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IMPORTANT NOTICE

This is a summary of information dealing with fishing licences and fishing laws. This summary is neither a legal document nor a complete collection of the current regulations. It is meant to be a convenient reference only.

For details on the current regulations see:

- Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and regulations
- Federal Fisheries Act
- Ontario Fishery Regulations
- Close times, fishing quotas and limits on the size of fish established in the Ontario Fishery Regulations may be changed through Variation Orders which are available at ontario.ca/fishing.

The maps presented in this summary are provided as a guide only. Due to the scale of the maps, the official plan (detailed information) for the boundaries of the Zones cannot be provided in this summary.

You can obtain specific details of the regulations, including more detailed maps of Zone boundaries, from ontario.ca/fishing or local MNR offices.

Find the Ministry of Natural Resources at: ontario.ca/mnr

Visit the ministry's fishing website: ontario.ca/fishing

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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO



Recreational fishing is one of the most popular outdoor pursuits for Ontario residents and visitors alike. Blessed with over 250,000 lakes and countless streams and rivers, Ontario offers fishing opportunities that are almost endless. From piers in large urban centres to lakes near remote fly-in camps, there are potential angling experiences for every outdoor enthusiast.

Fishing is an excellent way to spend time together as a family. You can develop a greater connection to the natural world, unwind in a peaceful setting and strengthen family ties. A great chance to introduce young people to fishing without having to buy a licence is the Family Fishing Weekend in February, which coincides with the Family Day long weekend, and Family Fishing Week in July.

Almost all of Ontario's large cities are on or near water. That means they offer a tremendous diversity of doorstep angling opportunities. You don't have to travel great distances or rent a boat in order to fish. Urban anglers can take public transit, walk or bike to the water and then fish for such popular species as muskellunge, steelhead and walleye, as well as lesser-known fish such as carp and gar.

Ontario continues to enhance access to information for anglers through Fish ON-Line, its interactive and user friendly web tool. This year, based on recommendations from users, access points and lake specific regulation information have been added to the tool. With Fish ON-Line, anglers can get information on over 13,000 lakes across the province, where you can purchase a fishing licence, depth maps, stocking information and more. Go to ontario.ca/fishing to find out more. Fish ON-Line is your electronic guide to making the most of your fishing trips.

Many of the changes in the 2014 Regulations Summary are the result of the excellent work of Fisheries Management Zone Advisory Councils. These changes will ensure sustainable fish populations and provide quality fishing opportunities for Ontario anglers.

If you are 18 to 64 years of age and would like to fish in Ontario, you need an Outdoors Card and a fishing licence tag, unless you plan to use a one-day licence. Valid for three years, Outdoors Cards expire on December 31. If you bought your card in 2011, it expires at the end of 2013. Renew your Outdoors Card early and get the licence tag you need, especially if you plan to ice fish. Renewing your Outdoors Card couldn't be easier: go to ontario. ca/outdoorscard, visit a ServiceOntario centre or go to an authorized licence issuer. Ontario residents have the added option of renewing by phone at 1-800-288-1155.

Each of us can do our part to keep Ontario's excellent recreational fisheries healthy and sustainable. Please read the summary and follow the rules. As we respect the natural environment and each other, we help to make Ontario a great place to get outside and enjoy the province's rich natural bounty.

Our Cover

Do you remember the day someone took you aside and gave you your first fishing lesson? It was magic. Last summer, MNR created that magic for more than 2,300 adults and children in our new Learn to Fish pilot program offered in four provincial parks. Learn to Fish was an instant hit with contributions by Ontario Parks, Enforcement Branch, Aurora District and Fish and Wildlife Services Branch.

We thank Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows for funding and OFAH TackleShare for providing the fishing equipment that allowed us to present this exciting new program. Learn to Fish will be back in 2014. Watch the MNR web page at ontario.ca/ fishing for more information.



Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission

The Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission was created in 2002 to advise the Minister on promoting hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities, funding of the Fish and Wildlife Program, and other matters as requested by the Minister. The commission consists of nine members who represent a cross-section of key interests in the sustainable use of our fish and wildlife resources. The commission continues to work on a number of important issues, including the development of strategies to engage youth in our fishing and hunting heritage and the continued effective management of the Special Purpose Account.

HOW TO USE THIS SUMMARY

For recreational fishing purposes, Ontario is divided into 20 Fisheries Management Zones (Zones). The map below indicates the general location of these Zones within Ontario.

Please follow these step-by-step instructions to be sure that you comply with the regulations.

- 1. Make sure that you have a valid Ontario fishing licence.
- 2. Carefully read the general fishing regulations section.

Here you will find information that applies to fishing in all Zones, including general prohibitions, definitions, as well as information on ice fishing, bait, transporting fish, non-angling methods and laws to help stop the spread of invading species.

- 3. Using the map below, determine the Zone in which you plan to fish. For more detailed information, see the Zone section in which you plan to fish. For detailed maps of the Zone boundaries please visit ontario.ca/fishing.
- 4. Check the Zone regulations table to determine:
 - · the open season for fishing for any species you plan to target in that Zone.
 - the catch and possession limits and size limits, if applicable, for those species in that Zone.

- 5. Remember that most catch and possession limits and some size limits are different for a holder of a Sport Fishing Licence than for a holder of a Conservation Fishing Licence.
 - S refers to limits under a Sport Fishing Licence Tag. For example: S - 4 =catch and possession limit of four.
 - C refers to limits under a Conservation Fishing Licence Tag. For example: C - 2 = catch and possession limit of two.

NOTE: all size limits refer to total length – refer to Angler's Guide to Fishing Regulations, page 7.

6. Also, don't forget to check the additional fishing opportunities for each Zone to make the most of your fishing experience.

THEN YOU MUST

- 7. Check the exceptions to the general zone regulations for the waters or general area in which you will be fishing.
 - · If there are any exceptions to the general rule for the Zone, you must comply with those exceptions.

NOTE: In some cases, lower limits or size limits stated in the exceptions apply only to Sport Fishing Licence Tag holders. If no Conservation Fishing Licence Tag limit or size limit is stated for exception waters, then the Conservation Licence Tag limit is the same as for the rest of the Zone for that species and can be

8. Non-Canadian residents fishing in northwestern Ontario must also check page 12.

found in the Zone regulations table. **New information and changes** 3 have been highlighted in bold red font for your convenience. 8 Lake Superior 10 Lake Erie