

**Overall Charge for the Team:** To make the Vermont fishing regulations simpler and easier for anglers to understand.

**Regulation Simplification Summary Table – Green color represents general regulations**

Current Regulation and 122 Sections	Changes More Restrictive	Changes More Liberal
Seasonally Closed Waters - Lakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to fishing only during open trout season (78 waters)</li> <li>122 Section 7.1</li> </ul>	2 new waters added to the Seasonally Closed Waters list.	36 lakes/ponds removed – They will be open to fishing year round
Seasonally Closed Water - Streams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to fishing only during open trout season (All but 21 river reaches)</li> <li>122 Section 7.2</li> </ul>		New general regulations: Streams will be open to fishing year-round; harvest and live-bait allowed during traditional season only; catch-and-release with artificial lures and flies only during the rest of the year
Targeting trout and walleye during their closed seasons is not legal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No direct listing in 122</li> </ul>		Catch and release angling for trout and walleye on waters not seasonally closed with artificial lures and flies only will be allowed
Combined Trout Limit – Streams <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brook/Brown/Rainbow</li> <li>122 Sections 8.5.1 &amp; 8.5.2</li> </ul>	Decreased daily brook trout limit from 12 to 8.	Increased brown and rainbow daily limit from 6 to 8.
Daily Combined Trout limit – Rivers/Streams = 8		
Bag limit 2 with 10” Min - rainbow or brown trout <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>122 Section 8.5.4</li> </ul>	1 new stream section added to this regulation	4 lakes removed from this <u>regulation (all 4 still have 2 fish aggregate limit - brook, brown, rainbow, lake trout, salmon under 122 Section 8.5.5 )</u>
Bag limit 2 – brook, brown, rainbow, lake trout, landlocked Atlantic salmon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>122 Section 8.5.5</li> </ul>		2 lakes removed from this regulation
Landlocked Atlantic salmon minimum length (15”) – Inland waters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>122 Section 8.5.7</li> </ul>	Increased minimum length to 17” for landlocked Atlantic salmon in inland waters statewide to match Memphremagog watershed	
Little Averill and Seymour lakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 lines ice fishing, 1 line open-water</li> <li>Lake trout limit = 1</li> <li>Lake trout min. length = 20”</li> <li>122 Section 8.5.7</li> </ul>		Return to general regulations
Ice fishing Trout Season – Lakes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in Jan to March 15 (41 of waters)</li> <li>122 Section 8.5.8</li> </ul>		Expanded Season Period – Jan 1 to March 15 <sup>th</sup> Expanded numbers of waters open to fishing (all but 44 - Seasonally Closed Waters)

<p>Bass Harvest Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open-water: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat in June to November 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 122 Section 8.5.21</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ice fishing: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in Jan to March 15 (41 waters) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 122 Section 8.5.8</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		New Season: Open-water or ice fishing – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat in June to March 15 <sup>th</sup> – Most lakes/ponds. (all but 16 waters)
<p>Spring River closures – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat in April to May 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 122 Section 8.6</li> </ul>		6 river sections removed from this regulation
<p>Fall river closure – Oct 1 to Oct 31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 122 Section 8.10</li> </ul>		1 river section removed from this regulation
<p>Special trout Slot limit – Mettawee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 122 Section 8.5.9</li> </ul>	Increase upper slot limit to match other rivers sections	
<p>Kent and Baker Ponds – Bass Slot Limit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 122 Section 8.5.21</li> </ul>		Return to general regulations
<p>Lake Champlain – Bass min. length = 12"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 122 Section 8.5.21</li> </ul>	Increases min length to match NY shift to 12".	

Appendix 1 – Details of the Changes

Current Regulation		
<p>Seasonally Closed Waters - Lakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open to fishing only during open trout season (78 waters)</li> </ul>	<p><u>Waters Added</u></p> <p>Cary Pond, Walden Lake Pleiad, Hancock</p>	<p><u>36 lakes/ponds removed</u></p> <p>Adams Reservoir, Woodford Ansel Pond, Bethel Baker Pond, Barton Bean Pond, Sutton Big Averill Lake, Norton &amp; Averill Blake Pond, Sutton Brown Pond, Westmore Caspian Lake, Greensboro Center Pond, Newark Colby Pond, Plymouth Crystal Lake, Barton Dufresne Pond, Manchester (Dam removed) East Long Pond, Woodbury Echo Lake, Charleston Ewell Pond, Peacham Goshen Dam (Sugar Hill Res), Goshen Hapgood Pond, Peru, Hartwell Pond, Albany Knapp Brook Pond No. 1, Reading and Cavendish Knapp Brook Pond No. 2, Reading and Cavendish Lake Dunmore – North of sucker brook Little Averill Lake, Averill Little Elmore Pond, Elmore Long Pond, Newbury Maidstone Lake, Maidstone May Pond, Barton McIntosh Pond, Royalton Mud Pond, Hyde Park Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury Nichols Pond, Norton Peacham Pond, Peacham Seymour Lake, Morgan Shadow Lake, Glover Sunset Lake, Benson Willoughby Lake, Westmore</p>

<p>Bag limit 2 with 10" Min - rainbow or brown trout</p>	<p><u>Stream section added</u> Brownington Branch of Willoughby River</p>	<p>Lakes removed from section but all 4 still have 2 fish aggregate limit - brook, brown, rainbow, lake trout, salmon under 122 Section 8.5.5. Caspian Lake, Greensboro Echo Lake, Charleston Lake Memphremagog Willoughby Lake, Westmore</p>
<p>Bag limit 2 – brook, brown, rainbow, lake trout, landlocked Atlantic salmon</p>		<p><u>Lakes removed</u> Center Pond, Newark Long Pond, Westmore</p>
<p>Little Averill and Seymour lakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 lines ice fishing, 1 line open-water</li> <li>• Lake trout limit = 1</li> <li>• Lake trout min. length = 20"</li> </ul>		<p>Return to general regulations</p>
<p>Ice fishing Trout Season – Lakes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in Jan to March 15 (41 of waters)</li> </ul>		<p>Expanded Season Period – Jan 1 to March 15<sup>th</sup> Expanded numbers of waters open. (all but 44 waters)</p>
<p>Bass Harvest Season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open-water: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat in June to November 30</li> <li>• Ice fishing: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat in Jan to March 15 (41 waters)</li> </ul>	<p><u>Lake with only open-water harvest</u> Seasonally Closed Waters – Can't fish</p> <p><u>No winter bass harvest:</u> Gale Meadows, Londonderry Weatherhead Hollow, Guilford Lily Pond, Vernon Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro Sadawga, Whitingham Bullhead Pond, Manchester Lowell Lake, Londonderry Raponda Lake, Wilmington 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</p>	<p>New Season: Open-water or ice fishing – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat in June to March 15<sup>th</sup> – Most lakes/ponds. (all but 16 waters)</p>

Spring River closures – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat in April to May 31		<u>River sections removed</u> Alder Brook – Black River to Sargent pond outlet Brownington Branch of Willoughby – Willoughby River to Chilafoux Road. Country Club Brook – Willoughby river to Hollow Road Bridge. Outlet Brook – Bridge near echo lake to outlet of Seymour lake. Ware Brook – bridge on TH# 8 to natural falls Willoughby River (Brownington Branch to Rt 58 bridge)
Fall river closure – Oct 1 to Oct 31		River section removed Johns River – First Bridge to US. 5
Special trout Slot limit – Mettawee	Increase upper slot limit to match other rivers.	
Kent and Baker Ponds – Bass Slot Limit		Both ponds moved to general regulations