scenery in a photo. Entry rules are as follows:

1. Contest runs from October 1 to September 30 of each license year. All entries must be received by September 30 of each year in order to be eligible for the contest. No more than 3 photos can be submitted by any individual during each license year.
2. Only photographs or digital images will be accepted. Digital images must be in a tif or jpeg format at a minimum resolution of 1024 x 768 pixels (high quality in most 3 megapixel digital cameras). Photos or digital images become the property of the NYSDEC and cannot be returned.
3. An entry form must be completed for each photo entered in the contest. If individuals, other than the person entering the photo, are included and can be recognized in a photo, a model consent must be completed by each recognizable person. Model consent forms and other contest information and applications can be obtained at: www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish/photocontest.html or by calling 518-402-8893.
4. Entries must be mailed to: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Bureau of Fisheries, 625 Broadway - 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12233-4753. Digital photos can be sent on CD or e-mailed to FWFISH@gw.dec.state.ny.us. All e-mails must include NYGAO PHOTO CONTEST in the subject line and must provide the name and address of the entrant in the message box. A signed entry form must also be submitted to the above address.

New York's Great Angling Outdoors Photo Contest Entry Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ E-mail: _____
 City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Name of Waterbody: _____ County: _____ Date of Photo: _____
 Description of Photo (include species and length and/or weight of fish - attach additional sheet if necessary): _____

I hereby swear that the photograph provided was taken by me and I release to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation the right to use the above information and any enclosed photographs for promotional purposes, although I understand that this does not restrict my use of the same information and photographs.

Signature of Photographer: _____ Date: _____

REPORTING TAGGED FISH

If you catch a tagged fish, please write down the:

- tag number
- fish species
- fish length
- date of capture
- location of capture

Send this information, along with your name and return address, to the address on the tag. You will be sent information about the DEC tagging program and the individual fish reported. Don't remove the tag from the fish you release, except as indicated below for striped bass.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING TAGGED STRIPED BASS

Anglers fishing in the Hudson River or coastal waters may catch striped bass bearing tags. In order to encourage the reporting of tagged striped bass, rewards are provided for all verified tag returns. To report a tagged striped bass and qualify for a reward, you will need to follow the procedures listed above, PLUS: note the tag color and location on the fish's body; and if you release the fish, clip the tag off as close to the body of the striped bass as possible.

How to report striped bass tags:

PINK tags attached to striped bass belly:
USFWS, Call 1-800-448-832

YELLOW tags attached to striped bass belly:
Hudson River Foundation, PO Box 1731 Grand Central Station, New York, NY 11063

YELLOW LOOP tags attached between the rear dorsal fin and the tail:
American Littoral Society, Highlands, NJ 0773215

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHANGES

- The sale of certain lead sinkers weighing 1/2 oz or less in size has been prohibited in NY effective May 7, 2004 (see page 14).
- A reciprocal fishing agreement has been instituted on Lake Champlain (see page 25).
- The daily limit for trout has been changed to 5 per day with no more than 2 fish over 12" for all waters not covered under Special Regulations in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie and Wyoming Counties in DEC Region 9.
- A catch and release/artificial only regulation has been established for the period October 16 - March 31 on Clear Creek (Cattaraugus County), Lime Lake Outlet, McKinstry Creek, Hosmer (Sardinia) Brook, Clear Creek (Wyoming County) and Wiscoy Creek in DEC Region 9.
- The open season for muskellunge and tiger muskellunge on the St. Lawrence River, Lake Ontario and Lower Niagara River has been extended to December 15.
- The one fish per day daily limit for rainbow trout and steelhead in Jefferson County has been expanded to include all waters that are tributaries to Lake Ontario.
- The minimum size limit for walleye in Oneida Lake has been decreased to 15 inches.
- An all year catch and release/artificial lures only regulation has been instituted on Ischua Creek in the area of Franklinville (Cattaraugus County).
- A catch and release regulation has been instituted for American Shad in the Susquehanna River, Tioughnioga River, Chenango River, and Chemung River and tributaries.
- The minimum size regulation for walleye has been increased to 18" and the daily limit reduced to 3 fish for Chautauqua Lake, Fern Lake, Harris Lake, Rainbow Lake, Lake Algonquin, Butterfield Lake, Burden Lake, and Horseshoe Lake.
- Catch and release regulations have been established on sections of the Saranac River, West Branch Ausable River, West Branch Saint Regis River, and Battenkill in DEC Region 5.
- All fishing is prohibited on the Beaverkill (Delaware County) from the Iron Bridge at Horton downstream to the first Route 17 overpass from July 1 to August 31.
- An all year catch and release regulation has been instituted for black bass in Artist Lake and Belmont Lake in DEC Region 1.

New or revised regulations and information are highlighted in blue throughout the guide.

Common Warmwater Sportfish of New York



Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



Pumpkinseed



Bluegill



Rock Bass



Black Crappie



Walleye



Brown Bullhead



Yellow Perch



Northern Pike



Chain Pickerel



Muskellunge



Tiger Muskellunge