

MINNESOTA INLAND WATER SEASONS

Fishing opener is the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. Check the MNDNR Regulations for list of waters with experimental and special regulations. Find additional information on Minnesota's fishing regulations from the MNDNR at www.dnr.state.mn.us

SPECIES	LIMITS	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
Bass, Largemouth (Except NE)	6 combined w/ Smallmouth Bass C&R Season: Mid-MAY (Opener) to Late MAY	← Last Sunday in FEB		LARGEMOUTH		C&R	Late MAY to Last Sunday in FEB → ← C&R: Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Late MAY						
Bass, Largemouth (NE) (N & E of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to I. Falls & Pelican & Ash lakes in St. Louis County)	6 combined w/ Smallmouth Bass	← Last Sunday in FEB		LARGEMOUTH (NE)		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →							
Bass, Smallmouth (Except NE)	6 combined w/ Largemouth Bass C&R Seasons: Mid-MAY (Opener) to Late MAY AND 2nd Monday in SEPT to last Sunday in FEB	← Last Sunday in FEB		SMALLMOUTH		C&R	Late MAY to early SEPT → ← C&R: Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Late MAY			← C&R: 2nd Monday in SEPT to last Sunday in FEB →			
Bass, Smallmouth (NE) (N & E of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to I. Falls & Pelican & Ash lakes in St. Louis County)	6 combined w/ Largemouth Bass	← Last Sunday in FEB		SMALLMOUTH (NE)		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →							
Northern Pike (NE)	2; only 1 over 40" in possession; all from 30-40" must be immediately released	← Last Sunday in FEB		NORTHERN PIKE		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →							
Northern Pike (N-Cen)	10; not more than 2 over 26"; all from 22-26" must be released												
Northern Pike (S)	2; minimum 24"												
Northern Pike (LS)	2	← MAR 1st		NORTHERN PIKE (LS)		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to MARCH 1st →							
Muskie & Hybrid	1 combined; minimum 54"												
Muskie & Hybrid (TC Size Exceptions**)	1 combined; minimum 40"							1st Saturday in JUNE to DEC 1st →		← 1st Saturday in JUNE to DEC 1st			
Sturgeon (Lake & Shovelnose) *Includes LS; See "border waters" section for special regs	Catch-and-Release Season (same every year): 6/16 to 4/14, no tag needed	← C&R: JUNE 16th to APRIL 14th →		STURGEON		← C&R: JUNE 16th to APRIL 14th →							
Walleye/Sauger (except LS)	6 combined; not more than one walleye over 20"	← Last Sunday in FEB		WALLEYE/SAUGER		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to Last Sunday in FEB →							
Walleye (LS)	2; minimum 15"	← MAR 1st		WALLEYE (LS)		Mid-MAY (OPENER) to MARCH 1st →							
Catfish, Flathead	2; only 1 over 24" in combination w/ Channel Catfish; 5 total combined w/ Channel Catfish	FLATHEAD CATFISH		APRIL 1st to NOV 30th →						← APRIL 1st to NOV 30th			
Catfish, Channel	Continuous; 5 combined w/ Flathead Catfish (no more than 2 can be Flathead); only 1 catfish over 24"	Continuous		CHANNEL CATFISH									
Catfish, Bullhead (Black, Brown, Yellow)	Continuous; 100	Continuous		BULLHEAD CATFISH (BLACK, BROWN, YELLOW)									
Crappie (White, Black, & their hybrids)	Continuous; 10 combined	Continuous		CRAPPIE (WHITE, BLACK, and their HYBRIDS)									
Sunfish	Continuous; 20 combined	Continuous		SUNFISH (BLUEGILL, PUMPKINSEED, GREEN, ORANGESPOTTED, NORTHERN, WARMOUTH, and their HYBRIDS)									
Perch	Continuous; 20 daily; 40 in possession	Continuous		PERCH									
Rock Bass	Continuous; 30	Continuous		ROCK BASS									
White & Yellow Bass	Continuous; 30 combined	Continuous		WHITE & YELLOW BASS									
Whitefish & Cisco (Tullibee)	Continuous; 15 for fish over 7" (*see exception for Leech Lake Indian Reservation)	Continuous		WHITEFISH & CISCO (TULLIBEE)									
Burbot (Eelpout)	Continuous; 4	Continuous		BURBOT (EELPOUT)									
Gar (Longnose, Shortnose)	Continuous; 10 combined	Continuous		GAR (LONGNOSE, SHORTNOSE)									
Carp, Sucker, Buffalo, Redhorse, Drum, Bowfin, Goldeye, Smelt	Continuous; no limit; special permit needed to keep Bighead & Silver carp	Continuous		CARP (COMMON, BIGHEAD, SILVER), SUCKER, BUFFALO, DRUM, BOWFIN (DOGFISH), GOLDEYE, SMELT									
Paddlefish & Eel	No open season	No Open Season		PADDLEFISH & AMERICAN EEL									

** MUSKIE SIZE EXCEPTIONS: Eagle, Pierson and Wasserman, Carver County; Crystal and Orchard, Dakota County; Gervais, Island, Johanna, Phalen and Silver, Ramsey County; Bryant, Bush, Bde Maka Ska, Cedar, Crystal, Isles, Nokomis and Weaver, Hennepin County; Cedar, Scott County; Clear and Elmo, Washington County

*** NORTHERN PIKE: See zone map in MNDNR Regulations for details on how possession limits apply across zones. Dark house spearing limits differ, see MNDNR Regulations for details.