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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

- (a) 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.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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

- (a) Department – Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- (b) Commissioner –Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner.
- (c) 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.
- (d) Baited Hook – A single shank hook with 1, 2 or 3 points which may be baited with natural or artificial bait or both.
- (e) 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.

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- (f) 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.
 - (g) Handheld Spear – A manually powered spear used from above the water’s surface.
 - (h) 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.
 - (i) 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.”
 - (j) 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.
 - (k) 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.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.
- 3.5 Catch and Release: For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.

4.0 Ice Fishing

- 4.1 Definitions - The definitions of section 3 are applicable to this section.
- (a) 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

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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 eight lines, except on Lake Champlain where no more than fifteen lines may be operated. Each line shall not have more than two baited hooks, or more than three artificial flies, or more than two lures with or without bait.
- 4.3 A person ice fishing shall have at all times, 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 Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.
- 4.6 Catch and Release (C&R): For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.

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;
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.

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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;

6.0 Seasonally Closed Waters

- 6.1 Lakes and Ponds – The following lakes and ponds or portions thereof are hereby designated seasonally closed waters and shall be closed to all fishing except between Second Saturday in April through October 31

Bald Hill Pond, Westmore
Beaver Pond, Holland
Beck Pond, Newark
Beebe Pond, Sunderland
Big Mud Pond, Mt. Tabor
Bourn Pond, Sunderland
Branch Pond, Sunderland
Cary Pond, Walden
Cow Mountain Pond, Granby
Duck Pond, Sutton
Forest Lake, Averill
Griffith Lake, Mt. Tabor
Holland Pond, Holland
Jobs Pond, Westmore
Lake Pleiad, Hancock
Levi Pond, Groton
Lewis Pond, Lewis
Little Rock Pond, Wallingford
Long Pond, Westmore
Marl Pond, Sutton
Martins Pond, Peacham
North Pond, Chittenden
Notch Pond, Ferdinand
Noyes (Seyon) Pond, Groton
Perch Pond (Zack Woods Pond), Hyde Park
Pigeon Pond, Groton
Red Mill Pond, Woodford
Silver Lake, Leicester
South America Pond, Ferdinand
South Pond, Marlboro
Spring Lake, Shrewsbury
Stannard Pond, Stannard
Sterling Pond, Cambridge
Stoughton Pond, Weathersfield
Stratton Pond, Stratton
Unknown Pond, Averys Gore

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Unknown Pond, Ferdinand
Vail Pond, Sutton
Vernon Hatchery Pond, Vernon
West Mountain Pond, Maidstone
Wheeler Pond, Barton and Sutton
Zack Woods (Perch Pond), Hyde Park

- 6.2 Rivers and Streams - All rivers and streams are hereby designated seasonally closed waters except as listed in all the sections below. For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.

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

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

- (a) In the waters specified in column 1, by the method specified in column 2, during the open season specified in column 3.
 - (b) 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.
 - (c) Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of Commissioner, pursuant to the Commercial angling rules set forth in 10 V.S.A. App 123.
- 7.2 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.
- (a) 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:
 - (1) a person may transport approved baitfish species pursuant to the baitfish rules set forth in 10 V.S.A App. §141,
 - (2) the person has been issued a scientific collection permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,
 - (3) the person has been issued a fish transportation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,
 - (4) the person has been issued a fish breeders permit or fish importation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity.

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- 7.3 The daily bag limit for a fish species on a water body with a closed season for that fish species is zero during the closed season.
- 7.4 "General waters" restrictions are the provisions applicable to all waters of the state, except the waters specifically named or described.
- 7.5 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 6 of these regulations.
- 7.6 Open Seasons, Size Restrictions and Daily Bag Limits Tables

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

| FISH SPECIES | DAILY AGGREGATE LIMITS |
|---|---|
| Brook and Brown and Rainbow Trout - Streams/Rivers | Maximum Combination of 6 -8 fish |
| Brook and Brown and Rainbow Trout – lakes and ponds | 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 |
| Sturgeon | 0 fish |

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(b) BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT

| 1.Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season | 4.Size Restrictions | 5.Daily Bag Limit |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lakes and Ponds | Open-water and ice fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 January 1 through March 15 | 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 | 8 trout |
| Sherman Reservoir, Whitingham | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | No restriction | 6 trout |

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(c) TROPHY TROUT STREAMS

| 1. Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
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| Listed Below: | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | No restriction | 2 trout in aggregate |
| <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Little River – From the confluence with Winooski River in Waterbury upstream to the top of the Waterbury Reservoir Dam in Waterbury.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> | | | | |

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(d) 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>Rivers and Streams:</p> <p>Orleans County:</p> <p>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>Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg.</p> <p>Brownington Branch of the Willoughby River - From its confluence at the Willoughby River extending upstream to the second road crossing on Brownington Chilafox Road (TH #15). Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafox Road (TH #15).</p> <p>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>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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(e) 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 and Ice fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 January 1 through March 15 | See regulations for specific bodies of water | Two fish in aggregate |
| <p>Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill Caspian Lake, Greensboro 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 Jobs Pond, Westmore (Seasonally Closed) Lake Dunmore, Salisbury Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport; Little Averill Lake, Averill Maidstone Lake, Maidstone Martins Pond, Peacham (Seasonally Closed) 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</p> | | | | |

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(f) 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 and ice fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 January 1 through March 15 | Salmon- Minimum length of 17 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 |
| Clyde Pond, Derby Little Salem Lake, Derby Salem Lake, Derby 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 |
| Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay) | Open-water and ice fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 January 1 through March 15 | Lake Trout- Minimum length of 18 inches Salmon- Minimum length of 17 inches | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each |
| 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 |

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| | | | Salmon- Minimum length of 17 inches | |
| <p>Orleans County:</p> <p>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>Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg.</p> <p>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>Willoughby River - The entire Willoughby River, from confluence with Barton River in Barton upstream to the Willoughby Lake outlet in Westmore.</p> | | | | |

(g) SPECIAL REGULATION TROUT STREAMS

| 1. Waters | 2. Method | 3. Season | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| <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> | Open-water fishing, with artificial lures and flies only. | Second Saturday in April through October 31. | Minimum length of 18 inches | 1 trout |
| <p>Winooski River Tributaries – Listed Below</p> | Open-water fishing | June 1 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>Winooski River Tributaries:</p> <p>Joiner Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1900 feet to the first falls.</p> <p>Pinneo Brook, Bolton – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 100 feet to the railroad crossing.</p> <p>Preston Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 2600 feet to the first falls.</p> <p>Ridley Brook, Duxbury – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1700 feet to the first falls.</p> | | | | |

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| 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.</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>Winooski River – From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth.</p> | | | | |
| Listed below: | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through September 30 | No size restriction. | 8 trout |
| | 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> | | | | |

(h) ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON

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

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| | Atlantic salmon, any salmon unintentionally taken shall be immediately released in accordance with section 4602 | | | immediately released |
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(i) AMERICAN SHAD

| 1. Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag limits |
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| 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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(j) BOWFIN, REDHORSE SUCKER (MULLET), LONGNOSE GAR.

| 1. Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag limits |
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| 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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(k) 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 |

(l) 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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(m) NORTHERN PIKE

| 1. Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag limits |
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| 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 |

(n) 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 fish |

(o) 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 |

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| | Shooting and handheld spearing | March 25 through May 25, 10 VSA 4606) | | Zero Fish |
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(p) SMELT

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

(q) 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 fish, Combined |

(r) 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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(s) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS

| 1. Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag limits |
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| General Waters <i>(except as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing | Second Saturday in June through March 15. | Minimum length of 10 inches | 5 fish |
| Lake Champlain | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30. | Minimum length of 12 inches | 5 fish |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (seasonally closed) | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in June through October 31. | 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 |
| Lake Morey, Fairlee | Open-water and ice fishing | Second Saturday in June through March 15 | Minimum length of 14 inches | 5 Fish |
| Listed below: | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30. | Minimum length of 10 inches | 5 fish |
| | 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. |
| Austin Pond, Hubberton Black Pond, Hubberton Blueberry Lake (Warren Lake), Warren Breese Pond, Hubberton Bullhead Pond, Manchester Gale Meadows, Londonderry | | | | |

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Half Moon Pond, Hubberton
Lily Pond, Vernon
Lowell Lake, Londonderry
Mill Pond, Windsor
Raponda Lake, Wilmington
Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro
Roach Pond, Hubberton
Runnemedede Lake, Windsor
Sadawga, Whitingham
Weatherhead Hollow, Guilford

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(t) WALLEYE

| 1. Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag limits |
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| 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 including all tributaries upstream to the first barrier impassable to upstream fish movement | Open-water and ice fishing | June 1 through March 15 | Minimum length of 22 inches | 2 fish |

(u) SAUGER

| 1. Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag limits |
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| 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 |

7.7 Spawning grounds for game fish generally

- (a) 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, Coventry - From 600 feet below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the top of falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry.
- Willoughby River, Orleans - 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, all in Westmore - 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.
- Porter Brook, Greensboro – From Caspian Lake upstream to its headwaters. (1987, Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's Reg. No. 970, eff. April 1, 1987.)

Washington County

- Chase Brook, Berlin – From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approximately 1/2 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, Stockbridge - From its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on the Lilliesville Brook Road.

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Locust Creek, Bethel - From its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on Rt. 12.

(b) The below named waters are closed from March 16 through May 31.

Chittenden County

Lamoille River, Milton - 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, Winooski and Burlington - 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, Swanton - 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.)

(c) 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, Swanton - 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.

(d) The below named waters are closed to fishing year-round:

Orleans County

Clyde River, Newport City - 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.

(e) The below named water is only open to fishing using artificial flies and lures from September 1 to October 31. All salmon caught must be released. Lake Trout may be harvest during this period. The daily limit is 2 lake trout with a minimum length of 18 inches

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Clyde River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston

- (f) The below named water is catch and release for trout from Second Saturday in April to October 31. All trout must be immediately released.

Batten Kill River - From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester

- (g) The below named water is catch and release for trout with artificial lures and flies only, anglers less than 15 years old may use live bait from Second Saturday in April to October 31. 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.

- (h) The below named waters are closed to fishing from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April.

Batten Kill River – From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester.

Clyde River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston

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.