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TITLE 10 Conservation and Development APPENDIX
CHAPTER 2. FISH
Subchapter 2. Seasons, Waters, and Limits

§ 122. Fish Management Regulation.

1.0 Authority

This rule is adopted pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §4081(b). In adopting this rule, the Fish and Wildlife Board is following the policy established by the General Assembly that the protection, propagation, control, management, and conservation of fish, wildlife and fur-bearing animals in this state is in the interest of the public welfare and that the safeguarding of this valuable resource for the people of the state requires a constant and continual vigilance.

In accordance with 10 V.S.A. §4082, this rule is designed to maintain the best health, population and utilization levels of Vermont's fisheries.

In accordance with 10 V.S.A. §4083, this rule establishes open seasons; establishes daily, season, possession limits and size limits; prescribes the manner and means of taking fish; and prescribes the manner of transportation and exportation of fish.

2.0 Purpose

It is the policy of the state that the protection, propagation control, management and conservation of fish, wildlife, and fur-bearing animals in this state is in the interest of the public welfare, and that safeguarding of this valuable resource for the people of the state requires a constant and continual vigilance.

3.0 Open-Water Fishing, legal methods of taking fish

~~3.1~~ Definitions

~~3.1.1~~ Department – Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.

~~3.1.2~~ Commissioner –Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner.

~~3.1.3~~ Open-water fishing –Fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod or other device in open water. Fishing by casting or trolling baited hooks, artificial flies or lures is considered open-water fishing.

~~3.1.4~~ Baited Hook – A single shank hook with 1, 2 or 3 points which may be baited with natural or artificial bait or both.

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- 3.1.5 Lure – A man-made device designed to catch only 1 fish at a time, to include a spoon, plug, spinner, bait harness, tandem hook streamer or lead head jig.
- 3.1.6 Fly – A single pointed hook dressed with feathers, hair, thread, tinsel, or any similar material wound on or about the hook to which no hooks, spinners, spoons, or similar devices have been added.
- 3.1.7 Handheld Spear - A manually powered spear used from above the water's surface.
- 3.1.8 Speargun – A pneumatic or rubber band powered device, with a line not to exceed 20 feet attached to a spear, used from below the water's surface.
- 3.1.9 Cull Fish - Carp, tench, rudd, shad (alewife and gizzard shad), and goldfish. Additional invasive/exotic fish species may be designated by the Commissioner as “cull fish.”
- 3.1.10 Immediate Control – Such constant control as would enable the angler to respond forthwith to a fish taking their bait, lure or fly promptly and without any delay.
- 3.1.11 Snagging – Snagging shall mean the intentional hooking of a fish in a place other than the inside of the fish's mouth. No person shall pull, jerk or otherwise purposefully and/or repeatedly manipulate a hook, or hooks and line to snag or hook a fish in any method other than to entice a fish into taking, by mouth, a hook, lure or fly. Repeated and/or exaggerated jerking or pulling of the fishing line and/or hooks in any attempt to snag fish, whether it results in physically snagging a fish or not, shall be prima facie evidence that snagging has taken place. This shall not apply to the use of a gaff to land a fish that has been legally hooked.
- 3.2 Whether still fishing, casting, or trolling in Vermont waters, a person may take fish only by using not more than two lines over which he or she has immediate control and to each of which lines is attached not more than two baited hooks, or more than three artificial flies, or more than two lures with or without bait, except that at Seymour Lake and Little Averill Lake a person may take fish only by using not more than one line.
- 3.3 A person open-water fishing shall not take fish through the ice, from the ice, or from an object supported by the ice.
- 3.4 A person shall not take any fish pursuant to subsection (3.2) unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish taken under subsection (3.2) that is not hooked in the mouth shall be immediately released pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4602. A fish hooked in any part of the body other than in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked, and shall be prima facie evidence of foul hooking.
- 3.5 Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.

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4.0 Ice Fishing

4.1 Definitions

- 4.1.1** Ice Fishing - Ice fishing is defined as fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod, tip-up, jack or bob, where the angler is fishing through a hole in the ice, from the ice or on an object supported by the ice. Fishing by casting or trolling baited hooks, artificial flies or lures shall not be considered ice fishing.
- 4.2** Fish may be taken through the ice with not more than two baited hooks or three artificial flies or two lures on each line. A person shall not operate more than eight lines, except on Lake Champlain where no more than fifteen lines may be operated, and except on Seymour and Little Averill Lakes, where not more than four lines may be operated.
- 4.3** A person ice fishing shall ~~have~~ at all times, have immediate control over all lines they operate. A person ice fishing shall be able to visually observe lines they operate. Any line that indicates a fish shall be tended within 30 minutes.
- 4.4** A person shall not take any fish pursuant to subsection (4.2) unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish taken under subsection (4.2) that is not hooked in the mouth shall be immediately released pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4602. A fish hooked in any part of the body other than in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked, and shall be prima facie evidence of foul hooking.
- 4.5** The definitions of section 3 are applicable to this section.
- 4.6** Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.

~~5.0 The taking, possessing, transporting, use and selling of baitfish.~~

~~5.1 Purpose~~

- ~~5.1.1~~** ~~This rule applies to fish used as bait. This rule shall apply to all persons who take, possess, transport, use, or deal with baitfish.~~
- ~~5.1.2~~** ~~The purpose of this paragraph is to: a) protect the fish, and fisheries in the state, b) ensure the conservation of the fish and fisheries in the state, c) maintain the best health of species of the state, d) prevent the introduction or spread of a disease or parasite harmful to humans and wild species, and e) prevent the escape or release of non-native species or species injurious to or competitive with natural ecological systems and processes.~~

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5.2 — Definitions

- 5.2.1 ~~"Application" means a specific form provided by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.~~
- 5.2.2 ~~"Baitbox" means a receptacle used for holding or keeping baitfish alive for personal use. A legal baitbox shall not exceed 25 cubic feet in volume.~~
- 5.2.3 ~~"Baitfish" means fish species and parts thereof, living or dead, used for the purpose of attracting and catching fish.~~
- 5.2.4 ~~"Commercial Dealing, dealing, or deal" means to sell as defined in Title 10, § 4001, subsection 22.~~
- 5.2.5 ~~"Fish Hatchery" refers to any fish culture station, hatchery, or artificial rearing pond which grows or maintains baitfish for sale in Vermont.~~
- 5.2.6 ~~"Permit" is a document from the Commissioner granting a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit.~~
- 5.2.7 ~~"Waterbody" means any lake, pond, river, or stream including all tributaries upstream to the first barrier impassable to upstream fish movement.~~
- 5.2.8 ~~"Commercially Preserved Baitfish" means baitfish which are chemically treated in a manner approved by the Department, and then packaged for retail sale.~~
- 5.2.9 ~~"Personal Baitfish Harvest" means baitfish taken for non-commercial use.~~

5.3 — Personal Baitfish Harvest

- 5.3.1 ~~Personally harvested baitfish may be used only on the same waterbody from which they were collected.~~
- 5.3.2 ~~A person may harvest for use as bait only those fish species listed under paragraphs 5.6.1, 5.6.2, and 5.6.3.~~
- 5.3.3 ~~It is unlawful to take baitfish for personal use other than by the following methods: a) minnow traps no longer than eighteen inches with an entrance for fish not exceeding one inch in diameter, b) dip nets, cast nets, and umbrella nets not exceeding a total of 51 square feet of mesh, or a seine~~

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~~net not exceeding 25 feet in length, e) Open water/ice fishing by hook and line.~~

- ~~5.3.4 The personal harvest of baitfish is unlawful in Seasonally Closed Waters as listed in Section 9.0 of this regulation, except during the open season for trout, and is prohibited in streams as specified in Section 9.2. Baitfish harvest shall be conducted only by Open water/ice fishing or the use of minnow traps no longer than eighteen inches with an entrance for fish not exceeding one inch in diameter.~~
- ~~5.3.5 All traps, nets, baitboxes or other holding receptacles capable of taking, holding or keeping live baitfish in public waters must be marked with the name and address of the owner and user.~~
- ~~5.3.6 Personally harvested baitfish shall not be transported by motorized vehicle away from the waterbody from which they were collected.~~
- ~~5.3.7 Baitfish may be held on the water in a pen or baitbox as defined in paragraph 5.2.2.~~
- ~~5.3.8 Personally harvested baitfish may be collected from a waterbody's tributaries upstream to the first impassable barrier for use on such waterbody. Personally harvested baitfish shall not be transported upstream beyond the first impassable barrier.~~
- ~~5.3.9 The personal harvest of baitfish is prohibited on any waterbody of the state that is defined as closed to baitfish harvest. The Department will maintain and make available a list of closed waters.~~
- ~~5.3.10 Fish eggs may be collected from legally harvested fish from Vermont waters, and used immediately as bait on the same water where taken unless that waterbody has been closed to baitfish collection. It is illegal to move personally harvested fish eggs to any other waterbody. It is illegal to transport fish eggs away from and return them to the same waterbody for use as bait unless they have been processed in a manner approved by the Department as described on the Department website.~~

~~**5.4 Commercially Purchased Baitfish**~~

- ~~5.4.1 It is unlawful to import baitfish into the State of Vermont without a Fish Importation Permit, except as provided for in paragraphs 5.4.7 and 5.4.8.~~

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- ~~5.4.2—A person purchasing baitfish shall retain and show upon request a transportation receipt issued by a state approved commercial bait dealer, authorizing transportation of baitfish overland by motorized vehicle. The receipt shall contain the following information: 1) A unique receipt identification number, 2) The name and telephone number of the bait dealer, 3) time and date of sale, 4) species purchased, 5) quantity purchased, 6) waterbody (limited to one) on which the baitfish will be used, 7) signature of purchaser.~~
- ~~5.4.3—A transportation receipt shall be valid for 96 hours from time and date of sale.~~
- ~~5.4.4—A person may transport unused commercially purchased baitfish away from waters of the state by motorized vehicle, and retain for later use on the same waterbody as indicated on the baitfish transportation receipt, within 96 hours from time and date of sale.~~
- ~~5.4.5—A person transporting unused commercially purchased baitfish away from the waterbody indicated on the baitfish transportation receipt for later use on said waterbody shall not hold them in any other water of the state. These baitfish must be kept in a closed container isolated from any inflow of lake, pond or stream water, or outflow to such waters of the state.~~
- ~~5.4.6—Baitfish may be held beyond the 96 hour period on the water in a pen or baitbox as per paragraph 5.2.2.~~
- ~~5.4.7—A person may purchase baitfish from a New York baitshop for use on Lake Champlain only, provided the baitshop is Vermont licensed, and the baitfish are accompanied by a Vermont issued baitfish transportation receipt.~~
- ~~5.4.8—A person may purchase baitfish from a New Hampshire baitshop for use on the Connecticut River and its setbacks only, provided the baitshop is Vermont licensed, and the baitfish are accompanied by a Vermont issued baitfish transportation receipt. For the purposes of this paragraph, the Connecticut River is defined as all waters of the river including the bays, setbacks, and tributaries, only to the first highway bridge crossing said tributaries on the Vermont side.~~
- ~~5.4.9—Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish and fish eggs available from retail stores may be purchased and used as bait, and may be taken home and kept for later use, provided they are retained in the original packaging at all times.~~

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5.5—Commercial Bait Dealers

- ~~5.5.1—Any person who buys baitfish for resale or sells baitfish is required to obtain a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit from the Commissioner. Only persons operating a place of business and offering baitfish for sale to the public may apply for and hold a Commercial Bait Dealers permit.~~
- ~~5.5.2—Commercial Bait Dealers may sell as bait only those species of fish listed under section 5.6.1. Commercial Bait Dealers may also sell rainbow smelt as bait, provided they are obtained from a fish hatchery approved by the Commissioner as per paragraph 5.5.4 and its subsections below, or harvested by Open water/ice fishing and sold for use on the same waterbody on which the Bait Dealer is located as per paragraph 5.5.5 and its subsections below.~~
- ~~5.5.3—Commercial Bait Dealers must declare in their permit application if they will be a Statewide baitfish dealer, or a Waterbody Specific baitfish dealer.~~
- ~~5.5.4—Statewide baitfish dealers are prohibited from possessing, buying or selling wild-caught baitfish.~~
- ~~5.5.4.1 Baitfish sold by Statewide baitfish dealers must originate from a fish hatchery approved by the Commissioner.~~
- ~~5.5.4.2 Statewide baitfish dealers must hold or keep baitfish in waters drawn from a secure well or municipal water source, or other water source as approved by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.~~
- ~~5.5.4.3 Baitfish sold by Statewide baitfish dealers may be used in waters throughout the state, except those waters as described in Section 6.0 of this regulation.~~
- ~~5.5.5—Waterbody specific baitfish dealers must declare on their permit application the waterbody on which they are located.~~
- ~~5.5.5.1 Waterbody specific baitfish dealers may harvest wild baitfish only from the declared waterbody, and offer them for sale and use only on the declared waterbody.~~
- ~~5.5.5.2 Waterbody specific baitfish dealers must have baitfish holding facilities that discharge directly to their declared waterbody. Holding facilities must not discharge to other waters of the state.~~

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~~5.5.5.3 Waterbody specific baitfish dealers shall not operate dip nets, cast nets, or umbrella nets exceeding 51 square feet of mesh, or a seine net exceeding 125 feet in length, for the purposes of taking fish for bait, unless otherwise provided for on a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit. Baitfish netting is prohibited in all Seasonally Closed Waters as listed in Section 9.0 of this regulation, unless otherwise provided for on a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit.~~

~~5.5.5.4 All traps, nets, baitboxes or other holding receptacles capable of taking, holding or keeping live baitfish in public waters must be marked with the name and address of the owner and user.~~

~~5.5.5.5 The commercial harvest of baitfish is prohibited on any waterbody of the state that is defined as closed to baitfish harvest. The Department will maintain and make available a list of closed waters.~~

~~5.5.6 A Commercial Bait Dealer shall provide to each customer at the point of sale a copy of a transportation receipt containing the following information: 1) A unique receipt identification number, 2) The name and telephone number of the bait dealer, 3) time and date of sale, 4) species purchased, 5) quantity purchased, 6) waterbody (limited to one) on which the baitfish will be used, 7) signature of purchaser.~~

~~5.5.7 A transportation receipt shall be valid for 96 hours from time and date of sale.~~

~~5.5.8 Receipt books shall be provided to Commercial Bait Dealers by the Department.~~

~~5.5.9 Any holder of a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit shall maintain receipts or records for each lot of wholesaled hatchery raised or wild-caught baitfish introduced into their shop. The receipts or records shall include: name, address and telephone number of seller (for wholesaled baitfish), and date received, species identification, and quantity purchased or harvested, for wholesaled and wild-caught baitfish. The permit holder shall retain the receipts and records for at least one year after the date of sale or harvest. Receipts or records must be provided to the Department immediately upon request.~~

5.6 — Approved Species of Fish for use as Bait

~~5.6.1 Banded killifish *Fundulus diaphanus*~~

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~~Blacknose dace *Rhinichthys atratulus*~~
~~Bluntnose minnow *Pimephales notatus*~~
~~Common shiner *Luxilus cornutus*~~
~~Creek chub *Semotilus atromaculatus*~~
~~Eastern silvery minnow *Hybognathus regius*~~
~~Emerald shiner *Notropis atherinoides*~~
~~Fallfish *Semotilus corporalis*~~
~~Fathead minnow *Pimephales promelas*~~
~~Golden shiner *Notemigonus crysoleucas*~~
~~Longnose dace *Rhinichthys cataractae*~~
~~Longnose sucker *Catostomus catostomus*~~
~~Mimic shiner *Notropis volucellus*~~
~~Northern redbelly dace *Phoxinus eos*~~
~~Spottail shiner *Notropis hudsonius*~~
~~White sucker *Catostomus commersoni*~~

~~5.6.2—The following additional fish species, or parts thereof, may be taken only by Open water/ice fishing and used for bait only in those waters where taken and shall not be transported alive from those waters; only Rainbow smelt may be commercially sold as bait:~~

~~Bluegill *Lepomis macrochirus*~~
~~Pumpkinseed *Lepomis gibbosus*~~
~~Rainbow smelt *Osmerus mordax*~~
~~Rock bass *Ambloplites rupestris*~~
~~Yellow perch *Perca flavescens*~~

~~5.6.3—Lake Champlain—In addition to 5.6.2, the following fish species, or parts thereof, may be taken only by Open water/ice fishing in Lake Champlain and used as bait in Lake Champlain, as described in Section 7.0 of this regulation, and may not be commercially harvested or sold as bait; Alewife may only be used/possessed if dead:~~

~~Alewife *Alosa pseudoharengus*~~
~~White perch *Morone americana*~~

~~5.6.4—All other species of fish are prohibited for use as bait.~~

~~5.7—Commercial Bait Dealer Application Process~~

~~5.7.1—A party who wishes to obtain a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit shall apply to the Commissioner in writing on a form provided by the Department. The Department may require the applicant to submit such~~

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~~additional information as is necessary to determine that the permitted activities comply with the purposes of this rule, including but not limited to fish health testing, and the impact to Vermont's fish and fisheries.~~

~~5.7.2 If the application is deficient, the Department shall inform the applicant of the deficiencies and return the application within 30 days of receipt, along with any associated fee, to the applicant for revision and re-submission.~~

~~5.7.3 If the application is denied, the Commissioner shall, within 30 days of receipt of application, send the applicant a written denial providing the reasons for the denial.~~

5.8 — Permit Compliance

~~5.8.1 The Permittee shall make the permit available upon request by an agent of the Department. Premises and equipment used by persons to take, store, or deal in baitfish shall be accessible for inspection by the Commissioner and his or her agents. Samples for species determination or disease examination shall be made available immediately upon request.~~

~~5.8.2 Permittees shall provide the Department with additional information as requested on an annual basis or prior to the re-issuance of a new permit.~~

5.9 — Permit Revocation

~~5.9.1 The Commissioner may revoke any permit issued in order to protect regulated species: for any violation of a permit; failure to comply with this rule; a violation of any rules of the Board; or a violation of the provisions of Part 4, Title 10, Vermont Statutes Annotated; if the Commissioner determines it is in the best interest of the fish or fisheries of Vermont.~~

~~5.9.2 Prior to permit revocation, the Commissioner shall provide a proceeding consistent with 3 V.S.A. § 814(c).~~

~~5.9.3 Appeals of the decisions of the Commissioner are subject to the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure.~~

6.0 — Use of fish as bait

~~The use of fish in any form whether alive or dead for bait in fishing is prohibited in:~~

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~~Adams Reservoir, Woodford;~~
~~Beaver Pond, Holland;~~
~~Beebe Pond, Sunderland;~~
~~Big Mud Pond, Mt. Tabor;~~
~~Blake Pond, Sutton;~~
~~Bourn Pond, Sunderland;~~
~~Branch Pond, Sunderland;~~
~~Cow Mountain Pond, Granby;~~
~~Griffith Lake, Mt. Tabor;~~
~~Jobs Pond, Westmore;~~
~~Lewis Pond, Lewis;~~
~~Little Rock Pond, Wallingford;~~
~~Martins Pond, Peacham;~~
~~McIntosh Pond, Royalton;~~
~~North Pond, Chittenden;~~
~~Notch Pond, Ferdinand;~~
~~Red Mill Pond, Woodford;~~
~~Sterling Pond, Cambridge;~~
~~South America Pond, Ferdinand;~~
~~Stratton Pond, Stratton;~~
~~Unknown Pond, Averys Gore;~~
~~Unknown Pond, Ferdinand~~

~~and any ponds as may be created or reclaimed by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. This regulation shall be posted at all waters affected.~~

7.0 5.0 Lake Champlain Boundaries

Lake Champlain proper shall be considered to include the setback at the same level and the major tributaries to the lake to the following boundaries:

Dead Creek to Panton Road bridge in Panton;
East Creek to the falls in Orwell (downstream of Mount Independence Road);
Lamoille River to the top of first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton;
LaPlatte River to the falls in Shelburne (under Falls Road bridge);
Lewis Creek to falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road);
Little Otter Creek to falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road);
Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 7) in Colchester;

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Mill River in Georgia to the falls in Georgia (just upstream of Georgia Shore Road bridge);
Missisquoi River to the top of Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton;
Mud Creek to the dam in Alburg (just upstream of Route 78 bridge);
Otter Creek to the top of the dam in the city of Vergennes;
Poultney River to Central Vermont Power Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven.
Rock River to first Canadian border crossing;
Winooski River to the Winooski One hydropower dam west of Main Street (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington;

8.0 **6.0** **Clyde River: Catch and Release**

Between September 1 and October 31, on the Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston, a person may fish with artificial flies and lures only, and all salmon caught must be released.

9.0 **7.0** **Seasonally Closed Waters**

~~9.1~~ **7.1** The following lakes and ponds or portions thereof are hereby designated Seasonally Closed Waters and shall be closed to all fishing except during the open season for trout as provided in section 8 of these regulations:

Adams Reservoir, Woodford
Ansel Pond, Bethel
Baker Pond, Barton
Bald Hill Pond, Westmore
Bean Pond, Sutton
Beaver Pond, Holland
Beck Pond, Newark
Beebe Pond, Sunderland
Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill
Big Mud Pond, Mt. Tabor
Blake Pond, Sutton
Bourn Pond, Sunderland
Branch Pond, Sunderland
Brown Pond, Westmore
Caspian Lake, Greensboro
Center Pond, Newark
Colby Pond, Plymouth

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Cow Mountain Pond, Granby
Crystal Lake, Barton
Duck Pond, Sutton
Dufresne Pond, Manchester
East Long Pond, Woodbury
Echo Lake, Charleston
Ewell Pond, Peacham
Forest Lake, Averill
Goshen Dam (Sugar Hill Reservoir), Goshen
Griffith Lake, Mt. Tabor
Hapgood Pond, Peru
Hartwell Pond, Albany
Holland Pond, Holland
Jobs Pond, Westmore
Knapp Brook Pond No. 1, Reading and Cavendish
Knapp Brook Pond No. 2, Reading and Cavendish
Lake Dunmore-Salisbury and Leicester - Except from Sucker Brook
to the island south, which shall be open.
Levi Pond, Groton
Lewis Pond, Lewis
Little Averill Lake, Averill
Little Elmore Pond, Elmore
Little Rocky Pond, Wallingford
Long Pond, Newbury
Long Pond, Westmore
Maidstone Lake, Maidstone
Marl Pond, Sutton
Martins Pond, Peacham
May Pond, Barton
McIntosh Pond, Royalton
Mud Pond, Hyde Park
Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury
Nichols Pond, Woodbury
North Pond, Chittenden
Norton Pond, Norton
Notch Pond, Ferdinand
Noyes (Seyon) Pond, Groton
Peacham Pond, Peacham
Perch Pond (Zack Woods Pond), Hyde Park
Pigeon Pond, Groton
Red Mill Pond, Woodford
Seymour Lake, Morgan
Shadow Lake, Glover
Silver Lake, Leicester

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South America Pond, Ferdinand
 South Pond, Marlboro
 Spring Lake, Shrewsbury
 Stannard Pond, Stannard
 Sterling Pond, Cambridge
 Stoughton Pond, Weathersfield
 Stratton Pond, Stratton
 Sunset Lake, Benson
 Unknown Pond, Averys Gore
 Unknown Pond, Ferdinand
 Vail Pond, Sutton
 Vernon Hatchery Pond, Vernon
 West Mountain Pond, Maidstone
 Wheeler Pond, Barton and Sutton
 Willoughby Lake, Westmore
 Zack Woods (Perch Pond), Hyde Park

- 9.2 7.2 All streams are hereby designated Seasonally Closed Waters and shall be closed to all fishing, except during the open season for trout as provided in section 408 of these regulations; and
- 9.2.1 7.2.1 except that the following streams shall be open to trout fishing only, and no fishing for other species shall be allowed, from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April, as set forth in Table 97.2.2.

97.2.2: STREAMS OPEN TO FISHING FOR TROUT ONLY FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE SECOND WEEK IN APRIL

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
Listed Below	Artificial fly or lure only	November 1 to the Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April:	Catch and release only	Zero-All trout must be immediately released to the water where taken:
<p>Black River – From the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield upstream to the Howard Hill Road Bridge in Cavendish.</p> <p>Deerfield River – From the Woods Road (Medburyville) bridge in Wilmington upstream approximately 2 miles to the VT Route 9W bridge in Searsburg.</p> <p>East Creek (Rutland City) – From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City.</p> <p>Hoosic River – From the Vermont/New York border upstream to the Vermont/Massachusetts border.</p>				

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<p>Lamoille River – From the top of the hydroelectric dam at Fairfax Falls upstream to the top of the Cady’s Falls Dam in Morristown.</p> <p>Moose River – From the confluence with Passumpsic River upstream to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in St. Johnsbury.</p> <p>Otter Creek – From the top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland upstream to the Danby-Mt. Tabor Forest Road Bridge (Forest Road #10) in Mt. Tabor.</p> <p>Passumpsic River – From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of Arnolds Falls Dam in St. Johnsbury.</p> <p>Walloomsac River– From the Vermont/New York border in Bennington upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissue Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington.</p> <p>Winooski River – From the top of the Bolton Dam in Waterbury and Duxbury upstream to the VT Route 2/100 in Duxbury and Waterbury.</p>

10.0 8.0 Fish – Open Seasons, Size Restrictions and Daily Bag Limits.

Fish of the species named or described in the tables set forth below may be taken:

In the waters specified in column 1, by the method specified in column 2., during the open season specified in column 3.

Provided they meet any size restrictions specified in column 4., and only in numbers listed under daily bag limits specified in column 5., under no circumstances may a person take in one day, more than the daily bag or weight limit from a listed body of water. No person may take in aggregate more than the daily State-wide aggregate limit for any species listed.

Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of the Commissioner, pursuant to the Commercial angling rules set forth in 10 V.S.A App. 123.

~~10.1~~ 8.1 Possession limits are equal to twice the daily bag limits. Fish species with limit restrictions may not be possessed in excess of the possession limits at any time.

~~10.1.1~~ 8.1.1 No person shall have live fish in their possession that are transported in a manner which attempts to keep them alive when leaving waters of the state (10 V.S.A. §1251(13)), except as follows:

~~10.1.1.1~~ 8.1.1.1 the person has been issued a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit by the Commissioner,

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- ~~10.1.1.2~~ 8.1.1.2 the person has been issued a scientific collection permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,
- ~~10.1.1.3~~ 8.1.1.3 the person has been issued a fish transportation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,
- ~~10.1.1.4~~ 8.1.1.4 the person has been issued a fish breeders permit or fish importation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity.
- ~~10.2~~ 8.2 The daily bag limit for a fish species on a water body with a closed season for that fish species is zero.
- ~~10.3~~ 8.3 "General waters" restrictions are the provisions applicable to all waters of the state, except the waters specifically named or described.
- ~~10.4~~ 8.4 Unless otherwise specifically provided, fish not listed in this regulation may be taken at any time and without size or catch limit, in waters not listed as Seasonally Closed Waters in Section 7 of these regulations.
- ~~10.5~~ 8.5 Open Seasons, Size Restrictions and Daily Bag Limits Tables

~~10.5.1~~ 8.5.1 STATEWIDE AGGREGATE DAILY BAG LIMITS (*Maximum number of a fish species that may be taken in one day*)

FISH SPECIES	DAILY AGGREGATE LIMITS
Brook Trout	12 fish
Brown and Rainbow Trout	Maximum Combination of 6 fish
Lake Trout	2 fish, (3 if taken from Lake Champlain)
Salmon	2 fish
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	Maximum combination of 5 fish
Northern Pike	5 fish
Chain Pickerel	10 fish
Muskellunge	0 fish
Walleye	3 fish
Black and White Crappie	25 fish
American Shad	0 fish
Yellow Perch	50 fish
Yellow Perch exception	Lake Champlain – no daily limit
Sauger	0 fish

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~~10.5.2~~ 8.5.2 BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT

1.Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4.Size Restrictions	5.Daily Bag Limit
General waters. <i>(except as listed below)</i>	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	No restriction	6 trout
Lake Champlain	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	Minimum length of 12 inches	3 trout
Rivers and Streams	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	No restriction	12 trout, of which not more than 6 can be brown and/or rainbow

~~10.5.3~~ 8.5.3 TROPHY TROUT STREAMS

1.Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4.Size Restrictions	5.Daily Bag Limit
Listed Below:	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	No restriction	2 trout in aggregate

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Black River along Rt. 131 in Weathersfield and Cavendish, - from Downers covered bridge upstream (approximately 4 miles) to the next bridge across the river, the Howard Hill Bridge.

East Creek in Rutland City -- From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City

Lamoille River – From the downstream edge of the bridge on Route 104 in the Village of Fairfax upstream (approximately 1.6 miles) to the top of the Fairfax Falls Dam in Fairfax.

Little River – From the confluence with Winooski River in Waterbury upstream to the top of the Waterbury Reservoir Dam in Waterbury.

Missisquoi River in Enosburg and Sheldon -- From the downstream edge of Kane Road (TH-3) bridge upstream (approximately 5.7 miles) to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.

Otter Creek in Danby and Mt. Tabor - From the Vermont Railway Bridge north of the fishing access upstream (approximately 2 miles) to the Danby- Mt. Tabor Forest Rd. Bridge (Forest Road # 10).

Passumpsic River in the Village of St. Johnsbury – From the top of the Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury upstream (approximately 2.4 miles) to the top of the Arnold Falls Dam.

Moose River-- From the confluence with the Passumpsic River upstream (approximately 350 feet) to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury

Walloomsac River in Shaftsbury and Bennington – From the Vermont/New York border in Shaftsbury upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissue Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington.

Winooski River in Duxbury and Waterbury, - From the top of the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury upstream to the Route 2 Bridge (east side of Waterbury Village).

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108.5.4 RAINBOW TROUT (Including STEELHEAD) / BROWN TROUT

1.WATERS	2. Methods	3. Season	4.Size Restrictions	5.Daily Bag Limit
Listed Below:	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	Minimum length of 10 inches	2 trout
<p>Lakes and Ponds: Caspian Lake, Greensboro Echo Lake, Charleston Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport; Willoughby Lake, Westmore</p> <p>Rivers and Streams: Orleans County: Barton River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the US Route 5 bridge southernmost and closest to the Village of Barton in Barton. Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg. Johns River-From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby. Willoughby River - The entire Willoughby River, from confluence with Barton River in Barton upstream to the Willoughby Lake outlet in Westmore.</p>				

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108.5.5 BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, LAKE TROUT AND
 SALMON – 2 FISH AGGREGATE LIMITS

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
Listed below:	Open-water Fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	See regulations for specific bodies of water	Two fish in aggregate
Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill Caspian Lake, Greensboro Center Pond, Newark Crystal Lake, Barton East Long Pond, Woodbury Echo Lake, Charleston Elligo Lake, Craftsbury and Greensboro Forest Lake (Nelson Pond), Calais and Woodbury Harveys Lake, Barnet <u>Jobs Pond, Westmore</u> Lake Dunmore, Salisbury Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay and the connecting waters), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport; Little Averill Lake, Averill Long Pond, Westmore Maidstone Lake, Maidstone <u>Martins Pond, Peacham</u> Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury Nichols Pond, Woodbury Seymour Lake, Morgan Shadow Lake, Glover Spring Lake, Shrewsbury Sunset Lake, Benson Willoughby Lake, Westmore				

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408.5.6 STREAMS OPEN TO YEAR ROUND TROUT FISHING

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
<p>The following portions of the specified rivers shall be open to fishing for trout year round: <i>(Listed below)</i></p>	<p>Artificial fly or lure only, except during the open season for trout.</p>	<p>No closed season for catch and release only</p> <p>Open season; from the 2nd Saturday in April through October 31</p>	<p>Catch and release only</p> <p>During the open season follow any species restrictions for the selected river</p>	<p>Zero-All trout must be immediately returned to the waters where taken, except during the open season, limits apply in accordance with the river selected.</p>
<p>Black River – From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield.</p> <p>Lamoille River – From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to the top of the hydroelectric Dam at Fairfax Falls.</p> <p>Lewis Creek – From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the State Prison Hollow Road (TH #3) bridge in Starksboro.</p> <p>Missisquoi River – From Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.</p> <p>Ompompanoosuc River – From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Union Village Dam in Thetford.</p> <p>Otter Creek – From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to top of Center Rutland Falls in Rutland.</p> <p>Waits River – From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford.</p> <p>West River – From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Townshend Dam in Townshend.</p> <p>White River – From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the bridge on Route 107 in Bethel.</p> <p>Williams River – From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham.</p> <p>Winooski River – From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury.</p>				

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108.5.7 LAKE TROUT AND SALMON

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
General Waters (<i>except as listed below</i>)	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	Salmon- Minimum length of 15 inches Lake Trout- Minimum length of 18 inches	2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each
Lake Champlain	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	Lake Trout and Salmon – Minimum length of 15 inches	3 Lake Trout and 2 Salmon
Little Averill Lake and Seymour Lake	Open-water fishing, with not more than 1 line	Angling: second Saturday in April through October 31	Lake Trout- Minimum length of 20 inches	1 Lake Trout and 1 Salmon or 2 Salmon
	Ice fishing with not more than 4 lines	Ice fishing: third Saturday in January through March 15	Salmon- Minimum length of 15 inches	
Clyde Pond, Salem Lake, Little Salem Lake, and Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog upstream to Citizen's Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through August 31	Lake Trout- Minimum length of 18 inches Salmon- Minimum length of 17 inches	2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each
	Open-water fishing; Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog	September 1 through October 31	Lake Trout- Minimum	2 Lake Trout, 0 Salmon (all salmon must be

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	to Charleston Dam – Artificial flies and lures only		length of 18 inches	immediately released)
Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay)	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	Lake Trout- Minimum length of 18 inches	2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each
	Ice fishing	Third Saturday in January through March 15	Salmon- Minimum length of 17 inches	
Listed Below:	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	Lake Trout- Minimum length of 18 inches	2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each
			Salmon- Minimum length of 17 inches	
<p>Orleans County:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Barton River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the US Route 5 bridge southernmost and closest to the Village of Barton in Barton.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Johns River-From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Willoughby River - The entire Willoughby River, from confluence with Barton River in Barton upstream to the Willoughby Lake outlet in Westmore.</p>				

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~~408.5.8~~ SPECIAL ICE FISHING PROVISION FOR
BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, LAKE TROUT,
SALMON AND BASS

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
Listed below:	Ice fishing	Third Saturday in January through March 15	See species restriction for individual body of water	See species restriction for individual body of water
<p>Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill; Big Salem Lake, Derby Caspian Lake, Greensboro; Chittenden Dam, Chittenden. Crystal Lake, Barton; Echo Lake, Charleston; Echo Lake, Plymouth; Eden Lake, Eden; Elligo Lake, Craftsbury and Greensboro Glen Lake, Castleton, Fair Haven, and Benson; Harriman Reservoir, Whitingham and Wilmington; Harveys Lake, Barnet; Island Pond, Brighton; Joes Pond, Cabot, Danville; Lake Bomoseen, Castleton and Hubbardton; Lake Dunmore, Leicester and, Salisbury; Lake Fairlee, Thetford, West Fairlee, Fairlee; Lake Hortonia, Sudbury, Hubbardton; Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport; Lake Morey, Fairlee; Lake Rescue, Ludlow; Lake St. Catherine, Wells, Poultney; Little Averill Lake, Averill; Little Salem Lake Derby; Maidstone Lake, Maidstone; Marshfield Dam (Mollys Falls Reservoir), Cabot; Miles Pond, Concord; Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury; Newark Pond, Newark; Norton Pond, Norton; Parker Pond, Glover; Peacham Pond, Peacham; Pensioner Pond, Charleston; Seymour Lake, Morgan; Shadow Lake, Glover; Somerset Reservoir, Somerset; Sunset Lake, Benson; Wallace Pond, Canaan; Waterbury Reservoir, Waterbury; Willoughby Lake, Westmore;</p>				

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Woodbury Lake (Sabin Pond), Calais and Woodbury

108.5.9 SPECIAL REGULATION TROUT
STREAMS

1. Waters	2. Method	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
<p>Lamoille River From the downstream edge of the railroad bridge in Johnson upstream (approximately 3.7 miles) to the downstream edge of the Ten Bends Drive bridge in Hyde Park.</p>	<p>Open-water fishing, with artificial lures and flies only.</p>	<p>Second Saturday in April through October 31.</p>	<p>Minimum length of 16 inches.</p>	<p>2 trout</p>
<p>White River From the confluence with Lilliesville Brook in Stockbridge downstream 3.3 miles to 220 ft. downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel.</p>	<p>Open-water fishing, with artificial lures and flies only.</p>	<p>Second Saturday in April through October 31.</p>	<p>Minimum length of 18 inches</p>	<p>1 trout</p>
<p>Mettawee River – From the downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in Pawlet upstream (approximately 16 miles) to the downstream edge of first bridge on Dorset Hollow Road and including tributary: Flower Brook upstream (approximately 1000ft) to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet.</p>	<p>Open-water fishing</p>	<p>Second Saturday in April through October 31</p>	<p>10 to 14 inches protected slot: <i>(all trout 10 to 14 inches must be released)</i></p>	<p>2 trout, only 1 greater than 14 inches</p>
<p>Winooski River Tributaries – Listed Below</p>	<p>Open-water fishing</p>	<p>June 1 through October 31</p>	<p>10 to 16 inches protected slot: <i>(all fish 10 to 16 inches must be released)</i></p>	<p>2 trout, only 1 greater than 16 inches</p>

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<p>Winooski River Tributaries: Joiner Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1900 feet to the first falls. Pinneo Brook, Bolton – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 100 feet to the railroad crossing. Preston Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 2600 feet to the first falls. Ridley Brook, Duxbury – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1700 feet to the first falls.</p>				
Listed Below:	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	10 to 16 inches protected slot: <i>(all fish 10 to 16 inches must be released)</i>	2 trout, only 1 greater than 16 inches
<p>New Haven River – From Munger Street Bridge in New Haven upstream (approximately 4.1 miles) to the South Street bridge in Bristol. Winooski River – From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth.</p>				
Batten Kill – From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester.	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	All trout must be immediately released.	Zero, all trout must be immediately released.
Dog River – From the downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of the Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield.	Open-water fishing with artificial lures and flies only for anglers 15 years of age and older	Second Saturday in April through October 31	All trout must be immediately released.	Zero, all trout must be immediately released.
Listed below:	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through September 30	No size restriction.	12 trout of which not more than 6 can be brown and/or rainbow trout in aggregate.

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	Open-water fishing	October 1 through October 31	All trout must be immediately released.	Zero, all trout must be immediately released.
<p>Batten Kill (East Branch) – In towns of Manchester and Dorset from the downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester upstream (approximately 5.0 miles) to the downstream side of the US Route 7 Bridge south of East Dorset.</p> <p>Green River – In the towns of Arlington and Sandgate from its confluence with Batten Kill upstream (approximately 8.5 miles) to the confluence with Moffitt Hollow Brook in Beartown.</p> <p>Roaring Branch – In the towns of Arlington and Sunderland from its confluence with the Batten Kill upstream (approximately 3.0 miles) to the downstream side of the Bridge #14 on Sunderland TH# 3 in East Kansas.</p> <p>Warm Brook – In the town of Arlington from its Confluence with the Roaring Branch upstream (approximately 0.8 miles) to the base of the so-called Hale Company Dam in East Arlington.</p>				

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408.5.10 ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON

1. Waters	2. Method	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
Connecticut River and tributaries	No person shall take or attempt to take an anadromous Atlantic salmon, any salmon unintentionally taken shall be immediately released in accordance with section 4602	No open season	All fish must be immediately released	Zero - All Anadromous Atlantic salmon must be immediately released

408.5.11 AMERICAN SHAD

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
Connecticut River, including Vermont river tributaries	Open-water fishing	No closed season	All shad must be released	Zero – All shad must be immediately released.

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408.5.12 BOWFIN, REDHORSE SUCKER
 (MULLET), LONGNOSE GAR.

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
General Waters <i>and as listed below)</i>	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	No restriction	No more than 5 fish of any one species
General Waters <i>(Except seasonally closed waters and as listed below)</i>	Speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow	No Closed Season	No restriction	No more than 5 fish of any one species
Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries	Open-water and ice fishing, speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow	No closed season	No restriction	No more than 5 fish of any one species
Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries	Shooting and Handheld Spear	March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e)	No restriction	No more than 5 fish of any one species

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~~10~~8.5.13 SUCKER (LONGNOSE AND WHITE),
and CULL FISH

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
General Waters (<i>and as listed below</i>)	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	No restriction	No Limit
General Waters (<i>Except seasonally closed waters and as listed below</i>)	Speargun, and bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow	No Closed Season	No restriction	No Limit
Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries	Open-water and ice fishing, speargun, and bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow	No closed season	No restriction	No Limit
Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries	Shooting and Handheld Spear	March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e)	No restriction	No Limit

~~10~~8.5.14 BULLHEAD

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
General Waters (<i>and as listed below</i>)	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	No restriction	No Limit
Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	No restriction	No Limit
Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries	Shooting and handheld Spear	March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e)	No restriction	No Limit

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~~10~~8.5.15 NORTHERN PIKE

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
General Waters <i>(except as listed below)</i>	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	Minimum length of 20 inches	5 Fish
Lake Champlain	Open-water and ice fishing,	No closed season	Minimum length of 20 inches	5 Fish
	Shooting and handheld spearing	March 25 through May 25, 10 VSA 4606)	Minimum length of 20 inches	5 Fish

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~~10~~8.5.16 CHAIN AND REDFIN PICKEREL

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
General Waters (<i>except as listed below</i>)	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	No restriction	No limit
Lake Champlain	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	No restriction	10 fish
	Shooting and handheld spearing	March 25 through May 25	No restriction	10 ish

~~10~~8.5.17 MUSKELLUNGE

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
General Waters (<i>except as listed below</i>)	Open-water and ice fishing; Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only	No closed season	All muskellunge must be released	Zero - All muskellunge must be immediately released
Lake Champlain	Open-water and ice fishing; Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only	No closed season	All muskellunge must be released	Zero - All muskellunge must be immediately released
	Shooting and handheld spearing	March 25 through May 25, 10 VSA 4606)		Zero Fish

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~~10~~8.5.18 SMELT

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
All waters	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	No restriction	No limit

~~10~~8.5.19 BLACK AND WHITE CRAPPIE

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
All waters	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	Minimum length of 8 inches	25 ish, Combined

~~10~~8.5.20 YELLOW PERCH

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
General Waters <i>(except as listed below)</i>	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	No restriction	50 fish,
Lake Champlain	Open-water and ice fishing	No closed season	No restriction	No Limit
Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of the Commissioner, pursuant to the Commercial angling rule set forth in 10 V.S.A. APP § 123.				

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40 8.5.21 LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH
BASS

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
General Waters <i>(except as listed below)</i>	Open-water fishing	No closed season	No restriction	5 fish
Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs	Open-water fishing (Ice fishing - see special provisions)	Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30 th .	Minimum length of 10 inches	5 Fish
Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (seasonally closed)	Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only	Second Saturday in April through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive.	All bass must be released	Zero - All bass must be immediately released
Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (not seasonally closed)	Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only	Dec. 1 through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive.	All bass must be released	Zero - All bass must be immediately released
Seasonally Closed Waters - streams	Open-water fishing	Only when such rivers and streams are open to trout fishing except as prohibited by Section 9.2	No restriction	5 fish
Lake Morey, Fairlee	Open-water fishing (Ice fishing - see special provisions)	Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30	Largemouth bass – Minimum length of 14 inches	5 Fish
Lake Morey, Fairlee	Open-water fishing: Catch	Dec. 1 through the Friday	All bass must be released	Zero - All bass must be

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	and release with artificial lures and flies only	before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive.		immediately released
Kent Pond, Killington And Baker Pond, Brookfield	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.	Largemouth Bass - protected slot: 10- 12 inches (all fish between 10 & 12 inches must be released)	10 fish, only 1 fish greater than 12 inches.
Kent Pond, Killington And Baker Pond, Brookfield	Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only	Dec. 1 through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive.	All bass must be released	Zero - All bass must be immediately released

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~~10~~-8.5.22 WALLEYE

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
General Waters and Lake Champlain <i>(except as listed below)</i>	Open-water and ice fishing	First Saturday in May through March 15.	Minimum length of 18 inches	3 Fish
Lake Carmi, Franklin	Open-water and ice fishing	First Saturday in May through March 15	Minimum length of 15 inches Protected lengths- 17 to 19 inches (all fish between 17 & 19 inches must be released)	5 fish, provided only 1 is over 19 inches
Chittenden Reservoir, Chittenden	Open-water and ice fishing	June 1 through March 15	Minimum length of 22 inches	2 fish

~~10~~-8.5.23 SAUGER

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
General Waters and Lake Champlain	Open-water and ice fishing	No open season	Any fish taken must be immediately released	Zero – All Sauger taken must be immediately released

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Spawning grounds for game fish-Generally

~~10~~8.6 The below listed waters are declared spawning grounds for game fish and are hereby closed to the taking of fish from second Saturday in April through May 31 annually.

Chittenden County

- Joiner Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1900 feet to the first falls.
- Pinneo Brook, Bolton – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 100 feet to the railroad crossing.
- Preston Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 2600 feet to the first falls.

Orleans County

- Black River - From 600 feet below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the top of falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry.
- Ware Brook - From the downstream edge of the furthest downstream bridge / culvert on Back Coventry Road (TH #8 in Irasburg) upstream approximately one mile to top of the first major natural falls on Ware Brook.
- Alder (Stony) Brook - From its confluence with the Black River upstream 3 1/2 miles to the outlet of Sargent Pond, in Coventry.
- Willoughby River - From the confluence of the Brownington Branch of the Willoughby River in Brownington upstream to the downstream edge of the bridge on Vermont Route 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington); and from the downstream edge of bridge on Tarbox Hill Road in Orleans Village upstream to the top of the natural falls upstream of the bridge on Tarbox Hill Road in Orleans Village.
- Dorin, Wells, Myers, Schoolhouse and Mill Brooks - From mouth of brooks at Lake Willoughby upstream approximately 3/4 mile in Dorin Brook, all of Wells Brook, 1/2 mile in Myers Brook, 1/4 mile in the Schoolhouse Brook and, and 1/4 mile in Mill Brook and tributaries, all in Westmore. For identification purpose these brooks are arranged in order from north to south, and flow through Vermont Agency of Transportation structures on Route 5A number 10, 9, 8, 7 and 6, respectively.
- Brownington Branch of the Willoughby River in Brownington - From its confluence at the Willoughby River extending upstream to the second road crossing on Brownington Chilafoux Road (TH #15). Said crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafoux Road (TH #15).

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Country Club Brook - From its confluence with the Willoughby River extending upstream to Hollow Road (TH #14) in Barton.

Porter Brook, Greensboro – From Caspian Lake upstream to its headwaters. (1987, Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's Reg. No. 970, eff. April 1, 1987.)

Johns River-From the downstream edge of the bridge on Beebe Road (TH #3) upstream approximately two tenths of a mile to the downstream edge of bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby.

Outlet Brook- From the highway bridge near Echo Lake in Charleston upstream to the top of dam at outlet of Seymour Lake

Washington County

Chase Brook – From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approximately ½ mile to the top of the natural falls in Berlin.

Ridley Brook, Duxbury – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1700 feet to the first falls.

Windsor County

Lilliesville Brook in the Town of Stockbridge from its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on the Lilliesville Brook Road.

Locust Creek in Bethel from its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on Rt. 12.

~~10-8.7~~ The below named waters are closed from March 16 through May 31.

Chittenden County

Lamoille River - From the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Road in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge) upstream to the top of first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton.

Winooski River - From the Winooski One Hydro dam west of Main Street (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington and extending downstream to the downstream side of the first railroad bridge.

Franklin County

Missisquoi River - From the top of the Swanton dam in the Village of Swanton downstream approximately 850 feet to the water treatment plant on the west side of the river, and downstream approximately 850 feet to the upstream end of the cement breakwater on the east side of the river. (1988, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 975, eff. April 7, 1988.)

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~~10~~8.8 The below named waters are closed from March 16 to the Friday before the 1st Saturday in May, both dates inclusive:

Franklin County

Missisquoi River - From the top of the Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton extending downstream 5,120 feet to the Northwest corner (downstream) of the Riverside Cemetery and across the river to a pole on the Northeast bank.

~~10~~8.9 The below named waters are closed to fishing year-round:

Orleans County

Clyde River - From 260 feet below the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse in Newport City, upstream to the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse in Newport City.

~~10~~8.10 The below named waters are closed from October 1 through October 31:

Orleans County

Johns River-From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.