

NEW YORK STATE FRESHWATER FISHING

REGULATIONS GUIDE

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New York State has about 300 Environmental Conservation Officers (ECOs) and Investigators (ECIs) who work throughout the state, including New York City. ECOs spend most of their time patrolling within their assigned county.

The assistance of the public is essential to the effective enforcement of state environmental laws and regulations. If you observe someone violating 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.

Contact an Environmental Conservation Police Officer (ECO)

For general questions, call 1-877-457-5680. You will speak with a dispatcher who will assist you or connect you to an ECO. For best service, let them know the area you are calling from or the area your question is about.

Report All Poachers and Polluters

Call 1-844-DEC-ECOS (844-332-3267). You will speak to a dispatcher who will assist you in filing a complaint. You may ask to have your name kept confidential, or you may ask to file the complaint without leaving a name (anonymously). Complaints may also be reported online at www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/67751.html.

Complaints are forwarded to an ECO for investigation. The more detailed information you provide, the more likely the violator will be apprehended. Try to remember the “who, what, where, when, and how” of the event.

- **Keep a distance from the violator.** Do not approach or attempt to confront suspects. They may be dangerous, destroy evidence, or simply evade officers if forewarned.
- **Who did it?** Provide names, ages, sex, height, weight, clothing or vehicle descriptions, and other details.
- **What occurred?** What exactly do you think is the nature of the violation? Examples — taking over limit of fish, snagging, illegal netting, fishing out of season, trespassing.
- **When did it occur?** Provide dates and times. Is it still in progress, ongoing, or something yet to happen? Examples— happening right now, happens every Fri night.
- **Where did it occur?** Provide street addresses, town/county, name of stream, river or pond, GPS location. Many fishing violations occur on large waterways, so specific locations are valuable. Examples — at the north end of the spillway on Smith Creek Dam, near red buoy 32 on Reynolds Channel.
- **How did it occur?** What methods or circumstances were used to commit the violations? Provide any other information the ECO may find useful.

Environmental Conservation Officer Rosters

For the current listing of Environmental Conservation Officers by Region, please visit

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/about/28461.html>

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide is a summary that is intended for convenience only. For a complete reference, consult New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) and Volume 6 of the Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (NYCRR). Copies can be reviewed online at:

- public.leginfo.state.ny.us/lawssrch.cgi?NVLWO:
for ECL
- www.dec.ny.gov/regs/2494.html
for NYCRR

About the Cover:

Jessie Hollenbeck and his daughter Emma with a nice Oatka Creek brown trout. Jessie was a member of an angler focus group that provided DEC with valuable information and insight toward the development of the new New York Inland Trout Stream Management Plan.

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GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

No matter what region of New York State you call home or plan to visit, there is an exciting fishing adventure awaiting you nearby. Even during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, outdoor activities such as fishing the state's abundant waters remained critical to helping hundreds of thousands of anglers find a safe and fun activity close to home.

Whether you choose to ice fish with family and friends or seek socially distanced solitude along a back-country stream reach, New York State's fisheries provide every type of experience for anglers. We continue to work hard to provide resident and visiting anglers with the best fishing experience possible. This year, the Department of Environmental Conservation is developing a new interactive trout stream fishing map I proposed in the 2021 State of the State to provide anglers 'one-stop-shopping' for trout stream fishing opportunities. The map will include easy to use information about access points, applicable regulations, and stocking schedules.

As we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic's far-reaching impacts, New York will continue to invest in the health and success of our fisheries, and the countless environmental and economic benefits they provide. Working with the angling community, we will continue to enhance the experiences New York has to offer and endeavor to protect our fisheries for future generations.

Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor

COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is here to help make fishing an enjoyable and rewarding activity for everyone, and we've taken several actions recently to help make that possible. This new format for the 2021 Fishing Regulations Guide is part of an ongoing effort to make our rules and regulations easier to access and understand. It complements other efforts, including the new interactive trout stream fishing map that will be expanded in the future to include all DEC-managed waters.

DEC is also taking this straightforward approach to fisheries management, with improvements on the horizon on the heels of finalizing the Trout Stream Management Plan last year. After listening to anglers across the state, DEC developed a plan that embraces simplicity, recognizes a diverse range of needs, encourages angler participation, and recognizes the value of managing trout streams for self-sustaining populations of wild trout. We are prioritizing habitat management for the continuous improvement of trout fisheries, improving the quality of our stocked fish, and streamlining fishing rules to make sure fishing is accessible to all New Yorkers.

Our state is home to many of the nation's greatest fishing opportunities and we are committed to taking bold action to attract and retain anglers who enjoy and care for our resources.

Basil Seggos, Commissioner

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Conservation

USING THIS GUIDE

This guide contains:

- Statewide Species Regulations
- General Regulations (Definitions, Taking and Possessing of Fish, Methods of Taking Fish, Regulations for Harvested Fish, Purchase and Sale of Fish)
- Baitfish Regulations
- Special Regulations
- Fish Health Advisories

To find regulations for the water/species you are fishing:

- Review the Special Regulations first (pages 8–69).
- If the water you are fishing or the species you are fishing for are not listed in the Special Regulations, then the Statewide Species Regulations (pages 6–7) apply.

Review:

- General Regulations for regulations on how you are allowed to fish and what you can do with your catch including methods for taking and transporting fish.
- Baitfish Regulations for information on the collection and use of baitfish.
- Fish Health Advisories if you plan to consume fish.

If you have any questions or are unsure of any regulations, call or email the nearest DEC Regional Office. Contact information can be found in the Special Regulations section of the guide (pages 8–69).

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHANGES

A new look

The Fishing Regulations Guide has been revised for simpler use. The size of the guide has been reduced so it can easily fit into a tackle box. Additionally, special regulations are now listed alphabetically by individual waters by Region for easier look-up.

Feedback on the format of the Regulations Guide is always welcome. If you have any suggestions, please send an email to fwfish@dec.ny.gov.

Regulation changes

Inland Trout Streams are now regulated by category as follows:

- 1. Statewide inland trout stream regulation:** 5 trout with no more than 2 over 12"
- 2. Wild-Premier:** 1 trout, any size
- 3. Wild Quality:** 3 trout with no more than 1 over 12"
- 4. Stocked-Extended:** 3 trout with no more than 1 over 12"
- 5. Wild and Stocked:** 5 trout with no more than 2 over 12". These streams are not listed in the guide. For a full listing of categorized streams, visit www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/111015.html

A Catch and Release season for inland trout streams has been established. This season runs from Oct 16–Mar 31 and is limited to use of artificial lures only.

Black Bass regulations with a minimum size limit of 10" or any-size have been changed to the 12" statewide minimum size limit.

Trout Stream Management Plan

See back cover for the New York Inland Trout Stream Management Plan.

Statewide Species Regulations

- The following statewide species regulations apply to all fresh waters for which special regulations have not been established. See www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7894.html for fishing regulations in the Marine and Coastal District (page 70).
- Special regulations for specific waters are listed in Special Regulations (pages 8–69).

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON ¹	MINIMUM LENGTH ²	DAILY LIMIT ³
Trout ^{4,5} —except Inland Trout Streams	April 1–Oct 15	None	5
Trout ^{4,5} —Inland Trout Streams (see page 70 for definition)	April 1–Oct 15	5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"	
	Oct 16–Mar 31	Catch and Release ⁵ only	Artificial lures only
Lake Trout	April 1–Oct 15	21"	3
Atlantic Salmon (Landlocked)	April 1–Oct 15	15"	3
Kokanee	April 1–Oct 15	None	10
Coho & Chinook Salmon	See Great Lakes & Tributaries Regulations		
Black Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth)	3rd Sat in June–Nov 30	12"	5
	Dec 1–Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June	Catch and Release ⁶ only	Artificial lures only
Muskellunge	Last Sat in May–Nov 30	40"	1
Northern Pike	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	18"	5
Pickereel	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	15"	5
Tiger Muskellunge	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	30"	1
Walleye	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	15"	5
Crappie (Black and White)	All year	9"	25
Yellow Perch	All year	None	50
Sunfish (Bluegill, Redbreast, and Pumpkinseed Sunfish)	All year	None	50

Statewide Species Regulations

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON ¹	MINIMUM LENGTH ²	DAILY LIMIT ³
Lake Whitefish	All year	None	5
Paddlefish, Sauger	Closed	Fishing for (including Catch and Release ⁵) or possession prohibited	
Striped Bass ^{7,8}	April 1–Nov 30	1 (not less than 18" nor greater than 28")	
American Shad—All inland waters except those listed in special regulations.	All year	None	3
	Possession prohibited in Hudson River and tributaries (page 24)		
Hickory Shad	Aug 1–Nov 30	Any Size	5
American Eel	All year	9"	25
All endangered or threatened fish species (page 72).	Fishing for (including Catch and Release) or possession prohibited		
Snakeheads (all species)	Possession prohibited (see page 72)		
All other species (except those listed in special regulations).	All year	None	Any number

¹ **Open Season** means the time during which fish may be legally taken.

² **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.

³ **Daily Limit**

- A person may not fish for a species (not even Catch and Release) outside of the open 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. Any fish in a vehicle used to access a given water counts towards the number and sizes of fish in possession.

⁴ **Trout** means brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, and hybrids of these species including splake.

⁵ Ice fishing is prohibited in waters inhabited by trout unless specifically allowed.

⁶ **Catch and Release** means catching and immediately releasing the caught fish without harm. See page 72 for Catch and Release regulations.

⁷ A **non-offset (in-line) circle hook** (page 70) is required when fishing for striped bass when using any natural bait (page 70).

⁸ Applies to Hudson River north of George Washington Bridge

Special Regulations

The following pages (9–69) list Special Regulations that deviate from statewide regulations.

- A “–” between dates represents “through” and includes the ending date.
- Waterbodies are listed alphabetically in each section.

The general pattern of the waterbody regulations are as follows:

WATERBODY NAME

(Species)

► (Open Season), **ML**, **DL**,
(Additional regulations if necessary)

Symbol Key

- ML** = Minimum Length
- DL** = Daily Limit
- = Ice fishing permitted (see page 73 for ice fishing regulations). If ice fishing is permitted, it is permitted for any species with an open season for that waterbody.

Example:

GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE

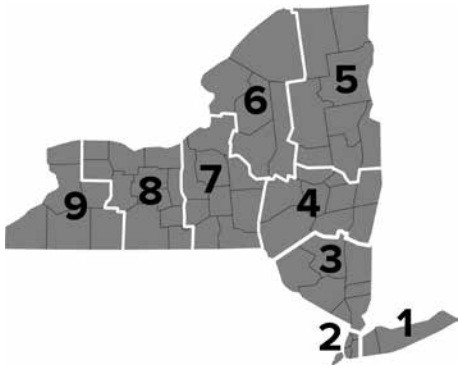
Trout

► All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Ice fishing disclaimer

Lakes and ponds with specific regulations are labeled with the ice fishing symbol (snowflake) shown above. If a lake or pond does not have a snowflake, ice fishing is not permitted. Rivers that specifically allow ice fishing have been labeled with a snowflake. For rivers that are not labeled, ice fishing is not permitted in rivers inhabited by trout.

Special regulations are broken out by region and major fisheries such as Finger Lakes, Great Lakes, and Tidal Hudson River.



To find if the water you are fishing has a special regulation:

- Check the Region where the water you want to fish is located. If you are redirected to another section, go there.
- If the water you want to fish is not listed, then Statewide Species Regulations apply (page 6).

Special regulation sections:

- Region 1-pages 9–10
- Region 2-page 11
- Region 3-pages 12–18
- Region 4-pages 19–23
- Tidal Hudson River-page 24
- Region 5-pages 25–40
- Region 6-pages 41–47
- Region 7-pages 48–52
- Region 8-pages 53–55
- Region 9-pages 56–58
- Finger Lakes and Tributary Regulations-pages 59–61
- Great Lakes Regulations-pages 62–69

REGION 1

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COUNTIES:

NASSAU

SUFFOLK

REGION-WIDE REGULATIONS

ALL WATERS

Crappie

- ▶ All year, **ML-9"**, **DL-15**

Sunfish

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-15**

ALL STREAMS

Brook Trout

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only

COUNTY REGULATIONS

NASSAU COUNTY

ALL WATERS

Pickereel

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

Black Bass

- ▶ 1st Sat in June–April 30, Catch and Release only
- ▶ Fishing for Black Bass is prohibited May 1–Friday preceding the 1st Sat in June

Yellow Perch

- ▶ All year, **ML-8"**, **DL-15**

ALL PONDS AND LAKES

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-3**

SUFFOLK COUNTY

ALL WATERS

Yellow Perch

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-15**

Black Bass

- ▶ 1st Sat in June–Apr 30, **ML-12"**, **DL-5**
- ▶ Dec 1–Mar 15, Catch and Release only
- ▶ Fishing for Black Bass is prohibited May 1–Friday preceding the 1st Sat in June

ALL LAKES AND PONDS EXCEPT AS LISTED IN THE INDIVIDUAL WATERS REGULATIONS ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-3**

ALL TIDAL STREAMS

Rainbow and Brown Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-3**

Region 1 Special Regulations

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

ARTIST LAKE ❄️

Black Bass

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only

BELMONT LAKE

Black Bass

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only

BLYDENBURGH LAKE

Black Bass

- ▶ 1st Sat in June–Nov 30, **ML**-12", **DL**-5
- ▶ Dec 1–June 4, Catch and Release only

DEEP POND ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

Chain Pickerel

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only

EAST (SWAN) LAKE

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, **ML**-10", **DL**-3

FORT POND ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

HARDS LAKE

Brook Trout

- ▶ Catch and Release only

LAKE RONKONKOMA ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

LAUREL LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

RANDALL POND ❄️

Black Bass

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only

INDIVIDUAL RIVER AND STREAM REGULATIONS

CARMANS RIVER (SOUTHAVEN COUNTY PARK)

- From LIPA transmission lines at Gate G upstream to Yaphank Avenue

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, Catch and Release only, Fly fishing only
- From Cement Dam upstream to LIPA transmission lines at Gate G:
 - Brown and Rainbow Trout
 - ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12", Fly fishing only
- From Cement Dam downstream to Hards Lake:

Brown and Rainbow Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-None, **DL**-3

CONNETQUOT RIVER

- Within Connetquot River State Park
 - ▶ State Parks permit required

Trout

- ▶ Park Regulations apply

NISSEQUOGUE RIVER

- Within Caleb Smith State Park
 - ▶ State Parks permit required

Trout

- ▶ Park Regulations apply

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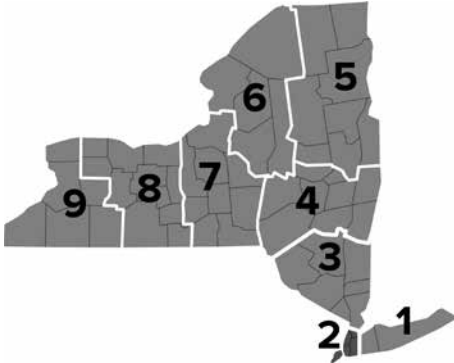
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COUNTIES:

BRONX
KINGS (BROOKLYN)
NEW YORK (MANHATTAN)
QUEENS
RICHMOND (STATEN ISLAND)

INDIVIDUAL WATERS REGULATIONS

The following waters have an **all year Catch and Release regulation for all species** except snakehead (see page 72):

BAISLEY POND

BROOKS LAKE

CENTRAL PARK – ALL WATERS

CLOVE LAKE

CROTONA PARK – INDIAN LAKE

KISSENA LAKE

MEADOW LAKE

OAKLAND LAKE

PROSPECT PARK LAKE

VAN CORTLANDT LAKE

WILLOW LAKE

WILLOWBROOK LAKE

WOLFES POND

Region 3 Special Regulations

REGION 3

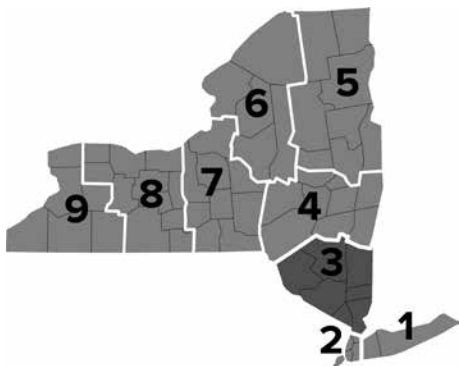
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COUNTIES:

DUTCHESS

ORANGE

PUTNAM

ROCKLAND

SULLIVAN

ULSTER

WESTCHESTER

COUNTY REGULATIONS

ULSTER COUNTY

ALL WATERS EXCEPT HUDSON RIVER

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

ALDER LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Sept 30, **ML-10"**, **DL-3**

AMAWALK RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

ASHOKAN RESERVOIR

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

ASKOTI LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

BASHAKILL MARSH ❄️

Pickereel

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-5**

Black Bass

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-5**

BLUE LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

BOG BROOK RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

BOYD CORNERS RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Region 3 Special Regulations

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

CROSS RIVER RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

CROTON FALLS RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-18"**, **DL-1**

CRYSTAL LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Sept 30, **ML-10"**, **DL-3**

DIVERTING RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

EAST BRANCH RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

ECHO LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Sept 30, **ML-10"**, **DL-3**

GREENWOOD LAKE ❄️

Black Bass

- ▶ 3rd Sat in June–Nov 30, **ML-12"**, **DL-5**
- ▶ Dec 1–Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June, Catch and Release only

Walleye

- ▶ May 1–last day in Feb, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

Pickereel

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-5**

Muskellunge, Tiger Muskellunge

- ▶ All year, **ML-36"**, **DL-1**

Channel Catfish

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-5**

Crappie

- ▶ All year, **ML-8"**, **DL-10**

HESSIAN LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

HODGE POND

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Sept 30, **ML-10"**, **DL-3**

HONK LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

INDIAN LAKE ❄️

- ▶ Fishing prohibited from April 1 to 6 AM on the 3rd Sat in April

Black Bass

- ▶ 3rd Sat in April (6 AM)–Nov 30, **ML-12"**, **DL-6**

Pickereel

- ▶ 3rd Sat in April (6 AM)–Mar 31, **ML-15"**, **DL-6**

KENSICO RESERVOIR

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

Region 3 Special Regulations

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

LAKE GILEAD ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-3

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

LAKE GLENEIDA ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-3

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

LAKE HUNTINGTON ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

LOCH SHELDRAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

MIDDLE BRANCH RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

MONGAUP POND ❄️

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

MORGAN LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-3

MUSCOOT RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

NEVERSINK RESERVOIR

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

Smelt

- ▶ harvest prohibited

NEW CROTON RESERVOIR

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

RIO RESERVOIR

- ▶ Fishing prohibited from Dec 1–Mar 31

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

ROUND LAKE (ORANGE COUNTY) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

ROUNDOUT RESERVOIR

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

SKANNATATI LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

STERLING LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-21", **DL**-1

SWINGING BRIDGE RESERVOIR ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

SYLVAN LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

TITICUS RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

UPTON LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

WALTON LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

WEST BRANCH RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-3

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-18", **DL**-1

WHITE LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

WHITE POND ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

INDIVIDUAL RIVER AND STREAM REGULATIONS

DELAWARE RIVER

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-None, **DL**-1
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

Black Bass

- ▶ 1st Sat after June 11–the Fri preceding 1st Sat after April 11, **ML**-12", **DL**-5
- ▶ 1st Sat after April 11–Fri preceding 1st Sat after June 11, Catch and Release only

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge

- ▶ All year, **ML**-40", **DL**-1

Pickereel

- ▶ All year **ML**-12", **DL**-5

Striped Bass

- ▶ All year, **ML**-28" to 35", **DL**-1
- ▶ A non-offset (in-line) circle hook (page 70) is required when fishing for striped bass when using any natural bait (page 70).

HUDSON RIVER AND ALL TRIBUTARIES TO THE 1ST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH

- See Tidal Hudson River Regulations (page 24).

Region 3 Special Regulations

TROUT STREAM REGULATIONS

Trout stream reaches categorized as Wild or Stocked are managed using statewide trout stream regulations (page 6). Regulations for other categorized stream reaches are listed below.

** Asterisk represents streams with more than 1 management category.*

STOCKED-EXTENDED

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL-3** with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

BEAVER KILL

- From the Delaware-Sullivan county line downstream of Roscoe upstream to the Delaware-Sullivan county line upstream of Roscoe
- From the downstream end of the Beaver Kill Campground upstream to 0.5 mile upstream of the Beaver Kill covered bridge at the Beaver Kill Campground

CALICOON CREEK NORTH BRANCH*

- From the confluence with Callicoon Creek upstream to Gossweyler Pond
- See Wild-Quality for additional reach.

EAST BRANCH CROTON RIVER

- From confluence with West Branch Croton River upstream to Diverting Reservoir Dam
- From Diverting Reservoir upstream to East Branch Reservoir Dam

NEVERSINK RIVER*

- From the Guymard Tpke crossing upstream to the Sullivan-Orange county line

- From 1.0 mile downstream of Bridgeville Rd. upstream to Wynkoop Brook
- See Catch and Release for additional reach.

RAMAPO RIVER

- From the downstream end of H. Pierson Mapes Flat Rock County Park upstream to Arden Valley Rd.

WAPPINGERS CREEK*

- From New Hackensack Rd. Bridge in Red Oaks Mill upstream to East Branch Wappingers Creek in Hibernia
- See Wild-Quality for additional reach.

WILLOWEMOC CREEK*

- From the confluence with the Beaver Kill upstream to the second Rte. 17 Quickway Bridge east of Roscoe
- From 1200 feet upstream of the confluence with Elm Hollow Brook upstream to Parkston Rd. Bridge
- From the downstream end of the Willowemoc Wild Forest upstream to the confluence with Fir Brook
- See Catch and Release for additional reach.

WILD-QUALITY

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL-3** with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

AMAWALK OUTLET (MUSCOOT RIVER)

- From Muscoot Reservoir upstream to Amawalk Reservoir

BEER KILL WEST BRANCH

- From the confluence with Beer Kill upstream to Windsor Lake

Region 3 Special Regulations

CALLICOON CREEK NORTH BRANCH*

- From Gossweyer Pond upstream to the 1st Lower Weissman Rd. bridge crossing
- See Stocked-Extended for additional reach.

CEDAR POND BROOK

- From the Pyngyp Rd./Rte. 210 intersection upstream to Cedar Flats Rd./Rte. 210 intersection

ESOPUS CREEK

- From Ashokan Reservoir upstream to confluence with Lost Clove Creek

MONGAUP CREEK

- From confluence with Willowemoc Creek upstream to confluence with the tributary immediately south of the Catskill Fish Hatchery
- Additional regulation from the confluence with Willowemoc Creek upstream to Mongaup Pond
 - ▶ The use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

ROCHESTER CREEK

- From the confluence with Rondout Creek upstream to confluence with Mettakahonts Creek

RONDOUT CREEK

- From confluence with Sundown Creek upstream to upstream-most crossing of County Rte. 42

WAPPINGERS CREEK*

- From 0.75 mile downstream of Jameson Hill Rd. Bridge in Clinton Corners upstream to Hunts Lake Creek in Stanfordville
- See Stocked-Extended for additional reach.

WEST BRANCH CROTON RIVER

- From Croton Falls Reservoir upstream to West Branch Reservoir Dam

CATCH AND RELEASE

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

NEVERSINK RIVER*

- Neversink River and tributaries within the Neversink River Unique Area and owned by the people of the State of New York situated in the Towns of Thompson and Forestburgh and abutting that reach of the Neversink River from the Sullivan-Orange county line upstream to its confluence with Mercer Brook, except any portion thereof where the right to fish is privately owned.
- See Stocked-Extended for additional reaches.

WEST BRANCH CROTON RIVER

- From confluence with East Branch Croton River upstream to Croton Falls Reservoir Dam

WILLOWEMOC CREEK

- From the second Rte. 17 Quickway Bridge east of Roscoe upstream 3.5 miles to 1200 feet upstream of the confluence with Elm Hollow Brook
- See Stocked-Extended for additional reaches.

WATERS WHERE SNATCHING IS PERMITTED

The taking of fish by snatching, but not blind snatching (see page 70), is permitted from Jan 1–Mar 15 only as follows:

- In Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties, suckers may be taken from any stream.

WATERS WHERE SPEARFISHING IS PERMITTED

The taking of fish by spear (not spear gun) is permitted only as follows:

- In Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties, suckers may be taken in any stream from Jan 1–May 15

REGION 4

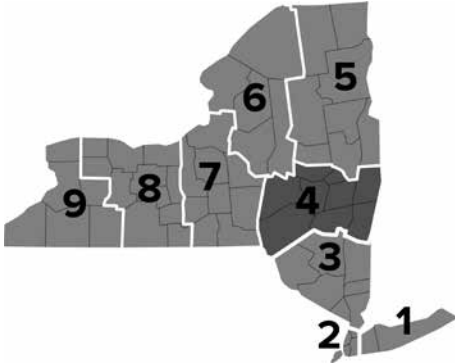
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COUNTIES:

ALBANY
COLUMBIA
DELAWARE
GREENE
MONTGOMERY
OTSEGO
RENSSELAER
SCHENECTADY
SCHOHARIE

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

ARNOLD LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, ML-12", DL-3

BEARDSLEY LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, ML-2", DL-3

BIG POND ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, ML-12", DL-3

CANADARAGO LAKE ❄️

Yellow Perch

- ▶ All year, ML-None, DL-25

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, ML-18", DL-3

CANNONVILLE RESERVOIR

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, ML-12", DL-3

COLGATE LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, ML-9", DL-3

EAST SIDNEY RESERVOIR ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, ML-18", DL-3

GILBERT LAKE

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, ML-12", DL-3

GLASS LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, ML-12", DL-3

Region 4 Special Regulations

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

GOODYEAR LAKE ❄️

Yellow Perch

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-25
- Sunfish
- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-25

GREENS LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

HOLDING POND

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-10", **DL**-3

HUGGINS LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-12", **DL**-2, Artificial lures only

LITTLE POND ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

LONG POND (RENSSELAER COUNTY) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

MALLET POND ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

MUD POND (TOWN OF COLCHESTER)

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

OTSEGO LAKE ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-23", **DL**-1

PEPACTON RESERVOIR

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Sept 30, **ML**-15", **DL**-2 fish to include only 1 over 21"

QUEECHY LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

SCHOHARIE RESERVOIR

- ▶ NYCDEP Access Permit required

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

SECOND POND (RENSSELAER COUNTY) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

SHAVER POND ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

TAGHKANIC LAKE ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

THOMPSONS LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

TOMHANNOCK RESERVOIR ❄️

- ▶ Ice Fishing Season Jan 1–Mar 15, daylight hours only.
- ▶ City of Troy Access Permit required.

TROUT POND (CABLES LAKE)

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-12", **DL**-2, Artificial lures only

INDIVIDUAL RIVER AND STREAM REGULATIONS

DELAWARE RIVER

- From Sullivan county line upstream to confluence with East and West Branches in Hancock:

Black Bass

- ▶ 1st Sat after June 11—the Fri preceding 1st Sat after April 11, **ML**-12", **DL**-5
- ▶ 1st Sat after April 11—Fri preceding 1st Sat after June 11, Catch and Release only

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May—Mar 14, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge

- ▶ All year, **ML**-40", **DL**-1

Pickereel

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-5

Striped Bass

- ▶ All year, **ML**-28" to 35", **DL**-1
- ▶ A non-offset (in-line) circle hook (page 70) is required when fishing for striped bass when using any natural bait (page 70).

Anadromous River Herring (Alewife and Blueback Herring)

- ▶ Possession prohibited

- From bridge in Lordville downstream:

Trout

- ▶ April 1—Oct 15, **ML**-None, **DL**-1
- ▶ Oct 16—Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

- From bridge in Lordville upstream to confluence with East and West Branches in Hancock:

Trout

- ▶ See Trout Stream Regulations

HUDSON RIVER

- Tidal Hudson River
 - ▶ See Tidal Hudson River Regulations (page 24)
- From Troy Dam upstream to Bakers Falls in the Village of Hudson Falls and tributaries in this section to 1st barrier impassable by fish:
 - ▶ All Species, All year, Catch and Release fishing only
- Upstream of Lock C4 and its associated dam, near Stillwater, NY:
 - ▶ Use or possession of alewife or blueback herring prohibited

MOHAWK RIVER BELOW RTE. 32 BRIDGE

All Species

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release fishing only. All fish shall be returned to the water immediately

WEST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER FORMING PA/NY BORDER

Black Bass

- ▶ 1st Sat after June 11—the Fri preceding 1st Sat after April 11, **ML**-12", **DL**-5
- ▶ 1st Sat after April 11—Fri preceding 1st Sat after June 11, Catch and Release only

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May—Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge

- ▶ All year, **ML**-40", **DL**-1

Pickereel

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-5

Striped Bass

- ▶ All year, **ML**-28" to 35", **DL**-1
- ▶ A non-offset (in-line) circle hook (page 70) is required when fishing for striped bass when using any natural bait (page 70).

Region 4 Special Regulations

TROUT STREAM REGULATIONS

Trout stream reaches categorized as Wild or Stocked are managed using statewide trout stream regulations (page 6). Regulations for other categorized stream reaches are listed below.

** Asterisk represents streams with more than 1 management category.*

STOCKED-EXTENDED

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

BEAVER KILL*

- From 1 mile upstream of Iron Bridge at Horton upstream to the old railroad trestle 2.5 miles downstream of the Sullivan county line
- From the 1st Sullivan county line crossing upstream of Roscoe upstream to the Rte. 206 bridge
- See Catch and Release for additional reaches.

CATSKILL CREEK

- From confluence with Basic Creek in Freehold upstream to the confluence with Fox Creek in Preston Hollow

KINDERHOOK CREEK

- From I-90 upstream to confluence with East Creek south of Rte. 43 in Stephentown

WEST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER*

- From East Brook in Walton upstream 35.5 miles to Town Brook in Hobart
- See Wild-Premier and Catch and Release for additional reaches.

WILD-QUALITY

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

BATAVIA KILL (DELAWARE COUNTY)

- From confluence with East Branch Delaware River upstream to source

BUSHKILL

- From confluence with Dry Brook upstream to confluence with Emory Brook and Vly Creek

BUSHNELLSVILLE CREEK

- From Greene-Ulster county line upstream to source

EAST BROOK

- From confluence with West Branch Delaware River upstream to source

EAST CREEK (A.K.A. KINDERHOOK CREEK)

- From confluence with Kinderhook Creek south of Rte. 43 in Stephentown upstream to state line

EMORY BROOK

- From confluence with Bush Kill upstream to source

LITTLE HOOSIC RIVER

- From confluence with Hoosic River upstream to source

PANTHER CREEK

- From Rte. 4 in West Fulton upstream to source

RUSSELL BROOK

- From confluence with Beaver Kill upstream to source

WILD-PREMIER

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-None, **DL**-1
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

DELAWARE RIVER

- From bridge in Lordville upstream to confluence with West and East Branches of Delaware River

EAST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER

- From confluence with West Branch Delaware River upstream to Rte. 206/30 bridge in Downs ville

WEST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER*

- From the confluence with East Branch Delaware River upstream to 2 miles downstream of the Rte. 17 bridge at Deposit
- From Rte. 17 bridge at Deposit upstream to Stilesville Weir
- See Stocked-Extended and Catch and Release for additional reaches.

CATCH AND RELEASE

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

BEAVER KILL*

- From 1.6 miles downstream of Iron Bridge at Horton upstream to 1 mile upstream of Iron Bridge at Horton except additional restriction below:
 - ▶ From Iron Bridge at Horton downstream to 1st Rte. 17 overpass
 - Angling prohibited from July 1–Aug 31 to protect thermally stressed trout.
- From the Sullivan county line downstream of Roscoe downstream 2.5 miles to the old railroad trestle

- See Stocked-Extended for additional reaches.

WEST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER*

- From Rte. 17 bridge at Deposit downstream 2 miles
- See Stocked-Extended and Wild-Premier for additional reaches.

WATERS WHERE SNATCHING IS PERMITTED

The taking of fish by snatching, but not blind snatching (see page 70), is permitted from Jan 1–Mar 15 only as follows:

- 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.

WATERS WHERE SPEARFISHING IS PERMITTED

The taking of fish by spear (not spear gun) is permitted only as follows:

- In Montgomery County, suckers may be taken from Jan 1–May 15 from Evas Kill, Flat Creek, Canajoharie Creek from the mouth to the dam 0.5 mile above the mouth, and Caroga Creek.
- In Otsego County, suckers may be taken from Jan 1–May 15 from Herkimer Creek, Hyder Creek, Trout (Mink) Creek, Hayden Creek from mouth to the Shipman Pond Dam, Shadow Brook, Sand Hill Creek from the mouth to Rte. 7 bridge, Otsego Creek from the mouth to Rte. 7 bridge, and Mill Creek from the mouth to Rte. 7 bridge.

Tidal Hudson River Regulations

TIDAL HUDSON RIVER AND ALL TRIBUTARIES TO THE 1ST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH

Black Bass

- ▶ 3rd Sat in June–Nov 30, **ML**-15", **DL**-5
- From the George Washington Bridge to the Troy Dam and all tributaries upstream to the 1st barrier impassable by fish

Striped Bass

- ▶ Statewide species seasons and limits (page 7) apply north of the George Washington Bridge

American Shad

- ▶ Fishing for or possession prohibited.
- From the Battery to the Troy Dam and all tributaries upstream to the 1st barrier impassable by fish:

American Eel

- ▶ All year, **ML**-9"–14" only may be possessed for bait, **DL**-25
- ▶ No eels may be possessed for food.

Taking of anadromous river herring with personal use nets

- ▶ No person shall take anadromous river herring with a net within Hudson River tributaries and embayments. Prior to entering a Hudson River tributary or embayment, all personal use nets must be stowed in a secured container on deck or in a container below deck.
- ▶ No person shall take anadromous river herring from the Hudson River:
 - with more than one net when taking with a scap or dip net;
 - with a dip net exceeding 14 inches in diameter if it is round form or exceeding 13 inches by 13 inches if it is square form;
 - with a scap or lift net exceeding 16 square feet;
 - with a seine net exceeding 36 square feet; or with a cast net exceeding 10 feet in diameter.

HUDSON RIVER ANADROMOUS RIVER HERRING REGULATIONS			
Location	Open Season	Daily Possession Limit	Manner of Taking
Hudson River tributaries and embayments, including Mohawk River (see Mohawk River exception on page 33).	Mar 15–June 15	10 per angler, OR a maximum boat limit of 50 per day for a group of boat anglers, whichever is lower	Angling only
Main stem of the Hudson River from Lock 1 near Waterford, NY south to the George Washington Bridge	Mar 15–June 15	10 per angler, OR a maximum boat limit of 50 per day for a group of boat anglers, whichever is lower	Angling or by personal use nets

REGION 5

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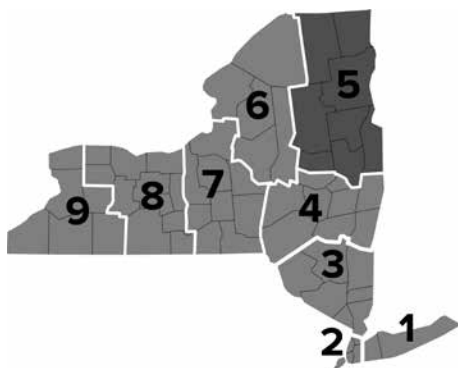
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COUNTIES:

CLINTON
ESSEX
FRANKLIN
FULTON
HAMILTON
SARATOGA
WARREN
WASHINGTON

COUNTY REGULATIONS

FRANKLIN COUNTY

ALL WATERS

Black Bass

- ▶ 3rd Sat in June–Nov 30, **ML**-12", **DL**-5
- ▶ Fishing for Black Bass (including catch & release) is prohibited outside of the open season.

HAMILTON COUNTY

ALL WATERS IN EXCEPT FOURTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN

Black Bass

- ▶ 3rd Sat in June–Nov 30, **ML**-12", **DL**-5
- ▶ Fishing for Black Bass (including catch & release) is prohibited outside of the open season.

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

BIG FISH POND

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

BIGSBY POND ❄️

- ▶ Fishing prohibited Oct 16–Mar 31

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-15", **DL**-3, Maximum of 3 ice-fishing lines allowed

BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-2

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

Region 5 Special Regulations

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

BRANT LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

BRANT LAKE MILL POND ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

CANADA LAKE ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-3

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

CHAZY LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-3

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

CONNERY POND (TOWN OF NORTH ELBA) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

COPPERAS POND ❄️

- ▶ Fishing prohibited Oct 16–Mar 31
- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-15", **DL**-3
- ▶ Maximum of 3 ice-fishing lines allowed

CRANE POND ❄️

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

EAGLE LAKE (ESSEX COUNTY) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

EAGLE LAKE (HAMILTON COUNTY) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-2

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

EAST CAROGA LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

FAWN LAKE (TOWN OF LAKE PLEASANT) ❄️

- ▶ Fishing prohibited Oct 16–Mar 31

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3
- ▶ Maximum of 3 ice-fishing lines allowed

FIRST LAKE OF ESSEX CHAIN

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

FORKED LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-2

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

Region 5 Special Regulations

FOURTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-9"**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

Black Bass

- ▶ Statewide seasons and limits apply

GILMAN LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-2**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

GLEN LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

GREEN LAKE (FULTON COUNTY)

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

HARRIS LAKE

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

HOOR POND

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**, Artificial lures only

INDIAN LAKE (TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-2**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

JABE POND

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**, Artificial lures only

KIWASSA LAKE ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

KYSER LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

LAKE ABANAKEE (TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-3**

Region 5 Special Regulations

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

LAKE CHAMPLAIN AND TRIBUTARIES TO THE 1ST BARRIER ❄️

- ▶ No more than 2 lines per person. Each fishing line may have no more than 2 baited hooks or 2 artificial lures, with or without added natural bait.
- ▶ No more than 15 ice-fishing lines may be used for ice fishing from Nov 15–April 30.

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-2

Black Bass

- ▶ 2nd Sat in June–Nov 30, **ML**-10", **DL**-5
- ▶ Dec 1–the Fri preceding the 2nd Sat in June, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

Sauger

- ▶ Possession prohibited

Northern Pike

- ▶ All year, **ML**-20", **DL**-5

Muskellunge

- ▶ Last Sat in May–Nov 30, **ML**-40", **DL**-1

Pickereel

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-10

Crappie

- ▶ All year, **ML**-8", **DL**-25

Yellow Perch

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-Any number

Sunfish

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-Any number

LAKE CLEAR (FRANKLIN COUNTY) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

LAKE COLBY ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

LAKE EATON ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-2

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

LAKE GEORGE ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-23", **DL**-2

Landlocked Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-18", **DL**-2

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Smelt

- ▶ May 16–Mar 31, **ML**-None, **DL**-25
- ▶ April 1–May 15, Use or possession prohibited
- ▶ Dip netting for smelt is prohibited

LAKE KUSHAQUA ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-3

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LAKE LILA

- Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Lake Trout

- April 1–Oct 15, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

LAKE LUZERNE ❄️

Trout

- All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

LAKE PLACID

Lake Trout

- April 1–Oct 15, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

LAKE PLEASANT ❄️

Trout

- All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

Atlantic Salmon

- All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

Walleye

- 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

LEWEY LAKE ❄️

Trout

- All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-2**

Atlantic Salmon

- All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

LIMEKILN LAKE ❄️

Trout

- All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

LITTLE CLEAR POND AND TRIBUTARIES

- Fishing prohibited to protect hatchery brood stock.

LITTLE FISH POND

- Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Lake Trout

- April 1–Oct 15, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

LITTLE GREEN POND AND TRIBUTARIES

- Fishing prohibited to protect hatchery brood stock.

LITTLE JABE POND

- Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- April 1–Oct 15, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**, Artificial lures only

LITTLE TUPPER LAKE

- Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- April 1–Oct 15, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

LITTLE WOLF POND ❄️

Walleye

- 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

LOWER CASCADE LAKE

- Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Round Whitefish

- Possession prohibited

MEACHAM LAKE ❄️

Trout

- All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

Atlantic Salmon

- All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

MIRROR LAKE

Lake Trout

- April 1–Oct 15, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

MOOSE POND (TOWN OF ST. ARMAND)

- Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Lake Trout

- April 1–Oct 15, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

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MOREAU LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

MOUNTAIN POND (TOWN OF BRIGHTON)

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

NORTHVILLE POND ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

PALMER POND (WARREN COUNTY)

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

PARADOX LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-3

PEAKED MOUNTAIN POND

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-12", **DL**-3, Artificial lures only

PHARAOH LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

PISECO LAKE ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-2

PUTNAM POND ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

RAQUETTE LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-2

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

ROCK POND (HAMILTON COUNTY)

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

ROLLINS POND ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-3

ROUND LAKE TO THE BOUNDARY WITH LITTLE TUPPER LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Brook Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-12", **DL**-3, Artificial lures only

SACANDAGA LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

SAGAMORE LAKE

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

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SARATOGA LAKE ❄️

Sunfish

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-15

SCHROON LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-18", **DL**-2

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

SEVENTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

SIXTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

SOUTH POND (HAMILTON COUNTY) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-2

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

ST. REGIS FALLS IMPOUNDMENT ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

ST. REGIS POND

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

THIRTEENTH LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

TROUT LAKE (WARREN COUNTY) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

TUPPER LAKE ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-3

UPPER CASCADE LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Round Whitefish

- ▶ Possession prohibited

UPPER CHATEAUGAY LAKE ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-3

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

UPPER SARANAC LAKE ❄️

- ▶ Maximum of 3 ice-fishing lines allowed

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-23", **DL**-3

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UTOWANA LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-2

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

WEST CAROGA LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

WEST LAKE (FULTON COUNTY) ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-21", **DL**-3

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

INDIVIDUAL RIVER AND STREAM REGULATIONS

AUSABLE RIVER

- From the marked boundary 800 feet west of the 1st road bridge upstream from Lake Champlain upstream to Rainbow Falls:
 - ▶ Angling from boats prohibited.
- From D&H Railroad bridge upstream to Rainbow Falls except as listed 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).
 - No supplemental weight, such as metal leaders, sinkers, split shot, twist-ons, or swivels may be attached to line, leader, or hook.

- Ausable Boat Basin at the mouth of Ausable Chasm between posted boundaries:

- ▶ Fishing prohibited

BRANT LAKE OUTLET ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

BOQUET RIVER

- From mouth upstream to Wadhams Falls except as listed 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 as follows:
 - with unweighted artificial flies
 - unweighted natural baits only (see definitions)
 - No supplement weight, such as metal leaders, sinkers, split shot, twist-ons, or swivels may be attached to line, leader, or hook.
- From the Rte. 22 bridge in Willsboro downstream approximately 1500 feet to the marked boundary at the base of the cascades:
 - ▶ Fishing prohibited

CHARLEY POND OUTLET (WITHIN W.C. WHITNEY AREA)

- ▶ Fishing prohibited July 1–Sept 15

FISH CREEK ❄️

- From Saratoga Lake downstream to the old railroad crossing between Staffords and Bryants bridges:

Sunfish

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-15

GREAT CHAZY RIVER

- From Rte. 9B at Coopersville upstream to Perrys Mills Dam:
 - ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

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GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE TRIBUTARIES (EXCEPT SACANDAGA RIVER)

- From the stream mouth to 1st highway bridge:
 - ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

HUDSON RIVER

- From Troy Dam upstream to Bakers Falls in the Village of Hudson Falls and tributaries in this section to 1st barrier impassable by fish:
 - ▶ Baitfish listed on Baitfish Regulations may be possessed for use as fish bait.
 - ▶ Use of tip-ups is permitted
- All Species
- ▶ All year, Catch and Release fishing only

KAYADEROSSERAS CREEK

- From Saratoga Lake upstream to 1st railroad bridge:
 - ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

LACHUTE RIVER (LAKE GEORGE OUTLET)

- From mouth upstream to Lake George:
 - ▶ Lake Champlain Regulations apply

LAKE GEORGE TRIBUTARIES ❄️

- From Lake George upstream to 1st barrier impassable by fish:
 - ▶ Oct 1–Mar 31, Fishing prohibited
 - ▶ Apr 1–May 15, Fishing prohibited between 10 PM and 5 AM

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Sept 30, **ML**-23", **DL**-2

Landlocked Salmon

- ▶ April 1–Sept 30, **ML**-18", **DL**-2

Smelt

- ▶ May 16–Mar 31, **ML**-None, **DL**-25
- ▶ April 1–May 15, Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited
- ▶ Dip-netting for smelt is prohibited

LAKE PLEASANT OUTLET

- From Lake Pleasant downstream to mouth of the Kunjamuk River:
 - ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

LAKE PLEASANT TRIBUTARIES ❄️

- ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

MILL BROOK (PORT HENRY)

- From Lake Champlain upstream to falls west of Rte. 22:
 - ▶ Fishing prohibited from Oct 1–Dec 31

MOHAWK RIVER

- From confluence with Hudson River upstream to Rte. 32 bridge:
 - All Species
 - ▶ All year, Catch and Release fishing only. All fish shall be returned to the water immediately.
 - ▶ Baitfish listed on Baitfish Regulations may be possessed for use as fish bait.
 - ▶ Use of tip-ups is permitted.
- From Lock 2 to Guard Gate 2 (Waterford Flight):
 - ▶ Use or possession of alewife or blueback herring is prohibited

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NORTH BRANCH BOQUET AND TRIBUTARIES

- From mouth to 1st upstream barrier
 - ▶ From June 15–Sept 30
 - Maximum hook gap 1/2 inch.
 - Fishing prohibited from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.
 - Fishing permitted as follows:
 - with unweighted artificial flies
 - unweighted natural baits only (see definitions)
 - No supplemental weight, such as metal leaders, sinkers, split shot, twist-ons, or swivels may be attached to line, leader, or hook.
 - ▶ Fishing prohibited from Oct 1–Dec 31

SACANDAGA LAKE OUTLET ❄️

- ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

SACANDAGA LAKE TRIBUTARIES ❄️

- ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

SACANDAGA RIVER

- From Bridge St. in Northville upstream to the first crossing of Rte. 30:
 - ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

SARANAC RIVER

- From Catherine St. Bridge upstream to Imperial Dam:
 - ▶ 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 as follows:
 - with unweighted artificial flies,

- unweighted natural baits only (see definitions),
- floating lures with one free-swinging hook.
- No supplemental weight, such as metal leaders, sinkers, split shot, twist-ons, or swivels may be attached to line, leader, or hook.
- From Hough Brook at Union Falls Flow upstream to Franklin Falls Flow Dam
 - ▶ Fishing is prohibited from Mar 1-May 15

SCHROON RIVER

- From Starbuckville Dam downstream:

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-3**

Trout

- ▶ See Stocked-Extended

- From Starbuckville Dam upstream to Schroon Lake: ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-18"**, **DL-2**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

- From Schroon Lake upstream to Alder Meadow Rd. ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-18"**, **DL-2**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-5"**, **DL-3**

INDIVIDUAL RIVER AND STREAM REGULATIONS

THIRTEENTH LAKE OUTLET

- From Thirteenth Lake downstream to dam at Thirteenth Lake Rd.:
 - Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited
- Trout
 - April 1–Nov 30, **ML**-None, **DL**-5
- Atlantic Salmon
 - April 1–Nov 30, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

TROUT STREAM REGULATIONS

Trout stream reaches categorized as Wild or Stocked are managed using statewide trout stream regulations (page 6). Regulations for other categorized stream reaches are listed below.

**Asterisk represents streams with more than 1 management category.*

STOCKED-EXTENDED

REGULATIONS

Trout

- April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

BATTENKILL*

- From confluence with Whittaker Brook upstream to Rexleigh Bridge
- From County Rte. 61 bridge in Shushan upstream to County Rte. 64 bridge
- See Wild-Quality and Catch and Release for additional reaches.

CAYADUTTA CREEK

- From foot path bridge off of W. Montgomery St. upstream to Co. Highway 122

CHATEAUGAY RIVER

- From end of posted Public Fishing Rights 1 mile from US/Canada border upstream to 1.0 mile upstream of the Marble River confluence
- From the Chasm Dam impoundment upstream to High Falls Dam

HUDSON RIVER

- From the confluence of Raymond Brook upstream to the confluence with Thirteenth Brook

KAYADEROSSERAS CREEK

- From Galway Rd. upstream to 0.5 mile upstream of crossing at intersection of N. Creek Rd. and Squashville Rd.

METTAWEE RIVER

- From Lower Turnpike Bridge in North Granville upstream to Vermont state line

NORTH BRANCH GREAT CHAZY RIVER

- From confluence with Great Chazy River upstream to Lake Roxanne Rd. in Ellenburg Depot

SARANAC RIVER*

- From 1500 ft east of Pup Hill Rd. Bridge crossing upstream to the marked boundary 100 yards upstream of its confluence with the North Branch Saranac River
- See Catch and Release for additional reach.

SALMON RIVER (FRANKLIN COUNTY)*

- From Rte. 37 Bridge in Westville Center upstream to Flat Rock Rd. Bridge
- From 200 yds. downstream of Cargin Rd. Bridge upstream to Lamica Lake Dam
- See Catch and Release for additional reach.

SCHROON RIVER

- From Bolton Landing-Riverbank Rd. upstream to Starbuckville Dam

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WEST BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER*

- From confluence with East Branch Ausable River upstream to the Rte. 86 bridge at the flume
- From the Whiteface Ski Center bridge upstream to the DEC sign 2.2 miles downstream of Monument Falls
- See Catch and Release for additional reach.

WILD-QUALITY

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

BATTENKILL*

- From County Rte. 64 bridge upstream to covered bridge in Eagleville
- See Stocked-Extended and Catch and Release for additional reaches.

TRUE BROOK

- From confluence with Saranac River upstream to Smithkill Brook (0.8 mile west of Number 37 Rd.)

CATCH AND RELEASE

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

BATTENKILL*

- From covered bridge at Eagleville upstream to Vermont state line
- See Stocked-Extended and Wild-Quality for additional reaches.

ROCK POND OUTLET STREAM BETWEEN ROCK POND & LITTLE TUPPER LAKE

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only.
- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

SARANAC RIVER*

- From the Millstone Monument located at the intersection of Sand Rd. and NYS Rte. 22B in Morrisonville upstream to Kent Falls Dam
- From marked boundary 100 yards upstream of its confluence with the North Branch Saranac River upstream 1.4 miles to Stord Brook
- See Stocked-Extended for additional reach.

SALMON RIVER (FRANKLIN COUNTY*)

- From Flat Rock Rd. Bridge upstream to 200 yards downstream of the Cargin Rd. Bridge
- See Stocked-Extended for additional reach.

WEST BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER*

- From the Rte. 86 bridge at the flume upstream to the Whiteface Ski Center bridge
- From DEC sign 2.2 miles downstream of Monument Falls upstream to confluence with Holcomb Pond Outlet
- See Stocked-Extended for additional reach.

WATERS WHERE SNATCHING IS PERMITTED

The taking of fish by snatching, but not blind snatching (see page 70), is permitted from Jan 1–Mar 15 only as follows:

- 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 the 1st barrier, or tributaries to Lake Champlain and Lake George upstream to the 1st barrier.

WATERS WHERE SPEARFISHING IS PERMITTED

The taking of fish by spear (not spear gun) is permitted only as follows:

- In Clinton County, bowfin, burbot, carp, freshwater drum, gar, redhorse, and suckers may be taken from Mar 20–Sept 30 from Corbeau Creek and Scomotion Creek from the mouth upstream to Beekmantown town line.
- In Lake Champlain, bowfin, burbot, carp, freshwater drum, gar, redhorse, and suckers may be taken from Mar 20–Sept 30.
- In Franklin County, bowfin, burbot, carp, freshwater drum, gar, redhorse, and suckers may be taken from Mar 20–Sept 30 from Big Salmon River from Canada upstream to the Rte. 37 bridge in Fort Covington, Lawrence Brook from the county line upstream to County Rte. 6 west of Moira, Little Salmon River from the 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 the dam at Hogansburg, and Farrington Brook from the mouth upstream to U.S. Rte. 11.
- In the Hudson River, carp and suckers may be taken from Mar 20–Sept 30 from Bakers Falls in the Village of Hudson Falls upstream to the confluence of Stony Creek in Warren County.

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BAITFISH PROHIBITED WATERS

Use of baitfish is prohibited in the following waters and Units:

CLINTON COUNTY

TOWN OF BLACK BROOK

- Cranberry Pond
- Mud Pond (*2 miles southwest of Riverview*)
- Mud Pond

TOWN OF DANNEMORA

- Mud Pond

ESSEX COUNTY

- Giant Mountain Wilderness
- High Peaks Wilderness
- Hoffman Notch Wilderness
- Hudson Gorge Wilderness Area (*except Hudson River*)
- McKenzie Mountain Wilderness (*except West Branch of Ausable River*)
- Pharaoh Lake Wilderness
- Sentinel Range Wilderness (*except East Branch of Ausable River*)

TOWN OF JAY

- Clements Pond

TOWN OF MINERVA

- Barnes Pond
- Black Pond
- Center Pond
- Clear Pond
- Corner Pond
- Deer Pond

- First, Second, Third & Fourth Lakes of Essex Chain
- Hewitt Pond
- Jackson Pond
- Mud Pond (*north of Clear Pond*)
- Mud Pond (*north of Third Lake in Essex Chain*)
- Nate Pond
- Pine Lake
- Rankin Pond
- Little Rankin Pond
- Sherman Pond
- Stony Pond
- Twenty Ninth Pond

TOWN OF NEWCOMB

- Beaver Pond (*south of Lake Andrew*)
- Cheney Pond (*northwest of Split Rock Lake*)
- Chub Pond
- Clear Pond
- Fifth Lake Essex Chain
- Eighth Lake Essex Chain
- Jackson Pond
- Lake Andrew
- Mud Pond (*north of Clear Pond*)
- Newcomb Lake (*including Upper and Lower Duck Hole*)
- Seventh Lake Essex Chain
- Sixth Lake Essex Chain
- Unnamed Pond (*north of LeClaire Brook*)
- Upper & Lower Preston Ponds
- Henderson Lake

TOWN OF NORTH ELBA

- Big Cherry Patch Pond
- Cameras Pond
- McKenzie Pond
- Tom Peck Pond
- Upper & Lower Preston Ponds

TOWN OF NORTH HUDSON

- Bass Lake
- Bloody Pond
- Boreas Pond
- Challis Pond
- Courtney Pond
- Deer Pond
- Howard Pond
- Moose Mountain Pond
- Triangle Pond
- Lower Twin Pond
- Upper Twin Pond
- White Lily Pond

TOWN OF ST. ARMAND

- Moose Pond

TOWN OF SCHROON

- Cotters Pond

TOWN OF WILLMINGTON

- Morgan Pond (*Cooperkill*)

TOWN OF MORIAH

- Goose Puddle
- Trout Pond

FRANKLIN COUNTY

- St. Regis Canoe Area
- High Peaks Wilderness (*except Raquette River and Saranac River*)

TOWN OF BELLMONT

- Drain Pond

TOWN OF BRIGHTON

- Barnum Pond
- Black Pond (*on Visitors Interpretive Center Property*)

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- Long Pond (*north of Black Pond*)
- Loon Pond
- Lost Pond (*0.4 mile 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
- Winnebago Pond

TOWN OF FRANKLIN

- Fishhole Pond
- Hope Pond
- Little Hope Pond
- No Hope Pond (*300 feet north of Hope Pond*)

TOWN OF

HARRIETSTOWN

- Bear Pond
- Meadow Pond (*0.5 mile northwest of Lake Clear*)
- Panther Pond
- Porkchop Pond (*0.6 mile east of Upper Saranac Lake*)
- St. Germain Pond (*0.5 mile north of Lake Clear*)

TOWN OF MALONE

- Malone Village Ice Pond

TOWN OF TUPPER LAKE

- Rag Pond (*200 feet north of West Pine Pond*)
- West Pine Pond

TOWN OF SANTA CLARA

- Bad News Pond (*1,000 feet northwest of Polliwog Pond*)
- Black Pond (*between Square Pond and Whey Pond*)
- Duck or Echo Pond
- Duell Pond (*0.25 mile south of Little Green Pond*)
- East Copperas Pond
- Federation Pond (*0.25 mile southeast of East Pine Pond*)
- Frog Pond (*650 feet north of Polliwog Pond*)
- Grass Pond (*1.25 mile northeast of Benz Pond*)
- Little Black Pond (*between Black and Square ponds*)
- Green Pond (*north of Follensby Clear Pond*)
- Horseshoe Pond
- Little Polliwog Pond
- Madawaska Pond
- Polliwog Pond
- Rat Pond
- Sunday Pond (*southeast of Rat Pond*)
- Sunrise Pond (*east of Follensby Clear Pond*)
- Track Pond (*0.75 mile northeast of Floodwood Pond*)
- Twelfth Tee or Gordon Pond (*400 feet north of Green Pond*)
- Whey Pond

TOWN OF WAVERLY

- Balsam Pond (*2 miles west of Duck Pond*)
- Benz Pond
- Little Clear Pond
- Long Pond

FULTON COUNTY

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

- Conglin Lakes
- Fourth Lake
- Goose Egg Lake
- House Pond
- Knapps Long Lake
- Long Pond
- Third Lake

HAMILTON COUNTY

- Blue Ridge Wilderness
- Buell Brook Primitive Area
- Five Ponds Wilderness
- High Peaks Wilderness (*except Raquette River*)
- Hudson Gorge Wilderness Area (*except Hudson River*)
- Pigeon Lake Wilderness
- Siamese Ponds Wilderness
- Silver Lake Wilderness (*except Sacandaga River*)
- Little Moose Wilderness
- West Canada Lakes Wilderness
- William C. Whitney Wilderness

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HAMILTON COUNTY

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
- OK Slip Pond
- Pine Lake
- Pine Pond (*west of Blue Mt. Lake*)
- Tirrell Pond
- Unknown Pond
- Unnamed pond (*0.75 mile east of Barker Pond*)
- Upper Helms Pond

TOWN OF INLET

- Bug Lake
- Eagles Nest Lake
- Unnamed pond (*a.k.a.: High Rock Pond*) (*1 mile east of Eighth Lake*)
- Icehouse Pond
- Lost Ponds (3)
- Mitchell Ponds (2)

TOWN OF LAKE PLEASANT

- Panther Pond

TOWN OF LONG LAKE

- Bog Pond
- Clear Pond
- High Pond
- Loon Pond
- Lost Pond
- Mays Pond
- Mosquito Pond
- Owls Head Pond
- Raquette Lake Reservoir
- Round Lake

TOWN OF MOREHOUSE

- Bochen Lake
- Squaw Lake
- Unnamed Pond (*0.25 mile southwest of Squaw Lake*)

WARREN COUNTY

- Pharaoh Lake Wilderness
- Siamese Ponds Wilderness

TOWN OF BOLTON

- Brown Pond

TOWN OF CHESTER

- Clear Pond
- Palmer Pond

TOWN OF HAGUE

- Buttermilk Pond
- Jabe Pond
- Little Jabe Pond
- Racket Ponds
- Spectacle Ponds (2)

TOWN OF HORICON

- Duck Pond
- Long Pond
- Round Pond

TOWN OF JOHNSBURG

- Crane Mountain Pond
- Eagle Pond
- Kibby Pond
- Thirteenth Lake
- Unnamed Pond (*2 miles east of 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*)

TOWN OF WARRENSBURG

- Gay Pond
- Viele Pond

WASHINGTON COUNTY

TOWN OF DRESDEN

- Black Mountain Ponds (2)
- Bumps Pond
- Fishbrook Pond
- Greenland Pond
- Lapland Pond

TOWN OF FORT ANN

- Inman Pond

TOWN OF JACKSON

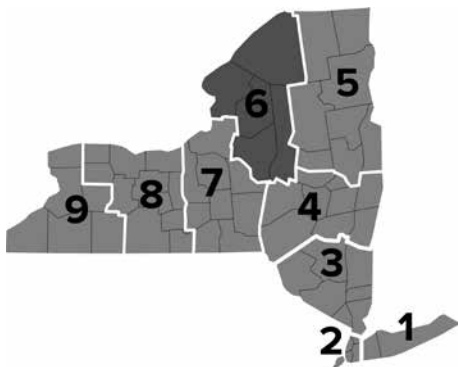
- Dead Lake

TOWN OF WHITEHALL

- Clear Pond
- Sawmill Pond
- Spruce Pond

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COUNTIES:

HERKIMER
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REGION-WIDE REGULATIONS

ALL WATERS EXCEPT INLAND TROUT STREAMS, BAITFISH-PROHIBITED WATERS LISTED ON PAGE 47, OR AS LISTED BELOW

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

ALL BAITFISH-PROHIBITED WATERS LISTED ON PAGE 47 EXCEPT AS LISTED BELOW OR INLAND TROUT STREAMS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

COUNTY REGULATIONS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED IN THE INDIVIDUAL WATERS REGULATIONS

Black Bass

- ▶ 3rd Sat in June–Nov 30, **ML**-12", **DL**-5
- ▶ Fishing for Black Bass (including catch & release) is prohibited outside of the open season.

ALL WATERS EXCEPT SANDY POND

Yellow Perch & Sunfish

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-Any number

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

ALL WATERS EXCEPT AS LISTED IN THE INDIVIDUAL WATERS REGULATIONS

Black Bass

- ▶ 3rd Sat in June–Nov 30, **ML**-12", **DL**-5
- ▶ Fishing for Black Bass (including catch & release) is prohibited outside of the open season.

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

ALLEN POND

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-12", **DL**-3

BEARDSLEY LAKE

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-12", **DL**-3, ❄️

Region 6 Special Regulations

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

BEAVER LAKE (LEWIS COUNTY) ❄️

BLACK LAKE ❄️

Black Bass

- ▶ 3rd Sat in June–Nov 30, **ML-15"**, **DL-5**
- ▶ Fishing for Black Bass (including catch & release) is prohibited outside of the open season.

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

BUTTERFIELD LAKE ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

CLEAR LAKE (JEFFERSON COUNTY) ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

CRANBERRY LAKE ❄️

Northern Pike

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

DELTA RESERVOIR ❄️

EVERGREEN LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML-none**, **DL-3**, Artificial lures only

FIRST LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-9"**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

FORESTPORT RESERVOIR ❄️

FOURTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-9"**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

FRANCIS LAKE ❄️

GRASS LAKE ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

HIDDEN LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML-None**, **DL-3**, Artificial lures only

HINCKLEY RESERVOIR ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

HORN LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML-None**, **DL-3**, Artificial lures only

HORSESHOE LAKE ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

HYDE LAKE ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

KAYUTA LAKE ❄️

KYSER LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

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MASSAWEPIE CONSERVATION EASEMENT - ALL WATERS EXCEPT INLAND TROUT STREAMS

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

LAKE BONAPARTE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-9"**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

LAKE-OF-THE-WOODS ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

LAKE ONTARIO AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Great Lakes & Tributaries Regulations on pages 62-69.

LAKE OZONIA ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

LIMEKILN LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-5**

MILLSITE LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

MOSHIER RESERVOIR ❄️

NORTH LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

OLD FORGE POND ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-9"**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

ONEIDA LAKE EAST OF RTE. 81 BRIDGE



Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

PEAKED MOUNTAIN LAKE

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML-None**, **DL-3**, Artificial lures only

PERCH LAKE ❄️

- ▶ Closed to all fishing from Mar 2–Nov 30
- ▶ Ice fishing permitted from Dec 1–Mar 1

PLEASANT LAKE (TOWN OF MACOMB)



Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

PROSPECT RESERVOIR ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

SANDY POND (JEFFERSON COUNTY)



Yellow Perch & Sunfish

- ▶ All year, **ML-None**, **DL-50** of each

Region 6 Special Regulations

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

SECOND LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-9"**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

SIXBERRY LAKE ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

SIXTOWN POND ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

SOFT MAPLE RESERVOIR ❄️

STAR LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

STERLING POND ❄️

STILLWATER RESERVOIR ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

SYLVIA LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

TAMARACK POND

- ▶ Use or possession of baitfish is prohibited

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

THIRD LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-9"**, **DL-5**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

Atlantic Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

TOOLEY POND ❄️

Black Bass

- ▶ 3rd Sat in June–Nov 30, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only
- ▶ Fishing for Black Bass (including Catch and Release) is prohibited outside of the open season.

TROUT LAKE (ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY) ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-3**

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

TUPPER LAKE ❄️

Lake Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-21"**, **DL-3**

WHETSTONE MARSH POND ❄️

WOODHULL LAKE

Lake Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**

INDIVIDUAL RIVER AND STREAM REGULATIONS

BARGE (ERIE) CANAL AND TRIBUTARIES ❄️

- From Oneida Lake upstream to Lock 22:
Walleye
▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

BLACK RIVER

- From Dexter Dam upstream:
Walleye
▶ Statewide seasons and limits apply
- Downstream of Mill St. in Watertown
▶ See Great Lakes regulations on pages 62-69

EAST BRANCH FISH CREEK

- From mouth upstream to the Rte. 69 bridge in Taberg:
▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

FISH CREEK (ONEIDA COUNTY)

- From Barge Canal upstream to junction of East and West Branches of Fish Creek:
▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

FISH CREEK (ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY)

- From west side (downstream) side of State Rte. 58 bridge upstream to highest point of Fish Creek Falls in Pope Mills:
▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

GRASS RIVER

- From the downstream side of the ALCOA Rd. Bridge upstream to the upstream side of the Main Street Bridge in the Village of Massena:
▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

INDIAN RIVER ❄️

- From falls in Rossie downstream to the confluence with the Oswegatchie River:
Black Bass
▶ 3rd Sat in June–Nov 30, **ML-15"**, **DL-5**
▶ Fishing for Black Bass (including Catch and Release) is prohibited outside of the open season
Walleye
▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**
- At Rossie from west side (downstream) of County Rte. 8 bridge upstream to highest point of Rossie Falls:
▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

MOHAWK RIVER

- From Delta Lake upstream to bridge in Westernville:
▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

ONEIDA LAKE TRIBUTARIES ❄️

- Upstream to 1st barrier impassable by fish:
Walleye
▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

OSWEGATCHIE RIVER

- From north side of the lowermost bridge, State Rte. 68, upstream to the dam in Ogdensburg:
▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Great Lakes & Tributaries Regulations on pages 62-69.

WEST BRANCH OF FISH CREEK

- From mouth upstream to dam in McConnellsville:
▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

Region 6 Special Regulations

TROUT STREAM REGULATIONS

Trout stream reaches categorized as Wild or Stocked are managed using statewide trout stream regulations (page 6). Regulations for other categorized stream reaches are listed below.

** Asterisk represents streams with more than 1 management category.*

STOCKED-EXTENDED

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

MOHAWK RIVER

- From Delta Dam downstream to 1st confluence with Barge Canal

WEST CANADA CREEK*

- From Bridge St. in Middleville upstream to the 1st bridge (Comstock Bridge) downstream of the mouth of Cincinnati Creek
- See Catch and Release for additional reach.

WILD-QUALITY

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

CRYSTAL CREEK

- From confluence with the Black River upstream to Crystal Pond Dam
- From Crystal Pond upstream to Erie Canal Rd.

CATCH AND RELEASE

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

SOUTH BRANCH GRASS RIVER

- From 0.5 mile downstream of Rte. 3 upstream to Grass River Flow

WEST CANADA CREEK*

- From the 1st bridge (Comstock Bridge) downstream of the mouth of Cincinnati Creek upstream to Trenton Falls dam
- See Stocked-Extended for additional reach.

BAITFISH PROHIBITED WATERS

Use of baitfish is prohibited in the following waters:

*** Note:** *Statewide Species Seasons and Limits (page 6) apply to most of the Baitfish Prohibited Waters. A select few have their own special trout regulation. Review the Region 6 Regulations to find out which regulation applies.*

HERKIMER COUNTY

- Five Ponds Wilderness
- Ha-De-Ron-Dah Wilderness
- Pepperbox Wilderness
- Pigeon Lake Wilderness
- West Canada Lake Wilderness

TOWN OF WEBB

- Bear Lake
- Bubb Lake
- Brewer Lake
- Buck Lake (*0.5 mile north of Hog Pond*)
- Buck Pond (*1 mile west of Thirsty Pond*)
- Clear Pond
- Moss Lake
- Nicks Lake
- Big Otter Lake
- Quiver Pond
- Razorback Pond
- Sis Lake
- Tied Lake
- Twitchell Lake
- West Pond (*0.6 mile southwest of Big Moose Lake*)
- Wheeler Pond
- Woods Lake

LEWIS COUNTY

- Ha-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 COUNTY

TOWN OF FORESTPORT

- Brandy Lake
- Round Pond

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY

- Five Ponds Wilderness
- Raquette-Boreal Wild Forest

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
- Bottree Pond
- Bridgebrook Pond
- Deer Pond
- Horseshoe Pond
- Little Trout Pond
- Long Pond
- Lows Lake (*Bog River upstream of dam above Hitchens Pond*)
- Massawepie Lake
- Pine Pond
- Round Pond
- Townline Pond

Region 7 Special Regulations

REGION 7

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COUNTIES:

BROOME

CAYUGA

CHENANGO

CORTLAND

MADISON

ONONDAGA

OSWEGO

TIOGA

TOMPKINS

REGION-WIDE REGULATIONS

ALL WATERS EXCEPT INLAND TROUT STREAMS OR AS LISTED BELOW

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

ARCTIC LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

CASTERLINE POND ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

CAYUGA LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

CAZENOVIA LAKE ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

CROSS LAKE ❄️

Northern Pike

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-22", **DL**-5

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

DERUYTER RESERVOIR ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

EATON BROOK RESERVOIR ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

GOODALE LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

Region 7 Special Regulations

GREEN LAKE IN GREEN LAKES STATE PARK

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

GREENWOOD LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

GUILFORD LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

JAMESVILLE RESERVOIR ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

LAKE ONTARIO AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Great Lakes & Tributaries Regulations.

LEBANON RESERVOIR ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

LELAND PONDS ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

LITTLE YORK LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

MILL BROOK RESERVOIR ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

NANTICOKE LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

ONEIDA LAKE EAST OF RTE. 81 BRIDGE ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

OTISCO LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

OWASCO LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

REDFIELD RESERVOIR ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

SKANEATELES LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

TRI-COUNTY POND ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

WHITNEY POINT RESERVOIR ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

Region 7 Special Regulations

INDIVIDUAL RIVER AND STREAM REGULATIONS

BARGE (ERIE) CANAL & TRIBUTARIES



- From Oneida Lake to Lock 22:
Walleye
 - 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

CANASERAGA CREEK

- From Rte. 31 bridge upstream to Thruway:
 - Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

CHENANGO RIVER

- Broome and Chenango counties
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge
 - 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-40", **DL**-1 of either species**American Shad**
 - All year, Catch and Release fishing only. All American Shad shall be returned to the water immediately.

CHITTENANGO CREEK

- From mouth upstream to Conrail railroad line:
 - Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

COWASELON CREEK

- From mouth upstream to Rte. 13:
 - Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

FINGER LAKES TRIBUTARIES

- See Finger Lakes and Tributary Regulations.

LITTLE CHOCONUT CREEK

- From mouth to Goudey Station Building:
 - Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

ONEIDA LAKE TRIBUTARIES UPSTREAM TO THE 1ST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH ❄️

Walleye

- 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

OTSELIC RIVER

- From mouth upstream to Whitney Point Reservoir Dam:
 - Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May
- From Whitney Point Reservoir upstream to Cortland County Rte. 169 bridge at Landers Corners:

Walleye

- 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

OWASCO LAKE OUTLET

Lake Trout

- All year, **ML**-15", **DL**-3

SCRIBA CREEK

- From mouth upstream to Fish Hatchery Dam:
 - Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

SENECA RIVER ❄️

Northern Pike

- 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-22", **DL**-5

- From Plainville Rd. upstream:

Walleye

- 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER

- Tioga, Broome, and Chenango counties
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge
 - ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-40", **DL**-1 of either species
- American Shad
 - ▶ All year, Catch and Release fishing only. All American Shad shall be returned to the water immediately
- From the railroad bridge 0.65 mile downstream of Rte. 201 bridge in Johnson City to Murphys Island (0.5 mile upstream of Harold Moore Park):
 - ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May
- Between Rock Bottom Dam and Exchange St. Bridge in Binghamton:
 - ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

TIOUGHNIAGA RIVER

- Broome County
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge
 - ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-40", **DL**-1 of either species
- American Shad
 - ▶ All year, Catch and Release fishing only. All American Shad shall be returned to the water immediately.
- From New York Rte. 26 bridge to U.S. Rte. 11 bridge:
 - ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 16 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

TROUT STREAM REGULATIONS

Trout stream reaches categorized as Wild or Stocked are managed using statewide trout stream regulations (page 6). Regulations for other categorized stream reaches are listed below.

** Asterisk represents streams with more than 1 management category.*

STOCKED-EXTENDED

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

BUTTERNUT CREEK

- From Kinne Rd. upstream to Jamesville Reservoir
- From Jamesville Reservoir upstream to Rte. 80

CHITTENANGO CREEK*

- From Russell St. in Chittenango upstream to the mile marker 1237 south of the Village of Chittenango village line
- From the Town of Fenner-Town of Sullivan town line at mile marker 1219 upstream to Rte. 20 in Cazenovia
- See Catch and Release for additional reach.

LIMESTONE CREEK

- From Erie Canal upstream to Rte. 80

NINEMILE CREEK*

- From Amboy Dam upstream to the dam at Rte. 174/Glover Rd. junction
- See Catch and Release for additional reach.

ONONDAGA CREEK

- From Rte. 20 upstream to the second Tully Farms Rd. crossing

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OTSELIC RIVER

- From South Otselic Hatchery Angler Parking Lot upstream to Rte. 80

WEST BRANCH LIMESTONE CREEK

- From confluence with Limestone Creek upstream to No. 2 West Rd.

WILD-PREMIER

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-None, **DL**-1
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

OLD CHENANGO CANAL

- From Oriskany Creek upstream to Rte. 20 bridge

ORISKANY CREEK

- From Rte. 12B bridge upstream to Old Chenango Canal

WEST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER

- From NY/PA border upstream to 2 miles downstream of the Rte. 17 bridge at Deposit
- From Rte. 17 bridge at Deposit upstream to Stilesville Weir

CATCH AND RELEASE

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

CHITTENANGO CREEK*

- From the mile marker 1237 south of the Village of Chittenango village line upstream to the Town of Fenner-Town of Sullivan town line at mile marker 1219
- See Stocked-Extended for additional reach.

GENEGANTSLET CREEK

- From 1st Rte. 220 bridge north of Smithville Flats upstream to mouth of Five Streams

NINEMILE CREEK*

- From Onondaga Lake upstream to Amboy Dam
- See Stocked-Extended for additional reach.

OQUAGA CREEK

- From the new Rte. 17 bridge west of Deposit upstream 3 miles to the Old Rte. 17 bridge east of McClure

SKANEATELES CREEK

- From the Jordan Rd. Bridge in the Village of Jordan upstream 10.2 miles to the Old Seneca Turnpike Bridge north of Village of Skaneateles:
 - Additional species regulation
Atlantic Salmon
 - ▶ April 1–Oct 15, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

WEST BRANCH DELAWARE RIVER

- From Rte. 17 bridge at Deposit downstream 2 miles

WATERS WHERE SNATCHING IS PERMITTED

The taking of fish by snatching, but not blind snatching (see page 70), is permitted from Jan 1–Mar 15 only as follows:

- In Chenango and Madison counties, suckers may be taken from the Chenango River downstream of Randallsville and the Unadilla River downstream of South Edmeston.
- In Cortland County, suckers may be taken from the Otselic River from the State Rte. 23 bridge in Lower Cincinnatus to the County Rte. 169 bridge in Landers Corners and in the Tioughnioga River from the County Rte. 121 bridge in Blodgett Mills to the State Rte. 221 bridge in Marathon.

REGION 8

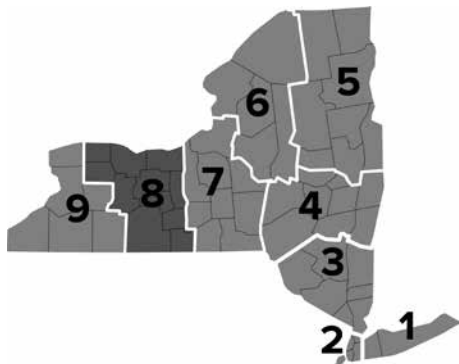
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COUNTIES:

CHEMUNG
GENESEE
LIVINGSTON
MONROE
ONTARIO
ORLEANS
SCHUYLER
SENECA
STEBEN
WAYNE
YATES

REGION-WIDE REGULATIONS

ALL WATERS EXCEPT INLAND TROUT STREAMS OR AS LISTED BELOW

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

CANADICE LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

CANANDAIGUA LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

CAYUGA LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

CAYUTA LAKE ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

CONESUS LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

HEMLOCK LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

HONEOYE LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

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KEUKA LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

LAKE ONTARIO AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Great Lakes & Tributaries Regulations.

PARK STATION POND ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML**-None, **DL**-5

SENECA LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Finger Lakes & Tributary Regulations.

WATERPORT RESERVOIR ❄️

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

INDIVIDUAL RIVER AND STREAM REGULATIONS

CHEMUNG RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES

- Chemung and Steuben counties:
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge
 - ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-40", **DL**-1 of either species
- Chemung County
American Shad
 - ▶ All year, Catch and Release fishing only. All American Shad shall be returned to the water immediately

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:
 - ▶ Fishing prohibited Mar 1 until the Friday preceding the 1st Saturday in May

FINGER LAKES TRIBUTARIES

- See Finger Lakes and Tributary Regulations.

KEUKA OUTLET FROM 1ST BARRIER UPSTREAM

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

NORTH MCMILLAN CREEK

- ▶ Fishing is prohibited Mar 1 until the Fri preceding the 1st Sat in May

SENECA RIVER ❄️

Northern Pike

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-22", **DL**-5

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-18", **DL**-3

TIOGA RIVER

Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML**-40", **DL**-1 of either species

TROUT STREAM REGULATIONS

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STOCKED-EXTENDED

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

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CAYUTA CREEK

- From Tioga county line upstream to Swan Hill Rd.

COHOCTON RIVER*

- From Veterans Ave. Bridge (Bath) upstream to County Rte. 39A (Atlanta)
- See Wild-Quality for additional reach.


OATKA CREEK*

- From Monroe county line upstream to Circular Hill Rd.
- See Wild-Quality and Catch and Release for additional reaches.

WILD-QUALITY

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15,  3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

COHOCTON RIVER*

- From County Rte. 39A (Atlanta) upstream to source
- See Stocked-Extended for additional reach.

MILL CREEK

- From confluence with Canaseraga Creek to County Rte. 90 (Patchinville)

NEIL CREEK

- From confluence with Cohocton River upstream to the end of Public Fishing Rights section 1500 feet upstream of Mattoon Rd.

OATKA CREEK*

- From Bowerman Rd. upstream to Union St.
- From Wheatland Center Rd. upstream to the confluence with Spring Creek
- See Stocked-Extended and Catch and Release for additional reaches.

SPRING CREEK

- From confluence with Oatka Creek upstream to source, except additional restriction below:
- On Caledonia State Fish Hatchery property as posted
 - ▶ Angling prohibited from 3:30 PM to 8:00 AM

CATCH AND RELEASE

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

OATKA CREEK*

- From Union St. upstream 1.7 miles to Wheatland Center Rd.
- See Stocked-Extended and Wild-Quality for additional reaches.

WATERS WHERE SPEARFISHING IS PERMITTED

The taking of fish by spear (not spear gun) is permitted only as follows:

- In Wayne County, bullhead and suckers may be taken from Jan 1–May 15 from Black Creek Bay and Red Creek Bay.

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REGION 9

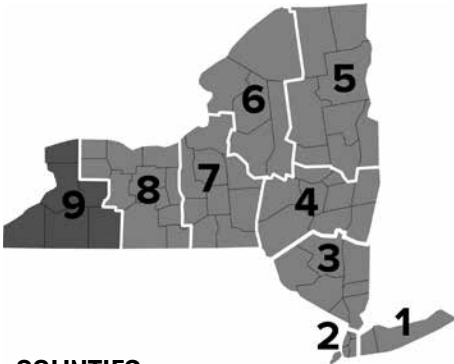
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COUNTIES:

ALLEGANY
CHAUTAUQUA
CATTARAUGUS
ERIE
NIAGARA
WYOMING

REGION-WIDE REGULATIONS

ALL WATERS EXCEPT INLAND TROUT STREAMS OR AS LISTED BELOW ❄️

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

INDIVIDUAL LAKE AND POND REGULATIONS

ALLEGANY STATE PARK

- State Park regulations may apply, check with Park Police

ALLEN LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

CASE LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

CHAUTAUQUA LAKE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES ❄️

Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge

- ▶ Last Sat in May–Nov 30, **ML**-40", **DL**-1

HARWOOD LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

LAKE ERIE AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH

- See Great Lakes & Tributaries Regulations.

LAKE ONTARIO AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER

- See Great Lakes & Tributaries Regulations.

NEW ALBION LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

QUAKER LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

RED HOUSE LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ All year, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

RUSHFORD LAKE ❄️

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Nov 30, **DL**-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

INDIVIDUAL RIVER AND STREAM REGULATIONS

BUFFALO RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES TO 1ST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH

- See Great Lakes & Tributaries Regulations.

BUTTERMILK CREEK FROM MOUTH TO FOX VALLEY RD.

- Fishing prohibited all year

CATTARAUGUS CREEK DOWNSTREAM OF SPRINGVILLE DAM

- See Great Lakes & Tributaries Regulations.

CHADAKOIN RIVER TO WARNER DAM ❄️

Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge

- ▶ Last Sat in May–Nov 30, **ML**-40", **DL**-1

NIAGARA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES TO THE 1ST BARRIER

- See Great Lakes & Tributaries Regulations.

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STOCKED-EXTENDED

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

CATTARAUGUS CREEK

- From confluence with Elton Creek upstream to 1.0 mile upstream of Java Lake Rd.

EAST KOY CREEK

- From Wyoming county line upstream to Green Bay Rd.

GENESEE RIVER*

- From Belmont Dam in Belmont upstream to County Rte. 29 near York's Corners
- From State Rte. 19 bridge in Shongo upstream to state line
- See Catch and Release for additional reach.

GOOSE CREEK

- From State Rte. 474 in Ashville upstream to Wall St.

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WILD-QUALITY

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

ELM CREEK

- From confluence with Little Conewango Creek upstream to State Rte. 394

ELTON CREEK

- From State Rte. 16 upstream to former bridge on Swanson Hill Rd.

FENTON BROOK (AKA MUD CREEK)

- From Conewango Creek upstream to County Rte. 6 downstream of Fancher Hill Rd.

FLYNN (SPRING) BROOK

- From confluence with Cattaraugus Creek upstream to Youngers Rd.

HOSMER (SARDINIA) BROOK

- From confluence with Cattaraugus Creek upstream to Genesee Rd.

MANSFIELD CREEK

- From 0.5 mile upstream of the western-most County Rte. 13 (Maples Rd.) crossing upstream to Hinman Hollow Rd. crossing near Poverty Hill Rd.

MCKINSTRY CREEK

- From confluence with Lime Lake Outlet upstream to source

NORTH BRANCH WISCOY CREEK

- From confluence with Wiscoy Creek upstream to State Rte. 362

THE RAM

- From confluence with Elm Creek upstream to State Rte. 394

TROUT BROOK

- From confluence with Wiscoy Creek upstream to 0.1 mile upstream of Hillside Rd.

WILD-PREMIER

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **ML**-None, **DL**-1
- ▶ Oct 16–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

CLEAR CREEK (ARCADE)

- From confluence with Cattaraugus Creek upstream to NYS Rte. 98 crossing near Phillippi Rd.

CLEAR CREEK (ELLINGTON)

- From confluence with Conewango Creek upstream to bridge at Cockaigne Ski Area

LIME LAKE OUTLET

- From confluence with Elton Creek upstream to Lime Lake

WISCOY CREEK

- From confluence with Genesee River upstream to Flynn Rd.

CATCH AND RELEASE

REGULATIONS

Trout

- ▶ All year, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

GENESEE RIVER*

- From County Rte. 29 near York's Corners upstream to State Rte. 19 bridge in Shongo

FINGER LAKES REGULATIONS

ALL FINGER LAKES ❄️

Northern Pike

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-22"**, **DL-5**

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-18"**, **DL-3**,
(see Honeoye Lake for exception)

CANADICE LAKE, CANANDAIGUA LAKE, CONESUS LAKE, HEMLOCK LAKE, KEUKA LAKE, AND SENECA LAKE ❄️

Black Bass

- ▶ 3rd Sat in June–Mar 15, **ML-12"**, **DL-5**
- ▶ Mar 16–Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-5** in combination
- ▶ Catch shall include no more than 1 Rainbow Trout or 3 Landlocked Salmon

CAYUGA LAKE ❄️

Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"** except 18" for Landlocked Salmon, **DL-5** in combination
- ▶ Catch shall include no more than 3 Brown Trout, 3 Rainbow Trout, or 3 Landlocked Salmon

HONEOYE LAKE ❄️

Black Bass

- ▶ 3rd Sat in June–Mar 15, **ML-12"**, **DL-5**
- ▶ Mar 16–Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only

Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-5** in combination
- ▶ Catch shall include no more than 1 Rainbow Trout or 3 Landlocked Salmon

Walleye

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-15"**, **DL-3**

Alewife (sawbellies)

- ▶ Possession prohibited

OTISCO LAKE ❄️

Tiger Muskellunge

- ▶ 1st Sat in May–Mar 15, **ML-36"**, **DL-1**

Trout

- ▶ All year, **ML-12"**, **DL-5**

OWASCO LAKE ❄️

Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-5** in combination
- ▶ Catch shall include no more than 3 Brown Trout, 3 Rainbow Trout, or 3 Landlocked Salmon

SKANEATELES LAKE ❄️

Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Lake Trout, Landlocked Salmon

- ▶ All year, **ML-15"**, **DL-5** in combination
- ▶ Catch shall include no more than 3 of any species.

Alewife (sawbellies)

- ▶ Possession prohibited

FINGER LAKE TRIBUTARY REGULATIONS

ALL TRIBUTARIES TO CANADICE LAKE, CANANDAIGUA LAKE, HEMLOCK LAKE, KEUKA LAKE, AND SENECA LAKE UPSTREAM TO THE 1ST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH

Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Landlocked Salmon

- ▶ April 1–Dec 31, **ML**-15", **DL**-3 in combination
- ▶ Catch shall include no more than 1 Rainbow Trout

ALL TRIBUTARIES TO OWASCO LAKE, OTISCO LAKE, AND SKANEATELES LAKE UPSTREAM TO THE 1ST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH EXCEPT SPAFFORD CREEK

Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Landlocked Salmon

- ▶ April 1–Dec 31, **ML**-15" except 9" for Brown Trout, **DL**-3 in combination

ALL TRIBUTARIES TO CAYUGA LAKE UPSTREAM TO THE 1ST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH EXCEPT FALL CREEK

Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Landlocked Salmon

- ▶ April 1–Dec 31, **ML**-15" except 18" for Landlocked Salmon, **DL**-3 in combination

FALL CREEK (CAYUGA LAKE) FROM THE DOWNSTREAM EDGE OF THE RAILROAD BRIDGE BELOW RTE. 13 TO ITHACA FALLS

Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout, Landlocked Salmon

- ▶ April 1–Dec 31, **ML**-15" except 18" for Landlocked Salmon, **DL**-3 in combination
- ▶ Jan 1–Mar 31, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only
- ▶ Angling prohibited between sunset and sunrise from Oct 1–May 15

SPAFFORD CREEK (OTISCO LAKE)

Trout

- ▶ April 1–Oct 15, **DL**-5–with no more than 2 longer than 12"

TRIBUTARIES TO ALL FINGER LAKES UPSTREAM TO THE 1ST BARRIER IMPASSABLE BY FISH

All other species

- ▶ Open season, daily limit, and minimum length regulations that are in effect for the Finger Lakes

Additional Tributary 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 Jan 1–Mar 31, except for those stream sections listed below and Fall Creek downstream of Ithaca Falls.
- C. Angling is prohibited between sunset and sunrise from April 1–May 15 and Oct 1–Dec 31 except for those stream sections listed to the right.
- D. Angling is prohibited all year in Cayuga Inlet for a distance of 500 feet up and downstream of the dam located within the flood control channel and Coy Glenn Creek from Cayuga Inlet up to and including the second check dam in Tompkins County.
- E. Use of more than one line with a single hook point is prohibited except for those stream sections listed to the right.
- F. Possession of hooks with a gap greater than ½" is prohibited except for those stream sections listed to the right.
- G. Possession of landing nets larger than 50 inches around the frame or with handles longer than 20 inches is prohibited except for those stream sections listed to the right.

Stream Sections for Which Additional Tributary Regulations B, C, D, E, F, and G above Do Not Apply:

Trout season is closed Jan 1–March 31 in these sections.

- **Barge Canal** from Seneca Lake upstream to northernmost Rte. 14 bridge in Montour Falls, Schuyler County
- **Cayuga Inlet and flood control channel** from Cayuga Lake upstream to posted "NO FISHING" boundary below the fishway in Tompkins County
- **Fall Creek** from Cayuga Lake to the downstream edge of the railroad bridge below Rte. 13 in Ithaca, Tompkins County
- **Guyanoga Creek** from Keuka Lake upstream to Rte. 54A bridge, Yates County
- **Old Seneca Inlet** in the southeast corner of Seneca Lake upstream of State Rte. 414
- **Owasco Inlet** from Owasco Lake upstream 0.7 mile to marked boundary at old railroad bed in Cayuga County.
- **Sucker Brook** from Canandaigua Lake upstream in Ontario County
- **West River** from Canandaigua Lake upstream in Ontario County
- **Yawgers Creek** from Cayuga Lake upstream to abandoned Lehigh Valley railroad bridge in Cayuga County

Great Lakes and Tributaries Regulations

These regulations apply to the New York waters of Lake Erie, the Upper and Lower Niagara River, Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River, and designated sections of the tributaries to these waters.

- Tributary sections subject to these regulations are generally defined as the bridge closest to the mouth upstream to the 1st barrier impassable to fish.
- Tributaries with different boundaries and exemptions are listed separately.
- Note that there are also seasonal tackle restrictions and restrictions on night fishing in the tributaries.

REGULATIONS FOR ALL GREAT LAKES & TRIBUTARIES

Regulations for all Great Lakes waters, including Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, the Upper and Lower Niagara River, St. Lawrence River, and tributaries to these waters.

At all times:

- ▶ Snatching (page 71) and attempting to snatch is prohibited.
- ▶ 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 eggs for chumming is prohibited (page 78).

LAKE ERIE AND TRIBUTARIES REGULATIONS

Lake Erie tributary seasonal fishing regulations

Portions of Lake Erie tributaries where seasonal regulations apply

CATTARAUGUS CREEK

From the Aldrich Street Extension Bridge in Gowanda upstream to Springville Dam

BUFFALO RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES

From the I-90 (NYS Thruway) bridge upstream to 1st barrier impassable by fish

ALL OTHER LAKE ERIE TRIBUTARIES

From bridge closest to the mouth upstream to the 1st barrier impassable by fish

Season

Seasonal fishing regulations apply Sept 1–Mar 31.

Fishing hours

Fishing only permitted 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset (fishing at night is prohibited).

Hook, leader, and weight regulations

- ▶ The distance between a hook's shaft and point cannot exceed 1/2 inch.
- ▶ Hooks attached to any lure must be free-swinging, except on an artificial fly (page 70).
- ▶ Use of hooks with added weight is prohibited, except for artificial flies (page 70) and jigs weighing no more than 1/8 oz are permitted.
- ▶ 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.

Great Lakes and Tributaries Regulations

LAKE ERIE AND TRIBUTARIES SEASONS AND LIMITS* ❄️

Species	Open Season	Minimum Length	Daily Limit
Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout (including Steelhead), Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon	All year	12"	3 in any combination
Lake Trout	All year	12"	1
Northern Pike	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	22"	5
Walleye	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	15"	6
Muskellunge, Tiger Muskellunge	3rd Sat in June–Nov 30	54"	1
Black Bass	December 1–Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June	20"	1
	3rd Sat in June–Nov 30	12"	5

* Regulations apply from Lake Erie upstream to Springville Dam for Cattaraugus Creek.

Catch and Release Regulations for Chautauqua and Eighteenmile Creeks

Catch and Release Regulations

- ▶ Catch and Release only for trout and salmon in creek sections described below
- ▶ Only Artificial lures can be used in Catch and Release sections
- ▶ Seasonal regulations regarding hooks, leaders, and weights apply.

Stream reaches where Catch and Release regulations apply

CHAUTAUQUA CREEK

- ▶ From bridge on South Gale St. upstream 1.3 miles to the upper Village of Westfield water intake dam

EIGHTEENMILE CREEK (ERIE COUNTY)

- ▶ Main branch of creek (excluding South Branch) contained within Eighteenmile Creek County Park

NIAGARA RIVER REGULATIONS

UPPER NIAGARA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES SEASONS AND LIMITS



Species	Open Season	Minimum Length	Daily Limit
Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout (Including Steelhead), Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon	All year	None	3 in any combination
Lake Trout	All year	12"	1
Northern Pike	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	22"	5
Walleye	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	15"	6
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge	3rd Sat in June–Nov 30	54"	1
Black Bass (north of the Peace Bridge)	Statewide Angling Regulations Apply		
Statewide gear restrictions apply in Upper Niagara River and tributaries.			

LOWER NIAGARA RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES SEASONS AND LIMITS



Species	Open Season	Minimum Length	Daily Limit
Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout (including Steelhead), Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon	All year	15", except 21" for Rainbow Trout	3 (Trout & Salmon) in any combination, not to include more than 1 Atlantic Salmon or 2 Lake Trout
Lake Trout	Dec 1–Sept 30	None, except only 1 Lake Trout may be between 25" and 30"	
Atlantic Salmon	All year	25"	
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge	3rd Sat in June–Dec 15	54"	1
Northern Pike	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	22"	5
Walleye	1st Sat in May–Dec 31	18"	3
	Jan 1–Mar 15	18"	1
American Eel	Closed	Possession prohibited	
Statewide gear restrictions apply in Lower Niagara River and tributaries.			

LAKE ONTARIO, ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, AND TRIBUTARIES REGULATIONS

LAKE ONTARIO, ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, AND THEIR TRIBUTARIES* SEASONS AND LIMITS** ❄️

Species	Open Season	Minimum Length	Daily Limit
Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout (including Steelhead), Coho Salmon, Chinook Salmon	All year	15" except for Rainbow Trout or Steelhead: 21" in the lake and 25" in tributaries	3 in combination, not to include more than 2 Rainbow Trout (or Steelhead) in the lake, and not to include more than 1 Rainbow Trout (or Steelhead) and 1 Brown Trout in the tributaries
	Except 9" and 3 fish daily for Brown Trout in Irondequoit Creek upstream of the south side of Rte. 286 bridges, Lindsey Creek and Skinner Creek (Oswego and Jefferson counties), and the Black River from Dexter Dam to Mill Street Dam (Jefferson County)		
Lake Trout	Dec 1–Sept 30	None (except no more than 1 shall be between 25" and 30")	2
Atlantic Salmon	All year	25"	1
Northern Pike (Lake Ontario)	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	22"	5
Northern Pike (St. Lawrence River and tributaries downstream of Tibbets Point)	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	22"	3
Black Bass	Statewide Species Regulations apply except that fishing for black bass (including Catch and Release) is prohibited Dec 1–Fri preceding the 3rd Sat in June in Lake Ontario and tributaries in Jefferson Co. and the St. Lawrence River and tributaries.		
Walleye	1st Sat in May–Mar 15	18"	3
Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge	3rd Sat in June–Dec 15	54"	1
American Eel	Closed	Possession prohibited	
Yellow Perch, Sunfish	All year	None	50 of each Except Yellow Perch and Sunfish may be taken in any number in Jefferson County

* These species seasons and limits do not apply to St. Lawrence River tributaries in Clinton and Franklin counties. See Statewide Species Regulations and Region 5 special regulations for these tributaries.

** See Region 6 special regulations for seasonal closures on the Oswegatchie and Grasse rivers.

Great Lakes and Tributaries Regulations

Lake Ontario Tributary Seasonal Fishing Regulations Except the Lower Niagara River and Salmon River

Lake Ontario Waters and Tributaries Exempted from Seasonal Tributary Regulations

The following waters are exempt from Lake Ontario tributary seasonal fishing regulations:

BUCK POND

- ▶ Lake Ontario Seasons and Limits apply

CRANBERRY POND

- ▶ Lake Ontario Seasons and Limits apply

IRONDEQUOIT BAY

- ▶ Lake Ontario Seasons and Limits apply

LONG POND

- ▶ Lake Ontario Seasons and Limits apply

NIAGARA RIVER

- ▶ Upper Niagara River or Lower Niagara River Regulations apply

ROUND POND

- ▶ Lake Ontario Seasons and Limits apply

SALMON RIVER:

- ▶ See page 68

SODUS BAY

- ▶ Lake Ontario Seasons and Limits apply

SOUTH SANDY POND

- ▶ Lake Ontario Seasons and Limits apply

Sections of Lake Ontario Tributaries Subject to Seasonal Tributary Regulations

The following tributary sections are subject to seasonal fishing regulations described below during the period Sept 1–Mar 31:

BLACK RIVER

- ▶ From the upstream tip of the lowermost island to Mill St. Dam in Watertown

CATFISH CREEK

- ▶ From the mouth upstream to dam at County Rte. 1

EIGHTEENMILE CREEK (NIAGARA COUNTY)

- ▶ From the Rte. 18 bridge upstream to Burt Dam

OAK ORCHARD CREEK

- ▶ From the 1st power lines that are 1.9 miles upstream (south) of Rte. 18 bridge upstream to Waterport Dam

GENESEE RIVER

- ▶ From the State Rte. 104 bridge upstream to the Lower Falls

OSWEGO RIVER

- ▶ From the Utica St. Bridge upstream to the Varick Dam

STERLING CREEK

- ▶ From Old State Rd. to 1st impassable barrier upstream of Rte. 104A

STERLING VALLEY CREEK

- ▶ From McIntyre Rd. to 1st impassable barrier upstream of Rte. 104A

ALL OTHER TRIBUTARIES

- ▶ From the bridge closest to the mouth upstream to 1st barrier impassable by fish

Great Lakes and Tributaries Regulations

Lake Ontario Tributaries with Seasonal Closures

LITTLE SANDY CREEK (OSWEGO COUNTY)

- ▶ Fishing is prohibited from Mar 16—the 1st Sat in May from the State Rte. 3 bridge downstream 850 feet to the intersection of the channelized area and upstream 1.0 mile from the bridge to the Public Fishing Rights section.

Lake Ontario Tributary Seasonal Fishing Regulations

SEASON

Seasonal fishing regulations apply Sept 1 to Mar 31.

FISHING HOURS

Fishing from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise is prohibited except in the Black River (Jefferson County) from Lake Ontario upstream to the Rte. 180 bridge in Dexter, where fishing is permitted at all times.

HOOK, LEADER, AND WEIGHT REGULATIONS

Hooks:

- ▶ Only one hook with a single hook point is permitted, except as outlined below for floating lures and artificial flies
- ▶ Hooks attached to any lure must be free-swinging, except on an artificial fly (page 70).
- ▶ An artificial fly (page 70) can only have a single hook with no more than two hook points. Tandem artificial flies are not permitted.
- ▶ The gap between a hook's shaft and point cannot exceed 1/2 inch.
- ▶ Use of hooks with added weight is prohibited, except artificial flies (page 70) and jigs weighing no more than 1/8 oz.

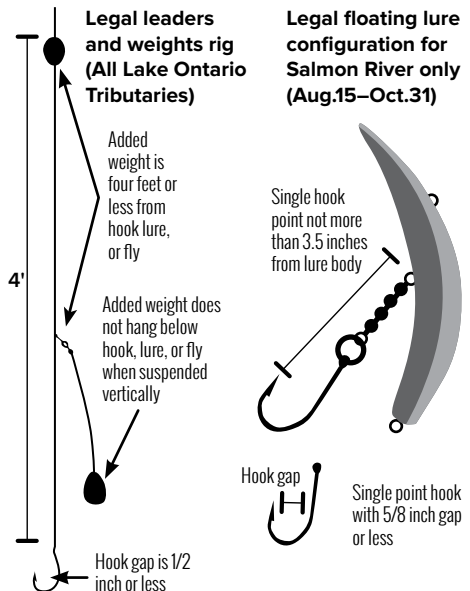
Floating lures:

- ▶ A floating lure is a lure that floats at rest in water with or without any weight attached to the lure, leader, or line.
- ▶ Can have multiple treble hooks.
- ▶ Any hooks on a floating lure must be attached to the lure by a ring or swivel except for artificial flies.
- ▶ The distance between the body of a floating lure and the points of any attached hooks shall not exceed 1 1/2 inches.

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.
- ▶ Any weight added to the line, leader, swivels, artificial fly or lure shall not hang lower than the hook when the line or leader is held vertically.

EXAMPLES OF LEGAL SEASONAL FISHING RIGS



Great Lakes and Tributaries Regulations

Special Regulations by Section for Salmon River and Tributaries (Oswego County)

SALMON RIVER DOWNSTREAM OF RTE. 52 BRIDGE IN ALTMAR

From the upstream-most navigation buoy located between the breakwalls at the mouth of the river upstream to the County Rte. 52 bridge in Altmar.

Effective Dates	Regulations
April 15–Aug 14	Statewide gear restrictions apply.
Aug 15–April 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Fishing is prohibited at night from ½ hr. after sunset to ½ hr. before sunrise except as permitted below.Only one hook with a single hook point and a gap not exceeding ½ inch is permitted except on floating lures as noted below.Hooks attached to any lure, except an artificial fly, must be free swinging and unweighted. Artificial flies with no more than 1/8 oz. of added weight may be used. 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 70) are met.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 4 ft.Weight shall not be added to the line, leader, swivels, artificial fly or lure in any manner that the weight hangs lower than the attached hook when the line is suspended vertically from the rod.
Aug 15–Oct 31	<p>Additional Regulations for Floating Lures Apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A bead chain may be attached to the floating lure with a ring.The bead chain may not exceed a distance of 3 1/2 inches between the body of the floating lure and the hook point.1 hook with a single hook point and a gap of no more than 5/8 in. may be attached to the bead chain or directly to the lure.
Nov 1–April 14	Multiple single, double, and treble hooks are permitted on floating lures
April 1–Aug 14	Fishing at night is permitted from Lake Ontario to Rte. 3 bridge

Salmon River fly fishing Catch and Release sections

FISHING HOURS, SEASON DATES, AND LOCATIONS

- **Angling Permitted:** From 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.
- **Lower Fly Section: Open Sept 15–May 15**, from County Rte. 52 Bridge in Altmar upstream 0.25 mile to the marked boundary at Beaverdam Brook.
- **Upper Fly Section: Open April 1–Nov 30** from a marked boundary upstream of the New York State Fish Hatchery property to a marked boundary 0.6 mile upstream at the Lighthouse Hill Reservoir tailrace.
- Fishing is prohibited outside the open season.

CATCH AND RELEASE

All fish must be immediately released without unnecessary injury.

TACKLE RESTRICTIONS

Tackle is restricted to a traditional fly rod, fly reel, fly line, and artificial fly (page 70). Restrictions on fly lines, flies, attractors, leaders and supplemental weight are as follows:

Fly lines:

- ▶ Use of less than 20 feet of floating, sinking, or combination floating/sinking fly line or shooting head immediately behind the leader, and in front of any running line or other backing is prohibited.
- ▶ **From May 1–August 31:** Floating fly lines only.
- ▶ **From Sept 1–April 30:** Floating, sinking, and sink tip fly lines are permitted.

Flies:

- ▶ **From May 1–August 31:** a single unweighted artificial fly having one hook point with a 1/2 inch maximum gap only permitted.
- ▶ **From Sept 1–April 30:** a single unweighted or weighted artificial fly with no more than 1/8 oz. added weight, having one hook point with a 1/2 inch maximum gap only permitted.

Attractors:

- ▶ The use of added baits or attractors such as, but not limited to, fish eggs, insects, beads, spoons, spinners, plugs, or similar devices on the line above the artificial fly is prohibited.

Leaders:

- ▶ The total length of the leader including the tippet shall not exceed 15 feet.
- ▶ **From May 1–Aug 31:** sinking and metal leaders are prohibited.

Additional weight:

- ▶ **From May 1–Aug 31:** the use of supplemental weight such as split shot, sinkers, metal leaders, twist-ons, or swivels attached to the leader, tippet, fly line or fly is prohibited.
- ▶ **From Sept 1–April 30:** the use of supplemental weight is permitted with the following restrictions:
 - The combined weight of any supplemental weight and fly may not exceed 1/8 of an ounce.
 - The maximum distance between the artificial fly and any added weight to the line, leader or tippet shall not exceed four feet.
 - Weight added to the line, leader, swivels, or artificial fly in any manner such that the weight hangs lower than the attached fly is prohibited.

Beaverdam Brook in Altmar fishing closure

Fishing in Beaverdam Brook and its tributaries, Oswego County, is prohibited from their mouths to the upstream boundary of the Salmon River Hatchery property.

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. 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 angler.

Catch and Release means catching and immediately releasing the caught fish without harm.

Chumming means depositing in the water any substance, not attached to a hook, which may attract fish.

Closed Season means the time during which fish may not legally be taken.

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.

Ice fishing means fishing through the ice on frozen waters.

Ice-fishing line means any device used for fishing through the ice, including but not limited to hand line, tip-up, tip down, etc.

Inland Trout Streams shall mean all rivers and streams inhabited by trout except as follows:

- Great Lakes tributaries to the 1st impassible barrier;
- Finger Lakes tributaries to the 1st impassible barrier;
- Lake Champlain tributaries to the 1st impassible barrier;
- Tidal stream reaches

Marine and Coastal District includes waters of the Atlantic Ocean within 3 miles of the coastline and all other tidal waters, including the Hudson River upstream to the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge.

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 (frogs and toads), insects (including all stages of development such 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 ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise.

Non-offset (in-line) circle hook means a fishing hook designed and manufactured so that the point and barb of the hook are not offset from the plane of the shank and bend, and the point is turned perpendicularly back towards the shank to form a circular or oval shape.

Open Season means the time during which fish may be legally taken.

TAKING AND POSSESSION OF FISH

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.

Spearfishing or "spear" means taking a fish with a hand-propelled single or multiple pronged pike, blade or harpoon. It does not include the mechanically propelled device commonly called a spear gun.

Sunfish means bluegill, pumpkinseed and redbreast sunfish.

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

Possession and daily limits

- 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. Any fish in a vehicle used to access a given water counts towards the number and sizes of fish in possession.
- A person may not possess, kill, or unnecessarily injure fish in excess of the daily limit for that species.
- Any 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. See below for special provisions 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.

Taking Possession of Fish

Catch and Release

- Catch and Release angling is only permitted during the open season for a particular fish species.
- Measuring, weighing, and photographing 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 harm.
- Fish may not be placed in a bucket, tub, livewell, on a string or any other holding device.
- Catch and Release angling for endangered or threatened fish species is prohibited.

Closed season restriction

A person may not fish for a species (even if immediately released) during the closed season for that species on a given water. Fish caught during the closed season must be unhooked and released immediately. They may not be handled for any other purpose.

Endangered and threatened fish

It is illegal to fish for, or 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, Atlantic sturgeon, and spoonhead sculpin
- **Threatened:** eastern sand darter, lake chubsucker, lake sturgeon, northern (longear) sunfish, mooneye, gravel chub, banded sunfish, longhead darter, swamp darter, spotted darter, and mud sunfish

Any unintentionally caught threatened or endangered fish species must be unhooked and released immediately. They may not be handled for any purpose other than removing the hook and placing them back into the water.

Snakehead

Any snakehead caught while angling cannot be released back into the water. They must be immediately killed and reported to DEC.

Foul hooking

All foul-hooked trout, lake trout, coho salmon, Chinook salmon, pink salmon, and landlocked salmon must be released without unnecessary injury to the fish. All foul-hooked walleye in Oneida Lake and the tributaries to 1st bridge upstream from the lake must be released without unnecessary injury to the fish.

Use of gaffs

Use or possession of gaffs or gaff hooks is prohibited when fishing in freshwater, including the Hudson River upstream of the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, except when ice fishing.

METHODS OF TAKING FISH


Angling

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.
 - ▶ The use of set lines where the angler is not in immediate attendance is prohibited.
- An angler may operate no more than 3 lines with or without a rod.
 - ▶ each line is limited to not more than 5 lures or baits or a combination of both.
 - ▶ in addition, each line shall not exceed 15 hook points in any combination of single, double or treble hooks.
- Snatching, lifting, hooking, and use of tip-ups are not angling.

Ice fishing

Ice fishing (see Definitions) is permitted in the following waters:

- All non-trout* waters unless otherwise prohibited.
- Certain trout waters* listed in the special regulations section designated as ice fishing permitted by the following symbol: 

**If you are unsure whether a water is considered trout or non-trout, contact the DEC Regional Office for that area.*

Ice fishing regulations

- No more than 7 ice-fishing lines (see Definitions) in any combination of devices may be used, unless otherwise noted in Special Regulations.
- No person shall operate an ice fishing line that has more than 5 lures or baits in total or has more than 15 hook points in total.

- The operator must be in immediate attendance when ice-fishing lines are in the water.
- Between May 1 and Nov 14, only hand lines (including rod and reels) may be used while ice fishing.

Ice shanties

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 Mar 15 to prevent them from falling through the ice and becoming hazards to navigation.

For the purposes of this regulation, portable shelters used and removed from the ice on a daily basis are not considered ice shanties.

Bowfishing

- Carp may be taken by a longbow (recurve or compound) in any number or size from May 15–Sept 30 from any water where fishing and the discharge of a bow is permitted.
- A person must have either a fishing license, a hunting license, or is entitled to fish without a fishing license to take carp with a longbow.
- No other fish may be taken with a bow.
- Taking fish by a crossbow is prohibited at all times.
- The Fish Carcass Disposal Law (page 76) must be followed.

Snatching

- The taking of fish by snatching, but not blind snatching (see page 70), is prohibited except on certain waters between Jan 1–Mar 15. See Special Regulations for waters where snatching is permitted.
- Blind snatching is prohibited at all times.

Methods of Taking Fish

Spearfishing

The taking of fish by spear (not spear gun) is prohibited except only on certain waters (see Special Regulations on pages 8-69) and as follows:

- Use of spearguns is prohibited in the freshwaters of New York.
- 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.

Taking baitfish

See Baitfish Regulations (page 79).

Use of fish traps

Fish (minnow) traps may only be used to take baitfish. See Baitfish Regulations (page 82) for minnow trap specifications.

Use of nets

Nets may only be used to take fish as follows:

- The use of a landing net to complete the catch while angling is permitted.
- Personally harvested baitfish may be collected with the various nets as described on page 82.
- Smelt, suckers, alewives, and blueback herring may be collected by dip nets as described on pages 74-75.
- No other use of nets to collect fish is permitted.

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.

See page 24 for regulations specific to dip net use for alewife and blueback herring on the Hudson River.

Note: Smelt, suckers, alewives, and blueback herring are the only fish that may be taken with a dip net.

SUCKERS MAY BE TAKEN IN A DIP NET NOT EXCEEDING 14 INCHES IN DIAMETER, OR 13 X 13 INCHES IF SQUARE, AS FOLLOWS:			
Water	Open Season	Daily Limit	Tributaries
Cayuga Lake	All year	Any number	All tributaries from the lake upstream to the 1st impassable barrier by fish
Seneca Lake	All year	Any number	All except Catharine Creek
Canandaigua Lake	All year	Any number	All except Naples Creek where netting is prohibited upstream of old Lehigh Valley Railroad bridge
Hudson River upstream to Troy Dam	All year	Any number	All from river upstream to 1st barrier impassable by fish

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

Water	Open Season	Daily Limit	Tributaries
Lake Erie Lake Ontario Niagara River	All year	8 quarts	All from lake upstream to 1st barrier impassable by fish

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

Water	Open Season	Daily Hours & Limit	Tributaries
Tupper Lake	All year	Anytime/8 quarts	Lake and Bog River upstream to Rte. 421
Canandaigua Lake Canadice Lake Hemlock Lake Keuka Lake Seneca Lake Cayuga Lake Owasco Lake	All year	Anytime/8 quarts	All from lake upstream to 1st barrier impassable by fish Exceptions: no dipping in Catharine Creek and L'Hommedieu Diversion channel (Seneca Lake) and upstream of old Lehigh Valley Railroad. bridge at Naples Creek (Canandaigua Lake)
Indian Lake Fulton Chain (except Seventh Lake) East Caroga Lake West Caroga Lake	April 1– May 15	5 AM to 10 PM 8 quarts	All from lake upstream to 1st barrier impassable by fish. No dipping in Mead Creek from mouth upstream to State Rte. 29A
Hudson River from Mario M. Cuomo Bridge upstream to the Troy Dam	All year	Anytime/ Any number	All from river upstream to 1st barrier impassable by fish

REGULATIONS FOR HARVESTED FISH

Fish cleaning

- All legally harvested fish may be gilled or gutted while on the water.
- Possession of the following fish that have been cut, dismembered, filleted, skinned, or otherwise altered so that the species and total length of such fish cannot be easily determined is prohibited:
 - ▶ Walleye,
 - ▶ Black Bass,
 - ▶ Brook trout,
 - ▶ Lake trout, and
 - ▶ Atlantic salmon.
- Other species of fish may be filleted provided that the skin is not removed from the fillets.

Fish carcass disposal

- 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 a suitable refuse collection system; and
 - Fish required to be returned to the water by regulation or law.

Transportation

Transportation of fish is permitted as follows:

Fish caught in New York State

- Salable fish (page 77) may be transported in any number.
- No more than two days' legal take of nonsalable fish (page 77) may be transported unless a permit is obtained from a DEC Regional Office, or the fish are frozen, processed, and packaged for storage.
- Smelt, suckers, alewives, and blueback herring taken for human consumption purposes only may be transported at any time.
- Baitfish transportation regulations can be found on page 80.

Fish caught outside of New York State

Fish caught outside of NY 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.

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.

PURCHASE AND SALE OF FISH

Fish that are salable

Fish that are salable at any time include those species in the **Statewide Seasons and Limits** table for which there is no closed season and no minimum length. A baitfish license is required to sell baitfish in NY.

Exceptions:

The following fish only if taken outside of New York State:

- ▶ Coho, Chinook, and pink salmon,
- ▶ Atlantic salmon,
- ▶ Lake trout,
- ▶ 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: 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

Fish that are non-salable are fish that have a minimum length or a closed season.

Exceptions:

- Black bass, landlocked salmon, muskellunge, and trout taken on a licensed fishing preserve or private hatchery and properly tagged or documented may be sold
- Sale of catfish taken in Lake Ontario and its tributaries upstream to the 1st barrier impassable by fish and in the St. Lawrence River is prohibited.
- Sale of American eel from the Hudson, Harlem, and East rivers is prohibited, except for use as bait.
- Eggs taken from Chinook salmon and coho salmon caught in Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River, or their tributaries upstream to the 1st impassable barrier may be sold by only sport fishermen for use as bait.

Natural Baits Other Than Baitfish

NATURAL BAITS OTHER THAN BAITFISH

Salamanders and snakes

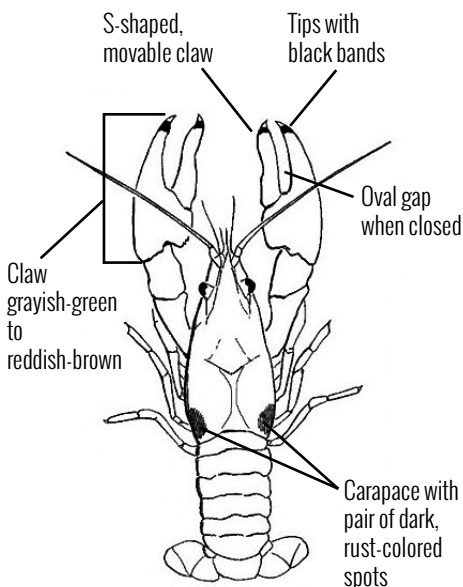
Native salamanders and snakes cannot be collected or used as bait.

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 any time.

Rusty crayfish

- Rusty crayfish may not be purchased and/or transported to a waterbody (page 79) for use as bait or to be released.
- Rusty crayfish may not be transported away from or within a waterbody (page 79).



Fish eggs

- No person shall possess more than one quart total of fish eggs from
 - ▶ Trout,
 - ▶ Lake trout, or
 - ▶ Atlantic salmonwhile on the waters of the state or the shores thereof. Fish eggs which are still inside the carcass of an intact, legally caught and possessed fish shall not be counted towards the one-quart total.
- No person shall take or attempt to take any fish by means of chumming (page 70) with fish eggs.

Taking and possession of frogs

- Any person who has a hunting or 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 or a longbow.
- Frogs may be taken in any number and at any time from June 15–Sept 30, except that no person shall use a gun to take frogs between sunset to sunrise.
- Frogs may be imported, bought, and sold at any time. An importer must keep a record of names and addresses of buyers and sellers.

Exception: Leopard frogs may not be taken in NYC, Nassau, or Suffolk counties. Northern cricket frogs or eastern spadefoot toads may not be taken anywhere in New York State.

BAITFISH REGULATIONS

Waters where the use of baitfish is prohibited

Waters where the use of baitfish is prohibited can be found in the Special Regulations (pages 8-69).

Waterbody definition

For the purposes of the Baitfish Regulations section:

Waterbody shall mean any lake, river, pond, stream, or any other distinct mass of water existing in the State of New York, whether publicly or privately owned, including the banks and shores thereof. A waterbody shall also include all tributaries upstream to the 1st barrier impassable to fish, including the banks and shores thereof. For the purposes of this definition, locks and dams shall be considered impassable barriers. In addition, each of the following 12 combined waterbodies, including all tributaries up to the 1st impassable barrier, shall be considered the same waterbody except that border waters shall only include the portion inside New York:

- Lake Ontario in combination with the Lower Niagara River and the St. Lawrence River;
- Lake Erie in combination with the Upper Niagara River, Black Rock Canal, and waters of the Erie Barge Canal from the Upper Niagara River to Lock E35 in Lockport;
- Oswego River from Lock 7 to junction with Oneida River and Seneca River at Three Rivers;
- Oneida River downstream of Caughdenoy Dam and Erie Barge Canal from Lock E23 to the junction with Oswego and Seneca Rivers;

- Oneida Lake and Erie Barge Canal downstream to Lock E23 and upstream to Lock E22, and the Oneida River downstream to Caughdenoy Dam;
- Mohawk River from Barge Canal in Rome upstream to Delta Dam;
- Erie Barge Canal from Lock E22 east to Lock E6;
- Lake Champlain, including the Champlain Canal north of Lock 12;
- Hudson River from the Federal Dam at Troy to Bakers Falls in the City of Hudson Falls, and the Champlain Canal up to but not above Lock 7 in Fort Edward, and the Erie Barge Canal up to but not above Lock E6 in Waterford;
- Hudson River downstream from the Federal Dam at Troy to the Battery at the southern tip of Manhattan Island;
- Susquehanna River downstream of dam in Oakland, Pennsylvania, and the Chenango River;
- Saranac Chain of Lakes from Lake Flower upstream to Barlett Carry Dam.

Purchased baitfish

Green list baitfish

The following baitfish are the only species that can be purchased and used in any waterbody (page 79) in New York where it is legal to use fish as bait.

- Golden shiner
- Emerald shiner
- Common shiner
- Spottail shiner
- Banded killifish
- Fathead minnow
- Bluntnose minnow
- Eastern silvery minnow
- Northern redbelly dace
- Stonecat
- Tadpole madtom

Baitfish Regulations

- Blacknose dace
- Longnose dace
- White sucker
- Northern hogsucker
- Creek chub
- Fallfish
- Logperch
- Margined madtom
- Brindled madtom

Other baitfish

The following baitfish may be purchased and only used in specified waters and their tributaries to the 1st impassable barrier.

- **Alewife:** Canandaigua Lake; Canadice Lake; Cannonsville Reservoir; Cayuga Lake; Cayuta Lake; Conesus Lake; Hemlock Lake; Waneta Lake; Hudson River downstream from Lock C4 and its associated dam in Stillwater to the Battery at the southern tip of Manhattan Island; Keuka Lake; Otsego Lake; Otisco Lake; Owasco Lake; Lake Ontario; Lake Erie; Lamoka Lake; Pepacton Reservoir; Seneca Lake; St. Lawrence River; Niagara River; Mohawk River, and all waters in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties.
- **Rainbow smelt:** Canadice Lake; Canandaigua Lake; Cayuga Lake; Cayuta Lake; Conesus Lake; First, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth lakes of the Fulton Chain; Hemlock Lake; Honeoye Lake; Keuka Lake; Lake Champlain; Lamoka Lake; Lake Ontario; Lake Erie; Owasco Lake; Seneca Lake; Star Lake (St. Lawrence County); Waneta Lake; the St. Lawrence River; and the Niagara River.
- **Mummichog:** Hudson River and tidal portion of Hudson River tributaries downstream of the Federal Dam at Troy; and all waters in Nassau and Suffolk counties.

- **Blueback herring and Atlantic menhaden:** Hudson River downstream from Lock C4 and its associated dam in Stillwater to the Battery at the southern tip of Manhattan Island; and the Mohawk River and tributaries to the 1st barrier impassable by fish.
- **American eel:** Delaware River and tributaries to the 1st barrier impassable by fish, 9-inch minimum size limit; and the Hudson River downstream from the Federal Dam at Troy to the Battery at the southern tip of Manhattan Island, between 9 and 14 inches.

Use, possession, and transportation of purchased baitfish

Certified baitfish

- Certified baitfish are those that have been tested and found to be free of specified diseases.
- Certified baitfish purchased from a bait dealer can be transported overland in a motorized vehicle and used in any waterbody where it is legal to do so.
- For baitfish to be considered certified, the seller must provide a receipt that contains:
 - ▶ the seller's name,
 - ▶ date of sale,
 - ▶ the species of fish, and
 - ▶ the number of each species sold.

The buyer must retain that receipt while in possession of the baitfish.

- Baitfish without a receipt or with a receipt that is older than 10 days shall be considered uncertified bait.

Uncertified baitfish

- Uncertified baitfish are those that have not been tested to verify that they are free of specified diseases.
- Uncertified baitfish purchased from a bait dealer can only be used on the same body of water that they were collected in.
- Uncertified baitfish cannot be transported overland by a motorized vehicle (e.g., car) except within a designated overland transportation corridor.
- The seller of uncertified baitfish outside of an overland transportation corridor is required to provide the same receipt information as for certified baitfish and also include the name of the waterbody in which the uncertified bait fish can be used and a warning to the purchaser that the baitfish may not be transported overland by motorized vehicle.

Collection, use, and transportation of personally harvested baitfish

- Any person who has a fishing license or is entitled to fish without a license may collect minnows (except carp, goldfish, or endangered or threatened species), killifish, mudminnows, darters, sticklebacks, stonecats, smelt, alewives, and suckers for personal use in hook-and-line fishing only (sale prohibited) by angling and with the gear types listed in the Gear for Taking Baitfish Table (page 82). All other species must be immediately returned to the water.
- Special regulations associated with personally harvesting alewife and blueback herring in the Hudson River can be found on page 24.

- Baitfish or other legally taken fish species intended to be used as bait may only be used in the same waterbody (page 79) from which they were caught for bait in hook-and-line fishing. These fish may only be used in a waterbody where it is legal to use fish as bait.
- Transportation of personally harvested baitfish overland by a motorized vehicle is prohibited except within a designated overland transportation corridor (page 84).
- Smelt, suckers, alewives, and blueback herring taken for human consumption only may be transported at any time.

Baitfish collection exceptions

- Possession or use of minnow traps and nets is prohibited on units of state land/waters where the use or possession of baitfish is prohibited (see Special Regulations pages 8–69).
- In the Hudson River downstream of the Troy Dam and in Lake Champlain, Upper and Lower Saranac Lakes, Lake Clear (Franklin Co.), Chazy Lake, and their tributaries to the 1st barrier, smelt may be taken only by angling

Species that may not be used for bait

Carp, goldfish, lamprey larvae, round goby, as well as species listed as endangered or threatened in New York State may not be used for bait.

Baitfish Regulations

GEAR FOR TAKING BAITFISH		
Gear	Time	Water
Seine or scap net: maximum size 36 square feet	Sunrise to sunset	All non-trout waters
Minnow trap: maximum length 20", maximum entrance diameter 1", must be marked with owner's name and address	Anytime	Waters open to baitfish use
Seine: maximum size 36 square feet	Anytime	Lakes Erie & Ontario excluding their inlets, outlets, bays Niagara River Hudson River below Troy Dam
Cast net ¹ maximum 10 feet in diameter	Anytime	Hudson River below Troy Dam
In addition, alewives are the only fish that may be taken as follows:		
Gill nets: maximum length 25 feet, maximum area 200 square feet, maximum size 1" bar	Anytime	Canadice, Canandaigua, Cayuga, Hemlock, Keuka, Owasco, Otisco, and Seneca lakes.
Stunning may be used to collect stonecats. Stunning means tapping a stone with an implement or other stone.		
¹ The only place where cast nets may be used is in the Hudson River below the Troy Dam.		

Use of dead fish as bait

Any dead fish, or parts thereof excluding eggs, that are legal to possess and are not prohibited for use as bait, that have been packaged for commercial sale and have been preserved by methods other than by freezing only (e.g., salted minnows) can be used in any waterbody where it is legal to use fish as bait and do not require a receipt. Each package of dead bait fish must be individually labeled, identifying the name of the packager/processor, the name of the species, the quantity of fish contained, and the means of preservation.

Restrictions on use and possession of marine baitfish

Baitfish collected in the Marine and Coastal District (page 70) may be transported overland only for use in the Marine and Coastal District in the following counties: Queens, Kings, Richmond, New York, Bronx, Suffolk, Nassau, Rockland, and Westchester.

Overland transportation corridors

Three defined overland transportation corridors were designated for the purposes of allowing the transport and use of uncertified baitfish by anglers in specific areas of the state. The three overland transportation corridors are intended to primarily serve anglers fishing three major waterbodies:

- the Lake Erie-Upper Niagara River;
- the Lower Niagara River-Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence River; and
- the Tidal Hudson River.

Uncertified baitfish are only allowed to be used on the same body of water where they were collected within these corridors.

Transportation of purchased uncertified baitfish within an Overland Transportation Corridor

Uncertified baitfish purchased from a bait dealer may be transported within a designated overland transportation corridor provided a receipt, issued by the seller and retained by the purchaser while in possession of the baitfish, contains

- the seller's name,
- date of sale,
- the species of fish,
- the number of each species sold,
- the waterbody the baitfish must be used in,
- the overland transportation corridor the baitfish must be transported within, and
- a warning that the baitfish may only be transported within that overland transportation corridor.

Transportation of personally collected baitfish within an Overland Transportation Corridor

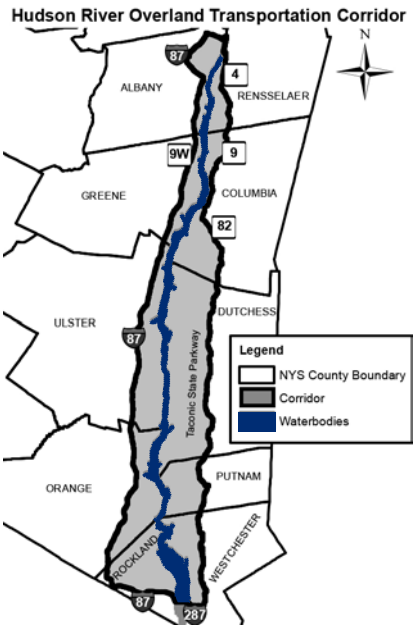
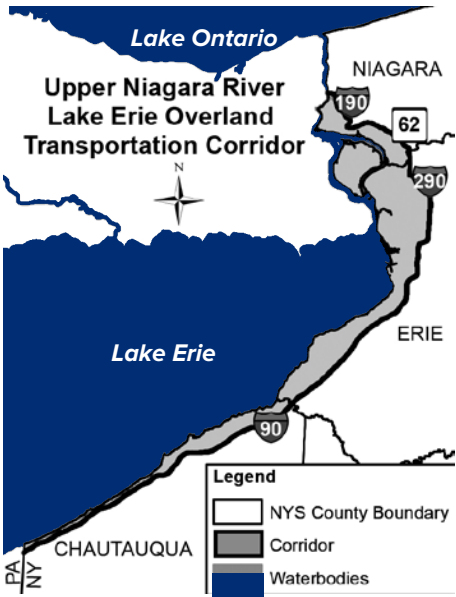
Personally collected baitfish taken from a waterbody within an overland transportation corridor may be transported within that corridor. These baitfish may only be used in the same waterbody (page 79) they were collected in.

Baitfish Regulations

Designated Overland Transportation Corridors

The three overland transportation corridors are defined as follows:

1. Upper Niagara River/Lake Erie Overland Transportation Corridor shall mean the geographical area associated with the New York portion of Lake Erie and the Upper Niagara River west of and including a line starting at I-90 at the Pennsylvania border, then continuing east to its intersection with I-290, then continuing north along I-290 to its intersection with State Rte. 62, then continuing west to its intersection with I-190, then north to its intersection with the Lower Niagara River. Baitfish collected from the New York portion of the Upper Niagara River/Lake Erie waterbody may be transported within this corridor.



2. Hudson River Overland Transportation Corridor shall mean the geographical area associated with the Hudson River south of the Federal Dam at Troy starting at the eastern shore of the Hudson River at the Federal Dam in Troy, continuing east on W. Glenn Ave. in Troy to its intersection with State Rte. 4, then continuing south on State Rte. 4 to its intersection with State Rtes. 9 & 20, then continuing easterly to its intersection with State Rte. 9, then continuing east on State Rte. 82, to its intersection with the Taconic State Parkway, then continuing south on the Taconic State Parkway to its intersection with the Sprain Brook Parkway, then continuing south on the Sprain Brook Parkway to its intersection with I-287, then continuing west on I-287 across the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge to I-87 North, then continuing north on I-87 to where State Rte. 9W crosses I-87 in Greene County, then continuing north on State Rte. 9W to where State Rte. 9W crosses I-87 in Albany

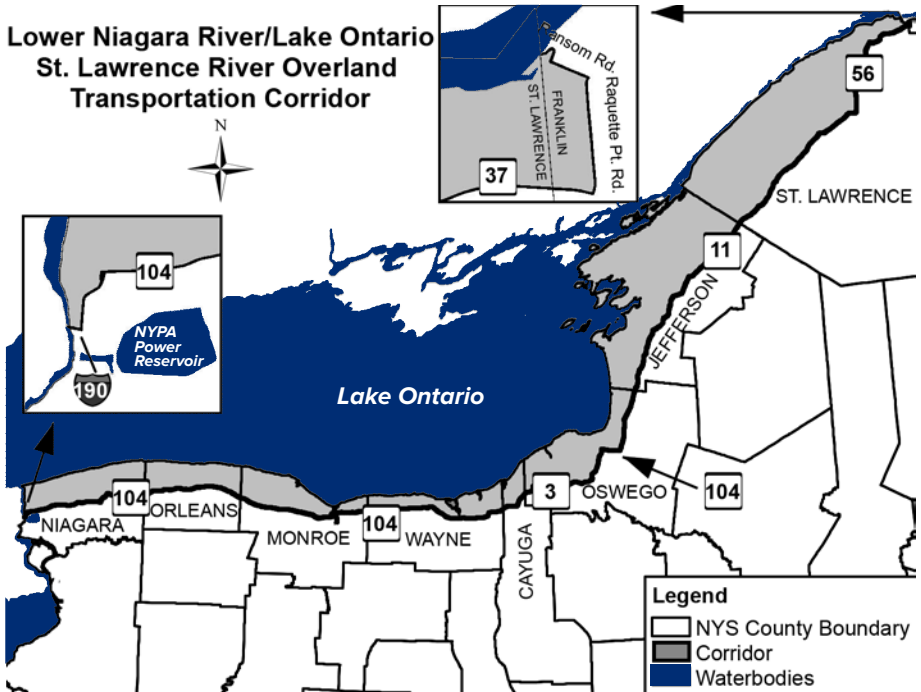
County, then continuing north on I-87 to its intersection with State Rte. 7, then continuing east on State Rte. 7 to its intersection with I-787, then continuing north on I-787 to its intersection with Tibbets Ave., then continuing east on Tibbets Ave. to its intersection with Delaware Ave., then proceeding in a straight line to the west edge of the Troy Dam. Baitfish collected from the New York portion of the Tidal Hudson River waterbody may be transported within this corridor.

3. Lower Niagara River/Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence River Overland

Transportation Corridor shall mean the geographical area associated with New York portion of the Lower Niagara River, Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River starting at the intersection of I-190 and the Lower Niagara River, then continuing eastward to its intersection

with State Rte. 104, then continuing eastward to its intersection with State Rte. 3, then continuing east on State Rte. 3 to its intersection with State Rte. 104, then continuing eastward on State Rte. 104 to its intersection with State Rte. 11, then continuing north on State Rte. 11 to its intersection with State Rte. 56, then continuing north along State Rte. 56 to its intersection with State Rte. 37, then continuing east along State Rte. 37 to its intersection with Racquette Point Rd., then continuing north on Racquette Point Rd. to its intersection with Ransom Rd., and then continuing west on Ransom Rd. and terminating at the St. Lawrence River. Baitfish collected from the New York portion of the Lower Niagara River/Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence River waterbody may be transported within this corridor

Lower Niagara River/Lake Ontario/St. Lawrence River Overland Transportation Corridor



License Information

License requirements

Everyone must have a valid fishing license in their possession while fishing or helping someone to fish except:

- Persons under 16 years of age;
- NYS-resident owners, lessees and 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. License exemptions must be requested for such persons through the hospital/institution by writing NYSDEC License Sales Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4790, or by emailing FW.Information@dec.ny.gov;
- When fishing on licensed fishing preserves.

Free licenses

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

- New York State residents who are legally blind and provide a doctor's note to the License Issuing Agent;
- New York State residents who are active service members of the NYS Organized Militia (i.e., National Guard), or U.S. Reserve Forces;
- New York State residents stationed outside of New York who are on full time active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and are on leave in NY for no longer than 30 days;

- Resident patients at U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs hospitals or state-funded 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 DEC's License Sales Office at (518) 402-8843.

Residency

To qualify for an annual resident license, a person must live in New York State for more than 30 days immediately preceding the date of application. When purchasing a lifetime license, you must show proof of residency for one full year.

Land ownership in New York does not make you a resident. Residency is that place where a person maintains a fixed, permanent, and principal home (regardless of where temporarily located), such as where a person is registered to vote. If under 18, the residence of parents or legal guardian shall be deemed such person's residence. For a complete list of valid residency proof documents, please see www.dec.ny.gov/permits/95452.html#Res.

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

License privileges

Persons holding a freshwater fishing license may take freshwater 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 baitfish for personal use, all as permitted by law or DEC.

- The holder of a license, tag, or stamp shall have such license, tag, stamp, or other valid proof (see below) on his/her 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.
- A freshwater fishing license does not allow for the taking of migratory marine fish. See Recreational Marine Fishing Registry (below).

Recreational Marine Fishing Registry

Anglers 16 years of age and older who fish in the Marine and Coastal District of New York (page 70) or for migratory marine species; such as striped bass, hickory shad, and river herring from all waters of the state, including the Hudson River and Delaware River; must enroll in the Recreational Marine Fishing Registry wherever licenses are sold (below).

For additional information concerning the Recreational Marine Fishing Registry, contact the DEC Division of Marine Resources at (631) 444-0430 or visit the DEC website at

www.dec.ny.gov/permits/54950.html.

Free fishing days

During the following dates, anyone can fish the freshwaters of New York State and no license is required!

- June 26–27, 2021
- September 25, 2021
- November 11, 2021
- February 19–20, 2022

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

For a list of DEC-sponsored Fishing Clinics, visit www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/27123.html.

LICENSES

Resident Annual

Fishing (16–69) *	\$25
Fishing (70+) *	\$5
7-day (16+)	\$12
1-day (16+)	\$5
Fishing (military/disabled)**	\$5
Marine Registry *	\$0

Non-Resident Annual

Fishing (16+) *	\$50
7-day (16+)	\$28
1-day (16+)	\$10
Marine Registry *	\$0

Lifetime Fishing (available to NYS residents only)

Lifetime Fishing (0–69)	\$460
Lifetime Fishing (70+)	\$65

* Valid for 365 days after purchase or effective date provided to issuing agent.

** Military Disabled persons with a 40% or more service-related disability annually pay \$5.00 for the first of the following 3 privileges: fishing, hunting, trapping. Subsequent purchases of the other 2 privileges are free within the calendar year. Questions should be directed to 518-402-8843.

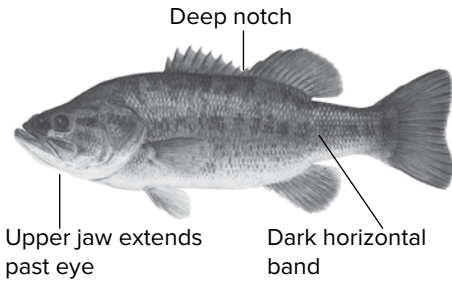
License Information

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 Delaware River (along boundary)	Pennsylvania	Yes
Greenwood Lake	New Jersey	Yes ^b
Indian Lake	Connecticut	Yes ^b
<p>a All Vermont portions of Lake Champlain with the exception of The Inland Sea (including “The Gut”), Mallett’s Bay, Missisquoi Bay and all rivers. (See map at https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6411.html)</p> <p>b New York license permits fishing out-of-state portion from boat or ice only.</p>		

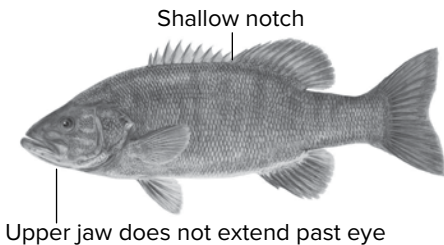
VALID PROOF OF FISHING LICENSE						
License type	Valid Proof of Fishing License					
“Freshwater” Fishing License	License on official license paper (Valeron)	Hunt Fish NY App	Online printable license	8 Digit DEC License Transaction #	Plastic lifetime card	Adventure license
Recreational Marine Fishing Registry					N/A	N/A

LICENSE OR REGISTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR FISHING IN THE TIDAL HUDSON RIVER OR MARINE AND COASTAL DISTRICT		
Location	Species Fishing For	License or Registry
North of Mario M. Cuomo Bridge	Freshwater Species	“Freshwater” Fishing License
	Migratory Marine Species	Recreational Marine Fishing Registry
South of Mario M. Cuomo Bridge (Marine and Coastal District)	All Species	
Please do not laminate your license. The heat from this process will cause it to become unreadable.		

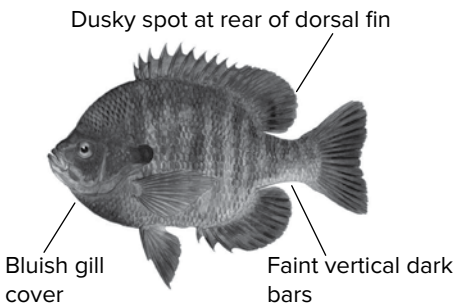
LARGEMOUTH BASS



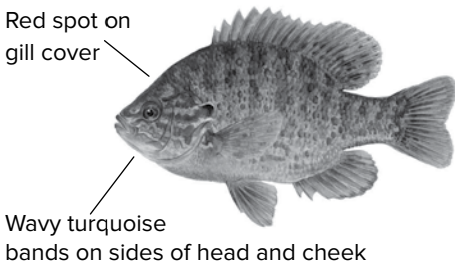
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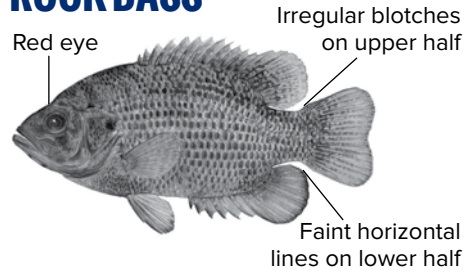
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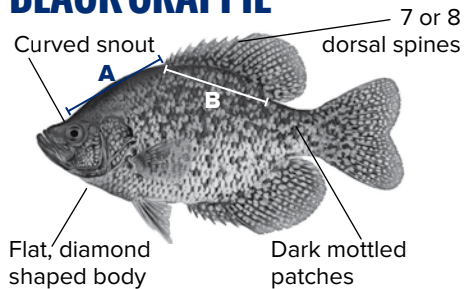
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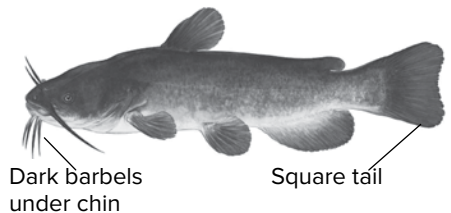


BLACK CRAPPIE

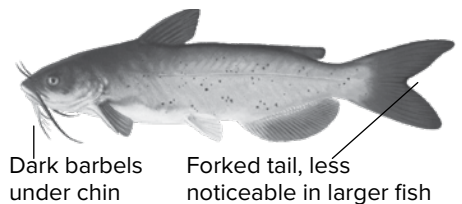


Note: White crappie (not shown) can be similar in coloration to black crappie. They can best be told apart by comparing the distance from the eye to the front of the dorsal fin (A) with the length of the base of the dorsal fin (B). In white crappie, B is significantly shorter than A, while the lengths are pretty much equal in black crappie. Black crappie also have 7–8 dorsal spines, while white crappie usually have 6 (rarely 7).

BROWN BULLHEAD

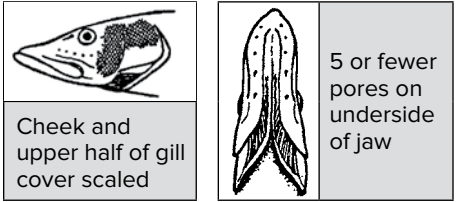
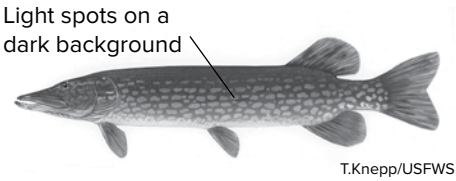


CHANNEL CATFISH

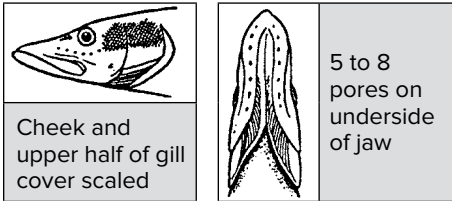
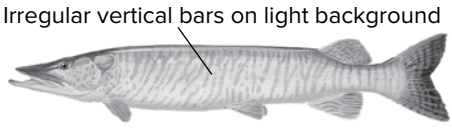


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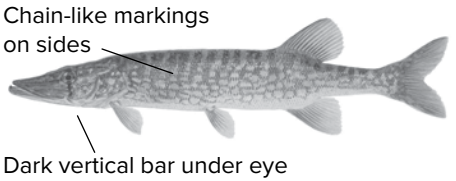
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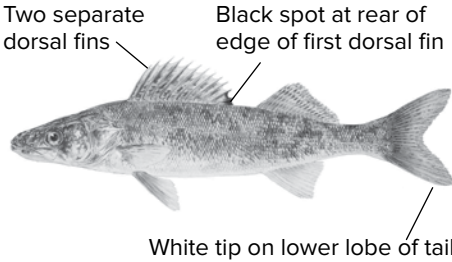
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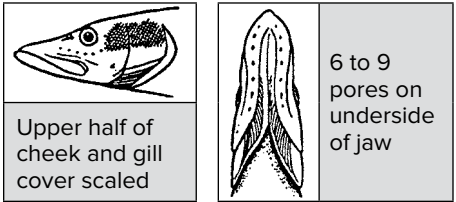
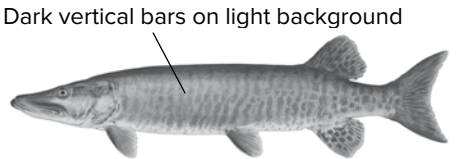
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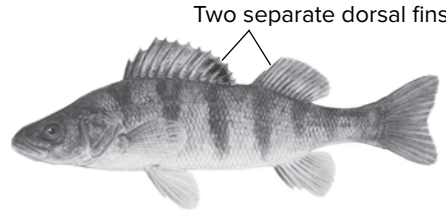
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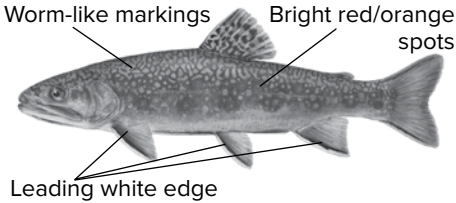


YELLOW PERCH

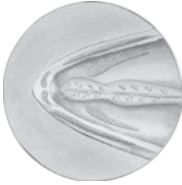
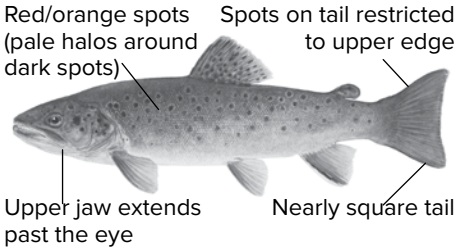


Dark vertical bars on yellow sides

BROOK TROUT



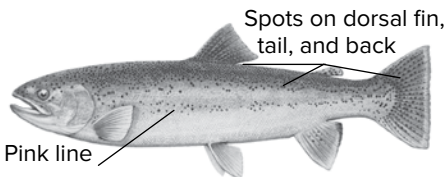
BROWN TROUT



Well-developed vomerine teeth on roof of mouth in zig-zag pattern

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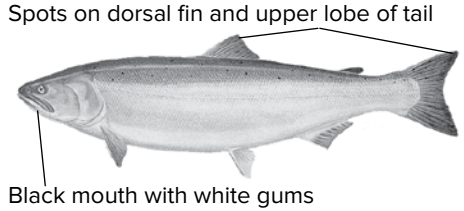
RAINBOW TROUT



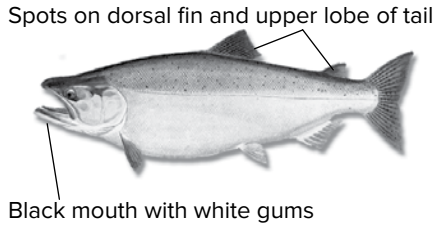
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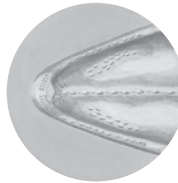
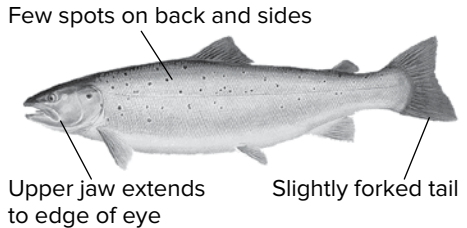
COHO SALMON*



CHINOOK SALMON



ATLANTIC SALMON



Small vomerine teeth on roof of mouth in single row

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RAINBOW SMELT



* Pacific salmon (Coho and Chinook Salmon) are characterized by an anal fin that is longer along the body than it is away from the body

ANGLER ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Each year numerous anglers take to the water in hope of catching a trophy-sized fish. For those 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. Awards are given for catching any of 42 different eligible freshwater fish species. You can enter your catch in any of three categories—Annual Award, Catch and Release, and State Record.

Rules of entry:

(Before submitting your entry, be sure to check the complete set of rules by scanning the QR code or visiting www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7727.html.)

- Fish must be taken during their respective open season by angling or ice fishing in NYS waters in accordance with NYS fishing regulations.
- Entries must be received within 30 days of catch.
- All entries must be accompanied by a clear, side-view photograph of the fish or if possible, the angler with the fish. Information provided on the entry form and any associated photographs become the property of DEC and may be used for promotional purposes.
- Pins awarded annually will be limited to one pin per angler per species.
- Fish entered in the Annual Award and State Record Categories need to be weighed on a certified scale (post offices, supermarkets, bait shops, etc.).
- Fish entered in the Catch and Release Category should be measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. Fish must be photographed at the catch site and promptly released. Fish not released promptly, improperly handled, or in poor condition will result in disqualification.
- To qualify as a new state record, fish must exceed previous record by a minimum of 1 oz. The fish must be identified and examined by a DEC Fisheries Biologist (or designee) prior to any cutting of the fish or removal of entrails.
- Send completed entry forms and photos to: NYS DEC Bureau of Fisheries, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4753 or email to fwfish@dec.ny.gov.

Official Entry Form

Section A: Entry Category

Fish is being entered in (check one)

☐ Catch and Release Category (complete sections B, C, G) ☐ Annual Award Category (complete sections B, C, D, E, G) ☐ State Record (complete sections B, C, D, E, F, G)

Section B: Angler Information

Name of Angler: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

City/Town: _____

Fishing License # (for people 16 years of age or older): _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Section C: Catch Information

Fish Species: _____

Kept: ☐ Released: ☐

Date of Catch: _____ Time of Catch: _____ AM PM (Circle one)

Name of Water Body: _____

County: _____

Nearest Town: _____

Length: _____

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: _____

Business Name: _____

Address of Business: _____

City/Town: _____

Scale Certification Number: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Date Last Certified: _____

Angler Achievement Awards

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-to be completed by a DEC Fisheries Biologist or Designee)

I have examined the fish described above and confirm that it is a:

Name of DEC Fisheries Biologist or Designee:

Signature: Date:

Section G: Angler Signature (all entries) and Notarization (State Record Entries only)

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):

Signature of Notary (State Record entries only):

Sworn before me this day of: Year:

Notary Seal (State Record Entries Only)	Miscellaneous Notes

2020–2021 Health Advice for Eating Sportfish

NYS Department of Health's advice about eating sportfish (fish you catch) helps people reduce their exposures to chemicals and get the health benefits from eating fish.

Advice That Applies to All NYS Freshwaters (General Advice)

Everyone can eat up to four, half-pound meals of fish from waters without specific advice.

Waters with specific advice are listed alphabetically below and by region at

www.health.ny.gov/fish.

Adirondack and Catskill Waters

There is also specific advice for Adirondack and Catskill Region waters including popular fishing spots like Great Sacandaga Lake and the Ashokan Reservoir. **View Adirondack and Catskill waters advice at www.health.ny.gov/fish.**

Adirondack and Catskill Regional Advice

When there is no specific advice for waters:

- Women under 50 and children under 15 do not eat: yellow perch greater than 10", northern pike, pickerel, walleye, large and smallmouth bass.
- Everyone in the family can eat up to 4 meals/month of: yellow perch less than 10", bluegill sunfish, brook trout, bullhead, brown trout, pumpkinseed sunfish, rainbow trout, rock bass.

Waters with Specific Advice For Adirondack and Catskill waters, visit www.health.ny.gov/fish.

Specific advice also apply to connected waters if there are no barriers to stop fish from moving upstream or downstream. This is because chemicals remain in fish when they move from one waterbody to another.



Women under 50 years of age and children under 15 years of age should not eat any fish from the waters listed below. All others should follow this advice: New advice listed in blue.

Amawalk Reservoir (Westchester), Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass over 16" 1 meal/month

Black River, from Carthage State Dam to Herrings Dam (Jefferson), Carp 1 meal/month

Bog Brook Reservoir (Putnam), Walleye over 21" 1 meal/month

Boyd Corners Reservoir (Putnam), Largemouth Bass over 16" & Walleye 1 meal/month

Breakneck Pond (Rockland), Largemouth Bass over 15" 1 meal/month

Buffalo River/Harbor (Erie), Carp DON'T EAT; Channel Catfish 1 meal/month

Canadice Lake (Ontario), Lake Trout over 23" DON'T EAT; Brown Trout & smaller Lake Trout 1 meal/month

Carmans River, above Southaven Dam (Suffolk) See Waters with Family Advice

Cayuga Creek (Niagara), All species DON'T EAT

Chenango River (Multiple), Walleye over 22" 1 meal/month

Chodikee Lake (Ulster), Largemouth Bass over 15" 1 meal/month

Cross River Reservoir (Westchester), Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass over 16" 1 meal/month

Delaware Park/Hoyt Lake (Erie), Carp 1 meal/month

Delta Lake (Oneida), Walleye over 23" 1 meal/month

Diverting Reservoir (Putnam), Walleye 1 meal/month

Dunham Reservoir (Rensselaer), Walleye DON'T EAT; Smallmouth Bass 1 meal/month

Dyken Pond (Rensselaer), Largemouth Bass 1 meal/month

East Branch Reservoir (Putnam), Walleye 1 meal/month

Eighteenmile Creek, above/below Burt Dam (Niagara), All species DON'T EAT



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Erie Canal, between Lockport and Niagara River (Erie/Niagara), Carp 1 meal/month

Freeport Reservoir (Nassau), Carp 1 meal/month

Fresh Pond, Hither Hills State Park (Suffolk), Largemouth Bass over 15" 1 meal/month

Goodyear Lake (Otsego), Walleye over 22" 1 meal/month

Grant Park Pond (Nassau), Carp 1 meal/month

Grasse River to Massena Power Canal (St. Lawrence), All species DON'T EAT

Hall's Pond (Nassau), Carp & Goldfish DON'T EAT

Hoosic River (Rensselaer), Brown Trout over 14" & Carp 1 meal/month

Hudson River, Upstream from Corinth Dam (Palmer Falls Dam) (Warren, Essex, Saratoga, Hamilton), follow Adirondack Regional Advice

- **Corinth Dam (Palmer Falls Dam) to South Glens Falls Dam at Rte. 9 Bridge** (Warren, Saratoga), Smallmouth Bass over 14", up to 1 meal/month; Carp 1 meal/month
- **South Glens Falls Dam at Rte. 9 Bridge to Hudson Falls Dam at Bakers Falls** (Warren, Washington, Saratoga), All fish DON'T EAT
- **Hudson Falls Dam at Bakers Falls to Federal Dam at Troy** (Rensselaer, Albany, Washington, Saratoga), All fish, Catch and Release fishing ONLY per DEC regulations. Take No Fish. Eat No Fish.
- **Federal Dam at Troy to Rip Van Winkle Bridge at Catskill** (Rensselaer, Albany, Columbia, Greene), Alewife, Blueback Herring, Rock Bass, Yellow Perch 1 meal/month; All other fish (including Striped Bass and Walleye) DON'T EAT
- **Hudson River, Rip Van Winkle Bridge**

at Catskill to NYC Battery (Bronx, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, New York, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Ulster, Westchester), Channel Catfish, Gizzard Shad, Walleye, White Catfish, DON'T EAT; Blue Crab meat 1 meal/week (~6 crabs), DON'T EAT tomalley; Striped Bass, Bluefish, Brown Bullhead, Carp, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, White Perch, Rainbow Smelt, Atlantic Needlefish, Goldfish 1 meal/month

Kinderhook Lake (Columbia), American Eel 1 meal/month

Koppers Pond (Chemung), Carp 1 meal/month

Lake Capri (Suffolk), American Eel & Carp 1 meal/month

Lake Champlain, whole lake (Multiple), Lake Trout over 25" & Walleye over 19" 1 meal/month

- **Bay within Cumberland Head Southwest to Peru Boat Launch** (Clinton, Essex), Same as whole lake AND; American Eel & Yellow Perch DON'T EAT; Northern Pike 1 meal/month

Lake Ontario See Waters with Family Advice

Lewiston Reservoir/Power Reservoir (Niagara), Carp DON'T EAT

Loft's Pond (Nassau), Carp & Goldfish 1 meal/month

Upper Massapequa Reservoir (Nassau), Carp & White Perch 1 meal/month

Massena Power Canal (St. Lawrence), Smallmouth Bass 1 meal/month

Mohawk River, between Lock E21 at New London and Lock E20 at Whitesboro (Oneida), Carp 1 meal/month

- **Between Lock E20 at Whitesboro and Lock E18 at Jacksonburg** (Herkimer & Oneida), Carp DON'T EAT; Largemouth Bass & Tiger Muskellunge 1 meal/month
- **Mohawk River, between Lock E18 at**

(Note: harvest/possession of Hudson River American Eel for food and American Shad is prohibited per DEC regulations).



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Jacksonburg and Fivemile Dam below Little Falls (Herkimer), Carp 1 meal/month

Moodna Creek (Orange), Channel & White Catfish, Gizzard Shad, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye **DON'T EAT**; Blue Crab meat 1 meal/month (~6 crabs), **DON'T EAT** tomalley; All other fish 1 meal/month

Mud Creek (Oneida), Brown Trout & White Sucker **DON'T EAT**

Nassau Lake (Rensselaer), All species **DON'T EAT**

Newburgh Area Waters, Beaverdam Lake, Stream from Stewart State Forest to Beaverdam Lake, Crestview Lake, Lockwood Basin/Masterson Park Pond, Moodna Creek upstream of Firthcliff Dam, Recreation Pond, Silver Stream, Washington Lake (Orange), All fish **DON'T EAT**

Niagara River See Waters with Family Advice

Onondaga Lake (Onondaga), Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass over 15", Walleye, Carp, Channel Catfish & White Perch **DON'T EAT**; Brown Bullhead & Pumpkinseed 4 meals/month; Smaller Smallmouth Bass, Smaller Largemouth Bass & all other fish not listed 1 meal/month

Oswego River, Varick Dam at Oswego (Lock #8) to upper dam at Fulton (Lock #2) (Oswego), Channel Catfish 1 meal/month

• **Mouth to Varick Dam at Oswego (Lock #8)** See Lake Ontario in Waters with Family Advice

Red Lake (Jefferson), Walleye 1 meal/month

Ridders Pond (Nassau), Goldfish **DON'T EAT**

Rushford Lake (Allegany), Walleye 1 meal/month

St. Lawrence River

See Waters with Family Advice

Salmon River, Mouth to Salmon River Reservoir (Oswego), Smallmouth Bass 1 meal/month (and Lake Ontario Advice)

Salmon River (Clinton), Same advice as

Lake Champlain, Bay within Cumberland Head Southwest to Peru Boat Launch

Salmon River Reservoir (Oswego), Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass 1 meal/month

Sauquoit Creek, Mohawk River to Old Silk Mill Dam (near New Hartford/Paris town line) (Oneida), Brown Trout & White Sucker **DON'T EAT**

Saw Mill River (Westchester), American Eel 1 meal/month

Seneca River, Downstream of Lock 24 at Baldwinsville (Onondaga), See Onondaga Lake advisories

Sheldrake River (Westchester), American Eel **DON'T EAT**; Goldfish 1 meal/month

Six Mile Creek, Downstream of Gulf Rd. to mouth of Mohawk River (Oneida), All fish **DON'T EAT**

Skaneateles Creek See Waters with Family Advice

Smith Pond at Rockville Centre (Nassau), American Eel, Carp, Goldfish & White Perch 1 meal/month

Smith Pond at Roosevelt Park (Nassau), American Eel **DON'T EAT**; Carp & Goldfish 1 meal/month

Spring Lake, Middle Island (Suffolk), Carp & Goldfish **DON'T EAT**

Stark Falls Reservoir (St. Lawrence), Northern Pike over 26" **DON'T EAT**

Thayers Pond, Hoosick Falls Area (Rensselaer), All fish **DON'T EAT**

Threemile Creek (Oneida), White Sucker 1 meal/month

Titicus Reservoir (Westchester), White Perch 1 meal/month

Unadilla River (Multiple), Walleye over 22" 1 meal/month

Upper Twin Pond (Nassau), American Eel & Carp 1 meal/month

Valatie Kill, between County Rte. 18 and Nassau Lake (Rensselaer), All species **DON'T EAT**



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Valatie Kill, between Nassau Lake and Kinderhook Lake (Rensselaer & Columbia), American Eel, Bluegill & Redbreast Sunfish
1 meal/month

West Branch Reservoir (Putnam), Walleye
1 meal/month

Whitney Park Pond (Nassau), Carp & Goldfish
1 meal/month



To view all advice by region

Waters with Family Advice Waters with new advice listed in blue.

	Men Over 15 Women Over 50	Women Under 50 Children Under 15
Carmans River, above Southaven Dam (Suffolk)		
American Eel	1 meal/month	DON'T EAT
Brown Bullhead	4 meals/month	4 meals/month
All other fish	4 meals/month	1 meal/month
Lake Erie and Niagara River upstream of Niagara Falls (Erie, Niagara)		
Rock Bass, Yellow Perch, Burbot	4 meals/month	4 meals/month
Carp, Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	DON'T EAT
All Other Fish	4 meals/month	1 meal/month
Lake Ontario and St. Lawrence River (excluding area listed below) (Franklin, Jefferson, St. Lawrence)		
Brown Bullhead, Rainbow Smelt, Rock Bass, White Sucker, Yellow Perch	4 meals/month	4 meals/month
Lake Trout over 25" and Brown Trout over 20"	1 meal/month	1 meal/month
Carp	1 meal/month	DON'T EAT
Channel Catfish	1 meal/month	1 meal/month
Smaller Lake Trout and Brown Trout, and All other fish (including Chinook and Coho Salmon)	4 meals/month	1 meal/month
St. Lawrence River , from South Channel Bridge (including Turtle Creek Cove) downstream to north end of Raquette Point (Navigation Light Number 11) (St. Lawrence)		
All species	DON'T EAT	DON'T EAT
Niagara River, downstream of Niagara Falls (Niagara)		
Same advice as Lake Ontario except Lake Trout		
Lake Trout	DON'T EAT	DON'T EAT

	Men Over 15 Women Over 50	Women Under 50 Children Under 15
Skaneateles Creek, Skaneateles Lake Dam at Skaneateles to Seneca River (Onondaga, Cayuga)		
Brown and Rainbow Trout	1 meal/month	1 meal/month
All other fish	4 meals/month	4 meals/month
Owasco Lake (Cayuga)		
Smallmouth Bass, Walleye	1 meal/month	DON'T EAT
Rainbow Smelt, Rainbow Trout smaller than 20", and Yellow Perch smaller than 10"	4 meals/month	4 meals/month
Rainbow Trout over 20", Yellow Perch over 10", All other fish	4 meals/month	1 meal/month

Tips for Healthier Eating

- To reduce exposures to mercury, avoid or eat less largemouth and smallmouth bass, northern pike, pickerel, walleye, and larger yellow perch, particularly in the Adirondack and Catskill regions.
- To reduce exposures to PCBs, dioxin, mirex, DDT, chlordane, and dieldrin, avoid or eat less American eel, bluefish, carp, lake trout, salmon (chinook, coho), striped bass, weakfish, white and channel catfish, and white perch because these fish tend to have higher levels of these contaminants. Follow the trim and skin recommendations in the diagram to further reduce these chemicals.
- When deciding which sportfish to eat, choose smaller fish within a species because they may have lower contaminant levels.
- Visit www.health.ny.gov/fish/tips for more helpful tips.

Cut the Fat to Cut PCBs

- PCBs are chemicals in the fat of some fish you catch.
- Don't pan-fry! Broil, grill, or bake so fat drips away.
- Don't eat the tomalley (green stuff) in crabs.

More Information

New York State Department of Health
www.health.ny.gov/fish
 518-402-7800; 800-458-1158
 BTSA@health.ny.gov

For information on contaminants in sportfish:
DEC Bureau of Ecosystem Health
 518-402-8920

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NEW YORK’S INLAND
TROUT STREAM
MANAGEMENT PLAN

New York’s Trout Stream Management Plan sets a course for managing trout streams based on their biological and recreational potential through sound science. The approach is bold, yet pragmatic. By differentiating between wild trout and stocked trout management, it balances our duty to manage and restore natural populations with the need to supply expanded recreational opportunities to meet angler needs. This will be done under a categorical approach to management that is transparent and simple to understand. The categories set angler expectations and serve as goals for enhancement through habitat management practices.

For more information:

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/111015.html

- New York’s Trout Stream Management Plan
- Categorization of New York State Trout Stream Reaches document

Trout Stream Fishing Map

www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/122444.html

