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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.
- 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.

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- 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.~~
- ~~3.6 Catch and Release: For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.~~

### 4.0 Ice Fishing

- 4.1 Definitions

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- 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.
- ~~4.7~~ Catch and Release: For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling 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);

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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;

### 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.

### 7.0 Seasonally Closed Waters

- 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~~  
~~Cary Pond, Walden~~  
Cow Mountain Pond, Granby  
~~Crystal Lake, Barton~~  
Duck Pond, Sutton  
~~Dufresne Pond, Manchester~~  
~~East Long Pond, Woodbury~~  
~~Echo Lake, Charleston~~

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~~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.~~  
~~Lake Pleiad, Hancock~~  
Levi Pond, Groton  
Lewis Pond, Lewis  
~~Little Averill Lake, Averill~~  
~~Little Elmore Pond, Elmore~~  
Little ~~Recky-Rock~~ 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  
South America Pond, Ferdinand  
South Pond, Marlboro  
Spring Lake, Shrewsbury  
Stannard Pond, Stannard  
Sterling Pond, Cambridge  
Stoughton Pond, Weathersfield  
Stratton Pond, Stratton

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~~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

7.2 All streams are hereby open to Catch and Release angling using artificial flies or lures only from November 1 to second Saturday in April ~~designated seasonally closed waters and shall be closed to all fishing, except for the streams listed in 7.2.1 which are closed to fishing during the open season for trout as provided in section 8 of these regulations; and~~ 7.2.1 Streams closed to fishing from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April.

- Battenkill River – From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester.
- 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.
- Clyde section (could list here)

\*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 7.2.2.

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

<b>1. Waters</b>	<b>2. Methods</b>	<b>3. Season</b>	<b>Size Restrictions</b>	<b>5. Daily Bag Limit</b>
<b>Listed Below</b>	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><b>Black River</b>—From the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield upstream to the Howard Hill Road Bridge in Cavendish.  <b>Deerfield River</b>—From the Woods Road (Medburyville) bridge in Wilmington upstream approximately 2 miles to the VT Route 9W bridge in Searsburg.</p>				

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~~**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.~~  
~~**Hoosic River**—From the Vermont/New York border upstream to the Vermont/Massachusetts border.~~  
~~**Lamoille River**—From the top of the hydroelectric dam at Fairfax Falls upstream to the top of the Cady's Falls Dam in Morristown.~~  
~~**Moose River**—From the confluence with Passumpsic River upstream to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in St. Johnsbury.~~  
~~**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.~~  
~~**Passumpsic River**—From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of Arnolds Falls Dam in St. Johnsbury.~~  
~~**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.~~  
~~**Winooski River**—From the top of the Bolton Dam in Waterbury and Duxbury upstream to the VT Route 2/100 in Duxbury and Waterbury.~~

**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.

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.

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:

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- 8.1.1.1 the person has been issued a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit by the Commissioner,
- 8.1.1.2 the person has been issued a scientific collection permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,
- 8.1.1.3 the person has been issued a fish transportation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,
- 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.

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

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
<del>Brook Trout</del>	<del>12 fish</del>
<del>Brook and</del> Brown and Rainbow Trout - Streams/Rivers	Maximum Combination of <del>6-8</del> fish
<del>Brook and Brown and Rainbow Trout -</del> lakes and ponds	<del>Maximum Combination of 6 fish</del>
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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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	<del>12-8</del> trout, of which not more than 6 can be brown and/or rainbow
<u>Lakes:</u> <u>Sherman Reservoir,</u> <u>Whitingham</u>	<u>Open-water fishing</u>	<u>Second Saturday in April through October 31</u>	<u>No restriction</u>	<u>6 trout</u>

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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
<p><b>Black River</b> 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><b>East Creek</b> 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><b>Lamoille River</b> – 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><b>Little River</b> – From the confluence with Winooski River in Waterbury upstream to the top of the Waterbury Reservoir Dam in Waterbury.</p> <p><b>Missisquoi River</b> 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><b>Otter Creek</b> 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><b>Passumpsic River</b> 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><b>Moose River</b>-- 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><b>Walloomsac River</b> 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><b>Winooski River</b> 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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8.5.4 RAINBOW TROUT (Including STEELHEAD) / BROWN TROUT

1. WATERS	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
<b>Listed Below:</b>	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	Minimum length of 10 inches	2 trout
<p><b>Lakes and Ponds:</b></p> <p><del>Caspian Lake, Greensboro</del>  <del>Echo Lake, Charleston</del>  <del>Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport;</del>  <del>Willoughby Lake, Westmore</del></p> <p><b>Rivers and Streams:</b></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><u>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).</u></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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8.5.5 BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, LAKE TROUT AND  
SALMON – 2 FISH AGGREGATE LIMITS

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
<b>Listed below:</b>	Open-water Fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	See regulations for specific bodies of water	Two fish in aggregate
<p>Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill                      Caspian Lake, Greensboro  <del>Center Pond, Newark</del>                      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                      Lake Dunmore, Salisbury                      Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay and the connecting waters), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport;                      Little Averill Lake, Averill  <del>Long Pond, Westmore</del>                      Maidstone Lake, Maidstone                      Martins Pond, Peacham                      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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8.5.6 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><b>Black River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield.</p> <p><b>Lamoille River</b>— From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to the top of the hydroelectric Dam at Fairfax Falls.</p> <p><b>Lewis Creek</b>— From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the State Prison Hollow Road (TH #3) bridge in Starksboro.</p> <p><b>Missisquoi River</b>— From Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.</p> <p><b>Ompompanoosuc River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Union Village Dam in Thetford.</p> <p><b>Otter Creek</b>— From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to top of Center Rutland Falls in Rutland.</p> <p><b>Waits River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford.</p> <p><b>West River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Townshend Dam in Townshend.</p> <p><b>White River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the bridge on Route 107 in Bethel.</p> <p><b>Williams River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham.</p> <p><b>Winooski River</b>— From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury.</p>				

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8.5.7 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 <del>15</del> 17 inches Lake Trout- Minimum length of 18 inches	2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each
	<u>Ice fishing</u>	<u>January 1 through March 15</u>	<u>Minimum length of 17 inches</u> <u>Lake Trout- Minimum length of 18 inches</u> <del>.....</del>	<u>2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each</u> <u>.....</u>
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  Salmon- Minimum length of 15 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		
Clyde Pond, Salem Lake, Little Salem Lake, and Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog upstream to Citizen's Charleston Dam	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

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(Lubber Lake), West Charleston	Open-water fishing;Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog to Charleston Dam – Artificial flies and lures only	September 1 through October 31	Lake Trout- Minimum length of 18 inches	2 Lake Trout, 0 Salmon (all salmon must be 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	<del>Third Saturday</del> in January 1 through March 15	Salmon- Minimum length of 17 inches	
<b>Listed Below:</b>	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	Lake Trout- Minimum length of 18 inches  Salmon- Minimum length of 17 inches	2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each
<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>				

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**8.5.9 SPECIAL ICE FISHING PROVISION FOR BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, LAKE TROUT, SALMON AND BASS**

**Commented [A1]:** This goes away but need to confirm that this is all covered in other rules.

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
<b>Listed below:</b>	Open water fishing and ice fishing	Third Saturday in January 1 through March 15	See species restriction for individual body of water	See species restriction for individual body of water
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; Woodbury Lake (Sabin Pond), Calais and Woodbury				

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1. Waters	2. Method	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag Limit
<b>White River</b> From the confluence with Lilliesville Brook in Stockbridge downstream 3.3 miles to 220 ft. downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel.	Open-water fishing, with artificial lures and flies only.	Second Saturday in April through October 31.	Minimum length of 18 inches	1 trout
<del><b>Mettawee River</b></del> <del>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.</del>	<del>Open-water fishing</del>	<del>Second Saturday in April through October 31</del>	<del>10 to 14 inches protected slot: (all trout 10 to 14 inches must be released)</del>	<del>2 trout, only 1 greater than 14 inches</del>
<b>Winooski River Tributaries – Listed Below</b>	Open-water fishing	June 1 through October 31	10 to 16 inches protected slot: (all fish 10 to 16 inches must be released)	2 trout, only 1 greater than 16 inches
<b>Winooski River Tributaries:</b> 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.				
<b>Listed Below:</b>	Open-water fishing	Second Saturday in April through October 31	10 to 16 inches protected slot: (all fish 10 to 16 inches must be released)	2 trout, only 1 greater than 16 inches
<b>New Haven River</b> – From Munger Street Bridge in New Haven upstream (approximately 4.1 miles) to the South Street bridge in Bristol.				

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**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.

**Winooski River** – From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth.

<b>Batten Kill</b> – 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.
<b>Dog River</b> – 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.
<b>Listed below:</b>	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.
	Open-water fishing	October 1 through October 31	All trout must be immediately released.	Zero, all trout must be immediately released.

**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.

**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.

**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.

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**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.

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8.5.10 ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON

<b>1. Waters</b>	<b>2. Method</b>	<b>3. Season</b>	<b>4. Size Restrictions</b>	<b>5. Daily Bag Limit</b>
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

8.5.11 AMERICAN SHAD

<b>1. Waters</b>	<b>2. Methods</b>	<b>3. Season</b>	<b>4. Size Restrictions</b>	<b>5. Daily Bag limits</b>
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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8.5.12 BOWFIN, REDHORSE SUCKER  
(MULLET), LONGNOSE GAR.

<b>1. Waters</b>	<b>2. Methods</b>	<b>3. Season</b>	<b>4. Size Restrictions</b>	<b>5. Daily Bag limits</b>
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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8.5.13 SUCKER (LONGNOSE AND WHITE), and CULL FISH

<b>1. Waters</b>	<b>2. Methods</b>	<b>3. Season</b>	<b>4. Size Restrictions</b>	<b>5. Daily Bag limits</b>
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, <del>and</del> 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, <del>and</del> 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

8.5.14 BULLHEAD

<b>1. Waters</b>	<b>2. Methods</b>	<b>3. Season</b>	<b>4. Size Restrictions</b>	<b>5. Daily Bag limits</b>
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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8.5.15 NORTHERN PIKE

<b>1. Waters</b>	<b>2. Methods</b>	<b>3. Season</b>	<b>4. Size Restrictions</b>	<b>5. Daily Bag limits</b>
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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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 Fish

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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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

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 Fish, Combined

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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8.5.21 LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS

1. Waters	2. Methods	3. Season	4. Size Restrictions	5. Daily Bag limits
General Waters (except as listed below)	Open-water fishing and ice fishing	<del>No closed season</del> <u>Second Saturday in June through March 15.</u>	<del>No restriction</del> <u>Minimum length of 10 inches</u>	5 fish
<u>Lake Champlain</u>	<del>Open water and ice fishing</del>	<del>No closed</del> <u>Saturday in June through Nov. 30.</u>	<del>No restriction</del> <u>length of 12 inches</u>	<del>5 fish</del> <u>limit</u>
Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs	Open water fishing (Ice fishing—see special provisions)	<del>Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> March 15.</del>	<del>Minimum length of 10 inches</del>	<del>5 Fish</del>
Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (seasonally closed)	Open-water fishing	<del>Second Saturday in June through October 31.</del>	<del>Minimum length of 10 inches</del>	<del>5 fish</del>
Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (seasonally closed)	Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only	<del>Second Saturday in April- through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive.</del>	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	<del>March 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1 through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive.</del>	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

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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 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
<del>Kent Pond, Killington And Baker Pond, Brookfield</del>	<del>Open-water fishing</del>	<del>Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.</del>	<del>Largemouth Bass – protected slot: 10–12 inches (all fish between 10 &amp; 12 inches must be released)</del>	<del>10 fish, only 1 fish greater than 12 inches.</del>
<del>Kent Pond, Killington And Baker Pond, Brookfield</del>	<del>Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only</del>	<del>Dec. 1 through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive.</del>	<del>All bass must be released</del>	<del>Zero—All bass must be immediately released</del>
<u>Gale Meadows, Londonderry Weatherhead Hollow, Guilford Lily Pond, Vernon,? Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro Sadawga, Whitingham Bullhead Pond, Manchester Lowell Lake, Londonderry Raponda Lake, Wilmington</u>	<u>Open-water fishing</u>	<u>Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.</u>	<u>Minimum length of 10 inches</u>	<u>5 fish</u>

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<u>Blueberry Lake (Warren Lake), Warren Mill Pond, Windsor Runnemedede Lake, Windsor Black Pond, Hubberton Half Moon Pond, Hubberton Roach Pond, Hubberton Austin Pond, Hubberton Breese Pond, Hubberton</u>				
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8.5.22 WALLEYE

<b>1. Waters</b>	<b>2. Methods</b>	<b>3. Season</b>	<b>4. Size Restrictions</b>	<b>5. Daily Bag limits</b>
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

8.5.23 SAUGER

<b>1. Waters</b>	<b>2. Methods</b>	<b>3. Season</b>	<b>4. Size Restrictions</b>	<b>5. Daily Bag limits</b>
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**

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.

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

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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.

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.)

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

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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.

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

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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.

~~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.~~