

Draft Proposal of Regulation Simplification – Tables – CT and Champlain would stay the same.

TABLE 1: General Fishing Regulations for Vermont. Note different regulation for River/Stream and Lake/Pond

PLEASE NOTE: Waterbody-specific regulations listed in Index of Rivers/Index of Lakes override the general regulation.

Species	Type of Water Body	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
AMERICAN SHAD	All	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing	All Year
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	All	NA	0	None	No open season
BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	River/Stream	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Open-water fishing	All Year
	Lake/Pond	None	No more than 5 of any one species	Open-water fishing, ice fishing, spear gun, bow and crossbow all with line attached	
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	River/Stream	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 8	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
	Lake/Pond	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 6	Open-water fishing, ice fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 And Jan 1 to March 15
CARP, SUCKERS (LONGNOSE and WHITE), CULL FISH	River/Stream	None	None	Open-water fishing	All year
	Lake/Pond	None	None	Open-water fishing, ice fishing, spear gun, bow and crossbow all with line attached	
CRAPPIE	All	8"	25	Open-water fishing, Ice Fishing	All Year
LAKE STURGEON	All	NA	0	None	No open season
LAKE TROUT	River/Stream	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Open-water fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON		17"			
LAKE TROUT	Lake/Pond	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Open-water fishing, ice fishing	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31 And Jan 1 to March 15
LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON		17"			
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS	All	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Open-water fishing, ice fishing	2nd Sat. in June to March 15
MUSKELLUNGE	All	NA	0	Catch and release open-water fishing with artificial lures and flies only	All Year
NOTHERN PIKE	All	20"	5	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing	All Year
RAINBOW SMELT	All	None	None	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing	All Year
SAUGER	All	NA	0	None	No open season
WALLEYE	All	18"	3	Open-water fishing, Ice fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
YELLOW PERCH	All	None	50	Open-water fishing, ice fishing	All Year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	All	None	None	Open-water fishing, ice fishing	All Year

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

NOTE: DAILY LIMITS are not additive between River/Stream and Lake/Pond for a specie.