



## CHANGES TO FISHING REGULATIONS

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The following are the changes that have been made to recreational fishing regulations in Ontario since the 2008-2009 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary was printed. Anglers may wish to insert these pages of changes into their copy of the summary.

**Please note that the online version of the 2008-2009 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary has been updated to reflect these changes.**

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<p><b>Recreational Fishing Licence Information and definitions. Pages 5, 6, 7</b></p>	<p>Note there have been changes to Recreational Fishing Licence Information for Residents of Ontario and Residents of Canada and Recreational Fishing Licence Information for Non-Canadian Residents to reflect updates for 2009, including fees.</p> <p>For more information: go to <b><i>Fast Facts About Ontario Outdoors Cards and Fishing Licences</i></b> on this website at <a href="http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LetsFish/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_164832.html">http://www.mnr.gov.on.ca/en/Business/LetsFish/2ColumnSubPage/STEL02_164832.html</a></p> <p>Note also the following has been added under Most People Need One of the Following Licences to Fish in Ontario:            Under <b><i>Sport Fishing Licence</i></b>            In this Summary, S – refers to limits under a Sport Fishing Licence (e.g., S – 4 = catch and possession limit of 4)</p> <p>Under <b><i>Conservation Fishing Licence</i></b>            In this Summary, C – refers to limits under a Conservation Fishing Licence (e.g., C – 2 = catch and possession limit of 2)</p>
<p><b>General Fishing Regulations, pages 7 &amp; 8</b></p>	<p>Note changes to the Angler's Guide to Fishing Regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New definition of <b>artificial fly</b>. An artificial fly means a hook dressed with silk, wool, fur, feathers or similar material but does not include other artificial types of artificial lures.</li> <li>• Change to definition of <b>artificial lure</b>. An artificial lure means a spoon, plug, jig, artificial fly or other such device that is designed to catch fish by means of angling.</li> <li>• The following has been added to the definition of <b>fish sanctuary: Sanctuary dates are inclusive; all dates including the first and last dates stated in this Summary are closed.</b></li> <li>• Change to definition of <b>livewell</b>. A livewell is a compartment designed to keep fish alive. For a livewell to be used to selectively release bass, walleye and northern pike, it must be attached to or form part of a boat, hold a total volume of not less than 46 litres (10 gallons) of water, have the capacity for water exchange and be mechanically aerated at all times when live fish are being held in it.</li> </ul>

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<b>General Fishing Regulations, page 8</b>	<p>Note change to General Prohibitions:</p> <p>It is illegal to: fish for or possess the following specially protected fish species: American eel, cutlip minnow and reaside dace.</p>
<b>General Fishing Regulations, page 10</b>	<p>Note the following change under No Release of Bait:</p> <p>It is illegal to release any live bait or dump the contents of a bait bucket including the water into any waters or within 30 m of any waters.</p>
<b>General Fishing Regulations, page 11</b>	<p>Note the following change under Ice Hut Registration:</p> <p>You do not need to register your ice hut or abide by specific removal dates: if your ice hut is a tent made of cloth or synthetic fabric that has a base area of <b>seven</b> square metres (75.4 square feet) or less when erected</p>
<b>Non-Angling Methods of Capturing Fish Page 11</b>	<p>Note the following changes to Lake Whitefish and Lake Herring dip netting seasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the open seasons for dip netting lake whitefish and lake herring have been extended - open from Oct. 1 to <b>Dec. 15</b>.</li> <li>(2) Some additional lakes in Zones 10, 11 and 15 have been designated for dip netting lake whitefish and lake herring – contact your local MNR office or refer to the lists posted on this website.</li> </ol>
<b>General Fishing Regulations, page 12</b>	<p>Note change to Northwestern Ontario Regulations for non-residents – <b>Crown Land Camping</b>. The map illustrating the area where non- residents camping on Crown land must follow Conservation Fishing Licence Limits has been changed to remove the blue shading from the western parts of Zones 3 and 7. These regulations apply in Zones 2, 4, 6 and Zone 5 except the border waters area.</p>
<b>Laws to Help Stop the Spread of Invading Species, page 13</b>	<p>Note the following additional species have been added to the list of invasive species that it is illegal to possess live: rudd and ruffe.</p> <p>Note the following updates:</p> <p>Crayfish Crayfish can only be used for bait in the waterbody in which they were caught and they cannot be transported overland.</p> <p>WHAT YOU CAN DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is illegal to dump the contents of a bait bucket into any waters or within 30 m of any waters.</li> </ul>
WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT VHS page 13	<p>Note the following changes:</p> <p>Anglers are asked to voluntarily not move bait outside the VHS management zone.</p> <p>Also note change to website – now <a href="http://www.ontario.ca/fishing">www.ontario.ca/fishing</a></p>
<b>Zones 1, 2, 3, and 4</b>	<p>Lake sturgeon catch and possession limit of S-0, C-0 – catch and release only.</p>
<b>Zone 2</b>	<p><b>Unnamed lake</b> (51 38'N., 89 55'W.) - known as <b>Whiz Lake</b> – is now open all year for brook trout, S-5 &amp; C-2, no size limits.</p>

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<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>Upper Twin Lake</b> - the description of the Upper Twin Lake (Pete's Bay) fish sanctuary is changed to: Upper Twin Lake (Pete's Bay) - <b>including all of Pete's Bay of Upper Twin Lake.</b>
<b>Zone 4</b>	The following is in Zone 6: <b>North Mawn Lake</b> (49°36'N., 90°25'W.) in the Territorial District of Thunder Bay. Fish Sanctuary – no fishing from Jan. 1 – Fri. before 4th Sat. in May & Oct. 1 – Dec. 31.
<b>Zone 4</b>	The following lakes are open all year for brook trout, S-5 & C-2, no size limits: Bill Lake (50°03'59"N., 94°58' 04"W.) Wreck Lake (50°02' 50"N., 94°08'13"W.) Dog Lake (50°00'51"N., 94°00'49"W.)
<b>Zone 5</b>	Lake sturgeon catch and possession limit of S-0, C-0 – catch and release only.
<b>Zone 5</b>	<b>Eagle Lake</b> (49°42'N, 93°13'W) - the conservation fishing licence possession limit for lake trout is now <b>1</b> .
<b>Zone 5</b>	<b>Marmion Lake</b> south of the Marmion divider weir at 48°54'35"N., 91°32'27"W. – this exception has been removed - walleye season is now open from Jan. 1 to Apr. 14 & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. in May to Dec. 31.
<b>Zone 5</b>	Winnipeg River exception – from the outflow of Lake of the Woods to the Manitoba Border. The season exception for walleye now includes sauger as follows: walleye and sauger open January 1 to March 14 and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May to December 31.
<b>Zone 6</b>	<b>Lake Nipigon and all tributaries</b> (1) the description of the area of the Little Jackfish River (under bullet number 6) is changed to the following: <b>Little Jackfish River, downstream from the centre line of the CN railway bridge.</b> (2) Under exception details, note the following change: No person shall use or possess stringers, impounding devices or live holding boxes (this applies regardless of whether the live holding box forms part of or is attached to a boat).
<b>Zone 6</b>	Note the following addition to the Zone 6 exceptions: <b>North Mawn Lake</b> (49°36'N., 90°25'W.) in the Territorial District of Thunder Bay. Fish Sanctuary – no fishing from Jan. 1 – Fri. before 4th Sat. in May & Oct. 1 – Dec. 31.
<b>Zone 7</b>	The following lakes are now open all year for brook trout, S–5 & C-2, no size limits: <b>Big Lake</b> (48°09'50"N, 84°30'04"W) - Cowie Twp. <b>Cruise Lake</b> (48°13'25"N, 84°54'26"W) - Lalibert Twp. <b>Disappointment Lake</b> (48°08'38"N, 84°27'22"W) - Cowie Twp. <b>Furnival Lake</b> (48°13'04"N, 84°55'40"W) - Lalibert and Knicely Twp. <b>Half (Chapleau) Lake</b> (48°16'42"N, 84°04'53"W) - Copenace Twp. <b>Kabossakwa Pothole Lake</b> (48°51'30"N, 85°24'22"W) - Mikano Twp. <b>Klein Lake</b> (48°56'35"N, 85°15'25"W) - Welsh Twp. <b>Little Flood Lake</b> (48°45'47"N, 85°24'24"W) - Flood Twp. <b>Manton (Chapleau) Lake</b> (48°07'48"N, 84°07'09"W) - Echum Twp. <b>Mikano Pothole Lake</b> (48°50'38"N, 85°20'07"W) - Mikano Twp. <b>South O'Brien Lake</b> (48°32'07"N, 85°08'39"W) - Vasiloff Twp. <b>West (Chapleau) Lake</b> (48°06'20"N, 84°07'58"W) - Echum Twp. <b>West Shell Lake</b> (48°27'31"N, 85°07'43"W) - Vasiloff Twp.

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Zone 7	Note the following additions to the Zone 7 exceptions: (1) <b>Buckaday Lake</b> (48°58'52"N., 87°45'06"W.) and headwaters lakes. Brook trout open from 4th Sat. in Apr. to Labour Day. (2) <b>Shamokan Creek</b> – from the centre line of Rail Line Road downstream to the mouth of Shamokan Creek at 50°09'N., 86°37'W., where it flows into Upper Twin Lake. Fish sanctuary – no fishing from Apr. 1 – June 14.
Zone 7	Note the following fish sanctuary has been removed: <b>Upper Twin Lake (Pete's Bay)</b> – beginning at the intersection of Shamokan Creek and the Rail Line Road continuing downstream to include all of Pete's Bay of Upper Twin Lake.
Zones 7 & 8	Lake sturgeon catch and possession limit of S-0, C-0 – catch and release only.
Zone 8	Commando Lake (49°04'N., 81°01'W ) – Glackmeyer Twp. -- lake trout season is now open 2nd Sun. in Feb. to Sept. 15.
Zone 8	Tailleurs Lake (49°03'N., 81°12'W) – brook trout season is now open all year.
Zone 8	The following lakes are open all year for brook trout, S-5 & C-2: <b>Catcher Lake</b> (48°07'43"N., 82°31'02"W.) - Ivanhoe Twp. <b>Marylyn Lake</b> (47°36'47"N., 83°05'22"W.)- DeGaulle Twp.
Zone 9	Lake Superior (3 <sup>rd</sup> listed exception) - two lines may be used when trolling from a boat in open waters. Note: the latitude of the part of Black Bay north of which two lines may not be used has been changed to latitude <b>48°37'N.</b>
Zone 10	Lake sturgeon catch and possession limit of S-0, C-0 – catch and release only.
Zone 10	<b>Dwyer Lake</b> – Janes Twp. - is now open all year for brook trout, S-5 & C-2.
Zone 10	Mississagi River – downstream from the Red Rock dam in Gladstone Twp., to the downstream edge of the railway bridge – lake sturgeon closed all year.
Zone 10	Note the following fish sanctuary has been removed: <b>Manitou Lake</b> – Clement Twp.
Zone 10	Note if fishing on <b>Manitoulin Island</b> – check Zone 10 exceptions for lake specific restrictions as well as the following exception: Manitoulin Island – inland waters.
Zone 11	The following is in Zone 10 not Zone 11: <b>Dwyer Lake</b> – Janes Twp. - brook trout open all year.
Zone 11	<b>Cut Lake</b> (46°46'N., 79°16'W.) - McAuslan Twp. Note this fish sanctuary is now closed from Jan.1 – Apr. 30 & <b>Oct. 1 – Dec. 31.</b>
Zone 11	<b>Obabika Lake</b> – northern pike limits are now S - 2, only <b>one</b> greater than <b>86 cm</b> (33.9 in.) and C - 1, must be less than 86 cm (33.9 in.).
Zone 11	<b>Talon Lake</b> – the description has been changed to: Talon Lake in front of Orlig and Calvin Twps., <b>including Kaibuskong Bay.</b>
Zones 11, 12 & 13	Lake sturgeon catch and possession limit of S-0, C-0 – catch and release only.
Zone 12	Note the zone 12 boundary extends across the mouths of tributaries, except the Madawaska and Mississippi Rivers where the boundary extends upstream to the first dam.
Zone 12	<b>Lac des Chats</b> (Ottawa River) Note the following change: Fish sanctuary – no fishing from Mar. 1 to <b>Thurs.</b> before 3rd Sat. in May.

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Zone 14	Lake sturgeon catch and possession limit of S-0, C-0 – catch and release only.
Zone 14	Mississagi River – downstream (south) from the downstream edge of the railway bridge to the North Channel of Lake Huron – lake sturgeon closed all year.
Zone 14	Note the following fish sanctuary has been removed: <b>Mississagi River</b> – from the Mississagi River Red Rock Dam to the North Channel of Lake Huron.
Zone 15	Lake sturgeon catch and possession limit of S-0, C-0 – catch and release only.
Zone 15	<b>Bark Lake</b> -- Bangor, Jones and Lyell Twps. - is now open all year for lake trout:
Zone 15	The following lakes are now open all year for brook trout, S-5 & C-2: <b>Centre Lake</b> (45°01'N., 78°03'W.) Cardiff Twp. <b>Sleeper Green Lake</b> (45°01'N., 77°29'W.) - Cashel Twp.
Zone 15	Note the following new fish sanctuary: <b>Black Creek</b> , Wilberforce Twp. – between the mouth of Black Creek at Lake Doré and the upstream side of the bridge on Black Creek Road. Fish sanctuary – no fishing from Apr. 1 to Fri. before 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat. in May.
Zone 15	Pickerel River – now described as Pickerel River - from the first set of rapids downstream of the lake at <b>(45°59'45"N., 80°21'W.)</b> downstream to Georgian Bay and including those parts of the Pickerel River known as Cantin Lake, Trestle Gully Lake, Deep Bay, Muskrat Bay and David's Bay. Muskellunge must be greater than 122 cm (48 in.).
Zone 16	Note the mouths of many tributaries to Lake Huron and Georgian Bay are in zones 13 and 14. See Regulation Maps for Great Lakes Tributaries on this website.
Zone 16	Lake sturgeon catch and possession limit of S-0, C-0 – catch and release only.
Zone 16	Note for waters specified under Additional Fishing Opportunities - walleye open all year, S – 6, C – 2, <b>no size limits.</b>
Zone 16	Big Creek – description of waters with open all year seasons (no close time) for rainbow trout and brown trout is changed to “Big Creek - Walsingham Twp., downstream from Regional Road 21 to Long Point Bay of Lake Erie.”
Zone 16	Note under Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout and Pacific Salmon Open All Year (1) the description of <b>Highland Creek</b> is changed to: Highland Creek - City of Toronto <b>from the downstream edge of the Hwy. 2 (Kingston Road) bridge to Lake Ontario.</b> (2) the description of <b>Young's Creek</b> is changed to: Young's Creek (Ryerse Creek) - Woodhouse Twp., <b>from the downstream side of the Front Road bridge to Lake Erie at Port Ryerse.</b> (3) the mouths of many tributaries to Lake Huron and Georgian Bay are in Zones 13 and 14. See Regulation Maps for Great Lakes Tributaries on the MNR website at <a href="http://ontario.ca/fishing">ontario.ca/fishing</a> .
Zone 16	Note the following is added to Additional Fishing Opportunities, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout and Pacific Salmon Extended Fall Season: (1) <b>Bighead River</b> – St. Vincent Twp. (Grey County) (2) <b>Young's Creek</b> - from the dam on Lot 23, Conc. III to the downstream side of the Front Road bridge.
Zone 16	Note the following additional exception: <b>Maitland River Tributaries</b> in the County of Huron extending upstream from the

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	upstream side of the bridge on Highway Number 21 to the downstream side of the bridge on Highway Number 4 - Fish sanctuary – no fishing from Jan. 1 to Fri. before 4th Sat. in Apr. & Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.
<b>Zone 16</b>	Note the <b>Saugeen River</b> exception description is changed to: Saugeen River - <b>Arran, Amabel, Brant, Elderslie, and Saugeen Twps. and in the Town of Walkerton and the Village of Paisley, between the Truax Dam (Walkerton) and the westerly edge of the concrete abutments downstream of Denny's Dam.</b>
<b>Zone 17</b>	Crowe Lake – Marmora and Belmont Twps., and the waters of the Crowe River in Marmora and Rawdon Twps. – now have a muskellunge open season from the 1st Saturday in June to December 15.
<b>Zone 17</b>	The description of the exception for “Trent River waters in Sydney Twp. upstream from the first dam (Number One) above Lake Ontario” should read “Trent River – from the first dam (Number One) above Lake Ontario upstream to Lock 9 (Myers Lock) at the Head of Percy Reach.” This is the area with walleye, largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike, yellow perch, black crappie, sunfish and all other species season exceptions. (Walleye open January 1 to March 1 and 2nd Saturday in May to December 31; largemouth and smallmouth bass open from 4th Saturday in June to November 30; northern pike open January 1 to March 31 and 2nd Saturday in May to December 31; yellow perch, black crappie, sunfish and all other species not listed above or in the Zone 17 Seasons and Limits table open all year). Also, for these waters an exception for muskellunge has been added. Muskellunge is open from the 1st Saturday in June to December 15, and must be greater than 102 cm (40 in.).
<b>Zone 18</b>	Lake sturgeon catch and possession limit of S-0, C-0 – catch and release only.
<b>Zone 18</b>	The "Other Zone 18 Regulations" section has been removed. There is now no restriction on the size of baitfish that can be used.
<b>Zone 18</b>	The catch and possession limits for yellow perch and sunfish have been removed. There are now no limits for these species in Zone 18.
<b>Zone 18</b>	The close time for the fish sanctuary on Sand Lake and the river flowing between Wolfe Lake and Sand Lake in North Crosby Township has been extended. For these waters there is now no fishing from Mar. 1 to the Friday before the 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday in June.
<b>Zone 18</b>	The description of the exception for yellow perch in Lancaster and Charlottenburgh Townships should read “Lancaster and Charlottenburgh Townships (South Glengarry Twp.) and the City of Cornwall”. The yellow perch season is open from January 1 to March 31 and the 2nd Saturday in May to December 31.
<b>Zone 18</b>	The exception for yellow perch on Lake St. Francis is removed. This waterbody is located in Zone 20.
<b>Zone 19</b>	Lake sturgeon catch and possession limit of S-0, C-0 – catch and release only.
<b>Zone 20</b>	The description of the exception for yellow perch in Lake St. Francis should read, “Lake St. Francis and the waters of the St. Lawrence River lying east of Robert H. Saunders Generating Station.” The yellow perch season is open from Jan. 1 to Mar. 31 and 2nd Sat. in May to Dec. 31.