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Vermont Fishing Seasons

Trout & Landlocked Salmon	April 8–Oct. 31
Trout & Landlocked Salmon (Lake Champlain)	No Closed Season
Largemouth & Smallmouth Bass (Harvest Season)	June 10–Nov. 30
Catch & Release (Lakes and Ponds)	April 8–June 9
Pickereel, Northern Pike, Yellow Perch & Smelt	No Closed Season
Walleye (<i>all waters except Chittenden Reservoir & the Connecticut River</i>).....	May 6, 2017–March 15, 2018
<i>Chittenden Reservoir</i>	June 1, 2017–March 15, 2018;
<i>Connecticut River</i>	See Table 4
Free Fishing Days	Jan. 28, 2017; June 10, 2017

(Note: The seasons listed above are some of Vermont’s general fishing seasons. They apply to most Vermont waters, but not all. Prior to fishing, please reference pages 56–87 for special season and regulation information for specific waters.)

Vermont Fishing Licenses

RESIDENT

Fishing (<i>ages 18–69</i>).....	\$26.00
Youth Fishing (<i>ages 15–17; under 15, no license needed</i>)	\$8.00
Permanent License (<i>residents only, age 70 or older</i>)	See page 15
Five-Year Fishing License	\$124.00
Three-Day Fishing ⁽¹⁾	\$11.00
Combination Fishing & Hunting	\$42.00
Five-Year Combination License	\$204.00
Youth Combination Fishing & Hunting (<i>age 17 or under</i>)	\$12.00

NONRESIDENT

Fishing	\$52.00
Youth Fishing (<i>ages 15–17; under age 15, no license needed</i>)	\$15.00
Five-Year Fishing License	\$249.00
One-Day Fishing ⁽¹⁾	\$21.00
Three-Day Fishing ⁽¹⁾	\$23.00
Seven-Day Fishing ⁽¹⁾	\$31.00
Combination Fishing & Hunting	\$138.00
Five-Year Combination License	\$684.00
Youth Combination Fishing & Hunting (<i>age 17 or under</i>).....	\$30.00

⁽¹⁾ Term Licenses: All dates are inclusive and consecutive

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Fish & Wildlife Laws

Vermont's fish and wildlife laws help protect, manage, control and conserve the fish and wildlife of the state. Every individual who hunts, fishes or traps is responsible for knowing the fish and wildlife laws. This lawbook provides the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's interpretation of fishing laws. It is formatted to make the laws easier to read and understand. For a complete wording of Vermont's fish and wildlife statutes and regulations, consult *Vermont Statutes Annotated, Part 4, Title 10*, available at town clerks' offices and on the internet at <http://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/title/10>. Any questions you have regarding these laws should be directed to your local game warden.



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A Special Message from the Commissioner

Whether you're after cold-water fish like trout and salmon, cool-water and warm-water species like bass, pike, wall-eye and panfish, or nontraditional species such as carp, drum, gar or bowfin, Vermont truly is an angler's paradise.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department works hard to manage these fisheries and protect their habitat.



Tom Rogers

In the 1800s, most of Vermont was deforested causing immense environmental harm. Countless roads and dams were also constructed, blocking the movement of fish and other aquatic organisms. Today, we recognize the value of clean water and the importance of reconnecting our landscape and maintaining healthy ecosystems.

In addition to protecting habitat and managing fish species, the Department also maintains 186 fishing access areas, and cultures fish at five state hatcheries.

I hope you find this fishing guide useful and informative and take the opportunity to enjoy all that Vermont has to offer!

See you on the water,

Louis Porter, Commissioner, Vermont Fish & Wildlife

www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fish

Visit Vermont Fish & Wildlife online to learn more about



FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

- Vermont Fishing Guide: where, when and how to fish in Vermont
- Family fishing hot spots
- REEL FUN program: fishing at Vermont state parks
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INTERACTIVE,
INSTANTANEOUS

Vermont's New Online Fishing Regulations Tool

Our new Online Fishing Regulations Tool uses technology to make accessing regulation information quick and simple, whether you're at home planning your next Vermont fishing trip or you're out on the water!

This internet-based tool features

INTERACTIVE MAP

SYSTEM: Allows users to select any waterbody in the state and have instantaneous access to fishing regulations specific to that body of water.

CURRENT LOCATION

FEATURE: The map works in coordination with the Global Positioning System (GPS) in many mobile devices, allowing users to view fisheries regulations for their current location.



LOOKUP TABLES:

Allows users to view regulations by selecting a waterbody, town or county from a comprehensive lookup list.

Regardless of the pathway, the final result is a simple and clear list of fisheries regulations for all of Vermont's great fishing spots!

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Cast of Characters

How to find Vermont's lesser-known "SPORT FISH"

By Shawn Good,
Fisheries Biologist, Vermont Fish & Wildlife

An impressive-looking fish, longnose gar are native to Lake Champlain and can grow to nearly five feet in length.

If you're like most anglers, you probably have a favorite fish species you target when you grab your rod and head for the water. Maybe you like hauling largemouth bass out of heavy vegetation or drifting a small piece of worm or a fly through a pool in a pristine mountain stream for trout. Maybe you prefer trolling spoons or streamers on big lakes for landlocked salmon and lake trout or dabbling small jigs for tasty crappie, perch and sunfish. Or perhaps it's walleye or northern pike that hold your attention. The list goes on and on. That's the great thing about fishing in Vermont: Our lakes, ponds, rivers and streams hold an enormous diversity of fish species and provide a wide range of fishing opportunities. We are truly fortunate.

But beneath these same waters, probably in the same areas you spend time casting a line, lurks an entirely different cast of characters, fish species so far removed and different from the traditional “sport fish” we all know and catch that most of them are overlooked and may even be completely unknown by many Vermont anglers.

Bowfin, redhorse sucker, longnose gar, freshwater drum, lake whitefish, cisco, burbot, fallfish, eel, shad and many more. The lineup of these lesser-known native Vermont fish species is almost as long as the list of the more frequently targeted species most anglers seek. And they are every bit as catchable on a rod

and reel as the others. Even better, many of them are highly abundant and grow to huge sizes; some are even considered delicacies on the table.

Catching some of these fish species might mean fishing a little differently than you’re used to, but with a little online research or help from friends, you could soon be laying your hands on a type of fish you’ve never caught before!

Start with a trip to the Vermont Master Angler Program website. Here you can search more than 4,000 trophy entries for fish caught in the last seven years. Searching by species will quickly help you learn about what waters harbor some of these more unusual fish species. Once you know the “where,” you just need to figure out the “how.”

Spend some time talking to bait and tackle shop owners, other anglers, or reading about these fish to learn about the types of habitats they live in and what they feed on.



Bowfin are an ancient fish native to Lake Champlain and can be caught with fast-moving lures around vegetation.



Lake Champlain’s population of channel catfish is a real treasure for Vermont anglers.



The freshwater drum can be caught from shore along Lake Champlain by slowly fishing live bait around areas with a rocky bottom.

(3) Courtesy of Vermont Fish & Wildlife

The more you know, the better your chances will be of connecting with one of these fish.

For example, freshwater drum, also known as “sheepshead,” grow to more than 20 pounds in Lake Champlain but feed mostly on small snails, clams, worms and crayfish on the bottom. Fishing a small jig tipped with a night crawler around rocks can be very effective.

Another example is fallfish, the largest native minnow species in Vermont; it grows up to 20 inches and lives in most of the larger rivers and streams around the state, as well as some reservoirs. It feeds on insects and other small fish, so casting in-line spinners, small spoons and crankbaits on light tackle around submerged trees and deep, slow pools is a surefire way to hook into the hardest fighting native minnow we have!

Gar, bowfin, redhorse suckers and many others ... each fish is unique in its habits and habitats. Taking some time to learn about its preferences will help you pursue and catch these mysterious species.

Fishing is a lifelong learning opportunity. Break away from your normal fishing routine and see what fun it can be. This year, shake things up and set out on a personal challenge to catch one of Vermont’s lesser-known sport fish! ■



Common carp are found along the marshy shorelines of Lake Champlain and the Connecticut River. Growing up to 30 pounds, carp are a hard-fighting fish that can be caught from shore on a variety of baits.

Courtesy of Vermont Fish & Wildlife

JOIN THE

Best of the Best

The Vermont Master Angler Program

Do you ever wonder where the “big ones” are? Well, you don’t have to look any further than the Vermont Master Angler Program’s website and annual report.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department created the program in 2010 to recognize the achievements of anglers who catch trophy-sized fish from Vermont waters and to encourage anglers to take advantage of the wide variety of fishing opportunities and fish species found throughout the state. So far, more than 4,000 trophy fish catches have been recognized by the department!

Anglers who catch a fish exceeding the minimum qualifying length for any of the 33 listed species receive a certificate commemorating their catch. Anglers demonstrating the skill necessary to catch five or more species in the same calendar year receive a collectible Vermont Master Angler Pin.

If you consider yourself a “specialist” when it comes to your angling, maybe it’s time to fish “outside the box” by trying to catch some new-to-you fish. Take on the challenge: Learn about fish habitat, behavior and food preferences, and develop new skills needed to target and catch these species.

To learn more about the Master Angler Program, visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com and click on Master Angler Program under the “FISH” page.



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Emergency medicine physicians, Paul Donovan, DO, and Daniel Perregaux, MD

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Adam Cohen, MD, leads a dedicated emergency team of highly trained physicians and nurses. "SVMC is the only hospital in the region staffed entirely by doctors board-certified in emergency medicine, which means they're trained to handle the most challenging emergencies. That care is further enhanced by Vermont's first nursing program and one of three in New England to earn Magnet® recognition for excellence four consecutive times," he says. "That expertise and training really instills confidence in our patients. I'm very proud to be a part of this amazing team."



That's Powerful Medicine.

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svhealthcare.org/stories



PARTNERSHIP IS POWERFUL MEDICINESM

Always OPEN, Always FREE

**VERMONT'S fishing access areas
offer an easy way onto the water**

It's not only the diverse waterways, unique fish species and top-notch angling opportunities that make Vermont an angler's paradise. The state's public access areas and boat ramps are also a valued resource that help to make fishing and boating in Vermont easy and enjoyable.

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department owns or manages a total of 186 fishing access areas across the state that are free and open to anglers, hunters, trappers and boaters — 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Included in the department's access program are

- 162 fishing access areas that provide boat launches for watercraft
- Fishing access areas on 130 unique bodies of water
- 34 fishing access areas on Lake Champlain alone
- 6 fishing access areas along the Connecticut River
- Many fishing access areas featuring concrete boat launching ramps, docks and restroom facilities, as well as a number of areas that have been improved to meet the new federal ADA accessibility standards

Vermont's fishing access areas are funded primarily through a federal excise tax on fishing tackle, boat motors and marine fuels that is matched with state motorboat registration fees. The end result is free public access to Vermont waters, a convenience that we are proud to offer and one that is becoming increasingly rare in other states.

By providing free, safe and user-friendly access to waters across the state, anglers of all types can enjoy a day on the water with less hassle and more focus on landing their next trophy catch!

For a complete list of Vermont's fishing access areas and their amenities, visit the "FISH" page at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. Locations of the state's fishing access areas can also be found by using the maps on pages 44–60 of this digest. ■

The state's 186 fishing access areas are identifiable by signs like this. They are always free and open to anglers, hunters, trappers and boaters.



VERMONT FISHING ACCESS AREAS



Kurt Budliger

Now Searchable on the Web

Planning a fishing or boating trip in Vermont is easier than ever! At www.vtfishandwildlife.com, you can find access points to lakes and rivers for fishing and other recreation. You can get directions to access areas and learn what fish species may be caught. You can also search for access areas within a county or on a body of water, or select areas with docks.

All Vermont Fish & Wildlife fishing access areas are provided free to the public for angling and boat access. Of the department's 186 fishing access areas, over 160 provide boat launches for watercraft. Those without ramps provide carry-in boat access or shore fishing.

Before You Back Down the Ramp ...

Develop a launch routine and mental checklist that works and stick with it:

1. "Load before you launch" — put all gear into your boat while in the parking lot, not on the ramp;
2. Loosen any tie-downs, insert plug;
3. Help **STOP** aquatic hitchhikers: **CHECK, DRAIN, DRY**. Make it a habit **BEFORE** launching and **BEFORE** leaving to carefully inspect and clean your vessel;
4. Back down ramp, launch and secure your boat to dock or on shore;
5. Immediately move and park your vehicle in the appropriate location.

Remember: SWIMMING OR SUNBATHING at access areas is prohibited.



Stream to Table

Top 3 Reasons

to EAT LOCAL Vermont Fish

By Jud Kratzer,
Fisheries Biologist, Vermont Fish & Wildlife

1 Eating local fish is GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH

We've all heard that fish is brain food, but the omega-3 fatty acids in fish are also good for the heart. Besides, going out and catching your own fish is better exercise than sitting at home, watching TV. Some people have the mistaken idea that pollutants from farm runoff or sewage treatment plants can make fish unsafe to eat, but that is not true.

Others may be worried about contaminants like mercury and PCBs, but the good news is that they are generally not a problem in most species and waterbodies in Vermont. If you're still a little nervous, it's easy to find out if your stream or lake is safe. The Vermont Department of Health maintains a list of species and waters in which these contaminants could be a concern. Go to www.healthvermont.gov/enviro/fish_alert.

2 Eating local fish is GOOD FOR YOUR TASTE BUDS

Vermont is home to many fish species that provide excellent table fare. Some people think that they don't like fish simply because they have never eaten fish that was properly prepared. Quality fish recipes abound, but the single most important thing to remember when cooking fish is don't overdo it. Cook it only until it flakes easily with a fork and no longer.

3 Eating local fish is GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Most fish you can buy at the store or restaurant have travelled a long way to get there, in many cases, even from other countries. It takes a lot of fossil fuel to get those fish to your table. Also, some of the fish you might buy at the grocery store comes from sources that are not eco-friendly. But Vermont's fisheries resources have been sustainably managed for decades, so eat local and help the environment! ■



Roasted, grilled or deep fried, local Vermont fish can make a tasty and memorable centerpiece for your next meal.

(3) Fort Dummer State Park by Kattie Mills

License Information

BUYING YOUR LICENSE

Anyone can apply for a fishing license. There is no requirement to have had a previous fishing license.

Important things to remember:

- Fill in your information as you wish it to appear on your license. Your printed license and a photo ID should be carried whenever you go fishing, hunting or trapping.
- If you are purchasing a term fishing license (a fishing license for a shorter duration than the whole year), make sure you specify the day you plan to start fishing. Term fishing licenses are for consecutive days.
- If you are purchasing a hunting, combination, archery or trapping license, you must have held a previous hunting, combination, archery or trapping license in Vermont, any other state or Canada, or have passed a state of Vermont approved safety course. There will be a place on the application to enter a previous Vermont license number, or you may complete the license affidavit form certifying that you have held this type of license previously or passed a state of Vermont-approved safety course.

We offer three easy ways to purchase all fishing or combination licenses:

1. Go online to www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

You will need

- **A printer to print your license.** Printing requires Adobe Acrobat Reader on your computer. You can download the free Acrobat Reader software from our website.
- **A credit card.** We accept Visa or MasterCard for payment.

Nice to have ready if you have one:

- **Your Conservation Identification Number or CID #.** You can look up your Conservation ID on the

website or find it on your previous license.

- **Your Vermont license number** from your previous license purchased online.
2. Visit one of our district offices or authorized license agents. A list of license agents is available at www.vtfishandwildlife.com, or you can call us at (802) 828-1190 for an agent closest to you.
 3. Print a license application from www.vtfishandwildlife.com, fill out and send in with your payment.

LICENSES ARE REQUIRED

Any person engaged in fishing, hunting or taking any wild animals must be properly licensed, except as listed below under exceptions. Wild animals are defined by law as ALL animals, including birds, amphibians and reptiles, other than domestic animals.

LICENSE POSSESSION

Appropriate licenses must be carried while hunting, fishing, trapping or transporting fish, game or furbearers. The licenses must be exhibited on demand of a state game warden or other enforcement officer, or the owner of the land on which such person is hunting, fishing or trapping. See *Title 10 V.S.A. Section 4266*. An electronic or digital copy of the license is acceptable, except for minor children who must still carry a paper license signed by their parent.

FREE FISHING DAYS

This year, Jan. 28 and June 10 are Free Fishing Days in Vermont. Residents and nonresidents may fish without a license. All legal fishing methods and limits apply.

MY LICENSE COVERS WHAT?

Fishing and Combination licenses cover fishing throughout the year.

Basic Combination licenses include a late-season bear tag and a November-season legal buck tag. They also cover small-game hunting. Add-on licenses are required for early season bear, archery deer season, muzzleloader deer season and turkey seasons (each with their own tags).

RESIDENT STATUS

In order to obtain resident annual licenses, a person must have lived in Vermont for the six months immediately prior to applying for a license and NOT claimed residence elsewhere for any other reason.

An applicant for a resident lifetime license must have been a resident for at least 12 months or must be a dependent of a resident.

A nonresident student who is enrolled in a high school, college or university within the state is entitled to a resident fishing, hunting or combination license.

To qualify, the student must have successfully completed two successive semesters at his or her Vermont school or college, must present an admission card and must pay the resident fee.

EXCEPTIONS TO LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

A resident owner of land in Vermont, his or her spouse, and minor children may hunt within the boundary of that land and take fish from a private pond within the boundary of that land without a license within season (except if their right to obtain a license is under suspension). A nonresident owner of land has equal privilege if his or her land is NOT posted (except if their right to obtain a license is under suspension). "Posted" means any signage that would lead a reasonable person to believe that hunting is prohibited on the land, except for "Safety Zone" signs.

Children under 15 never need a license to fish.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

Any resident of Vermont who certifies that he or she is serving on active duty in the armed forces of the United States or is performing, or is under orders to perform, a homeland defense or state-side contingency operation for a period of 120 or more consecutive days may obtain at no cost a hunting or fishing license or combination hunting and fishing license.

A person who obtains a license under this provision may keep the license until it expires, whether or not the person continues to serve in the armed forces.

A nonresident member of the armed forces of the United States who certifies that he or she is on active duty and stationed at a military, air or naval post, station or base within Vermont may buy a license to hunt or fish at the resident fee.

Any questions on eligibility for military licenses?

Call (802) 828-1190 or email fwinformation@vermont.gov.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department
Attn: Licensing
1 National Life Drive, Dewey Building
Montpelier, VT 05620-3208

PERMANENT LICENSES

NEW THIS YEAR!

Any Vermont resident who is 70 or older may apply for a free permanent license on our website, at an authorized license agent, at our district offices or by mail.

If a permanent license holder wishes to hunt for a second archery deer, he/she must purchase the additional archery license. If waterfowl hunting, he/she must also purchase state and federal duck stamps and register with H.I.P. each year.

Permanent licenses do not include duck stamps or entries into the moose and antlerless lotteries or permits.

PERMANENT DISABILITY LICENSES

A legally blind person who is a Vermont resident may apply for a free permanent fishing license. Information is available from the Fish & Wildlife office or www.vtfishandwildlife.com.

A Vermont resident who is paraplegic or who is certified by a physician to have permanent severe physical mobility disability may receive a free permanent fishing, hunting or combination license, if qualified, with the proper proof of disability.

“Paraplegic” is a person with permanent paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement or loss of both legs. A

Statement of Disability form is available from the office or our website.

A Vermont resident who is a veteran of the armed forces of the United States and who is 60 percent disabled due to a service-connected disability may receive a free fishing or combination license, if qualified, upon presentation of a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs specifically indicating you are entitled to a free license.

To see if you qualify for the license, call the Veterans Benefits Section at (800) 827-1000. If you qualify for a combination license, you will also receive turkey and muzzleloader deer licenses. If you qualify for an archery license, you will receive one.

Permanent licenses do not include duck stamps or entries into the moose and antlerless lotteries or permits.

LIFETIME LICENSES

A resident or nonresident lifetime fishing, hunting, or combination fishing and hunting license may be obtained from the Fish & Wildlife Department. Applications are available on our website or from the office. Fees are as follows:

- for children < 1 year old = 6x current adult license price.
- for children 1–15 years old = 16x current adult license price.
- for adults 16–24 years old = 31x current adult license price.
- for adults 25–64 years old = 26x current adult license price.

VERMONT IS A MEMBER OF THE

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

The Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact (IWVC) ensures that in participating states, nonresident violators will receive the same treatment as resident violators. IWVC member states reciprocate in the suspension or revocation of licenses and permits resulting from violation of hunting, fishing or trapping laws.

If an individual's license or permit privileges are revoked in one compact member state, they are subject to suspension or revocation in all other member states. For example, if a Vermont resident has their hunting privileges suspended in Minnesota, their privileges may also be suspended in Vermont and in all other compact states. This helps prevent habitual violators from relocating their illegal activities to other member states.

The IWVC also has established procedures that cause a nonresident violator who fails to comply with the terms of a citation issued in a participating state to face the possibility of the suspension of their wildlife license privileges in their home state until the terms of the citation are met. The goal of the IWVC is to facilitate improved enforcement of hunting, fishing and trapping laws through the cooperation of law enforcement units in member states.

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LICENSE INFORMATION

LIFETIME AND PERMANENT LICENSE RENEWAL

If you intend to hunt, fish, or trap this year, you must update your lifetime, permanent disability or permanent license regardless of whether or not you used your tags. This is a new statutory requirement, and it has been put in place to allow the department to collect accurate harvest and licensing information for lifetime licenses. There is no penalty for the failure to renew.

This updated license will include current year tags. You may update your license at no cost online at www.vtfishandwildlife.com. If you are unable to go online you can call (802) 828-1190 or go to any authorized license agent or Fish & Wildlife office. A license agent may charge you up to \$1.50 for a reprint.

REQUIREMENTS FOR HUNTING, COMBINATION HUNTING AND FISHING, ARCHERY & TRAPPING LICENSES

An applicant for a hunting, combination hunting and fishing, archery, or trapping license must present either:

- A previous or current hunting, combination, archery or trapping license from Vermont or any state or Canadian province; or
- A certificate or a letter of proof showing satisfactory completion of an approved hunter safety, archery, or trapping education course from Vermont or any other state or province; or

- A signed affidavit attesting to having a prior hunting, combination, archery, or trapping license from Vermont or any other state or province.
- A person under age 16 must have his or her parent or guardian sign to obtain a hunting license.

NOTE: Federal firearms laws, found at 18 U.S.C. Sect. 922, prohibit certain individuals, including those convicted of felonies or any domestic violence offense, those subject to a final relief from abuse order and unlawful users of controlled substances, from possessing centerfire and rimfire firearms. For a complete list of prohibitions, contact the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives at (802) 865-4020.

State Border Requirements

A person with a resident Vermont fishing license may take fish anywhere in the Connecticut River, subject to the regulations of Vermont and New Hampshire. Hunting licenses for residents and nonresidents are only valid to the New Hampshire state boundary, which is the low-water mark on the Vermont side of the Connecticut River. For Lake Champlain fishing license information, see "Fishing Licenses" in the Fishing Information section, page 30.

License Revocation

10 V.S.A. Sect. 4502 – the "Uniform Point System" – provides that hunting, fishing and trapping licenses will be revoked based on the number of points received when a person is convicted of violating a fish or wildlife law.

Suspensions:

- For 10 to 14 points accumulated in five years: one-year suspension
- For 15 to 19 points accumulated in five years: two-year suspension
- For 20 points or more accumulated in five years: three-year suspension
- Conviction of carelessly or negligently wounding a person by gunshot, or manslaughter by the careless and negligent use of firearms, will, by statute, revoke the hunting license privilege or the right to obtain such license for five years.
- It is illegal to hunt, fish or trap while a license or right to obtain a license is under suspension in Vermont or any other state that is a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.
- Landowners may not hunt, fish or trap on their land if their license is suspended.
- Fine: up to \$2,000 and additional suspension period.
- Remedial Course: A person whose license is revoked with 15 or more points accumulated in five years must successfully complete a remedial course designed to teach hunters, trappers and anglers correct legal and ethical behavior while hunting, trapping and fishing.
- SUSPENSION PER FAMILY COURT ORDERS: Vermont hunting, fishing and trapping licenses and permits may be suspended for failure to comply with child support orders of the Family Court. 15 V.S.A. Sect. 798(b).



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General Regulations and Definitions

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GENERAL REGULATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

“Take” and “Taking” mean pursuing, shooting, hunting, killing, capturing, trapping, disturbing, harrying, worrying, wounding, snaring or netting fish, birds or other animals. It includes placing, setting, drawing or using any net or other device commonly used to take fish or wild animals, whether they result in taking or not. It includes every attempt to take and every act of assistance to another person in taking or attempting to take fish or wild animals.

Camping and Trespass: It is illegal to park, drive or camp on another person’s land without permission of the landowner. You must immediately leave the property when the landowner requests it, whether the property is posted or not. Roadside or public highway turnouts are not legal for overnight camping.

Importation of Wildlife: It is illegal to bring live wild mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles or fish into Vermont without previously obtaining an importation permit from the Fish & Wildlife Department.

Interfering With Hunters, Anglers and Trappers: It is illegal to intentionally interfere with someone who is lawfully taking fish or wild animals, or to disrupt the taking of any fish or wild animal by harassing or disturbing the fish or animal.

Interstate Highways: No one may legally travel on foot within the right-of-way or cross-boundary fences along interstate highways. Rest areas and pullouts are NOT access areas for hunting, fishing or entering on adjacent lands unless posted as such.

Private Roads and Lands: Law prohibits obstructing private driveways, barways or gateways with motor vehicles. People shall not drive over private lands or enter these lands for the purpose of camping without the permission of the landowner.

Season Dates: All season dates in this book are inclusive.

Violators: A person who drives, transports, scouts, counsels or otherwise aids another person in a violation, or who knowingly possesses, consumes, or otherwise shares in the proceeds of such a violation by receiving or possessing fish or wild animals, or any parts thereof, shall be punished as a principal.

Damage to Fish & Wildlife Property: A person who damages or destroys a wildlife facsimile (decoy) owned by the Fish & Wildlife Department shall pay restitution for its replacement or repair. Whoever intentionally or recklessly damages, injures, interferes with or destroys any property, real or personal, belonging to or controlled by the state for fish, game or wildlife purposes shall be fined not more than \$2,500 and pay restitution to repair or replace the damaged property.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR ILLEGALLY TAKEN FISH OR WILDLIFE

In addition to any court penalties, anyone convicted of illegally taking, destroying, or possessing wild animals must pay, as restitution, into the fish and wildlife fund no more than the following amounts:

Big Game	\$2,000.00
Endangered Threatened Species (T10, 5401)	\$2,000.00
Small Game	\$500.00
Fish.....	\$25.00

THREATENED & ENDANGERED SPECIES

Anyone who takes or injures a Vermont Threatened or Endangered Species is subject to either civil enforcement or criminal prosecution for a big game violation. Criminal penalties include up to 60 days incarceration, a \$500 to \$2,000 fine, a \$2,000 payment to the fish and game fund, and restitution costs. Agency civil enforcement penalties are capped at \$42,500 for a single violation. The complete list of

threatened and endangered species is available on the Fish & Wildlife website (www.vtfishandwildlife.com). The list includes lake sturgeon, stonecat, timber rattlesnake, bald eagle, spruce grouse, beach heather, great laurel, Canada lynx, marten, little brown bat and Indiana bat. Federal penalties also may apply.

POSTED PROPERTY UNDER FISH & WILDLIFE LAW

Hunting, fishing or trapping on properly posted land is illegal without **written permission**. This includes land posted for hunting, fishing or trapping **by permission only**. Properly posted land will have records filed with the town clerk and the Fish & Wildlife Department. See *Title 10, V.S.A., Sections 5201 to 5206*.

Whether the property is posted or not, a hunter or angler shall show their license if requested by the landowner.

It is illegal to damage or remove posters prohibiting hunting, fishing or trapping.

A person must leave the land immediately on demand of the owner, whether the land is posted or not.

Posting & By Permission Only Signs

A landowner, or a person having the exclusive right to take fish or wild animals on land or the waters thereon may maintain signs stating that hunting, fishing or trapping, or any combination of the three is **prohibited** or **by permission only**.

See *10 V.S.A. Appendix Sect. 14* for fish stocking requirements to post against fishing.

Permission Only signs shall state the owner’s name and a method by which to contact the owner or a person authorized to provide permission to hunt, fish or trap on the property.

Posting and Permission Only Signs

- The owner or person posting the land shall annually record the posting at the town clerk’s office for a fee of \$5.00.

- Signs must be not less than 8½ inches by 11 inches.
- Lettering and background on the signs must be of contrasting colors.
- Signs must be maintained at all times and dated each year.
- Signs must be erected on or near all boundaries, at each corner, and not over 400 feet apart.
- Signs shall not be considered void if other language is added, as long as a reasonable person would understand that hunting, fishing or trapping are prohibited.

LOCATION OF POSTING SIGNS: Posting signs and “By Permission Only” signs must be erected on or near all the boundaries, at each corner and not over 400 feet apart.

SAFETY ZONE: A property owner may establish a 500-foot Safety Zone around an occupied dwelling, residence, barn, stable or other building with signs provided by the Fish & Wildlife Department. These signs shall be placed at each corner of the Safety Zone and no more than 200 feet apart. Shooting is prohibited in the Safety Zone and no wild animal may be taken within it without permission from the owner.

SALE OR PURCHASE OF FISH AND GAME

SALE AND PURCHASE OF FISH: A person shall not buy or sell a salmon, trout, lake trout, walleye, northern pike, muskellunge, black bass or other fish specified by regulation, taken in this state, or imported from another state or country where sale of such fish is prohibited, except such fish reared in licensed propagation farms within the state.

GAME SUPPERS: Game suppers may be held at any time by a church, volunteer fire department, fish and game club, or other nonprofit organization with a permit issued by a state game warden.

Wild animals and fish legally taken in this state, or another state or country, may be transported and sold as part of a game supper authorized by permit. Big game provided by the Fish & Wildlife Department may also be sold at such suppers. Migratory waterfowl, cottontail rabbits, snowshoe hare, and anadromous salmon may not be sold. Permits for game suppers must state the name of the organization holding the supper, as well as the date and location of the supper. A permit needs to be applied for at least 10 days before the date of the supper. Contact the Law Enforcement Division of the Fish & Wildlife Department for a permit application.

TRANSPORTATION OF FISH OR GAME

Transportation of fish or game is only permitted in the presence of the person who took that fish or game. A person shall not transport fish or game:

- Taken by someone else unless the person who took the fish or game accompanies it;
- During closed season for that fish or game;
- If it exceeds the number or limit of fish or game that may legally be taken in a day.

However, a person traveling on land between a temporary abode, such as a hunting camp, and his or her home may transport in one day the number of fish or game that may legally be taken in two days.

While on the waters of the state, a person may not transport more than one day’s limit of fish unless the fish is frozen, processed and packaged for storage.

PUBLIC USE OF FISH & WILDLIFE LANDS

Vermont Fish & Wildlife owns 89 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), two conservation camps, five fish culture stations, and other conservation lands totaling more than 133,000 acres throughout Vermont. A rule enacted in 2013 allows the department to better protect the public’s use of and interests in these lands. WMAs were created for the conservation of fish, wildlife and their habitats, and to provide people with opportunities to enjoy these resources through fish- and wildlife-based outdoor activities such as fishing, hunting, trapping and wildlife viewing and photography. Wildlife Management Area maps are available at www.vtfishandwildlife.com or at VT Fish & Wildlife District Offices.

Definitions

Commercial activity means any activity or service that produces income for any person, group, business or entity, including any activity or service by any nonprofit entity where a fee is required or requested.

Emergency situation means an unintended or unforeseen situation that poses a risk to health or life of a person or animal.

Authorized Activities

- A. Hunting, fishing, trapping, target shooting at *designated shooting ranges*, and associated activities in accordance with all applicable Vermont Fish & Wildlife laws and regulations;
- B. Fish and wildlife viewing and photography;
- C. Boating, including launching and landing, for fish- and wildlife-based activities where not otherwise prohibited by any other relevant regulations or statutes;
- D. Dispersed, wildlife-based pedestrian activities, including walking, snowshoeing, swimming, cross-country skiing, and collection of shed antlers;
- E. Noncommercial picking of berries, nuts, fungi and other wild edibles except ginseng;
- F. Guiding for purposes of fishing, hunting and trapping;
- G. Camping for purposes of hunting, fishing or trapping:
 - Nonprimitive camping with a portable shelter equipped with a self-contained, portable, sanitary toilet on sites designated by the department for this purpose, for no more than 16 days during the periods of May 1–31 and Sept. 1 through Dec. 15; see WMA maps for designated campsite locations.
 - Primitive camping (occupying a site in a natural environment with no developed facilities, leaving the site in its original condition so there is no or minimal evidence of human visitation) on the following WMAs for no more than 3 consecutive nights; campsites must be at least 200 feet from any waterbody, property line or road within the following WMAs: Arthur Davis, Bald Hill, Bill Sladyk, Les Newell, Pine Mountain, Plymbsbury, Roy Mountain, Steam Mill Brook, Victory Basin, West Mountain

Prohibited Activities

- The operation of any ATV, UTV, or any wheeled or tracked motorized vehicle not registered for public highway use, except as provided under special permit from the commissioner to accommodate a person with a qualified disability pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act;
- Use of motorized vehicles, except on roads specifically designated for such use (see WMA maps);

- Snowmobiling, except as approved by the department and on designated corridors (see WMA maps);
- Horseback riding, dog sledding, nonmotorized cycle riding, or use of motorized vehicles, except on designated corridors (see WMA maps);
- Draft and pack animals, except for retrieval of legally harvested moose, deer and black bear during the respective hunting season(s);
- Commercial activities, except for guiding for purposes of fishing, hunting and trapping, or wildlife viewing;
- Artifact or fossil collection;
- Fires, except in emergency situations, or for nonprimitive and primitive camping as specified in this rule;
- Abandoning or disposing of any animal carcass, or their parts, except that portions of fish or game legally harvested on the property may be deposited on site during routine field processing for preservation and transport, or parts used in conjunction with legal trapping;
- Construction or placement of temporary or permanent structures, except for tree stands and ground blinds as specified for use on state Wildlife Management Areas under **General Hunting Information**, and duck blinds as specified under the **Game Bird Hunting** section of the Hunting/Trapping Guide;
- Collection of plants, trees, evergreen brush or limbs, except wild edibles when allowed under of this rule;
- Use of any fireworks or pyrotechnic devices, except signal flares in an emergency situation;
- Feeding or baiting of wildlife, except if otherwise authorized by law;
- Taking of fish from a fish culture station, except during special events established by the department, including but not limited to fishing derbies, clinics and educational events;
- Entering within 500 feet of any building or other associated infrastructure that is associated with a department fish culture station or conservation camp during times of the day other than those times posted for public use;
- Parking of vehicles, except while engaged in an authorized activity;
- All other activities not specifically authorized by this rule, or authorized in writing by the commissioner, including, but not limited to, parasailing, hang gliding, recreational rock climbing, and geocaching.

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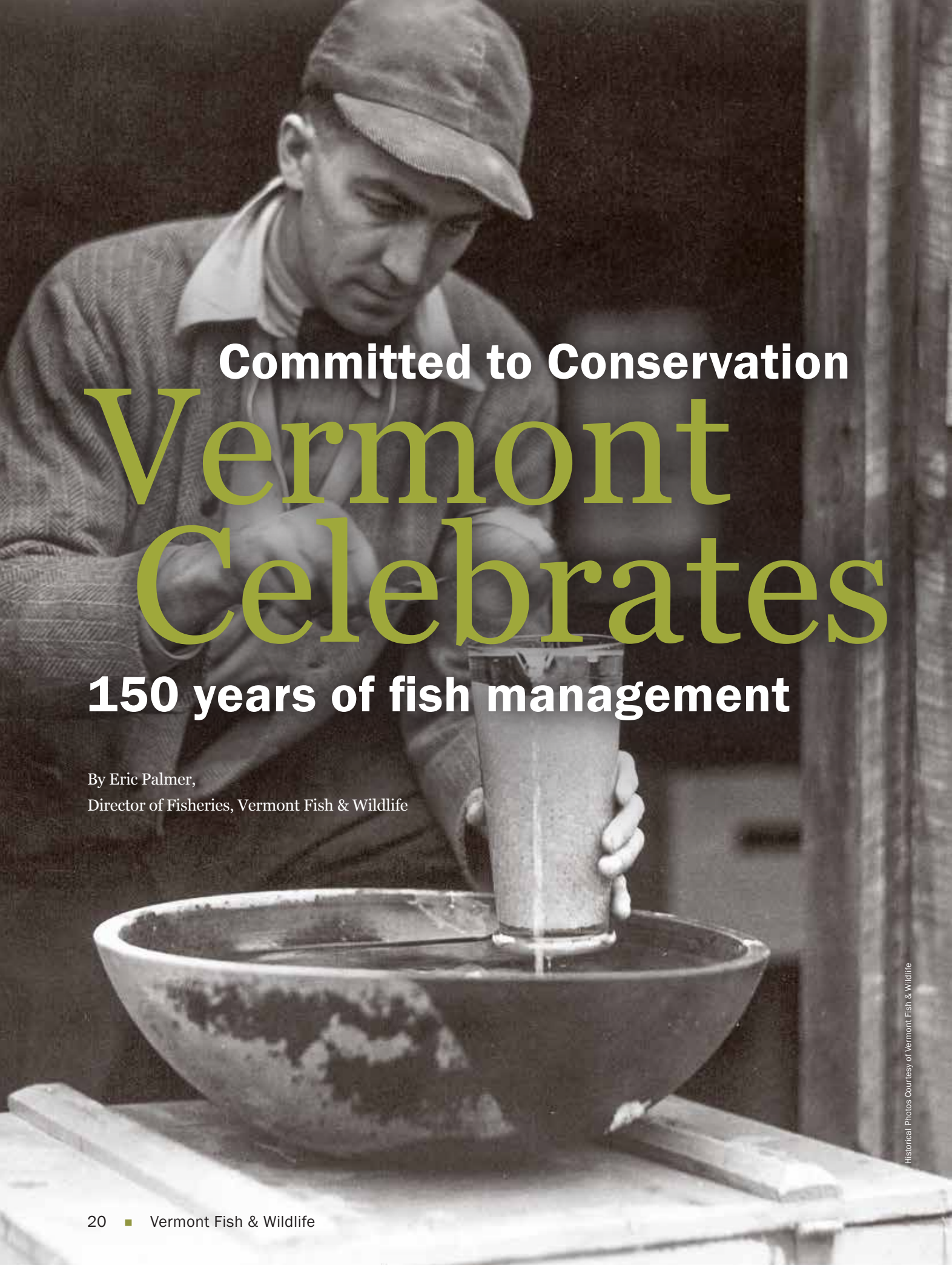
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Committed to Conservation

Vermont Celebrates

150 years of fish management

By Eric Palmer,
Director of Fisheries, Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Historical Photos Courtesy of Vermont Fish & Wildlife

Since the founding of the Vermont Fish Commission in 1866 (predecessor to today's Fish & Wildlife Department), Vermont has been committed to managing fish species and their habitats statewide. A century and a half has led to many notable achievements and milestones.

Early on, efforts were focused on protecting habitat and restoring fish populations. Fish hatcheries were built in various locations across the state, beginning with Roxbury in 1891 until the completion of Ed Weed Hatchery in Grand Isle in 1991. The department also put significant effort into fishing access areas, and there are now 186 — more than any other state in the Northeast.



Roxbury Hatchery was Vermont's first hatchery. It was built at a prime natural groundwater spring with a \$2,400 legislative appropriation.



In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Vermont fisheries workers used nets and heavy rowboats to survey fish populations.



The Board of Fish Commissioners stocked fish in the late 1800s in response primarily to aquatic habitat degradation caused by deforestation, construction of dams, and accumulation of silt and sawdust. At the time, only 25 percent of Vermont was forested.



Meanwhile, environmental regulations such as the Clean Water Act and Act 250 have helped the department's ongoing efforts to keep fish habitats clean and healthy.

Conserving habitat for native fish requires a diverse set of tools and a dedicated staff. From fish regulations to review of development activities, from habitat restoration to outreach programs, fish in Vermont's lakes and rivers are thriving through the efforts of Department staff.



There are many fish success stories in Vermont: We have world-class bass fisheries, healthy wild lake trout in inland lakes and abundant salmon in Lake Champlain. The restoration of salmon in Lake Champlain was made possible through a balance of fish stocking, fishing regulations and sea lamprey control. What's more, Lake Champlain serves as home to approximately 80 fish species, a freshwater diversity found nowhere else in New England.

Additionally, the department has seen success in restoring walleye populations and protecting muskellunge and endangered lake sturgeon.



Vermont is fortunate to have a wealth of wild trout populations, and our program prides itself on having helped with the restoration of wild trout in many streams throughout the state. The abundant trout populations indicate a healthy environment as they need cold, clean water and complex and connected habitats.

The ability for fish and other aquatic species to travel up or down streams — also known as aquatic organism passage — is front and center in many restoration projects. Fisheries staff work with highway engineers, watershed and angler organizations, municipalities, and other state, federal and private natural resource agencies to identify, design, fund and implement critical projects that support wild trout movement through culverts and other man-made structures. In recent years, cooperative dam removal

Vermont's fish management — which includes monitoring (top) and stocking (middle) — improved dramatically with funding from the federal Sport Fish Restoration Act in 1950. Anglers support the work through a tax on fishing tackle and motor boat fuels, and by purchasing their fishing licenses. Strong natural reproduction of trout in streams (bottom) is a reliable indicator of the presence of good habitat.

projects have also become an important part of the department's wild trout passage initiatives.

None of these gains would have been possible without the long-term financial support of anglers whose fishing licenses, fishing equipment purchases and boat registrations have funded the department's efforts. The Sport Fish Restoration federal excise tax on fishing gear is a major revenue source for state fish and wildlife agencies nationwide; it has helped to ensure that future generations will have clean accessible waters and healthy fish populations to enjoy for decades to come. ■



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A healthy wild brown trout collected from a small stream in Rutland County.



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Using a mild electrical current to temporarily stun and collect fish, biologists gather information that guides fisheries management activities and helps set fishing regulations.



Where Wild Trout THRIVE

Vermont works to nurture
COLD, CLEAN HABITATS

Vermont is fortunate to have a wealth of wild trout within its borders, and the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department is committed to protecting and improving these populations.

Wild trout are indicators of a healthy environment and need cold, clean water with complex and connected habitats to thrive. As a result, the department, along with various partners, has made habitat improvement, environmental review and population monitoring three of the primary focuses of its wild trout management program.

Specific efforts of the program include

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

More than 1,200 staff days expended by fisheries staff in 2014 and 2015 alone on project review aimed at protecting aquatic habitat.

WILD TROUT MONITORING

Long-term monitoring of wild trout populations by fisheries biologists to evaluate population health and determine appropriate management strategies, such as fishing regulations and habitat enhancements.

AQUATIC HABITAT ENHANCEMENT

Strategic addition of downed trees, brush and boulders to streams to improve trout habitat, as well as the completion of riparian planting projects along stream banks to provide shade and keep water temperatures cool.

AQUATIC ORGANISM PASSAGE

Collaborative work with the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and Vermont Agency of Transportation to improve aquatic organism passage at dams and roadside culverts. ■



Newly designed culverts provide flood resiliency and allow fish to move freely throughout the stream.



Planting trees and allowing vegetation to grow along shorelines benefits surrounding ecosystems in multiple ways.



Department staff work with partners to enhance fish habitat in Northeast Kingdom streams.

(3) Courtesy of Vermont Fish & Wildlife

IT'S ON ALL OF US

Help STOP

the spread

of aquatic invasive species

By Shawn Good,
Fisheries Biologist, Vermont Fish & Wildlife

The introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) is one of the biggest threats that Vermont's lakes, ponds, rivers and streams face today. Invasive species impact the health of Vermont's waterbodies and aquatic communities by changing water quality, altering ecosystem functions, threatening fish habitat, and by preying upon or out-competing native species for food and habitat.

Over 50 nonnative aquatic species are already established in Vermont waters, including plants like Eurasian watermilfoil and water chestnut, invertebrates like zebra mussels and spiny water flea, and fish such as alewife, rudd, and tench. Aquatic invasive species can also include fish diseases and parasites, such as whirling disease and *Heterosporis*, which affect the muscle tissue of fish such as perch and walleye. Invasive species can reduce the quality of Vermont's recreational angling opportunities that we all enjoy and cherish.

Vermont Fish & Wildlife and the Department of Environmental Conservation work diligently to address AIS threats by setting laws and policies on invasive species transport and introduction, and implementing outreach and educational programs such as the Public Access Boat Greeter Program, designed to inform water

recreationists about invasive species spread prevention measures. Fisheries biologists, natural resource managers and water users alike are concerned about the potential for new AIS introductions such as Asian carp, round goby, hydrilla or viral hemorrhagic septicemia virus being introduced to Vermont waters. Once invasive species become established, it's virtually impossible to eradicate them.

Preventing new AIS from being introduced and established AIS from spreading to new waters is critical to protecting the health of Vermont's aquatic ecosystems. Any equipment used on or in the water can collect and spread AIS. Boats, kayaks, trailers, fishing equipment, scuba gear and other items can spread AIS from one body of water to another unless properly cleaned, dried or disinfected after use. While many AIS are easy to see, such as Eurasian watermilfoil strands stuck on a boat trailer, others are too small to be noticed, such as spiny water flea, larval zebra mussels, or viruses and bacteria that cause fish diseases.

Vermont has a law prohibiting the transport of all aquatic plants, and zebra and quagga mussels, and it is everyone's responsibility to follow this law by cleaning, draining and drying boats, trailers, waders and other aquatic gear to prevent the transport of AIS.

When boating, fishing or recreating on Vermont waterways, you can help protect the health of aquatic ecosystems by taking these simple precautions:

CLEAN and remove all visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels, mud and other debris from boats and other watercraft, trailers, anchors, and all water-related equipment before leaving any waterbody or shore.

DRAIN bilges, live wells, wet wells, bait containers and boat motors before leaving the waterbody. Motors can be drained by lowering them all the way down and briefly starting the engine (1–2 seconds), which will purge water from the system. Always keep drain plugs out and water-draining devices open while transporting watercraft.

DRY your boat and gear. Aquatic invasive species need moisture to survive. Keep quick-dry towels with you and wipe down your equipment to remove any residual water. Make sure you wash and dry these towels before using them again on another waterbody.

DISPOSE of unwanted live bait, including minnows, leeches and worms, in the trash.

Additional Recommendations

Thoroughly cleaning all gear can be started at the boat ramp, but further cleaning and disinfection is recommended later at home. Spraying your gear with high-pressure water or rinsing it with hot water (120°F for at least 2 minutes or 140°F for at least 10 seconds) will kill most aquatic invasive species. Allowing gear to dry for at least 5 days before using on another waterbody is also effective.

To learn more about aquatic invasive species in Vermont, and what you can do to help prevent their introduction and spread, please visit www.vtfishandwildlife.com/fish/boating_in_vermont.

We all must do our part to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in Vermont to ensure that our waterbodies stay healthy for the enjoyment of future generations. ■

STEP BY STEP



Kurt Budliger

Felt-sole wader BAN REPEALED

On July 1, 2016, Vermont repealed the law prohibiting the use of felt-sole waders and boots; they are once again legal to use.

The ban began in 2011 in response to nuisance blooms of the algae *Didymosphenia geminata*, also known as Didymo or rock snot. At the time, Didymo was thought to be an invasive species in Vermont waters. It was believed that the porous material on the soles of waders would trap the microscopic algal spores and spread them to new waters when the waders were used elsewhere.

Recent scientific studies have documented that Didymo is actually native in Vermont and across much of the northern region of North America. Didymo spores are present in most Vermont rivers, but only become nuisance algae blooms under certain favorable environmental conditions. Research continues to better understand what makes these blooms occur.

The repeal of the felt-sole wader ban does not mean that aquatic invasive species spread prevention is no longer a priority in Vermont. Instead, this demonstrates how the State of Vermont makes all efforts to stay current with the science and work to fairly balance natural resource conservation with public use of these resources.

In order to maintain Vermont's healthy lakes, ponds, rivers and streams, we must all do our part to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. **CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY.**

What a Nuisance!

Some of the Aquatic Invasive Species in Vermont Waters

ALEWIFE



North American Native Fishes Association

Invasive baitfish species first found in Lake St. Catherine in 1997 and Lake Champlain in 2004. May displace smelt and other native forage fish through competition for food and space resources. Trout and salmon that feed extensively on alewives may also suffer reproductive failure. Alewives may not be used as bait in Vermont except for on Lake Champlain, and only as dead bait. *Please see the complete Vermont baitfish regulations on page 31 for complete details.*

ASIAN CLAM



GB Nonnative Species Secretariat

Invasive clam species found in Lake Bomoseen in 2016 can multiply quickly, clogging water intake pipes and other water systems, deplete resources needed by native species and increase algae blooms. Easily spread through small amounts of sediment or water, Asian clams can be inadvertently transported by boat hulls, bilges, live wells and additional boating equipment, as well as by bait buckets and other fishing equipment.

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL



Allison Fox, University of Florida, Bugwood.org

Prolific invasive aquatic plant found in Lake Champlain and many inland lakes in Vermont. May interfere with boating and swimming, and can displace native aquatic plant species. Easily spread when plant fragments are caught and moved on boat trailers, propellers, anchors and other equipment.

SPINY WATER FLEA



Jeff Gunderson, Minnesota Sea Grant

Tiny invasive crustacean that first appeared in Lake Champlain in 2014. Alters native plankton populations, clogs fishing rod guides and fouls fishing line. Spread by hitchhiking on boating or fishing gear that isn't cleaned or in bilge water, bait buckets or live wells that aren't drained before moving to a different waterbody.

WATER CHESTNUT



B. Smorgans

Prolific invasive aquatic plant found in southern Lake Champlain and a few inland lakes. Interferes with boating, hunting and fishing, and displaces native aquatic plant species. Spreads by seeds or parts of plants caught on boats and equipment.

VARIABLE-LEAF WATER MILFOIL



Dennis Roberge, Courtesy of Maine VLMP

Invasive aquatic plant recently discovered in Halls Lake, Newbury, Vermont, as well as South Bay and Missisquoi Bay, Lake Champlain. Easily spread by fragments with impacts similar to the closely related Eurasian watermilfoil, but may be even more aggressive and difficult to control.

ZEBRA MUSSEL



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Tiny D-shaped invasive mollusks, well established in Lake Champlain and Lake Bomoseen. Clogs water intake pipes, damages boat engines, obscures historic shipwrecks and may alter native plankton populations. Adult zebra mussels can attach to and be moved on boat hulls, engines and other equipment. Microscopic larva can get trapped and moved in water of boat engines, bilges, bait buckets and live wells.

Note: *Transporting any aquatic plant or aquatic plant part, zebra mussel or quagga mussel on the outside of a vehicle, boat, personal watercraft, trailer or other equipment is illegal. Violators are subject to a penalty of up to \$1,000.*

How do mercury and lead get into wildlife?



Janet Steward

MERCURY Mercury is a toxic heavy metal that can become particularly concentrated in large, carnivorous fish. It has been found at levels exceeding health guidelines for some people in some freshwater fish. While the benefits of eating fish generally outweigh the risks of mercury exposure, women who are pregnant and young children should select fish with low levels of mercury. Brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout and yellow perch have lower mercury levels, while walleye, smallmouth bass and chain pickerel show the highest concentrations of mercury. Please see www.healthvermont.gov or www.mercvt.org for the most current advisory.

LEAD Loons and some other water birds can die from lead poisoning after swallowing lead fishing sinkers and jigs lost by anglers; up to 50 percent of adult loon deaths are the result of lead poisoning. You can help by switching to nonlead fishing tackle and by helping to spread the word to others to do the same. Lead is the leading cause of observed loon

deaths here in the Northeast. It is illegal to use lead sinkers weighing one-half ounce or less.

What can you do to help?

- Use nonlead fishing tackle.
- Spread the word. Tell other anglers about the problem and encourage them to switch to nonlead alternatives.
- Remove lead sinkers and jigs from your tackle box.
- Remove spent fishing line and other materials from Vermont waters and shorelines to reduce entanglement, another major cause of loon deaths.
- Maintain a respectful distance from loons and other wild animals. Use binoculars to get a great view.
- Support continuing loon and other nongame wildlife conservation efforts by donating to the Vermont Nongame Wildlife Fund on your Vermont income tax form or by purchasing a Vermont Conservation License Plates for your vehicle.

Preventing Human Lead Exposure From Fishing Sinkers

Some fishing sinkers contain lead which is toxic when eaten, breathed in or absorbed through the skin. In order to prevent exposure to lead, please handle lead sinkers with care and use the following guidelines:

- Switch to sinkers that do not contain lead. Alternatives to lead sinkers are made of steel, bismuth, tungsten, resin and glass.
- Wash hands with soap after holding or using lead sinkers.
- Never put lead sinkers in your mouth or allow young children to handle lead sinkers or put them in their mouths.
- If you suspect lead poisoning in your child or yourself, call the Vermont Department of Health Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at **(800) 439-8550** or **(802) 865-7786**.

General Requirements, Definitions & Prohibitions



Tom Rogers

FISHING LICENSES

Anyone fishing, in possession of or transporting fish taken in Vermont waters or the Vermont/New Hampshire waters or the Connecticut River must be properly licensed and must carry the license on his/her person. The license must be shown on demand of a state game warden or other enforcement officer, or at the request of the owner of the land on which he/she is fishing.

See Table 4 for specific Connecticut River fishing license requirements.

Shooting or Spearing

Shooting or spearing of certain fish, where allowed, requires a hunting or combination license. Bow and Arrow Shooting of Carp: where allowed, requires a fishing or combination license.

Lake Champlain Reciprocal Fishing

A person holding a New York fishing license may take fish from the Vermont portion of Lake Champlain only as far east as a line starting on the north shore of the Poultney River where it empties into East Bay, proceeding generally northerly along the shore to the old Rutland Railroad fill on Colchester Point, then following the western side of the old Rutland Railroad fill to Allen Point on Grand Isle, continuing northerly following the western shore of Grand Isle to Tromp Point, then across The Gut to Bow and Arrow Point, then continuing generally northerly along the western shore of North Hero to Pelots Point, then across the Alburgh passage to the Point of the Tongue, and then along the western shore of the Alburgh peninsula to the United States border with Canada.

When this line crosses a tributary to Lake Champlain, the line shall proceed from the downstream most point of land on one side of the tributary to the downstream most point of land on the other side of the tributary.

Holders of Vermont fishing licenses may fish Lake Champlain west of the Vermont/New York border to the New York shore. They may not fish in South Bay or New York tributaries to Lake Champlain. See map, next page.

NOTE: Some fishing season dates, length limits, daily creel limits and other regulations are different in New York and Vermont. When fishing in Vermont, anglers must observe Vermont regulations. When fishing in New York, anglers must follow the regulations that apply in New York. Be sure to obtain copies of each state's fishing regulations.

FISHING METHODS

Angling

Fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod, or by casting or trolling artificial flies, lures or baited hooks, provided that the person angling does not take fish through the ice, from the ice or from any object supported by the ice. A person may take fish only by using not more than two lines of which he or she has immediate control. Each line may not have more than two baited hooks or three artificial flies or two lures with or without bait.

Ice Fishing

Ice fishing is 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. A person may take fish only by using not more than eight lines, except on Lake Champlain where no more than fifteen lines may be used. He or she must have immediate control over all lines. Each line may not have more than two baited hooks, or three artificial flies or two lures with or without bait. Six lines are allowed on the Connecticut River.

Catch and Release

Angling as explained elsewhere, except that fish must be released immediately where caught.

FISHING TOOLS

Baited Hook

A single shank hook with 1, 2 or 3 points that may be baited with natural or artificial bait or both.

Downrigger

A device used to deliver fishing lines to a desired depth, and when so used, not considered a fishing line.

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.

Lure

A man-made device designed to catch only one fish at a time, to include a spoon, plug, spinner, bait harness, tandem-hook streamer or lead head jig.

Planer Board

A device used to deliver fishing lines to a desired location, and when so used, not considered a fishing line.

SEASONS AND HOURS

It is illegal to take fish of a species unless the season for that species is open on those waters.

It is illegal to fish when no season is open in those waters, or if those waters are posted as closed by regulations of the Fish & Wildlife commissioner or board.

The legal fishing day is the 24-hour period beginning at 12:00 midnight and continuing until the next 12:00 midnight. During the open season, fish may be taken at any hour of the legal fishing day, except where a shorter legal fishing day is specified in the General Fishing Regulations and Exceptions, or where posted otherwise.

FREE FISHING DAYS

Vermont has two Free Fishing Days during which anyone, resident or nonresident, may fish without a license. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, and Saturday, June 10, 2017. All legal fishing methods and limits still apply.

LIMITS

The daily limit refers to the number of fish legal to keep during the legal fishing day.

The possession limit is the number of fish caught on more than one legal fishing day that an angler or ice fisherman may have in his/her possession; equal to double the daily limit.

IMMEDIATE CONTROL

A person fishing by angling or ice fishing must have immediate control over his or her lines. Immediate control refers to such constant control as would enable an angler to respond without delay to a fish taking his or her bait, lure or fly.

FISH LENGTH RESTRICTIONS & FILLETING FISH

Fish with a length restriction may be filleted or consumed on the water so long as the head, vertebrae and tail are retained intact to enable determination of fish length. The length of a fish is considered the longest straight-line and flat distance from the tip of the fish's snout to the tip of the longer lobe of its tail when the two lobes are forced together.

FOUL HOOKING

Foul hooking (PROHIBITED) is hooking a fish in any other part of the body than the mouth with a hook or hooks, or manipulating hooks to hook a fish in a body part other than the mouth. A person fishing by angling or ice fishing shall not take any fish unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish not hooked in the mouth shall be immediately released without unnecessary injury.

BAITFISH USE & RESTRICTIONS

Personal Baitfish Harvest

Personally harvested baitfish may be used only on the same waterbody from which they were collected.

A "waterbody" is defined to include all tributaries of lakes and ponds up to the first barrier impassable by fish. For rivers and streams, it includes all tributaries to that river or stream up to the first barrier impassable by fish. Anglers can freely move up and down connecting

streams and rivers to fish with live bait, provided they don't pass a barrier (dam or waterfall for example).

A person may only harvest the following fish species for use as bait:

- Eastern silvery minnow
- Fathead minnow
- Bluntnose minnow
- Emerald shiner
- Golden shiner
- Spottail shiner
- Common shiner
- Mimic shiner
- Creek chub
- Fallfish
- Blacknose dace
- Longnose dace
- Northern redbelly dace
- White sucker
- Longnose sucker
- Banded killifish
- Bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass, and yellow perch (may only be taken by angling or ice fishing, may not be transported alive from waters where caught)
- Rainbow smelt (may only be taken by angling or ice fishing, may not be transported alive from waters where caught, may be sold as bait for use on waterbody where caught)

On Lake Champlain, bluegill, pumpkinseed, rock bass, yellow perch, alewife, and white perch may only be taken by angling or ice fishing, may not be transported alive, may only be used for bait on Lake Champlain, and (except for rainbow smelt) may not be commercially harvested or sold as bait. Alewife may only be used or possessed if dead.

Except in Seasonally Closed Waters, baitfish may be taken for personal use by the following methods: a) minnow traps no longer than 18 inches with an entrance not exceeding 1 inch in diameter, b) dip nets, cast nets and umbrella nets not exceeding a total of 51 square feet of mesh, or a seine net not exceeding 25 feet in length, c) angling/ice fishing by hook and line.

The personal harvest of baitfish is only allowed in Seasonally Closed Waters, between the second Saturday in April through Oct. 31, during open season for trout and then only by angling or the use of minnow traps no longer than 18 inches with an entrance not exceeding 1 inch in diameter. Most lakes, ponds and streams

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that follow Table 1 and Table 5 rules are Seasonally Closed Waters.

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

Personally harvested baitfish shall not be transported by motorized vehicle away from the waterbody from which they were collected.

Anglers may hold baitfish indefinitely on the water in a pen or baitbox not exceeding 25 cubic feet in volume.

Anglers must discard unwanted baitfish dead in the water or on the ice.

Anglers may harvest baitfish from a waterbody's tributaries upstream to the first impassable barrier for use on the same waterbody. Anglers may not transport baitfish upstream beyond the first impassable barrier.

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

Fish eggs may be collected from legally angled fish from Vermont waters, and

used immediately as bait on the same water where taken unless that waterbody has been closed to baitfish collection. It is illegal to move personally harvested fish eggs to any other waterbody. It is illegal to transport fish eggs away from and return them to the same waterbody for use as bait unless they have been processed in a manner approved by the department.

For more information, go to vtfishandwildlife.com.

Commercially Purchased Baitfish

Anglers may not import baitfish into the state of Vermont without a Fish Importation Permit, except as described below for baitfish purchased in New York and New Hampshire.

A person purchasing baitfish shall retain and show upon request a transportation receipt issued by a state-approved commercial bait dealer, authorizing transportation of baitfish overland by motorized vehicle. The receipt shall contain the following information: 1) a unique receipt identification number, 2) the name and telephone number of the bait dealer, 3) time and date of sale, 4) species purchased, 5) quantity purchased, 6) waterbody (limited to one) on which the baitfish will be used, 7) signature of purchaser.

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

Anglers may purchase baitfish from a New York bait shop for use on Lake Champlain only, provided the bait shop is Vermont-licensed, and the baitfish are accompanied by a Vermont-issued baitfish transportation receipt.

Anglers may purchase baitfish from a New Hampshire bait shop for use on the Connecticut River and its setbacks only, provided the bait shop is Vermont-licensed, and the baitfish are accompanied by a Vermont-issued baitfish transportation receipt. For the purposes of this paragraph, the Connecticut River is defined as all waters of the river including the bays, setbacks and tributaries, only to the first highway bridge crossing said tributaries on the Vermont side.

A person may transport unused commercially purchased baitfish away from waters of the state by motorized vehicle, and retain for later use on the same waterbody as indicated on the baitfish transportation receipt, within 96 hours from time and date of sale. A person transporting unused commercially purchased baitfish away from the waterbody indicated on the baitfish transportation receipt for later use on said waterbody shall not hold them in any other

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water of the state. These baitfish must be kept in a closed container isolated from any inflow of lake, pond or stream water, or outflow to such waters of the state.

Baitfish may be held beyond the 96-hour period on the water in a pen or baitbox 25 cubic feet or less in volume.

Commercially prepared and preserved baitfish and fish eggs available from retail stores may be purchased and used as bait, and may be taken home and kept for later use, provided they are retained in the original packaging at all times.

Commercial Bait Dealers

Any person who buys baitfish for resale or sells baitfish is required to obtain a Commercial Bait Dealers permit from the commissioner. Only persons operating a place of business and offering baitfish for sale to the public may apply for and hold a Commercial Bait Dealers permit.

Commercial bait dealers may sell the following as bait: eastern silvery minnow, fathead minnow, bluntnose minnow, emerald shiner, golden shiner, spottail shiner, common shiner, mimic shiner, creek chub, fallfish, blacknose dace, longnose dace, northern redbelly dace, white sucker, longnose sucker, and banded killifish. Commercial bait dealers may also sell rainbow smelt as bait, provided they are obtained from a fish hatchery approved by the commissioner or harvested and sold for use on the same waterbody on which the bait dealer is located as per below.

Commercial bait dealers must declare in their permit application if they will be a statewide baitfish dealer, or a waterbody-specific baitfish dealer.

Statewide baitfish dealers are prohibited from possessing, buying or selling wild-caught baitfish.

- Baitfish sold by statewide baitfish dealers must originate from a fish hatchery approved by the commissioner.
- Statewide baitfish dealers must hold or keep baitfish in waters drawn from a secure well, municipal water source or other water source approved by the Fish & Wildlife Department.
- Baitfish sold by statewide baitfish dealers may be used in waters throughout the state, except those waters listed as closed to baitfish use.

Waterbody-specific baitfish dealers must declare on their permit application the waterbody on which they are located.

- Waterbody-specific baitfish dealers may harvest wild baitfish only from the declared waterbody and offer

them for sale and use only on the declared waterbody.

- Waterbody-specific baitfish dealers must have baitfish holding facilities that discharge directly to their declared waterbody. Holding facilities must not discharge to other waters of the state.
- Waterbody-specific baitfish dealers shall not operate dip nets, cast nets or umbrella nets exceeding 51 square feet of mesh, or a seine net exceeding 125 feet in length, for the purposes of taking fish for bait, unless otherwise provided for on a Commercial Bait Dealers permit. Baitfish netting is prohibited in all seasonally closed waters, unless otherwise provided for on a Commercial Bait Dealers permit.

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

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

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

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

A commercial bait dealer must keep receipts or records for each lot of wholesaled hatchery-raised or wild-caught baitfish introduced into their shop. Records must include name, address and telephone number of seller (for wholesaled baitfish), and date received, species identification, and quantity purchased or harvested, for wholesaled and wild-caught baitfish. The permit holder shall retain the receipts and records for at least one year after the date of sale or harvest. Receipts or records must be provided to the department immediately upon request.

FISH STOCKING

A person shall not introduce fish into any public waters without a permit from the Fish & Wildlife Department. Private ponds may be stocked without a permit with trout only.

FISH IMPORTATION AND USE OF IMPORTED COMMERCIALY PREPARED BAITFISH AND FISH EGGS

It is unlawful for any person to bring into the state any fish that will be introduced into any waters of the state without an importation permit from the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

These importation permits also require that the fish come from a fish hatchery approved by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department.

Before being imported into Vermont, dead baitfish or fish eggs must be commercially processed in a manner that allows the product to be stored without refrigeration or freezing to maintain the unopened product. Imported dead baitfish or fish eggs must be retained in the original package at all times during importation and transportation.

The importation and possession of dead fish for personal consumption or taxidermy purposes is exempt from this regulation provided any associated waste products are disposed of to guard against the introduction of fish diseases to state waters. Acceptable disposal methods include

- Placement of all fish waste products in an approved state landfill
- Incineration of all fish waste products.
- Burial of fish on private land only, no less than one hundred feet from any public water.

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FISHING TOURNAMENTS

Fishing tournaments are contests in which anglers or ice fishermen pay a fee to enter and in which the entrants compete for a prize based on the quality, size or number of fish they catch. In order for a person or organization to hold a fishing tournament on the waters of Vermont, a permit must first be obtained from the Fish & Wildlife Department in Essex Junction [call (802) 878-1564]. Where appropriate, a fishing tournament permit will contain a provision for live transport of fish by participants during the tournament. An angler may not enter a fish that was caught and confined to an enclosed area prior to the beginning of the tournament.

FISHING HOUSES

A fishing house is a fishing shanty, bob house, smelt shanty, tent or other structure designed to be placed on the ice of the waters of Vermont for fishing or to be occupied for other purposes. These houses must have the name and address of the owner permanently and legibly affixed in waterproof paint or rustproof tag in a clearly visible place near the entrance outside of the shanty.

Tents or portable shelters are considered to be fishing houses if used for ice fishing and must be labeled with the name and address of the owner.

A fishing house shall not be placed on the ice before November 20, and it shall be removed with its contents and any surrounding debris before the ice becomes unsafe or loses its ability to support the fishing house out of the water, or before the last Sunday in March, whichever comes first.

POSSESSION OF LIVE FISH

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

- The person has been issued a scientific collection permit by the commissioner.
- The person has been issued a fish transportation permit by the commissioner.
- The person has been issued a breeder/s permit or fish importation permit by the commissioner.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

It is illegal to transport an aquatic plant or aquatic plant part, zebra mussels, quagga mussels or other aquatic nuisance species to or from any Vermont waters on a vehicle, boat, personal watercraft, trailer or other equipment.

OBSTRUCTION TO FISH PASSAGE

People are prohibited from preventing the passing of fish in any stream or outlet or inlet of a natural or artificial pond on any public stream, by means of a rack, screen, weir or other obstruction, unless authorized by the commissioner of Fish & Wildlife.

STATE-CONTROLLED FISHING ACCESS AREAS

Definitions

Commercial Activity is any activity or service that produces income to any entity or individual.

Nonprofit Charitable Organization means an entity organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Picnicking includes but is not limited to any activity that involves, cooking, grilling, food preparation and setup associated with eating (including setting blankets or tablecloths laid on the ground).

Camping includes any activity using a tent, camper or motor home, or any activity involving preparation of an area for sleeping or any overnight sleeping.

Group Use is use actually or potentially involving 10 or more people or 2 or more vehicles at a time.

Parking is the leaving of motor vehicles or trailers unattended in an access area.

Motor Vehicles are all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscle power.

Vessel means motorboats, boats, kayaks, canoes and sailboats.

Authorized Activities

In order of priority:

1. Angling, ice fishing and the launching of any vessel to be used for fishing and parking of vehicles and trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with these purposes.
2. The launching of inboard and outboard motorboats engaging in any activity and parking of vehicles and trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with that purpose.
3. Trapping, hunting and parking of vehicles and boat trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with that purpose.
4. Launching of all nonmotorized vessels not used for commercial purposes and parking of vehicles and boat trailers necessary for and contemporaneous with that purpose. Users shall launch from the designated nonmotorized launch site, when such a site is identified.
5. ATVs and snowmobiles when being used solely for the purposes of ice fishing.
6. Permitted special uses.

Prohibited Activities

- Discarding of bottles, glass, cans, paper, junk, litter, food or any other garbage or trash.
- Discarding of dead fish, wildlife or portions thereof.
- Washing or cleaning of vehicles and equipment other than for the purpose of removing aquatic plants and organisms.
- Washing or cleaning of fish or wildlife.
- Camping.
- Picnicking.
- Making or maintaining fire of any kind.
- Waterskiing.
- Swimming.
- Use of snowmobiles and ATVs, except for those being utilized solely for the purpose of ice fishing.
- Parking of vehicles and or trailers while the vehicle owner or user is not present at the access area or on the adjacent public waters except as otherwise permitted by the commissioner.
- Storage of vehicles and or trailers or placing of vehicles or trailers for sale.
- Withdrawal of water except as authorized under Authorized Users listed below.
- Parking in excess of 72 consecutive hours except that the commissioner may issue permits for longer parking when the commissioner determines that there will be no adverse impact on authorized uses found in Authorized Activities listed above.
- Commercial activity except as authorized by Limited Commercial Activity described below.
- Activity that interferes with a priority use, such as, but not limited to, the mooring or beaching of boats, using the ramp to rig a boat or boats thus obstructing use of the ramp, and the storing of boats or trailers at an access area.
- Group use not specifically authorized by the commissioner.
- Launching and recovery of sailboards, rafts, snow kites, and the parking of vehicles and trailers supporting these activities.
- All other activity that is not specifically permitted by this rule unless specifically authorized by the commissioner.

Authorized Users

- Any person who is engaged in any authorized activity.
- Any group that has received approval for group use in accordance with this rule.
- Fire departments that have executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the commissioner for the installation and use of a dry hydrant. And then, only in accordance with their MOA. Fire departments may also use access areas without dry hydrants as emergency water sources to fight fires and will notify the local warden as soon as practicably possible.
- Individuals participating in a fishing tournament permitted under 10 V.S.A. §4613.

Limited Commercial Activity

Commercial activity at fishing access areas is limited to entities and persons taking part in activities authorized by Authorized Activities 1, 2, and 3 listed above.

Special Permits

The commissioner may authorize special permits for entities or persons to use an access area for group use when the commissioner determines that there will be no adverse impact on authorized priority uses.

The commissioner may authorize the use of access areas by an educational institution or a nonprofit charitable organization conducting a fundraising event of limited duration, provided that the event will not conflict with a priority use of the access area.

Special permits shall not be issued and may be revoked immediately for activities that substantially interfere with authorized uses.

Permit fees shall be in accordance with the schedule of fees established under 10 V.S.A. §4132(e).

Speed Limit

The maximum speed on access areas shall be 15 miles per hour.

LITTERING

A person shall not leave trash on the ice, in the water or on the shore or stream bank.

LEAD SINKERS

It is illegal to sell, offer for sale or use a lead sinker in Vermont. "Sinker" means any device which weighs one-half ounce or less and is attached to a

fishing line for the purpose of sinking the line, and does not include other lead fishing related items such as weighted fly line, lead-core fishing line, downrigger cannonballs, weighted flies, lures, spoons, or jig heads.

STREAMS OPEN TO YEAR-ROUND TROUT FISHING

The sections of streams listed below are open to trout fishing year-round, according to the following rules:

Only artificial flies or lures may be used, except during the open season for trout (second Saturday in April through Oct. 31).

Catch and release only (trout must be immediately released where caught), except during the open season for trout.

During open season for trout, follow normal size restrictions, daily limits and possession limits.

- **Black River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Howard Hill Road Bridge in Cavendish.
- **Deerfield River** From the Woods Road (Medburyville) bridge in Wilmington upstream approximately 2 miles to the VT Route 9W bridge in Searsburg.

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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 top of the Vermont/Massachusetts border.
- **Lamoille River** From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to the top of the Cadys Falls Dam in Morristown.
- **Lewis Creek** From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the State Prison Hollow Road (TH#3) bridge in Starksboro.
- **Missisquoi River** From the top of the Swanton Dam in Swanton to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.
- **Moose River** From the confluence with Passumpsic River upstream to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in St. Johnsbury.
- **Ompompanoosuc River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Union Village Dam in Thetford.
- **Otter Creek** From the Lake Champlain boundary 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.
- **Waits River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam (Green Mountain Power Dam) in Bradford.
- **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.
- **West River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Townshend Dam in Townshend.
- **White River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the bridge on Route 107 in Bethel.
- **Williams River** From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham.
- **Winooski River** From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the VT Route 2/100 in Duxbury and Waterbury.

NOTE: Check specific stream sections in “Index of Rivers & Streams” for other regulations.

ICE FISHING FOR TROUT, SALMON & BASS

Ice fishing for trout, salmon and bass is allowed on the following lakes from the third Saturday in January to March 15. Length limits and daily limits are found in the Indexes and Tables.

- **Big Averill Lake**, Norton and Averill
- **Big Salem Lake**, Derby
- **Caspian Lake**, Greensboro
- **Chittenden Reservoir**, Chittenden
- **Crystal Lake**, Barton
- **Echo Lake**, Charleston
- **Echo Lake**, Plymouth
- **Eden Lake**, Eden
- **Elligo Lake**, Craftsbury, Greensboro, Fairlee and West Fairlee
- **Glen Lake**, Castleton, Fair Haven and Benson
- **Harriman Reservoir**, Whitingham and Wilmington
- **Harveys Lake**, Barnet
- **Island Pond**, Brighton
- **Joels Pond**, Cabot and Danville
- **Lake Bomoseen**, Castleton and Hubbardton
- **Lake Dunmore**, Leicester and Salisbury
- **Lake Fairlee**, Thetford, West Fairlee, Fairlee
- **Lake Hortonia**, Sudbury and Hubbardton
- **Lake Memphremagog** (including South Bay and the connecting waters), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport
- **Lake Morey**, Fairlee
- **Lake Rescue**, Ludlow
- **Lake St. Catherine**, Wells and Poultney
- **Little Averill Lake**, Averill
- **Little Salem Lake**, Derby
- **Maidstone Lake**, Maidstone
- **Marshfield Reservoir** (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

LAKE CHAMPLAIN WATERS

Lake Champlain includes setbacks at the same level and 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 the falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road)
- Little Otter Creek to the falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road)
- Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (U.S. Route 2 and U.S. Route 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 Alburgh (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 (Green Mountain 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 (U.S. Route 7) in Winooski and Burlington



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CHAMPLAIN VALLEY



LAKES & PONDS	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	FISH SPECIES																	
				RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW TROUT	BROWN TROUT	LANDLOCKED SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGemouth BASS	NORTHERN PICKEREL	WALLEYE	CHAIN PICKEREL	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	CRAPPIE	BURBOT				
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Lake Carmi	2	1,402	St							C	C	C			P	C	C	C	C	P	
Cedar Lake (Monkton Pond)	5	123	St							C	C	C			C	P	C	P			
Lake Champlain	5	279,067	Xt	P	P	C	C	P	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Colchester Pond	1	186	Mc							C	C				C	C	C	P			
Dead Creek	5	753	Scr							P	C	C	P	P	C	C	P				
Lake Dunmore	9	985	St	P	P	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Fairfield Pond	1	446	Sud							C	P	C			C	C	C	P			
Fern Lake	9	69	Mc							C	P	C			C	C	C				
Indian Brook Reservoir	5	50	Mc	P						C					P	C	P	P	P		
Lake Iroquois	5	243	St							C	P	C	C	C	C	C	C				
Long Pond	2	97	Pc	P						C	C	C	C	C	C	P					
Long Pond	1	47	Pf							C	C	C	C	C							
Metcalf Pond	2	81	Mc							C		C	C	C	C						
Richville Reservoir	9	129	St							C	C	C			C	C	C				
Shelburne Pond	5	452	St							C	C	C			C	C	C				
Silver Lake	9	101	Scr	C	C	C				C	C						C	C			
Sugar Hill Reservoir	9	63	Uf	C													C	C			
Sunrise Lake	9	57	Pc							C	P	C									
Sunset Lake	9	202	Ut	C	P					C					C	P	C	C			
Winona Lake (Bristol Pond)	5	248	St							C	C	P	C		C	C	C				

RIVERS & STREAMS

RIVERS & STREAMS	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW TROUT	BROWN TROUT	LANDLOCKED SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGemouth BASS	NORTHERN PICKEREL	WALLEYE	CHAIN PICKEREL	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	CRAPPIE	BURBOT	
Browns River			P	P	C									P	
Huntington River			P	C	P										
Lamoille River			P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	P
Lamoille River North Branch			C	C	C										
Lemon Fair River								C	P	P	C	C			
Lewis Creek			P	P	C			P	P	P	P	P			
Middlebury River			C	C	C										
Missisquoi River			P	P	C			P	P	C	P	P	C	C	P
New Haven River			C	C	C										
Otter Creek			C	C	C			C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Rock River								C	C	C	C	P	C	C	
Trout River			C	P	P										
Tyler Branch			C	C	P										
Winooski River			P	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	P

ACCESS KEY: S = State; M = Municipal; G = Federal; U = Utility; P = Private; X = Multiple Owners; f = foot or carry in; ud = undeveloped; t = boats on trailer; c = cartop; r = regulated.

FISH SPECIES KEY: C = Common; P = Present

CENTRAL REGION



LAKES & PONDS	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	FISH SPECIES																					
				RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW TROUT	BROWN TROUT	LANDLOCKED SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGemouth BASS	NORTHERN PICKEREL	WALLEYE	CHAIN PICKEREL	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	CRAPPIE	BURBOT								
Berlin Pond	10	240	Ud												C		C	C	P	C	C				
Buck Lake	7	39	Sc												C					C	C	C			
Curtis Pond	6	72	St												C		C	C				P			
East Long Pond	7	188	Pf												C					C	P	C			
Lake Eden	2	194	St												C			C		C	C	C			
Lake Elmore	6	219	St												C		C		C	C	C	C			
Ewell Pond	7	51	St												C										
Forest Lake (Nelson Pond)	7	133	St												C	C	C	P	C		C	C	C		
Fosters Pond	7	61	St																	C		C			
Green River Reservoir	2	554	Sc												C		P	C		C	C	C	C		
Lake Greenwood	7	80	St												C	C			C		C	C	C		
Lake Groton	7	385	Sr																C	C	C	C	C		
Halls Lake	7	85	Mt																C	C	C	C	C		
Harveys Lake	7	351	St												C	C	P		P	C		P	P		
Joels Pond	7	396	St												C	C			P	C		C	C	P	
Keiser Pond	7	33	St																C	C			P		
Kettle Pond	7	109	Sf												C							C	C	C	
Levi Pond	7	22	Sf																			C			
Marshfield Pond	7	68	Pc																P		P	P	P		
Martins Pond	7	82	St												C							C			
Lake Mirror (No. 10 Pond)	7	85	St												C	C	P		P	C		C	C	C	
Mollys Falls Reservoir	7	397	St												C	C			C	P	C		C	C	C
Mollys Pond	7	38	Pf																C		C				
Nichols Pond	7	171	Pc												P	P			C			C	P	C	
North Montpelier Pond	7	72	St																C		C		C	C	
Noyes Pond (Seyon Pond)	7	39	Sr												C										
Osmore Pond	7	48	Sf												C								P		
Peacham Pond	7	340	St												C				C	C			C	C	
Ricker Pond	7	92	Sc																C		C	C	C	C	C
Sabin Pond (Woodbury Lake)	7	142	St												C	C			P	C		C	C	C	C
Ticklenaked Pond	7	54	St																C		C	C	C	C	C
Valley Lake (Dog Pond)	7	88	Sc																C		C		C	C	C
Waterbury Reservoir	6	859	St												C	C			C				C	C	C
Wolcott Pond	3	74	St																C				P	C	C
Wrightsville Reservoir	6	190	St																C		C	C	C	C	C

RIVERS & STREAMS

RIVERS & STREAMS	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	RAINBOW TROUT	BROWN TROUT	LANDLOCKED SALMON	YELLOW PERCH	SMALLMOUTH BASS	LARGemouth BASS	NORTHERN PICKEREL	WALLEYE	CHAIN PICKEREL	BULLHEAD	PANFISH	CRAPPIE	BURBOT
Dog River										C	C	C		
Gihon River										C	P	C		
Mad River										C	C	C		
Waits River										C	C	P		
Waterbury (Little) River										C	C	C		
Wells River										P	P			
Winooski River										C	C	C		

WHERE THE FISH ARE



NORTHEAST KINGDOM

LAKES & PONDS	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	ACCESS														
				RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	LANDLOCKED BROWN TROUT	RAINBOW LAKE TROUT	YELLOW SALMON	SMALLMOUTH PICKEREL	NORTHERN PERCH	WALLEYE	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	CARP	BURBOT				
Bald Hill Pond	3	108	St	P	C			P								P		
Bean Pond	3	30	Sc	P										P	P	P		
Beaver Pond	4	40	Sf	P														
Beck Pond	4	6	Sud	P														
Blake Pond	3	8	Sf	P														
Brownington Pond	3	139	St					C		C	C	C	P					
Caspian Lake	3	789	Mt		C	P	C	C	C						P	P		
Center Pond	4	79	St	P		P												
Charleston Pond	3	40	Uc					C		P	P	P	P					
Clyde Pond	3	186	Uc					C	P	C	C	C	C	C				
Coles Pond	7	125	Mc					C		P	P	P						
Comerford Reservoir	7	777	Ut		P	P		C		P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cow Mountain Pond	4	10	Mf	P														
Crystal Lake	3	763	St		P		C	C		P	C	P	P					
Daniels Pond	3	66	St					C		C			P	P				
Derby Pond	3	207	St					C		C	C	C	P	P				
Duck Pond	3	8	Sc	P														
Duck Pond	8	16	Mud					C		C								
Echo Lake	3	550	St		C		C	C				C	P		C			
Flagg Pond	3	111	Sud					C		C			P					
Forest Lake	7	132	St			P							P					
Great Averill Lake	4	828	St		P		C	P										
Great Hosmer Pond	3	140	St					C		C	C		P	P				
Halfway Pond	4	22	Sf									P						
Hardwick Lake	7	145	St					P		P			P	P				
Holland Pond	4	325	St		P	P		P		C			P					
Horse Pond	3	32	St					C		P			P					
Island Pond	4	626	St		P	C	C		P	C	P	C	P	C	C	C	P	
Jobs Pond	3	39	St	C														
Lake Elligo	3	174	St		C		C	P	C	C	P	C	C	C	C	C	P	
Lake Memphremagog	3	5,966	St		P	P	P	P	C	C	P	C	C	C	C	C	P	
Lake Parker	3	250	St					C		C	C	C	C	C				
Lake Willoughby	3	1,653	St		C		C	P	C	P								C
Lewis Pond	4	68	Gc	P									C					
Little Averill Pond	4	467	Pt	P			C	P										
Little Hosmer Pond	3	180	St					C		P	P		P	P				
Long Pond	3	38	Sf					C										
Long Pond	3	90	St					C		P			P	P				
Long Pond	3	100	Sc	P			P									P		
Lower Symes Pond	7	57	Sc					C		C			C					
Lyford Pond	7	33	Sf					C		P	P		P	P				
Mackville Pond	7	11	Mc	P				P										
Maidstone Lake	4	745	St		C		C	C					P	C	P		C	
May Pond	3	116	St	P												P		
Miles Pond	8	215	St					C		C	C	C	P	P				
Moore Reservoir	4	1,235	Ut		P	P		C		P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P
Neal Pond	8	185	St					C		P	C	P	C	P	P			
Newark Pond	3	153	St		C	P		C					C	P				
Norton Pond	4	583	St					C		C	C	C	P	C	P	C	P	
Notch Pond	4	22	Sc	P														
Nulhegan Pond	4	37	Pf					P		P			P					
Paul Stream Pond	4	20	Pf					C						P	P			
Pensioner Pond	3	173	St					C		C		C	C	P				
Perch Pond	2	7	Pc	P														
Round Pond	3	14	Sf									P						
Round Pond	3	13	Sf					P					C	P				
Salem Lake	3	764	St		P		P	C	C	P		C	P	C	C	P	P	
Seymour Lake	3	1,769	St		P	C	C	C	P		P	C	C	P	P		C	
Shadow Lake	8	128	St					C		C	P	P	P	P				
Shadow Lake	3	218	St		C		P		C		P	C	P	P				

NORTHEAST KINGDOM (cont.)

LAKES & PONDS	MAP NUMBER	ACREAGE	ACCESS	ACCESS														
				RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	LANDLOCKED BROWN TROUT	RAINBOW LAKE TROUT	YELLOW SALMON	SMALLMOUTH PICKEREL	NORTHERN PERCH	WALLEYE	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	CARP	BURBOT				
South America Pond	4	29	Sf	P														
Spectacle Pond	4	103	St		P					C			C	C	C	C	C	C
Stannard Pond	7	25	Sf	P														
Stiles Pond	8	125	Sud							C			C	C	C	C	C	
Turtle Pond	4	27	Sf										P		P			
Unknown Pond	4	19	Pf	P														
Unknown Pond	4	12	Sf	P														
Upper Symes Pond	7	20	Sf							P			P		P			
Vail Pond	3	16	Sud		P													
Wallace Pond	4	532	St			C			P	C			C	C	C	P		
West Mountain Pond	4	60	Sc	P														
Wheeler Pond	3	15	Sc	P													P	
Wheeler Pond	4	66	Sud										P		P	P	P	
Zack Woods Pond	2	23	Sc	P														P

RIVERS & STREAMS

RIVERS & STREAMS	RAINBOW BROOK TROUT	LANDLOCKED BROWN TROUT	RAINBOW LAKE TROUT	YELLOW SALMON	SMALLMOUTH PICKEREL	NORTHERN PERCH	WALLEYE	SMALLMOUTH BASS	BULLHEAD	CARP	BURBOT
Barton River			P	P	P			P			
Black River			P	P	P			P			P
Clyde River			P	P	P	P		P	P		P
Connecticut River			P	P	P			P	P	P	P
Granby Stream			P								
Lamoille River			P	P	P						
Madison Brook			P								
Millers Run			P								
Missisquoi River			C	P	C						
Moose River			P	P							
Nulhegan River			P								
Nulhegan River Black Branch			P								
Nulhegan River East Branch			P	P							
Nulhegan River North Branch			P								
Passumpsic River			P	P	P						
Passumpsic River East Branch			P								
Passumpsic River West Branch			P	P							
Paul Stream			P								
Stevens River			P	P							
Willoughby River			P	P	P						



Northern pike are fierce predators and are always fun to catch; you're usually in for a good battle.

Kurt Budtger

What a Difference a Fin Makes

Detailed descriptions to help you identify fish



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BROOK TROUT

Salvelinus fontinalis



Cold-water species

Vermont's only native stream-dwelling trout. Actually a char, they have worm-like markings against a greenish back, and their flanks are covered with light yellowish spots, with small bright red spots surrounded by blue halos along the lateral midsection. They have squarish tails, hence the nickname "squaretails."

RAINBOW TROUT

Oncorhynchus mykiss



Cold-water species

A true native to the American West that were introduced in Vermont in the 1800s. Their tail and flanks are heavily spotted with small, well-defined black spots, and their flank usually has a pink or reddish stripe, for which they are named. Migratory lake-run rainbow trout are silverfish in color and are called steelhead.

PUMPKINSEED

Lepomis gibbosus



Warm-water species

A small, brightly colored sunfish that is representative of a group of fish called "panfish," which in Vermont includes bluegill, redbreast sunfish, rock bass and black crappie. Panfish rarely exceed 10 inches, but they are excellent eating, abundant and fun to catch for anglers of all ages.

BROWN TROUT

Salmo trutta



Cold-water species

A true trout that were first brought to Vermont from their native Europe in 1892. They have a light brown overall color, especially in streams, with dark spots intermixed with reddish-orange spots along their flanks, with each spot surrounded by a light halo.

BROWN BULLHEAD

Ameiurus nebulosus



Warm-water species

The "horned pout" are the most common member of the catfish family in Vermont. They have smooth, olive-brown to dark-brown flanks with a sharp, stout spine on the leading edge of their dorsal and pectoral fins. They have a broad, flat mouth surrounded by six whisker-like barbels.

SMALLMOUTH BASS

Micropterus dolomieu



Warm-water species

Closely related to largemouth bass, except they prefer cooler, clearer waters, and when their mouth is closed, their upper jaw extends only to just below their eye. Their flanks are golden green to brownish bronze, with eight to 15 dark, thin vertical bars.

LAKE TROUT

Salvelinus namaycush

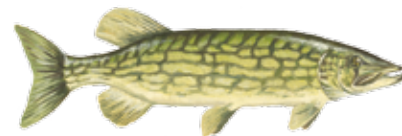


Cold-water species

A native to many of Vermont's deep, cold lakes, and like brook trout, are actually a char. They have a forked tail, white leading edges on their lower fins, and irregular light spots against a back-ground color that ranges from light olive green to gray.

CHAIN PICKEREL

Esox niger



Warm-water species

A member of the same family that includes northern pike. Unlike pike, pickerel have fully scaled gill covers, and their tail, dorsal and anal fins have no conspicuous spots or blotches. Their flanks are a light, golden green, with dark, chain-like markings.

YELLOW PERCH

Perca flavescens



Cool-water species

One of Vermont's favorite food fishes and common to waters throughout the state. A schooling fish, yellow perch have golden-yellow flanks with six to eight dark vertical bars. In late winter and early spring, spawning males develop bright orange lower fins.

LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON

Salmo salar



Cold-water species

Identical to sea-going Atlantic salmon. They have a forked tail, silvery flanks and black spots on the upper half of their body. Unlike lake-dwelling brown trout, which they can closely resemble, salmon have no spots on their adipose and tail fins.

LARGEMOUTH BASS

Micropterus salmoides



Warm-water species

The largest member of the sunfish family in Vermont. They have a large, round mouth when open, and when their mouth is closed, their upper jaw extends well past their eye. Their flanks are light green to golden green, with a pronounced horizontal bar.

RAINBOW SMELT

Osmerus mordax



Cold-water species

A small, slender schooling fish found in Vermont's deeper and colder lakes. They have a strongly forked tail and iridescent silver flanks. They are a favorite forage fish of trout and salmon, and are popular with ice fishermen.

NORTHERN PIKE

Esox lucius



Cool-water species

A long, slender fish that has a large mouth and dorsal and anal fins placed far to the rear. They have greenish-gray flanks with several rows of irregular, yellowish-white bean-shaped spots. Pike have scales only on the upper half of their gill covers, and their tail, dorsal and anal fins have dark spots or blotches.

WALLEYE

Sander vitreus



Cool-water species

The largest member of the perch family that includes yellow perch and sauger. They have a large, silvery eye, a milky belly and flanks that range from olive brown to golden yellow. Walleye can be differentiated from sauger, which they closely resemble, by their first dorsal fin, which is dusky colored and spotless.

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A fly fisherman is shown in a river, wearing a tan cap with a logo, sunglasses, and a multi-colored fishing vest. He is holding a fishing rod in his right hand and a net in his left hand, appearing to be in the process of catching or releasing a fish. The background shows a flowing river with some vegetation on the banks.

Please Release Me

SOME ADVICE on catch and release

Harvesting and eating a freshly caught fish is part of the angling experience. However, catch and release fishing can also be enjoyable.

The Fish & Wildlife Department offers catch and release seasons for multiple species of fish, which create additional angling opportunities while simultaneously protecting fish populations. When releasing fish, it is important to follow these steps to ensure the fish will survive to fight another day:

- Land a fish as rapidly as possible, because a fish played for too long may be too exhausted to recover.
- Keep the fish in the water as much as possible and gently restrain the fish to minimize violent thrashing while unhooking it.
- Remove hooks gently and never rip the hook out; use the “hook shake” method. Reach into the fish’s mouth and grasp the hook shank with fingers or pliers. Lift the fish and rotate the hook shank down and shake lightly, allowing the fish to slide off the hook.

- Barbless hooks can increase the survival of released fish, particularly when fishing with bait. Barbs can be pinched flat with pliers.
- Cut the line close to the hook on a fish that is hooked in the gills, throat or stomach; leave the hook in. The hook will rust out of the fish within a few months.
- When fishing with live bait, watch the line continuously and set the hook as soon as possible to reduce the chances of the fish swallowing the bait.
- When ice fishing, keep the fish in the water while unhooking it, if possible, to avoid exposing it to freezing air. This will prevent the fish's eyes and gills from freezing.
- Before releasing an exhausted fish, cradle it in a swimming position and move it gently back and forth to force fresh water through its gills until the fish is able to maintain an upright position on its own. This could take up to 10 minutes for large, exhausted fish. ■

Hey! Let Me Go!

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department works to protect and restore rare and endangered fish species. To help us in this effort, we're asking anglers to learn to identify these species and release them immediately if caught while fishing.

MUSKELLUNGE (OR "MUSKIE")



More than 50,000 muskies have been stocked in the Missisquoi region in an effort to bring this majestic fish species back to Lake Champlain. If these muskies survive and begin reproducing naturally, they will provide an exciting fishing opportunity in Vermont. They are sometimes difficult to distinguish from northern pike or chain pickerel, and the increasingly common pike-pickerel hybrid.

While anglers may legally target muskie statewide with artificial flies and lures, all muskie caught anywhere in Vermont must be released immediately.

STURGEON



The lake sturgeon is listed as an endangered species in Vermont. Biologists have documented spawning activity in Vermont rivers that were historical sturgeon spawning sites, and they are working to restore sturgeon by improving habitat, restoring stream flow, removing obstructions in rivers and lessening the impact of sea lamprey predation. Anglers may not target sturgeon and must release them if caught incidentally. Please report the sighting to the department.

SAUGER



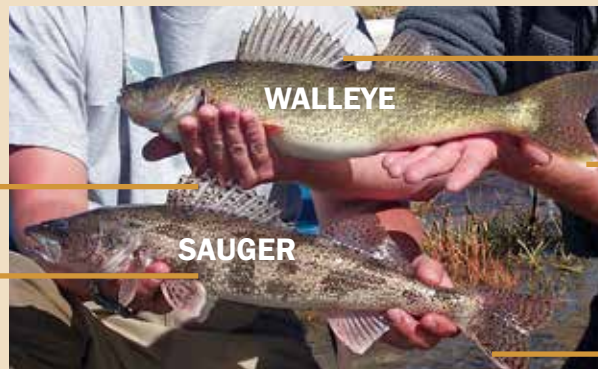
Sauger populations are declining across their range and Vermont is no exception. To help protect this fish, a new regulation prohibits anglers from harvesting sauger. Since walleye and sauger are similar in appearance, anglers should learn how to distinguish between the two. If a sauger is caught incidentally, anglers must release it and should report the sighting to the department.

Sauger or Walleye?

Please Learn the Difference

Black spots on dorsal fin.

Dark, mottled coloration often present on sides.



Black membrane between last two or three spines on dorsal fin.

White tip on bottom of tail.

White margin along full length of tail.

Using the Indexes, Tables and Maps



INDEXES AND TABLES

First, be sure to familiarize yourself with the Definitions of Terms and the General Fishing Requirements and Prohibitions on pages 30–36 of this digest.

Next, reference the appropriate index for the water(s) you are fishing:

- If the waterbody you want to fish is a river, stream, brook or creek, go to the **Index of Rivers & Streams**.
- If it is a lake, pond, reservoir, or impoundment, go to the **Index of Lakes & Ponds**.

If the waterbody **IS LISTED** in the **INDEX**, the number in the “Table” column will direct you to **TABLE 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 for open water fishing, or TABLE 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10 for ice fishing**.

If the waterbody is **NOT LISTED** in the **INDEX**, then the general regulations contained in **Tables 1–4** apply.

EXAMPLE: Trout River in Montgomery is **NOT LISTED** in the Index of Rivers & Streams. Table 1 contains the general regulations for rivers, streams, brooks and creeks not listed in the **INDEX** of Rivers & Streams.

The Index of Rivers & Streams lists the specific map page where the stream is located and the stream section number, which is also located on the map page.

Similarly, the Index of Lakes & Ponds also contains information useful to anglers. The “Map” column directs you to the map page for the specific lake or pond. The “Lake Area” column contains the surface area of the waterbody in acres, and the “Access” column lists the type of access area(s) present. The final two columns list any applicable boating restrictions.

MAPS

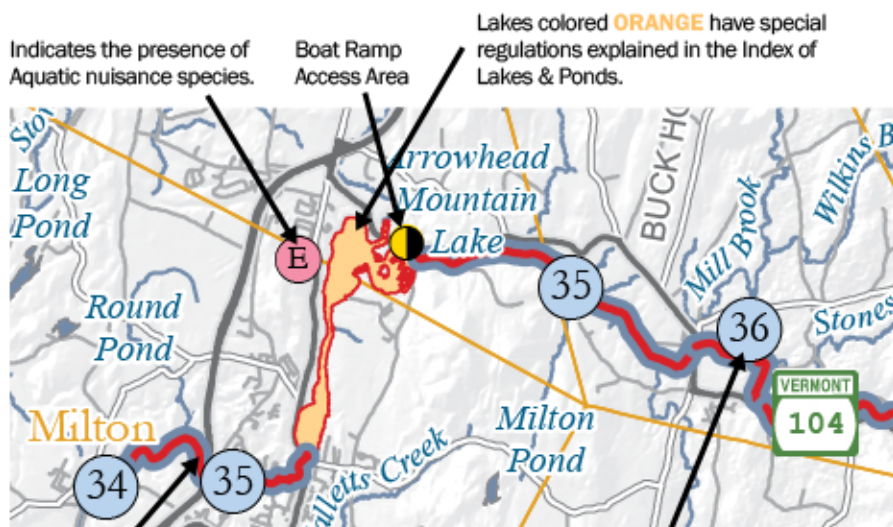
Begin by finding the area of the state where you want to fish on the large overview map on page 45, and note which detailed map it falls within. Then use the detailed map that contains many

symbols to show the locations of access areas, special regulation rivers and streams and lakes and ponds, as well as public lands. The key on page 45 is a good guide to these symbols, but more detailed information is provided below.

- **Where can I launch my boat?** The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department maintains fishing access areas to waterways throughout Vermont. Access areas are indicated on the map by the yellow circles. The half-yellow and half-black circles indicate an access area with a boat ramp usable by a trailer, while the full yellow circle indicates an access area that services only carry-on boats such as canoes and kayaks.
- **What are the regulations on my waterway?** Some waters have special fishing regulations. Rivers and streams with special regulations are highlighted by **BLUE** and **RED** lines. Lakes and ponds with special regulations are highlighted in **ORANGE**. The regulations for a waterbody with special regulations are listed on pages

61 to 72 of this guidebook for rivers and streams, and on pages 73 to 86 for lakes and ponds. Special regulation water bodies are labeled with a number (**BLUE** circle with number on map) that is found on the second to last column on the charts. Especially helpful are the General Fish Regulation tables on pages 87 through 91, which are sorted by species of fish and waterbody type.

- **Are there nuisance species for which I should be alert?** Aquatic nuisance species are labeled with **PINK** circles. On these water bodies, take care to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species. Practices to prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species should always be employed when visiting ANY waterbody, regardless of whether a known infestation is present; invasive species or fish diseases could be present but not yet detected. For more information on aquatic nuisance species spread prevention practices, see pages 26–28.



Stream section numbers and **BLUE** and **RED** lines indicate streams with special regulations.

Each number refers to a stream section with a special regulation found in the next to last column in the Index of Rivers & Streams.



MAP GUIDE


These maps are intended only as a guide to areas with special regulations. The specific locations of these areas are described in the Index of Rivers & Streams and Index of Lakes & Ponds.

-  Fish Culture Station
-  Carry-On Access
-  Boat Ramp
-  Town Boundary
-  Special Regulation Stream/River
-  Special Regulation Lake/Pond
-  Special Regulation Watershed

VT Agency of Natural Resources Lands

-  Wildlife Management Areas
-  State Forests
-  State Parks








US Forest Service Lands

-  Green Mountain National Forest

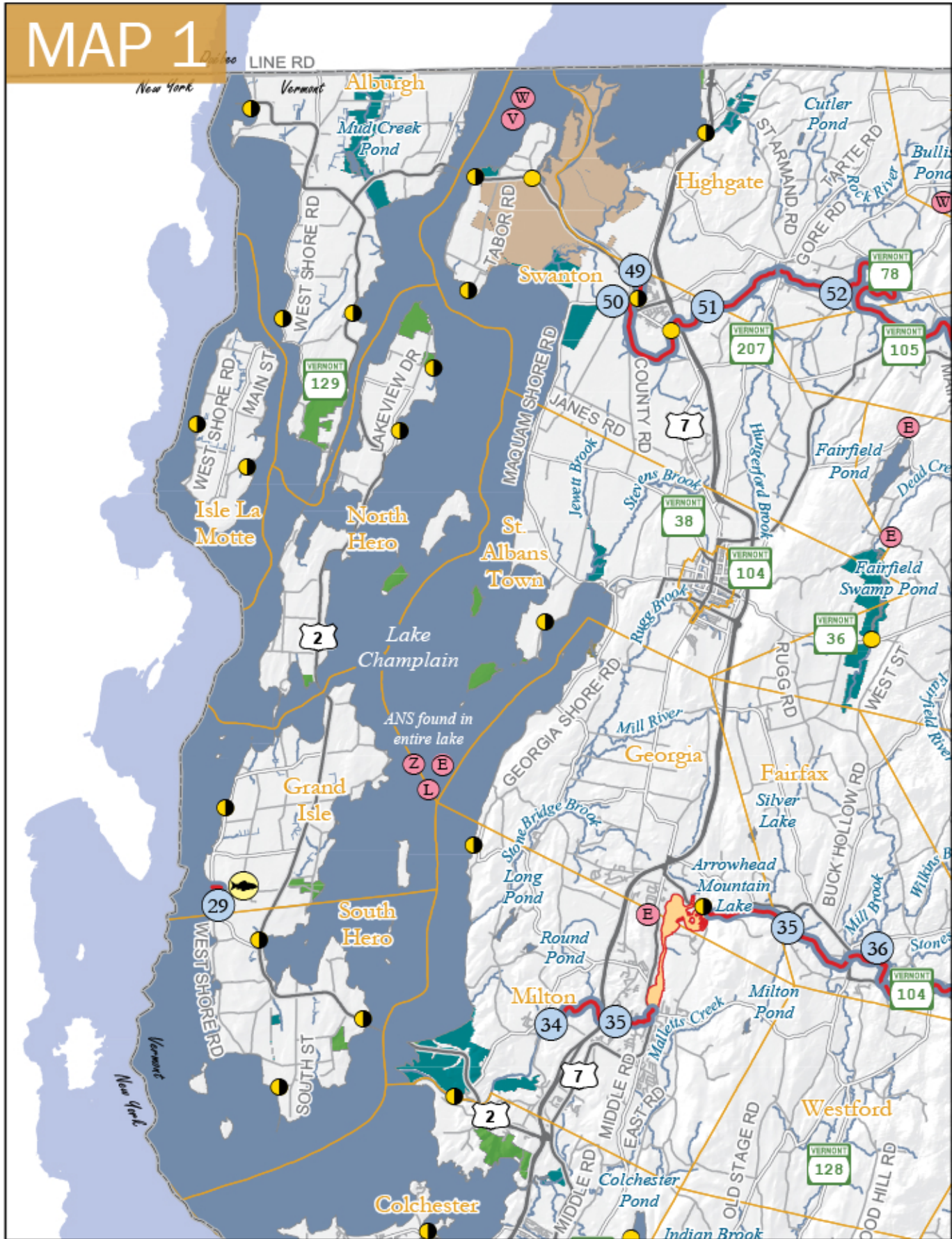
US Fish and Wildlife Service Lands

-  National Wildlife Refuge

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) & Diseases

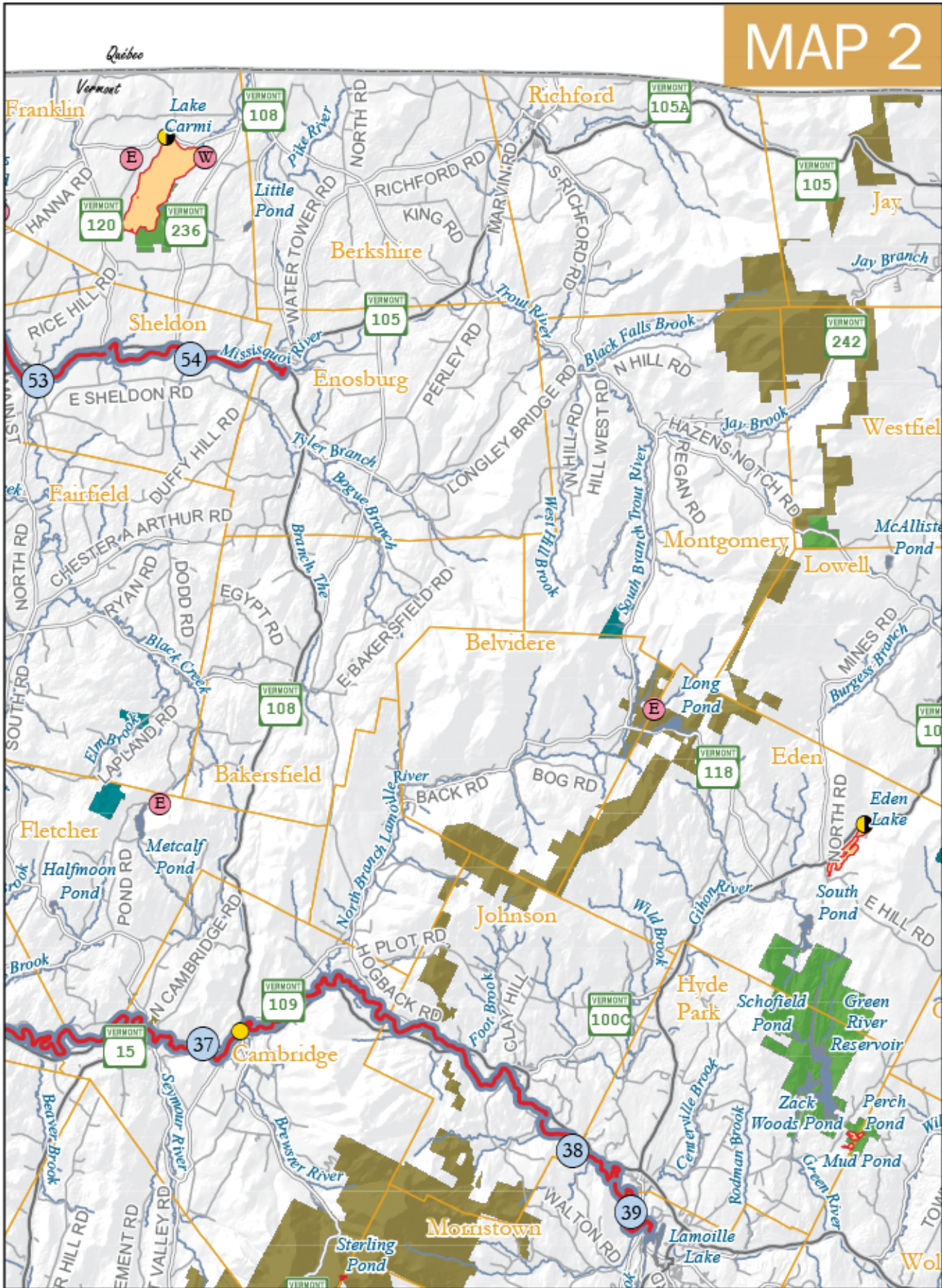
-  Whirling Disease
-  Variable-Leaf Water Milfoil
-  Alewives
-  Water Chestnut
-  Largemouth Bass Virus
-  Eurasian Watermilfoil
-  Zebra Mussel

MAP 1



ANS = Aquatic Nuisance Species

MAP 2

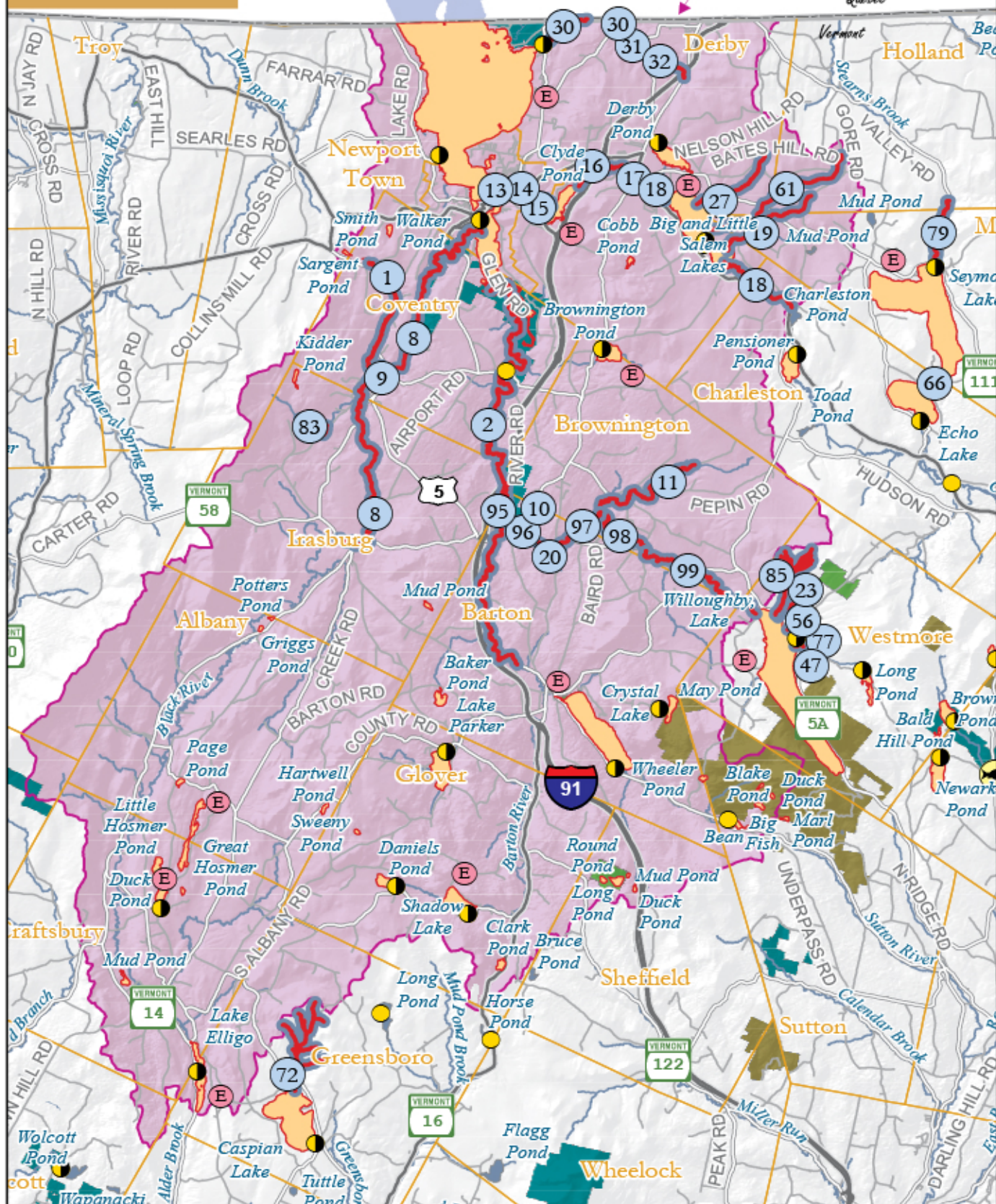


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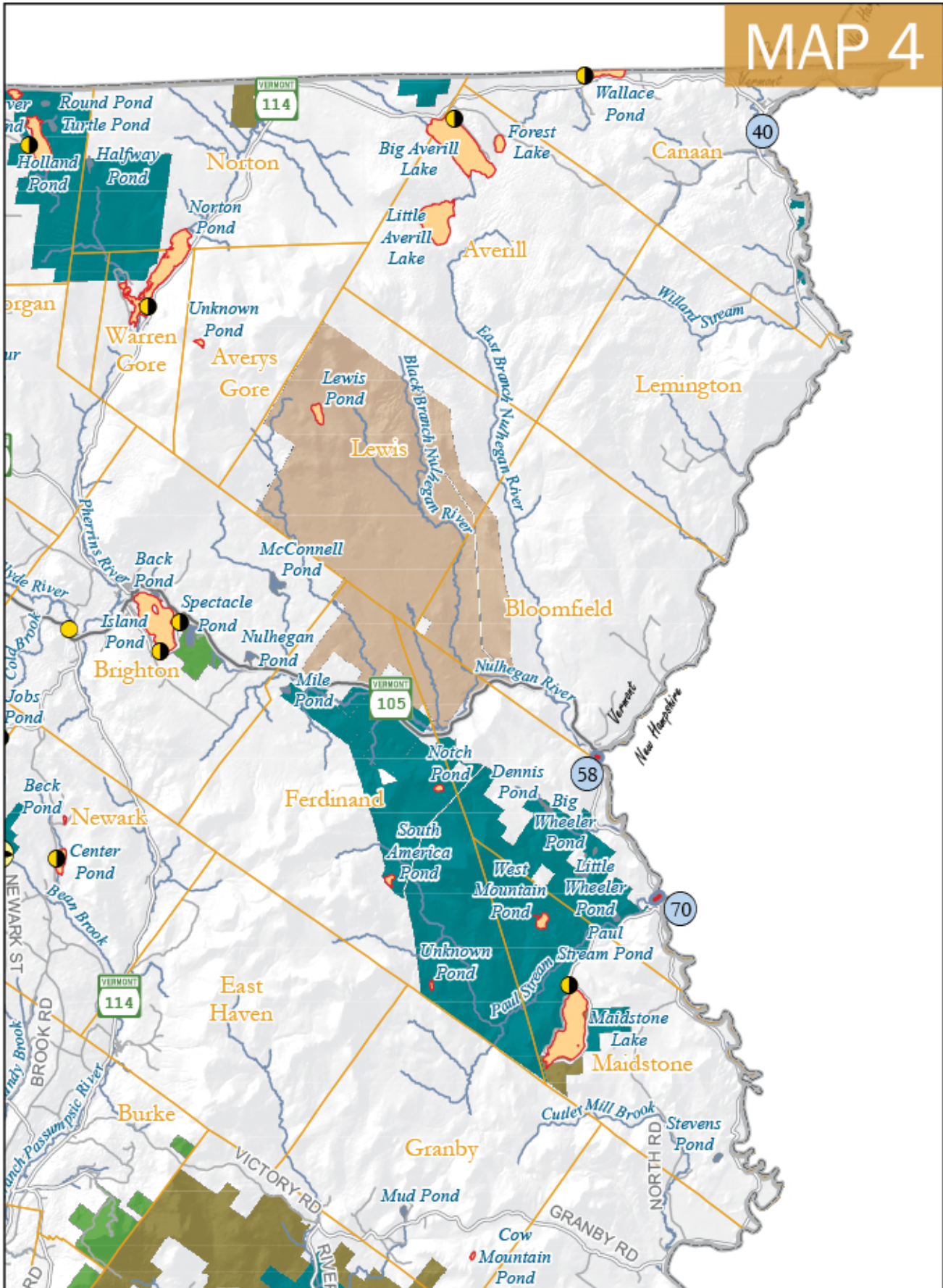
MAP 3

Lake Memphremagog

All waters within the purple area below:
Landlock Salmon minimum length 17"

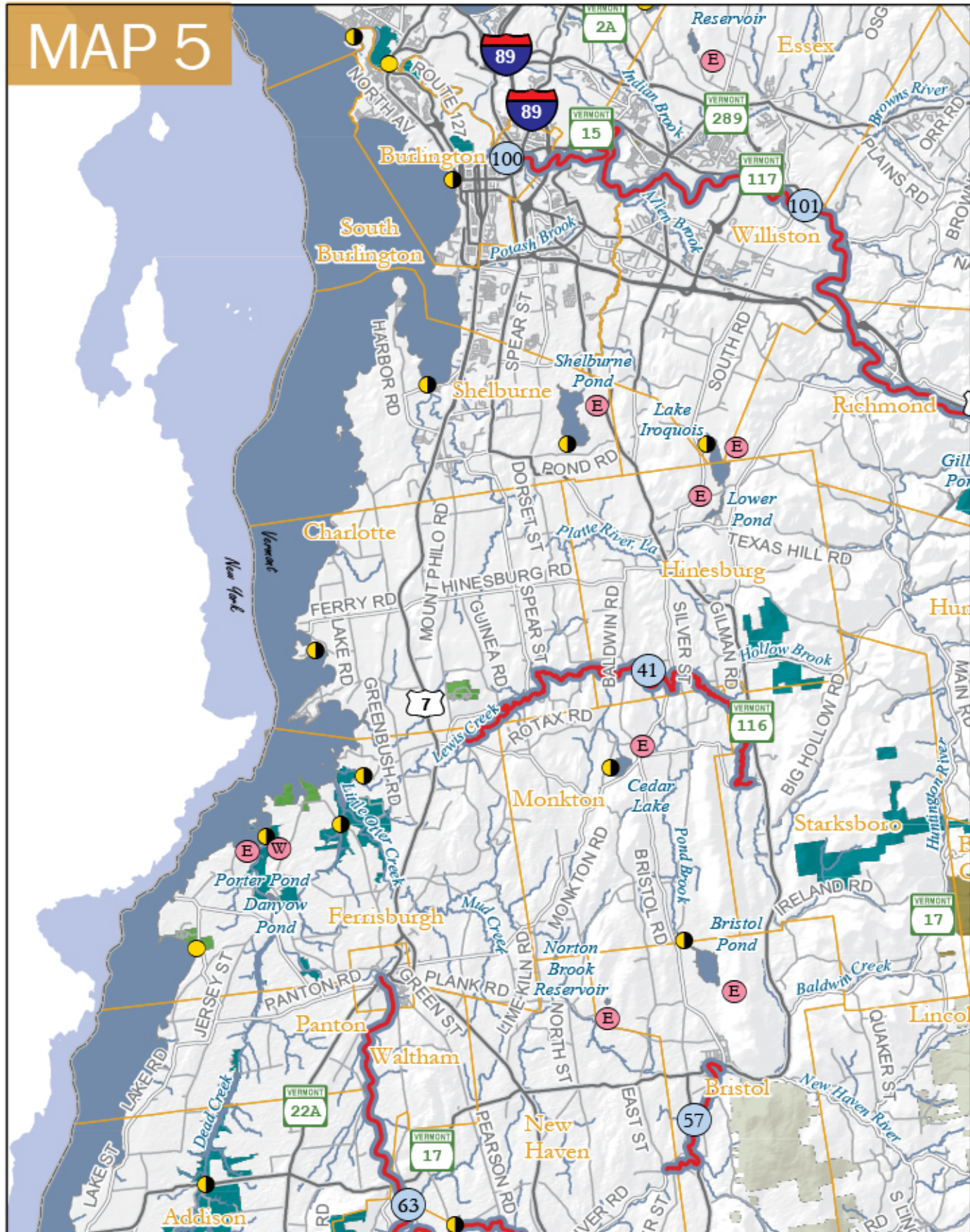


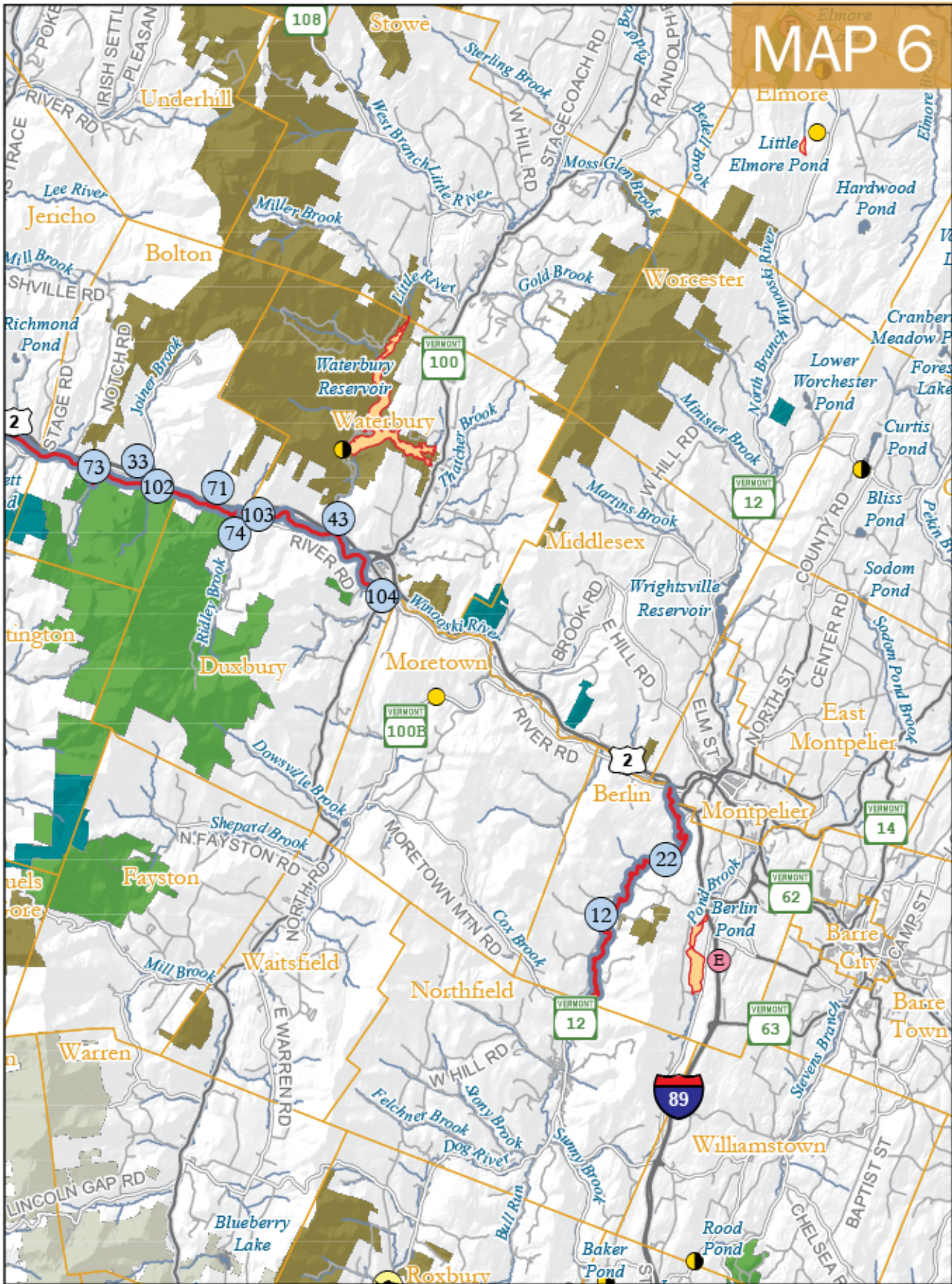
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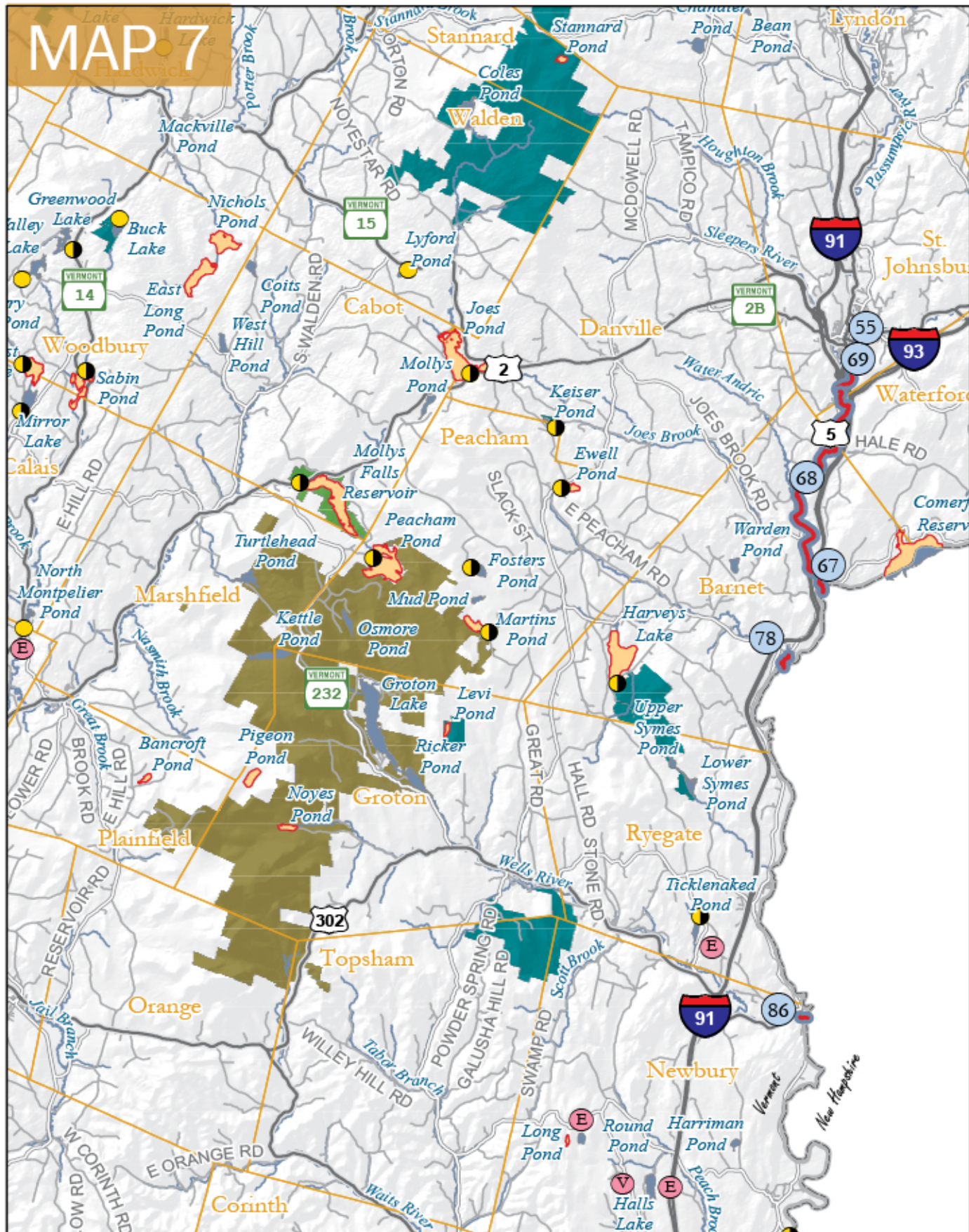




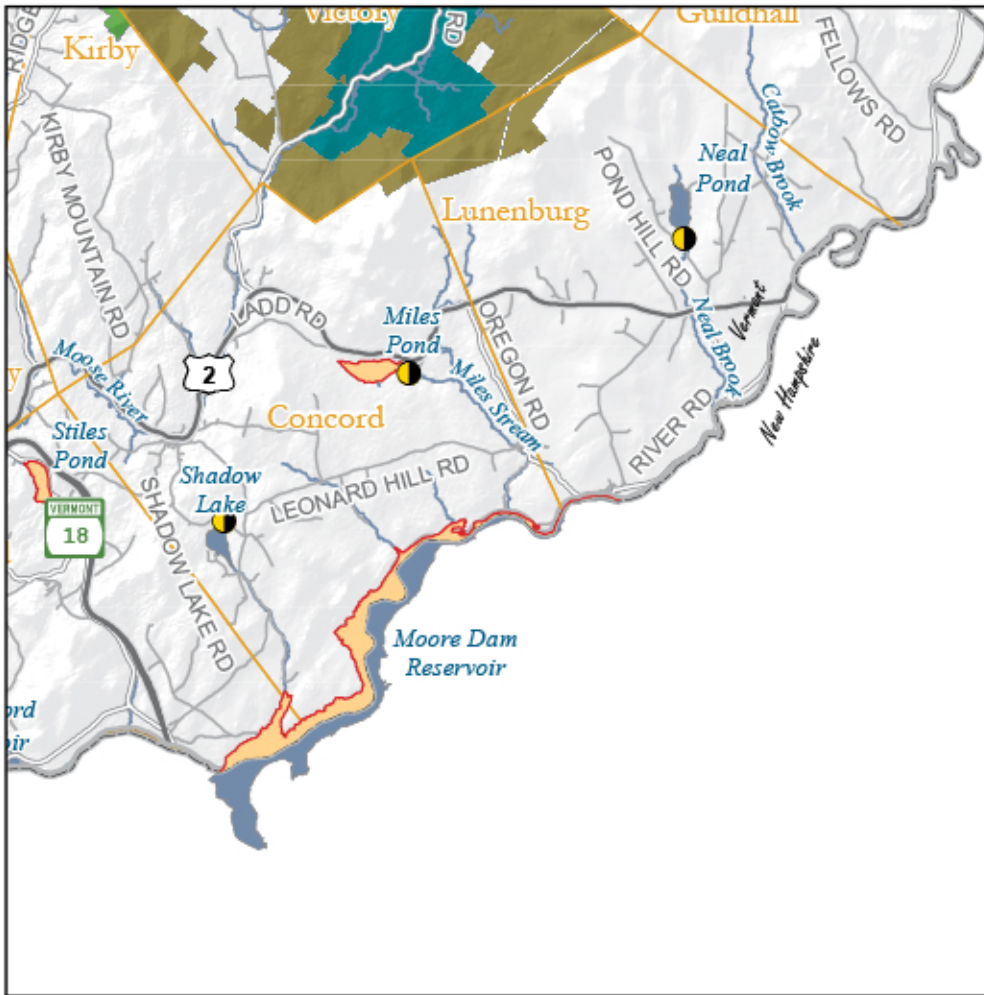
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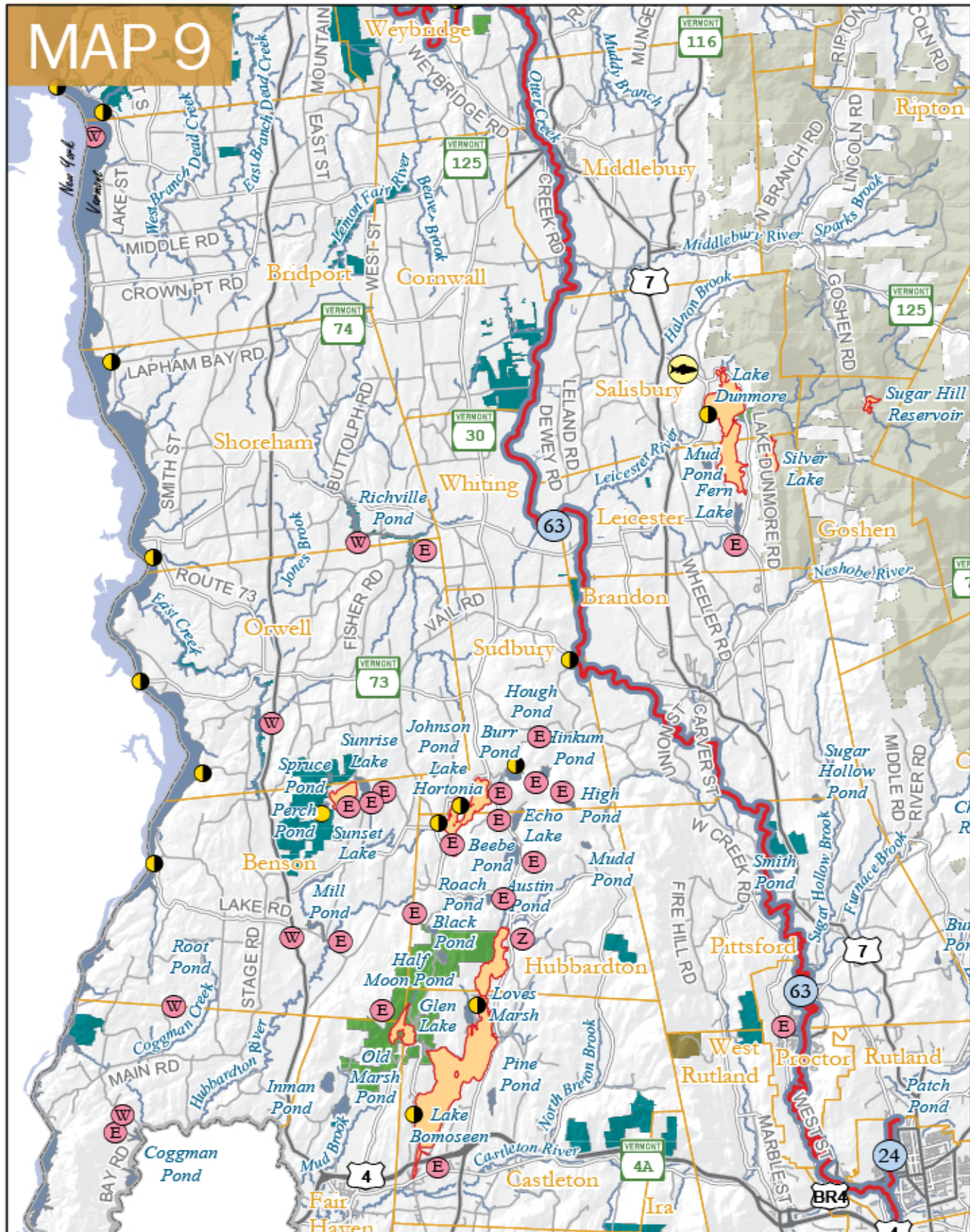
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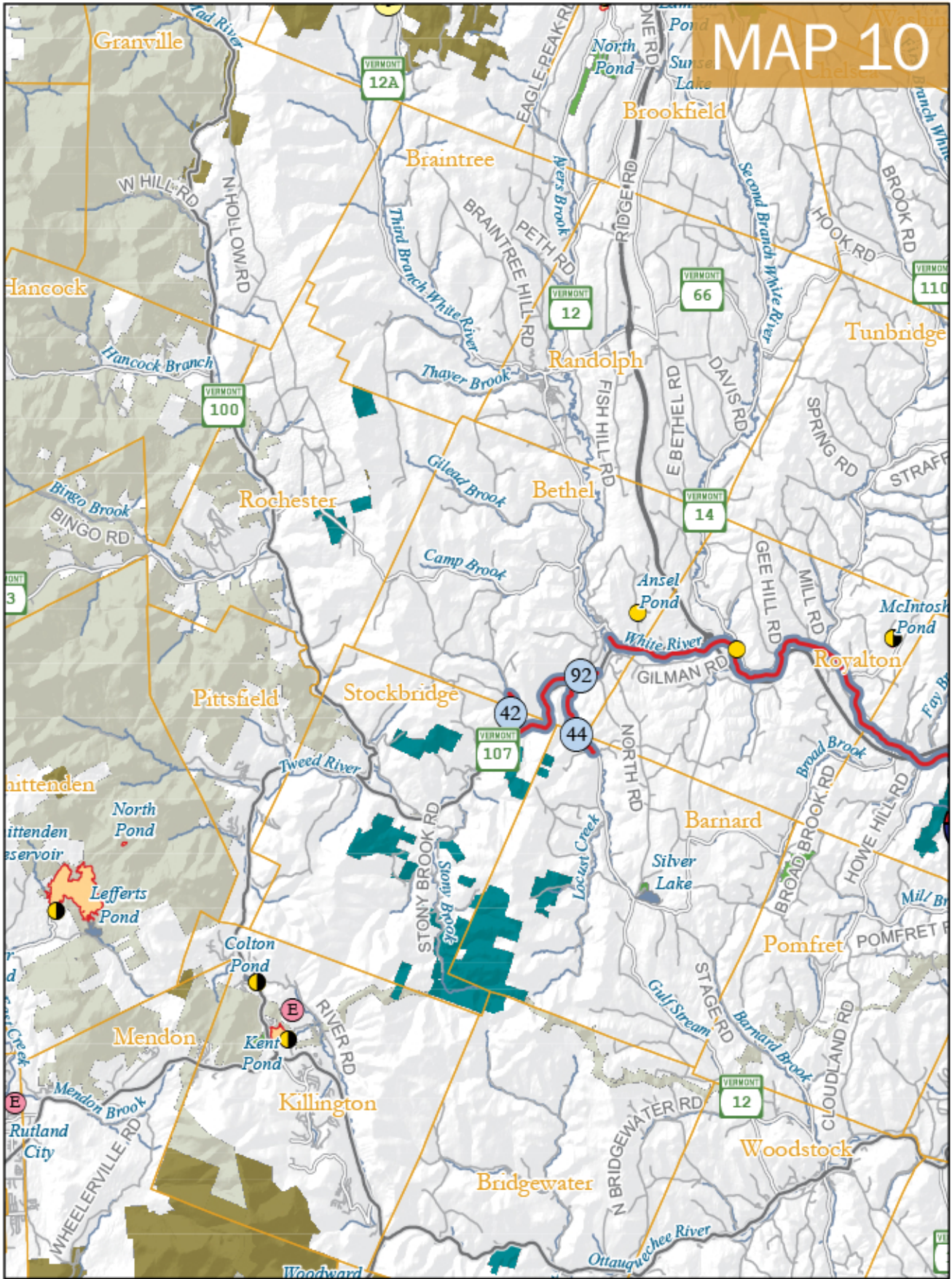
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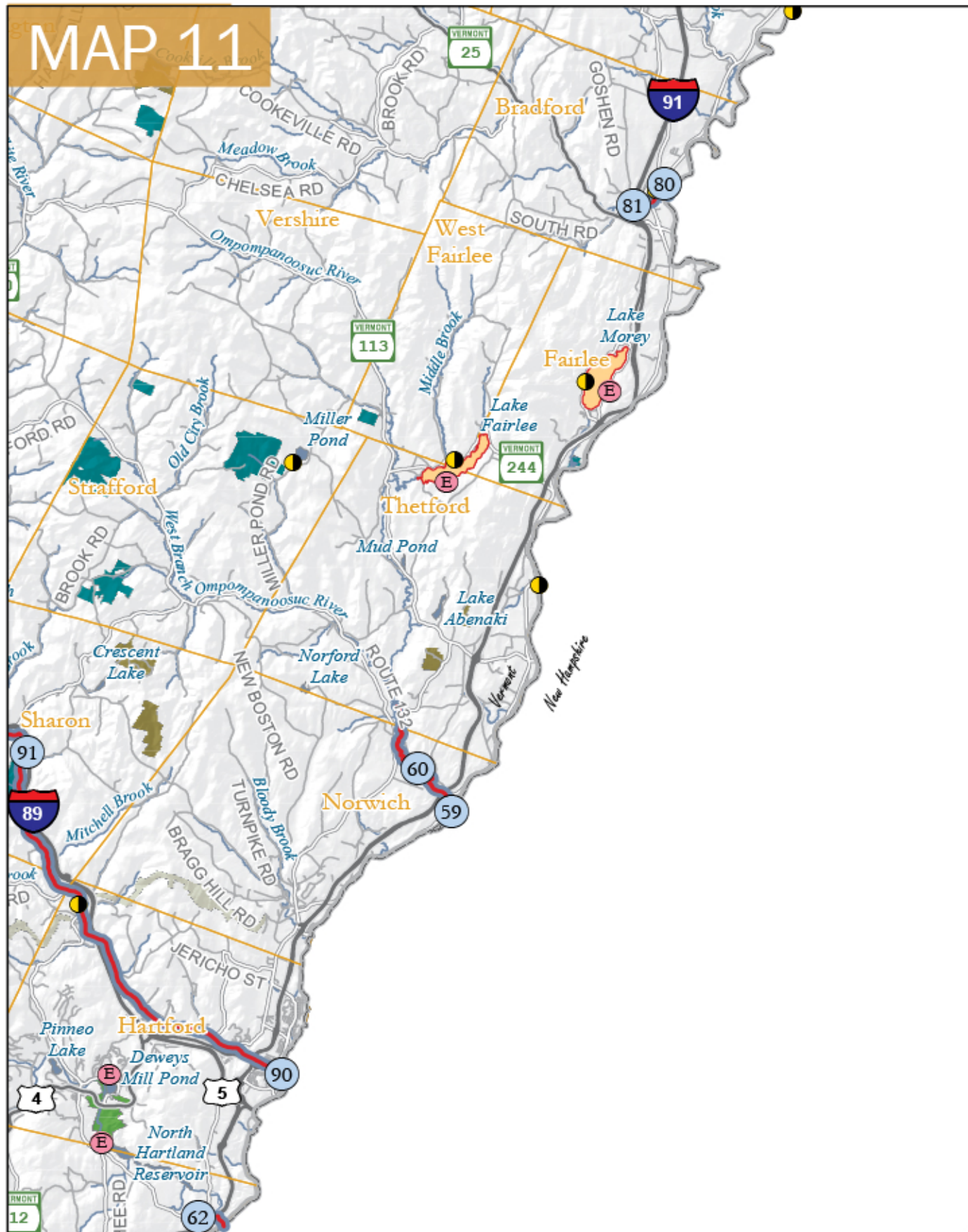


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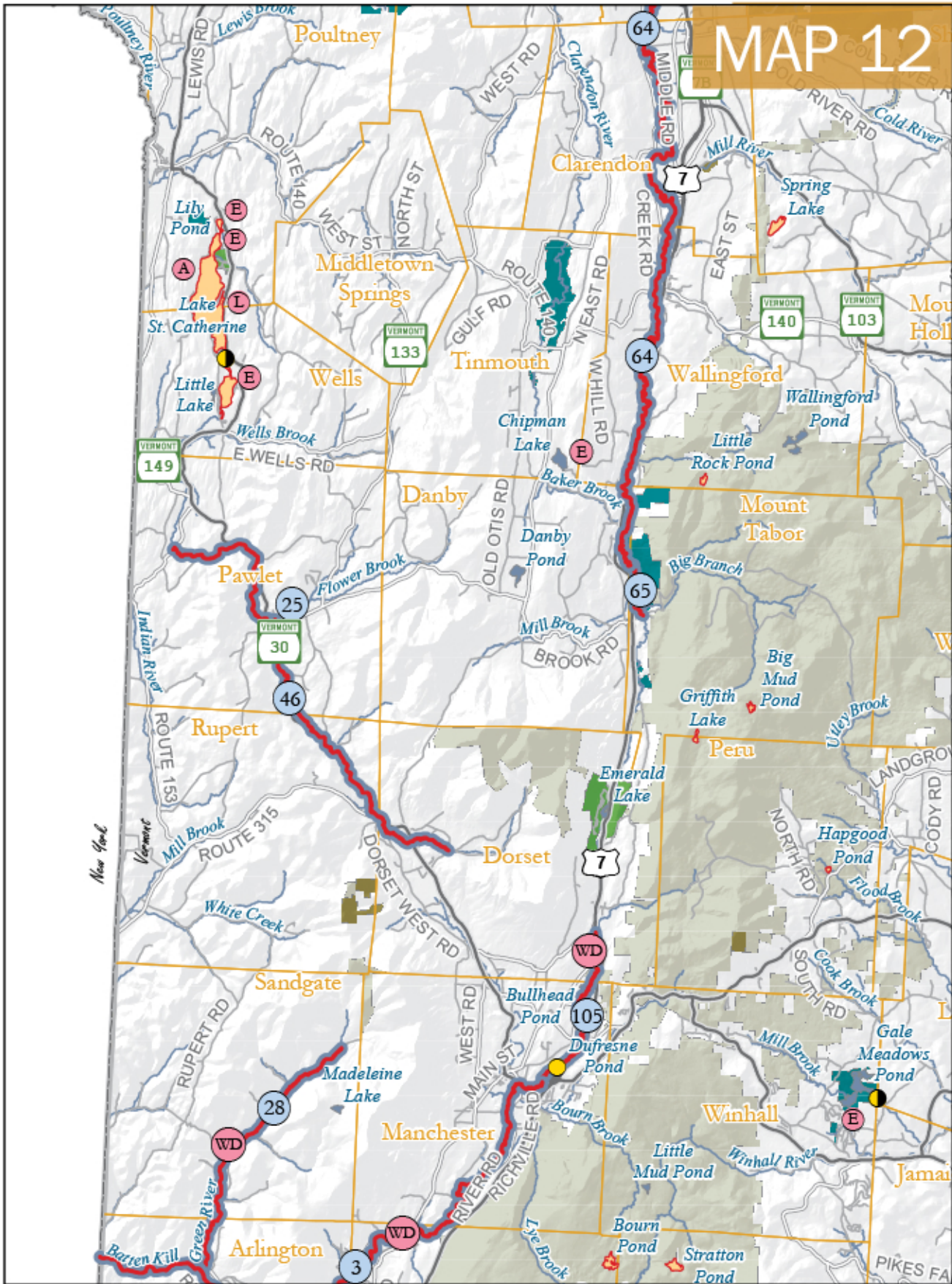


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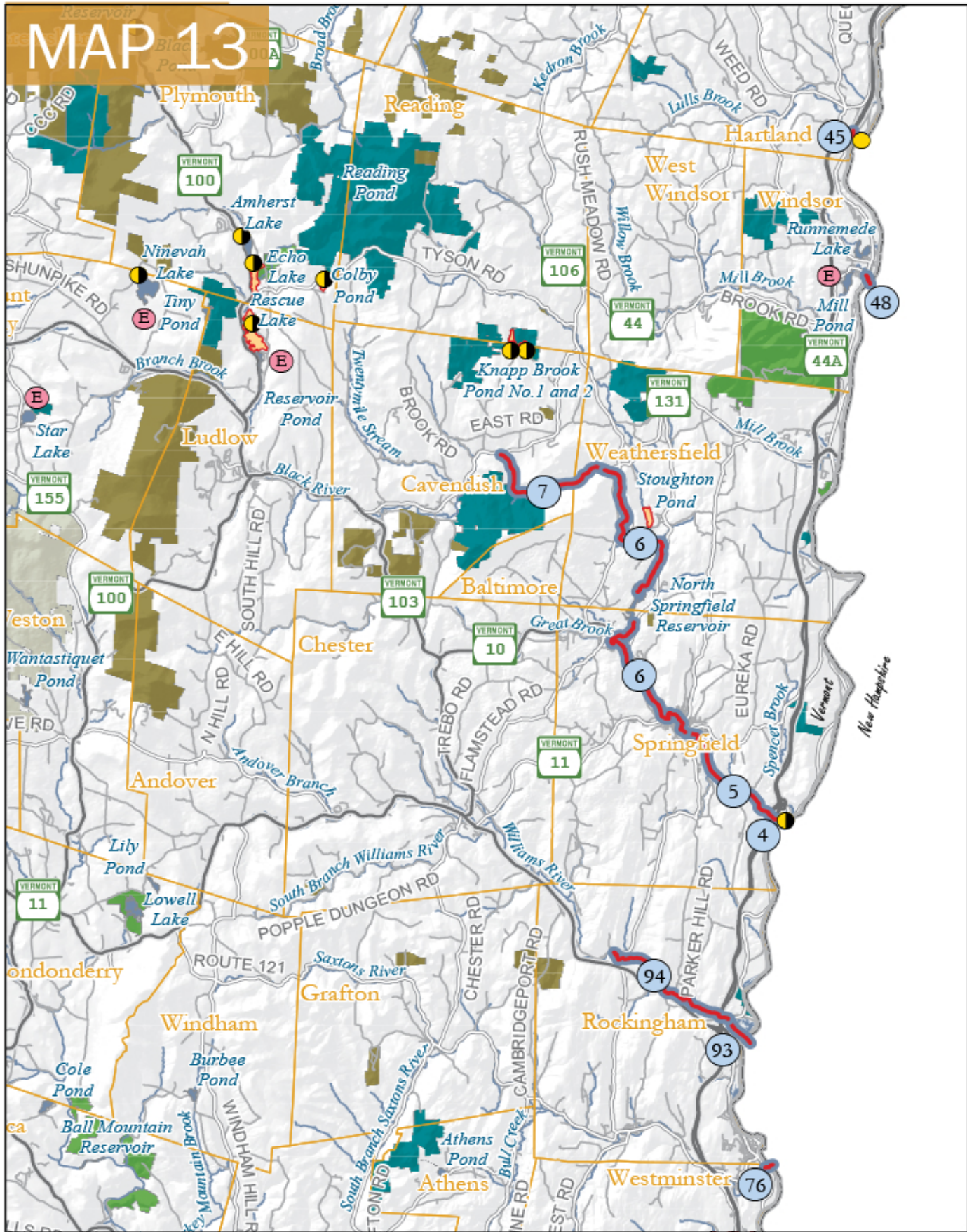


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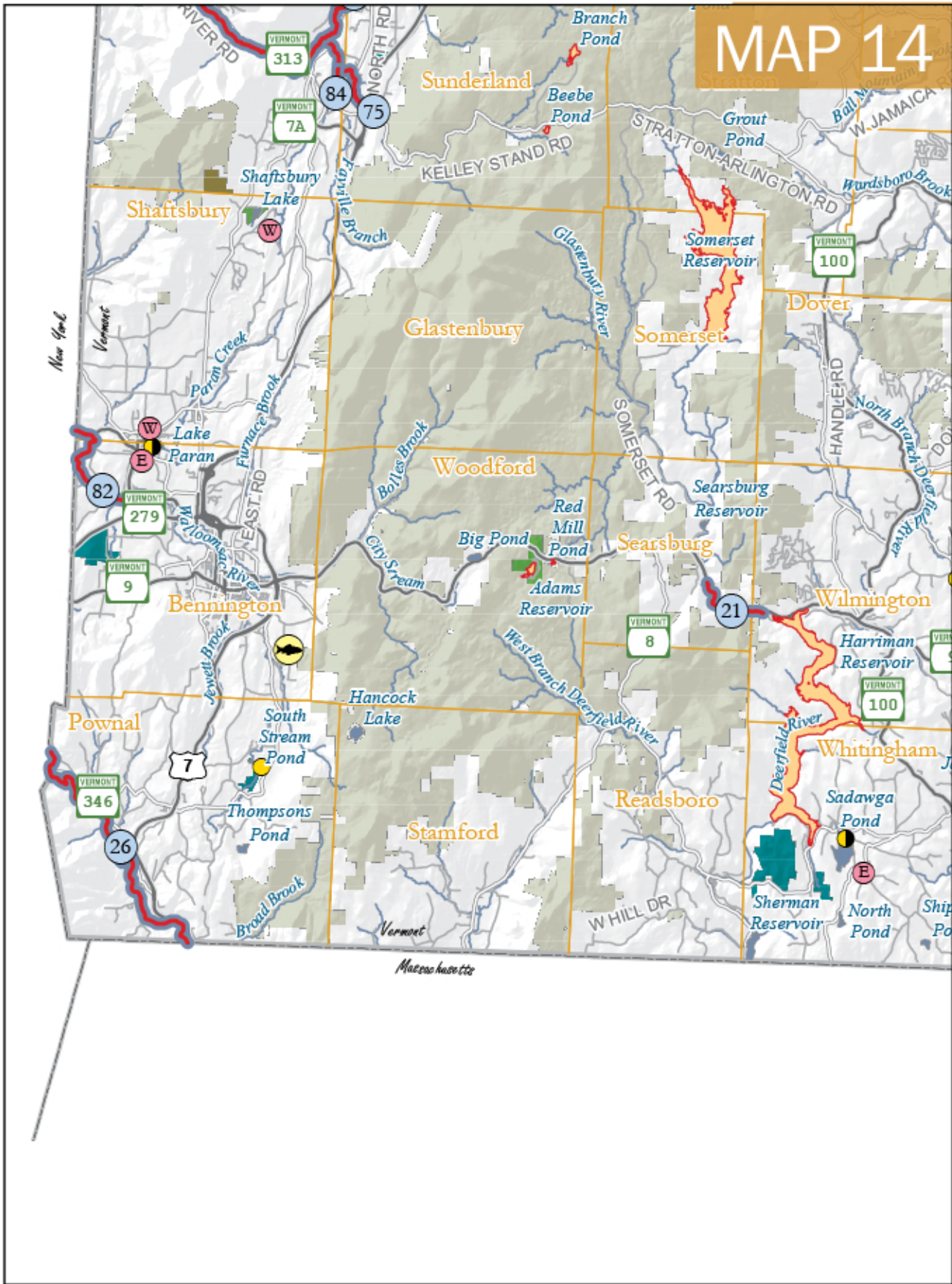


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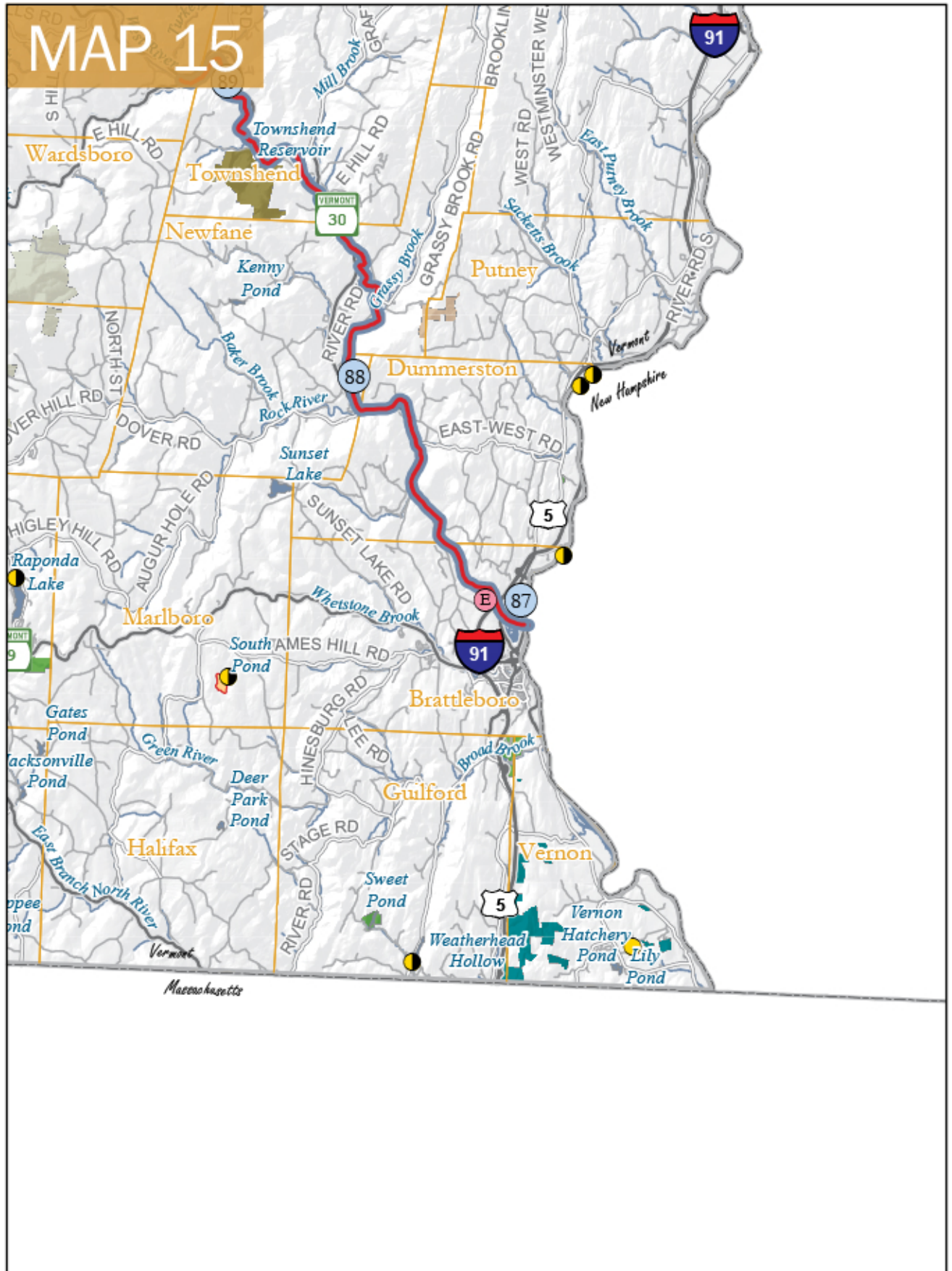


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ALDER BROOK							
Black River to Sargent Pond Outlet.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Coventry	Orleans	1		3	1	
Sargent Pond to Headwater.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Coventry	Orleans	1		3		
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.	Barton/ Coventry/ Irasburg	Orleans	1		3	2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 							
US Route 5 bridge southernmost and closest to the village of Barton in Barton to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	Orleans	1		3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" the village of Barton in Barton to headwaters 							
BATTEN KILL RIVER							
From NY state line upstream (20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Routes 11/30) in Manchester.	Arlington/ Sunderland/ Manchester	Bennington	1		12, 14	3	W
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ All trout must be released immediately 							
Depot Street Bridge (Routes 11/30) in Manchester to downstream side of US Route 7 Bridge south of East Dorset	Manchester and Dorset	Bennington	1		14	105	W
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: Oct. 1–Oct. 31: catch and release fishing only, all trout must be released immediately. 							
S Route 7 Bridge south of East Dorset to headwaters, and all tributaries	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		12		W
BLACK RIVER (CONNECTICUT RIVER TRIBUTARY) - CT R							
CT R main channel to I-91 Bridge, Springfield.	Springfield	Windsor	4		13	4	E
From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures 	Springfield	Windsor	2		13	5	E
From the top of Lovejoy Dam in Springfield upstream to the Downers covered bridge.	Weathersfield/ Cavendish	Windsor	1		13	6	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 							

* Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS): E=Eurasian Watermilfoil; W=Water Chestnut; WD=Whirling Disease

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) may be present in other waterbodies and not yet detected. Please follow the recommendations on pages 26–28 to help stop the spread of ANS.

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BLACK RIVER (CONNECTICUT RIVER TRIBUTARY) - CT R							
Black River along Route 131 in Weathersfield and Cavendish, from Downers covered bridge upstream (approx. 4 miles) to the next bridge across the river, The Howard Hill Bridge.	Weathersfield/ Cavendish	Weathersfield/ Cavendish	1		13	7	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 2 trout aggregate ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies and lures 							
Howard Hill Bridge to headwaters	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		13		
BLACK RIVER (LAKE MEMPHREMAGOG TRIBUTARY) - MEMPH							
Lake Memphremagog upstream to 600 feet below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry.	Newport City, Coventry	Orleans	1		3	8	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 							
From 600 feet below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the top of the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry.	Coventry	Orleans	1		3	9	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 							
Old Harmam Mill in Coventry upstream to the downstream side of the VT Routes 14/58 bridge in Irasburg.	Newport City, Coventry	Orleans	1		3	8	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 							
VT Routes 14/58 bridge to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	Orleans	1		3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 							
BLODGETT/TARBOX BROOK							
From the confluence with Willoughby River upstream 1,300 ft to bridge on Tarbox Hill Road.	Barton	Orleans	1		3	10	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 							
BROWNINGTON BRANCH OF 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 approx. 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafox Road (TH #15).	Brownington	Orleans	1		3	11	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 							
From Second road crossing on Brownington Chilafox Road (TH #15) Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafox Road (TH #15) to headwaters.	Brownington	Orleans	1		3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 							
CHASE BROOK							
From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approx. 1/2 mile to the top of the natural falls in Berlin.	Berlin	Washington County	1		6	12	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 							
CLYDE RIVER							
Lake Memphremagog to the downstream edge of the arch bridge at Gardner park entrance.	Newport City	Orleans	1		3		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 							
Downstream edge of the arch bridge at Gardner park entrance to the downstream edge of the bridge on Lower Clyde Street in Newport City.	Newport City	Orleans	1		3	13	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 using artificial flies and lures only ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 							

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CLYDE RIVER							
From the downstream edge of the bridge on Lower Clyde Street in Newport City upstream to 260 feet below the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 10 ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 using artificial flies and lures only ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Newport City	Orleans	1		3	14	
From 260 ft 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Newport City	Orleans	1		3	15	
Top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse, in Newport City, to the downstream edge of the bridge on Bridge Street, Derby. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 using artificial flies and lures only ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Newport City and Derby	Orleans	1		3	16	
Downstream edge of the bridge on Bridge Street, Derby to the downstream edge of the bridge on VT Route 105, Derby. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Sept. 1 through Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Derby	Orleans	1		3	17	
Downstream edge of the bridge on VT Route 105, Derby to Citizens Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), W. Charleston. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 using artificial flies and lures only ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	All Applicable Towns	Orleans	1		3	18	
Citizens West Charleston Dam to Island Pond outlet.	Charleston/Brighton	Orleans/Essex	1		3, 4		
COCHE BROOK							
Little Salem Lake to headwaters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Derby, Morgan	Orleans	1		3	19	
CONNECTICUT RIVER							
(Including tributaries, bays and setback to first highway bridge)	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	4		4,7,8,11,13,15		E
COUNTRY CLUB BROOK							
From its confluence with the Willoughby River extending upstream to Hollow Road (TH #14) in Barton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Barton	Orleans	1		3	20	
Hollow Road (TH #14) Bridge in Barton to headwaters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Barton	Orleans	1		3		
DEAD CREEK							
Dead Creek to Panton Road bridge in Panton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 	Panton	Addison	3	7	5		E, W
Panton Road Bridge in Panton upstream to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	Addison	2		5		E, W
DEERFIELD RIVER							
From the Woods Road (Medburyville) bridge in Wilmington upstream approx. 2 miles to the VT Route 9W bridge in Searsburg. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	Wilmington/Searsburg	All Applicable Counties	1		14	21	
DOG RIVER							
Winooski River, Berlin/Montpelier, to the downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier.	Berlin/Montpelier	Washington	1		6		

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DOG RIVER							
Downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/ Montpelier upstream to the top of Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: All trout must be released immediately. Fishing may only be done with artificial flies and lures. Anglers 14 years old and younger may use natural baits. 	All Applicable Towns	Washington	1		6	22	
Top of Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield upstream to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	Washington	1		6		
DORIN BROOK							
Lake Willoughby upstream 3/4 mile. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 	Westmore	Orleans	1		3	23	
From 3/4 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwaters.	Westmore	Orleans	1		3		
EAST CREEK (ORWELL)							
East Creek to the falls in Orwell (downstream of Mount Independence Road). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 	Orwell	Addison	3	7	9		
EAST CREEK (RUTLAND CITY)							
From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approx. 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Season: Second Saturday in April to Oct. 31, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies and lures 	Rutland City	Rutland	1		9	24	
FLOWER BROOK							
From its confluence with the Mettawee River extending upstream (approx. 1000 ft) to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: Length Limit: 10" to 14" protected slot (all fish 10" to 14" must be released), Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 14 inches 	Pawlet	Bennington	1		12	25	
VT Route 30 Bridge, Pawlet, to headwaters.	Pawlet/Dorset	Bennington	1		12		
GREEN BROOK							
Salem Lake to headwaters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Derby	Orleans	1		3	27	
GREEN RIVER							
From its mouth on the Batten Kill upstream to its confluence with Moffitt Hollow Brook. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: Catch and Release between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 – All trout must be immediately released 	Arlington/Sandgate	Bennington	1		12	28	WD
HALL'S BROOK							
Lake Memphremagog to the headwaters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Derby	Orleans	1		3		
HATCHERY BROOK							
Lake Champlain to main drive for State Fish Hatchery. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING 	Grand Isle	Grand Isle			1	29	
HOOSIC RIVER							
From the VT/NY border upstream to the VT/MA border. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies and lures 	Pownal	Bennington	1		14	26	
JOHNS RIVER							
Lake Memphremagog to the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Rd (TH #6). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Derby	Orleans	1		3		

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JOHNS RIVER							
From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Rd (TH #6) to downstream edge of the bridge on Beebe Rd (TH #3). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 	Derby	Orleans	1		3	30	
From the downstream edge of the bridge on Beebe Rd (TH #3) upstream approximately two tenths of a mile to the downstream edge of the bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 and Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 	Derby	Orleans	1		3	31	
Downstream edge of the bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby to US 5 in Derby. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 	Derby	Orleans	1		3	32	
US 5 in Derby to headwaters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Derby	Orleans	1		3		
JOINER BROOK							
Winooski River upstream approx. 1900 feet to first falls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ TROUT: Length Limit: 10" to 16" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released), Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches 	Bolton	Chittenden	1		6	33	
First falls to headwater.	Bolton	Chittenden	1		6		
LAMOILLE RIVER							
Lake Champlain to the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Rd in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 	Milton	Chittenden	3	7	1		E
From the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Rd in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge) upstream to the top of the first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: March 16 through May 31 	Milton	Chittenden	3	7	1	34	E
From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to downstream edge of the bridge on Route 104 in the village of Fairfax (Arrowhead Mountain Lake – See Lakes Table). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 ■ WALLEYE: Season: first Saturday in May through March 15, Length Limit: Minimum length 18", Daily Limit: 3 	All Applicable Towns	Chittenden/ Franklin	2		1	35	E
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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Season: Second Saturday in April to Oct. 31, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 	Fairfax	Franklin	2		1	36	
Hydroelectric dam at Fairfax Falls in Fairfax upstream to the downstream side of the railroad bridge in Johnson. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		1	37	

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LAMOILLE RIVER							
From the downstream side of the railroad bridge in Johnson upstream (approx 3.7 miles) to the downstream edge of the Ten Bends Drive bridge in Hyde Park.	Johnson and Hyde Park	Lamoille	1		2	38	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 16 inches, Daily Limit: 2 trout total, Gear Restrictions: Artificial lures and flies only ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies and lures 							
From the downstream edge of the Ten Bends Drive bridge in Hyde Park to top of Cadys Falls Dam in Morristown.	Hyde Park and Morristown	Lamoille	1		2	39	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies and lures 							
From the top of Cadys Falls in Morristown to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		2		
LAPLATTE RIVER							
LaPlatte River to the falls in Shelburne (under Falls Road bridge).	Shelburne	Chittenden	3	7	5		E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 							
LEACH CREEK							
CT R main channel to VT Route 102 Bridge, Canaan.	Canaan	Essex	4		4	40	
VT Route 102 Bridge, Canaan to headwaters.	Canaan	Essex	1		4		
LEWIS CREEK							
Lewis Creek to the falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road).	North Ferrisburgh	Addison	3	7	5		E
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 							
From the Lake Champlain boundary (falls in North Ferrisburgh) upstream to the State Prison Hollow Rd (TH #3) bridge in Starksboro.	All Applicable Towns	Addison	1		5	41	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies or lures 							
State Prison Rd (TH #3) to headwaters	Starksboro/Bristol	Addison	1		5		
LILLIESVILLE BROOK							
From the confluence with the White River upstream to the second bridge on the Lilliesville Brook Rd.	Stockbridge/Bethel	Windsor	1		10	42	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 							
LITTLE OTTER CREEK							
Lake Champlain to the falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Rd).	Ferrisburgh Center	Chittenden	3	7	5		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 							
LITTLE RIVER							
From the confluence with Winooski River upstream to the Route 2 bridge in Waterbury.	Waterbury	Washington	1		6	43	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Season: Second Saturday in April to Oct. 31, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2. 							
US Route 2 Bridge to its beginning at base of Waterbury Dam	Waterbury	Washington	1		6		
LOCUST CREEK							
From its confluence with the White River upstream to the second bridge on Route 12.	Bethel/Barnard	Windsor	1		10	44	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 							
LULLS BROOK							
CT R main channel to I-91 Bridge, Hartland.	Hartland	Windsor	4		13	45	
I-91 Bridge, Hartland to Headwaters.	Hartland	Windsor	1		13		
MALLETT'S CREEK							
Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 7) in Colchester.	Colchester	Chittenden	3	7	1		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 							

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METTAWEE RIVER							
NY Border to the downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in Pawlet.	Pawlet	Rutland	1		12		
From the downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in Pawlet upstream (approx. 16 miles) to the downstream edge of the first bridge on Dorset Hollow Rd and including tributary: Flower Brook upstream (approximately 1000 ft.) to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: Length Limit: 10" to 14" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 14" must be released), Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 14 inches 	Pawlet	Rutland	1		12	46	
First bridge on Dorset Hollow Rd, in Dorset, to headwaters.	Dorset	Bennington	1		12		
MILL BROOK							
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/4 mile. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 	Westmore	Orleans	1		3	47	
From 1/4 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwaters.	Westmore	Orleans	1		3		
MILL BROOK (WINDSOR)							
CT R main channel to US Route 5 Bridge, Windsor.	Windsor	Windsor	4		13	48	
US Route 5 Bridge, Windsor to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		13		
MILL RIVER							
Lake Champlain to the falls in Georgia (just upstream of Georgia Shore Rd bridge). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundaries 	Georgia	Franklin	3	7	1		
MISSISQUOI RIVER							
Lake Champlain to Riverside Cemetery (5120' below Swanton Dam).	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	3	7	1		E, W
Riverside Cemetery (5120' below Swanton Dam) to 850' below the Swanton Dam. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: March 16 to the Friday before the first Saturday in May, both dates inclusive 	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	3	7	1	49	E
From the top of the Swanton Dam in the village of Swanton downstream approx. 850 ft. to the water treatment plant on the west side of the river, and downstream approximately 850 ft. to the upstream end of the cement breakwater on the east side of the river. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: March 16 through May 31 	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	3	7	1	50	E
Missisquoi River from Swanton Dam in the village of Swanton upstream to the Highgate Falls Dam. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 ■ MUSKELLUNGE: Daily Limit: Zero, All muskellunge unintentionally taken must be immediately released 	Swanton/Highgate	Franklin	2		1	51	E
Highgate Falls Dam to top of the Sheldon Springs Dam in Sheldon Springs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 	Highgate/Swanton	Franklin	2		1	52	
Sheldon Springs Dam in Sheldon Springs to downstream edge of Kane Rd (TH-3) bridge in Sheldon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	Sheldon and Enosburg	Franklin	1		1, 2	53	
From the downstream edge of Kane Road (TH-3) bridge upstream (approx. 5.7 miles) to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Season: Second Saturday in April to Oct. 31, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	Sheldon and Enosburg	Franklin	1		2	54	
From the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls to Headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		2, 3		

Rivers & Streams	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS*
MOOSE RIVER							
From confluence with Passumpsic River upstream (approx. 350 ft) to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the village of St. Johnsbury.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Season: Second Saturday in April to Oct. 31, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies and lures 	Village of St. Johnsbury	Caledonia	1		7	55	
From downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the village of St. Johnsbury to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7		
MUD CREEK							
Lake Champlain to Route 78 Bridge.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundary 	Alburgh	Grand Isle	3	7	1		
Route 78 Bridge to dam in Alburgh (just upstream of Route 78 bridge).							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Lake Champlain Boundary ■ No Shooting, Spearing or Bow and Arrow for fish 	Alburgh	Grand Isle	3	7	1		
MYERS BROOK							
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/2 mile.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 	Westmore	Orleans County	1		3	56	
From 1/2 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwater.	Westmore	Orleans County	1		3		
NEW HAVEN RIVER							
From the confluence with Otter Creek in New Haven, to Munger Street Bridge, New Haven.	New Haven	Addison	1		5		
From Munger Street Bridge in New Haven upstream (approximately 4.1 miles) to the South Street bridge in Bristol.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: Length Limit: 10" to 16" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released), Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches 	New Haven/ Bristol	Addison	1		5	57	
South Street Bridge, Bristol to headwaters.	Bristol	Addison	1		5, 9		
NULHEGAN RIVER							
CT R main channel to VT Route 102 Bridge, Bloomfield.	Bloomfield	Essex	4		4	58	
VT Route 102 Bridge, Bloomfield to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		4		
OMPOMPANOOSUC RIVER							
CT R main channel to US Route 5, Norwich.	Norwich	Windsor	4		11	59	E
From the Connecticut River boundary (US Route 5 in Norwich) upstream to the top of the flood control dam in Union Village in the town of Thetford.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below & table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 	Norwich/ Thetford	Windsor/ Orange	2		11	60	E
Top of the flood control dam in Union Village in the town of Thetford to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		11		
ORCUTT BROOK							
Salem Lake to headwaters.							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Derby, Morgan, Holland	Orleans	1		3	61	
OTTAUQUECHEE RIVER							
CT R main channel to first highway bridge crossing, Hartland.	Hartland	Windsor	4		11	62	
First highway bridge crossing, Hartland to Headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		11		
OTTER CREEK							
Lake Champlain to the top of the dam in the city of Vergennes.	Vergennes	Addison	3	7	5		E, W

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OTTER CREEK							
From the Lake Champlain boundary (Falls at Vergennes) upstream to the top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland.	Vergennes/ Rutland	Addison/ Rutland	2		5, 9	63	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies or lures LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 							
Top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland to VT Railway Bridge, Danby.	All Applicable Towns	Rutland	1		9	64	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies and lures 							
From the Vermont Railway Bridge north of the fishing access upstream (approx. 2 miles) to the Danby–Mt. Tabor Forest Road Bridge (Forest Road #10).	Danby	Rutland	1		12	65	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Season: Second Saturday in April to Oct. 31, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies and lures 							
Danby–Mt. Tabor Forest Road bridge (Forest Road #10) to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	Bennington/ Rutland	1		12		
OUTLET BROOK							
From the highway bridge near Echo Lake in Charleston upstream to the top of the dam at the outlet of Seymour Lake.	Charleston/ Brighton	Orleans County	1		3	66	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 							
PASSUMPSIC RIVER							
CT R main channel to first Highway Bridge crossing, Barnet.	Barnet	Caledonia	4		7	67	
First Highway Bridge crossing, Barnet to top of Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7	68	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies and lures 							
From top of Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury upstream (approx 2.4 miles) to the top of Arnold Falls Dams. Moose River: from confluence with Passumpsic River upstream (approx. 350 ft) to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the village of St. Johnsbury.	St. Johnsbury	Caledonia	1		7	69	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Season: Second Saturday in April to Oct. 31, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies and lures 							
From the top of Arnold Falls in village of St. Johnsbury to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7		
PAUL STREAM							
CT R main channel to VT Route 102 Bridge, Maidstone.	Maidstone	Essex	4		4	70	
VT Route 102 Bridge, Maidstone to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		4		
PINNEO BROOK							
Winooski River upstream approx. 100 ft to railroad crossing.	Bolton	Chittenden	1		6	71	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 TROUT: Length Limit: 10" to 16" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released), Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches 							
Railroad crossing to headwaters	Bolton	Chittenden	1		6		
PORTER BROOK							
From Caspian Lake upstream to its headwaters.	Greensboro	Orleans County	1		3	72	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 							
POULTNEY RIVER							
Lake Champlain upstream to Poultney River to Central Vermont Power Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven.	West Haven	Rutland	3	7	9		E, W
Central Vermont Power Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		9		

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PRESTON BROOK							
Winooski River upstream approx. 2600 feet to first falls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ TROUT: Length Limit: 10" to 16" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released), Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches 	Bolton	Chittenden	1		6	73	
First Falls to headwater.	Bolton/Huntington	Chittenden	1		6		
RIDLEY BROOK							
Winooski River upstream approx. 1700 ft to first falls. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ TROUT: Length Limit: 10" to 16" protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released), Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches 	Duxbury	Washington	1		6	74	
First falls to headwaters.	Duxbury	Washington	1		6		
ROARING BRANCH							
From its mouth on the Batten Kill upstream to the downstream side of Bridge # 14 on Sunderland TH 3 in East Kansas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: Catch and Release between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 – All trout must be immediately released 	Arlington/Sunderland	Bennington	1		14	75	
ROCK RIVER							
Lake Champlain to the first Canadian border crossing.	Highgate	Franklin	3	7	1		E
SAXTONS RIVER							
CT R main channel to US Route 5 Bridge, Westminster.	Westminster	Windham	4		13	76	
US Route 5 Bridge, Westminster to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		13		
SCHOOLHOUSE BROOK							
Lake Willoughby upstream 1/4 mile. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 	Westmore	Orleans County	1		3	77	
From 1/4 mile upstream of Lake Willoughby to headwaters.	Westmore	Orleans County	1		3		
STEVENS RIVER							
CT R main channel to first Highway Bridge crossing Barnet.	Barnet	Caledonia	4		7	78	
First Highway Bridge crossing Barnet to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7		
STONY BROOK (ALDER BROOK)							
From its confluence with the Black River upstream 3.5 miles to the outlet of Sargent Pond in Coventry. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Coventry	Orleans County	1		3	1	
Sargent Pond to headwaters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Coventry	Orleans County	1		3		
VALLEY BROOK							
From Seymour Lake to headwaters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Oct. 1 to Oct. 31 	Morgan and Holland	Orleans	1		2	79	
WAITS RIVER							
CT R main channel to US Route 5 Bridge, Bradford.	Bradford	Orange	4		11	80	
From the Connecticut River boundary (US Route 5 Bridge, Bradford) upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 	Bradford	Orange	2		11	81	
Top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7, 11		
WALLOOMSAC RIVER							
From the VT/NY border in Bennington upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissues Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Season: Second Sat in April to Oct. 31, Length Limits: None, Daily Limits: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	Bennington and Shaftsbury	Bennington	1		14	82	

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WARE BROOK							
From the downstream edge of the furthest downstream bridge/culvert on Back Coventry Rd (TH #8 in Irasburg) upstream approximately one mile to the top of the first major natural falls on Ware brook. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 	Irasburg	Orleans	1		3	83	
WARM BROOK							
From its mouth on the Roaring Branch upstream to the base of the so-called Hale Company dam in East Arlington. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ TROUT: Catch and Release between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 – All trout must be immediately released 	Arlington/Sunderland	Bennington	1		14	84	
WELLS BROOK							
Lake Willoughby to headwater. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 	Westmore	Orleans	1		3	85	
WELLS RIVER							
CT R main channel to US Route 302 Bridge, Newbury.	Newbury	Orange	4		7	86	
US Route 302 Bridge, Newbury to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		7		
WEST RIVER							
CT R main channel to US Route 5 Bridge, Brattleboro.	Brattleboro	Windham	4		15	87	E
From the Connecticut River boundary (US Route 5 Bridge) upstream to the Townshend Dam (Townshend). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 	Townshend/Jamaica	Windham	2		15	88	E
Top of Townshend Lake Dam in Townshend to VT Route 100 Bridge, Jamaica. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 	Townshend/Jamaica	Windham	2		15	89	
VT Route 100 Bridge, Jamaica, to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		12, 13, 15		
WHITE RIVER							
CT R main channel to Bridge St. Bridge (US Route 5), Hartford.	Hartford	Windsor	4		11	90	
From the Connecticut River boundary (US Route 5 Bridge) upstream to the downstream edge of Route 107 bridge in Bethel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	2		10, 11	91	
From the confluence with Lilliesville Brook in Stockbridge downstream 3.3 miles to 220 ft. downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Length Limit: 18" Minimum Length, Daily Limit: 1 trout, Gear Restriction: Artificial lures and flies only 	Stockbridge/Bethel	All Applicable Counties	1		10	92	
Confluence with Lilliesville Brook, Stockbridge, to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		10		
WILLIAMS RIVER							
CT R main channel to US Route 5 Bridge, Rockingham.	Rockingham	Windham	4		13	93	E
From the Connecticut River boundary (Route 5 Bridge) upstream to the top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (<i>Catch and Release</i>) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 	Rockingham	Windham	2		13	94	E
Top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		13		

Rivers & Streams	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Stream Section #	ANS*
WILLOUGHBY RIVER							
Barton River to Orleans/Brownington Rd Bridge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 	Barton	Orleans	1		3	95	
Orleans/Brownington Rd Bridge to natural falls top. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 	Barton	Orleans	1		3	96	
Natural falls top to Brownington Branch confluence. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 	Barton/ Brownington	Orleans	1		3	97	
Brownington Branch confluence to downstream edge of the bridge on VT Route 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: Second Saturday in April through May 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 	Brownington	Orleans	1		3	98	
Downstream edge of the bridge on VT Route 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington) to Willoughby Lake outlet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 	Brownington/ Barton/ Westmore	Orleans	1		3	99	
WINOOSKI RIVER							
Lake Champlain upstream to the first railroad bridge (approximately 9 miles) in Winooski and Burlington.	Winooski/ Burlington	Chittenden	3	7	5		E
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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ CLOSED TO FISHING: March 16 through May 31 	Winooski/ Burlington	Chittenden	3	7	5	100	
From the Winooski One Hydro Dam west of Main Street (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington upstream to Preston Brook, Bolton. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 	All Applicable Towns	Chittenden	1		5, 6	101	
From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ TROUT: Length Limit: 10" to 16" inches protected slot: (all fish 10" to 16" must be released), Daily Limit: 2 trout only 1 greater than 16 inches ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 	Bolton/ Duxbury/ Waterbury	Chittenden/ Washington	1		6	102	
Ridley Brook mouth upstream to the top of the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open to trout fishing (Catch and Release) using artificial flies or lures ■ LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Season: Open year-round, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: 5 	Bolton/ Duxbury/ Waterbury	Chittenden/ Washington	1		6	103	
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). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT: Season: Second Saturday in April to Oct. 31, Length Limit: None, Daily Limit: Total number of brook trout, brown trout and rainbow trout no more than 2 ■ From Nov. 1 to Friday before the second Saturday in April, open ONLY TO TROUT FISHING (Catch and Release) using artificial flies and lures 	Duxbury/ Waterbury	Washington	1		6	104	
Route 2 Bridge (East side of Waterbury Village) in Waterbury to headwaters.	All Applicable Towns	All Applicable Counties	1		6, 7		



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ADAMS RESERVOIR	Woodford	Bennington	5	6	14	21			N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
AMHERST LAKE	Plymouth	Windsor	2	8	13	81	St		Y	
ANSEL POND	Bethel	Windsor	5	6	10	2	Sc			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
ARROWHEAD MOUNTAIN LAKE	Milton/Georgia	Chittenden/Franklin	2	8	1	760	St	E	Y	Other
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
ATHENS POND	Athens	Windham	2	8	13	21			N	5mph
AUSTIN POND	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	8	9	28		E	N	5mph
BACK POND	Brighton	Essex	2	8	3	10				
BAKER POND	Barton	Orleans	5	6	3	51	Sud		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
BAKER POND (Brookfield Pond)	Brookfield	Orange	2	6	10	31	St		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LARGEMOUTH BASS: Length Limit: No minimum length. 10" to 12" protected slot (all bass 10" to 12" must be released), Daily Limit: 10 bass, only 1 greater than 12 inches 									
BALD HILL POND	Westmore	Orleans	5	6	3	108	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
BALL MOUNTAIN RESERVOIR	Jamaica	Windham	2	8	13	85			Y	5mph
BANCROFT POND	Plainfield	Washington	5	8	7	14				
BEAN POND	Lyndon	Caledonia	2	8	7	24			Y	5mph
	Sutton	Caledonia	5	6	3	30	Sc		N	5mph
BEAN POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
	Holland	Orleans	5	6	4	40	Sf		N	5mph
BEAVER POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
	Newark	Caledonia	5	6	4	6	Sud			
BECK POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	8	9	110		E	Y	Other
BEEBE POND	Sunderland	Bennington	5	6	14	10				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									

1 S=State; M=Municipal; G=Federal; U=Utility; P=Private; f=foot or carry in; ud=undeveloped; t=boats on trailer; c=cartop; r=regulated.
 2 E=Eurasian Watermilfoil; Z=Zebra Mussel; W=Water Chestnut; V=Variable-leaf watermilfoil; LBV=Largemouth Bass Virus; A=Alewife
 3 The rule prohibits the use of internal combustion motors to power vessels.

Aquatic nuisance species (ANS) spread prevention practices should always be employed when visiting ANY waterbody, regardless of whether a known infestation is present. Invasive species and/or fish diseases could be present but not yet detected. Please follow the recommendations on pages 26-28 to help stop the spread of ANS.

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BERLIN POND	Berlin	Washington	2	8	6	256	F	E	N	Other
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LARGEMOUTH & SMALLMOUTH BASS: Catch & Immediate Release Only ■ YELLOW PERCH: Daily Limit: 10 Perch 									
BIG AVERILL LAKE (Great Averill Lake)	Norton/Averill	Essex	5	9	4	828	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ■ ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limits) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
BIG FISH POND (Vail Pond)	Sutton	Caledonia	5	6	3	16				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
BIG MUD POND	Mt. Tabor	Rutland	5	6	12	15				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) ■ Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
BIG POND (Woodford Lake)	Woodford	Bennington	2	8	14	31			Y	5mph
BIG SALEM LAKE (Salem Lake)	Derby	Orleans	2	10	3	764	St			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
BILLINGS MARSH POND	West Haven	Rutland	2	8	9	56			N	5mph
BLACK POND	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	8	9	20	Sud	E	N	5mph
BLACK POND	Plymouth	Windsor	2	8	13	20			N	5mph
BLAKE POND	Sutton	Caledonia	5	6	3	8	Sf			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
BLISS POND	Calais	Washington	2	8	6	46			Y	5mph
BLUEBERRY LAKE (Warren Lake)	Warren	Washington	2	8	6	48			N	5mph
BOMOSEEN, LAKE	Castleton/Hubbardton	Rutland	2	10	9	2360	St	E, W, Z	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
BOURN POND	Sunderland	Bennington	5	6	12	48			N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) ■ Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
BRANCH POND	Sunderland	Bennington	5	6	14	34			N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) ■ Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
BRISTOL POND (Winona Lake)	Bristol	Addison	2	8	5	248	St	E	Y	
BROOKFIELD POND (Baker Pond)	Brookfield	Orange	2	8	10	31			Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LARGEMOUTH BASS: Length Limit: 10" to 12" protected slot (all bass 10" to 12" must be released), Daily Limit: 10 bass, only 1 greater than 12 inches 									
BROWN POND	Westmore	Caledonia/Orleans	5	6	3	15	Sud			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) 									
BROWNINGTON POND	Brownington/Derby	Orleans	2	8	3	139	St	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
BRUCE POND	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	8	3	27			Y	5mph
BUCK LAKE	Woodbury	Washington	2	8	7	39	Sc		N	5mph
BULLHEAD POND	Manchester	Bennington	2	8	12	14	Sc		N	
BURBEE POND	Windham	Windham	2	8	13	50	Sf		N	5mph

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BURR POND	Pittsford	Rutland	2	8	9	20			N	5mph
BURR POND	Sudbury	Rutland	2	8	9	85	St	E	Y	Others
CARMI, LAKE (Franklin Pond)	Franklin	Franklin	2	8	2	1402	St	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ WALLEYE: Open Season: 1st Saturday in May to March 15th, Length Limit: Minimum length 15", 17" to 19" protected slot (all walleye between 17-19 inches must be released), Daily Limit: 5 fish limit provided only 1 is over 19 inches 									
	Greensboro	Orleans	5	9	3	789	Mt		Y	Others
CASPIAN LAKE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ■ ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate ■ RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10", Daily Limit: 2 trout 									
CEDAR LAKE (Monkton Pond)	Monkton	Addison	2	8	5	123	St	E	Y	
	Newark	Caledonia	5	6	4	79	St		Y	
CENTER POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
CHAMPLAIN, LAKE			3	7	1, 5, 9		Xt	E, W, Z, LBV, A	Y	
CHANDLER POND	Wheelock	Caledonia	2	8	7	68			N	5mph
CHARLESTON POND (Lubber Lake)	Charleston	Orleans	2	8	3	40	Uf		N	5mph
CHIPMAN LAKE (Tinmouth Pond)	Tinmouth	Rutland	2	8	12	79	Pc	E	Y	
	Chittenden	Rutland	2	10	10	702	St		Y	Others
CHITTENDEN RESERVOIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 ■ WALLEYE: Open Season: June 1 through March 15, Length Limit: Minimum Length 22", Daily Limit: 2 									
CLARK POND (Tildy's Pond)	Glover	Orleans	2	8	3	33	Sud			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
CLYDE POND	Derby	Orleans	2	8	3	186	Uc	E	N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
COBB POND	Derby	Orleans	2	8	3	27			N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
COGGMAN POND	West Haven	Rutland	2	8	9	20		E, W	N	5mph
COITS POND	Cabot	Washington	2	8	7	40	Sud		N	5mph
COLBY POND	Plymouth	Windsor	5	6	13	20	St		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
COLCHESTER POND	Colchester	Chittenden	2	8	1, 5	186	Mc		N	No Boat Motors
COLE POND	Jamaica	Windham	2	8	13	41			N	5mph
COLES POND	Walden	Caledonia	2	8	7	125	Mc		Y	
COLTON POND	Killington	Rutland	2	8	10	27	St		Y	5mph
COMERFORD RESERVOIR (CT River)	Waterford/Concord	Caledonia/ Essex	4		7	777	Ut			
	Granby	Essex	5	6	4	10	Mf			
COW MOUNTAIN POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) ■ Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
CRANBERRY MEADOW POND	Woodbury	Washington	2	8	6	28			N	5mph
CRESCENT LAKE	Sharon	Windsor	2	8	11	20			N	5mph

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CRYSTAL LAKE	Barton	Orleans	5	9	3	763	St	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
CURTIS POND	Calais	Washington	2	8	6	72	St		Y	Others
CUTLER POND	Highgate	Franklin	2	8	1	25			N	5mph
DANBY POND	Danby	Rutland	2	8	12	56			Y	5mph
DANIELS POND	Glover	Orleans	2	8	3	66	St		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
DANYOW POND	Ferrisburgh	Addison	2	8	5	192			Y	5mph
DEER PARK POND	Halifax	Windham	2	8	15	22			N	5mph
DENNIS POND	Brunswick	Essex	2	8	4	49	Sf		N	5mph
DERBY POND	Derby	Orleans	2	8	3	207	St	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
DEWEYS MILL POND	Hartford	Windsor	2	8	11	56		E	N	5mph
DUCK POND	Craftsbury	Orleans	2	8	3	9	Sc			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
DUCK POND	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	8	3	7				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 										
DUCK POND	Sutton	Caledonia	5	6	3	8	Sc			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 										
DUFRESNE POND	Manchester	Bennington	5	6						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										
DUNMORE, LAKE North of a line from Sucker Brook to the island	Salisbury/Leicester	Addison	5	9	9	985	St	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
DUNMORE, LAKE South of a line from Sucker Brook to the island	Salisbury/Leicester	Addison	2	10	9	985	St	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
EAST LONG POND	Woodbury	Washington	5	6	7	188	Pf		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
ECHO LAKE	Charleston	Orleans	5	9	3	550	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10" 									
ECHO LAKE	Plymouth	Windsor	2	10	13	104	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
ECHO LAKE (Keeler Pond)	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	8	9	54		E	Y	

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EDEN LAKE	Eden	Lamoille	2	10	2	194	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
ELLIGO, LAKE	Craftsbury/Greensboro	Orleans	2	10	3	174	St	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
ELMORE LAKE	Elmore	Lamoille	2	8	6	219	St	E	Y	Others
EMERALD LAKE	Dorset	Bennington	2	8	12	28	Sf		N	5mph
EWELL POND	Peacham	Caledonia	5	6	7	51	St		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) 									
FAIRFIELD POND	Fairfield	Franklin	2	8	1	446	Sud	E	Y	
FAIRFIELD SWAMP POND	Swanton	Franklin	2	8	1	152	Sc	E	Y	5mph
FAIRLEE, LAKE	Thetford/Fairlee/W. Fairlee	Orange	2	10	11	457	St	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
FERN LAKE	Leicester	Addison	2	8	9	69	Mc		Y	5mph
FLAGG POND	Wheelock	Caledonia	2	8	3	111	Sud		N	5mph
FOREST LAKE	Averill	Essex	5	6	4	62			Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
FOREST LAKE (Nelson Pond)	Calais/Woodbury	Washington	5	9	7	133	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
FOSTERS POND	Peacham	Caledonia	2	8	7	61	St		Y	5mph
FRANKLIN POND (Lake Carmi)	Franklin	Franklin	2	8	2	1402	St	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WALLEYE: Open Season: 1st Saturday in May to March 15th, Length Limit: Minimum length 15", 17" to 19" protected slot (all walleye between 17" to 19" must be released), Daily Limit: 5 fish with only 1 over 19 inches 									
GALE MEADOWS POND	Londonderry	Windham	2	8	13	195	St	E	Y	5mph
GATES POND	Whitingham	Windham	2	8	14	30			N	5mph
GILLETT POND	Richmond	Chittenden	2	8	5	30			N	5mph
GLEN LAKE	Castleton/Fair Haven/Benson	Rutland	2	10	9	206	Sf	E	Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
GOSHEN DAM (Sugar Hill Reservoir)	Goshen	Addison	5	6	9	63			Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from 2nd Saturday April to Oct. 31 Closed to ice fishing 									
GREAT HOSMER POND	Craftsbury/Albany	Orleans	2	8	3	140	Mt	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
GREEN RIVER RESERVOIR	Hyde Park	Lamoille	2	8	2	554	Sc		N	5mph
GREENWOOD LAKE	Woodbury	Washington	2	8	7	78	St		Y	Others
GREAT AVERILL LAKE	Norton/Averill	Essex	5	9	4	828	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limits) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									

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GRIFFITH LAKE	Mt. Tabor	Rutland	5	6	12	15				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
GRIGGS POND	Albany	Orleans	2	8	3	6				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
GROTON LAKE	Groton	Caledonia	2	8	7	414	Sr		Y	
GROUT POND	Stratton	Windham	2	8	14	84	Gc		N	5mph
HALF MOON POND	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	8	9	23	Sc		N	5mph
HALFMOON POND	Fletcher	Franklin	2	8	2	21			Y	5mph
HALFWAY POND	Norton	Essex	2	8	4	22	Sf		N	5mph
HALLS LAKE	Newbury	Orange	2	8	7	85	Mt	E, V	Y	Others
HANCOCK LAKE (Sucker Pond)	Stamford	Bennington	2	8	14	51	Mf		N	5mph
HAPGOOD POND	Peru	Bennington	5	6	14	8				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
HARDWICK LAKE	Hardwick	Caledonia	2	8	7	145	Sc		N	5mph
HARDWOOD POND	Elmore	Lamoille	2	8	6	44			N	5mph
HARRIMAN POND	Newbury	Orange	2	8	7	20			N	5mph
HARRIMAN RESERVOIR	Whitingham/ Wilmington	Windham	2	10	14	2040	Ut		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
HARTWELL POND	Albany	Orleans	5	6	3	16	Pf			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
HARVEYS LAKE	Barnet	Caledonia	2	10	7	351	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
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HIGH POND	Sudbury	Rutland	2	8	9	20			N	5mph
HINKUM POND	Sudbury	Rutland	2	8	9	60		E	N	5mph
HOLLAND POND	Holland	Orleans	5	6	4	325	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
HORSE POND	Greensboro	Orleans	2	8	3	32	Sc		Y	5mph
	Hubbardton/Sudbury	Rutland	2	10	9	479	St	E	Y	
HORTONIA, LAKE (Horton Pond)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
INDIAN BROOK RESERVOIR	Essex	Chittenden	2	8	5	50	Mc	E	N	5mph
INMAN POND	Fair Haven	Rutland	2	8	9	85			N	5mph
ISLAND POND	Brighton	Essex	2	10	4	626	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
JACKSONVILLE POND	Whitingham	Windham	2	8	15	20			N	5mph
	Westmore	Orleans	5	6	3	39	St		Y	5mph
JOBS POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited BROOK TROUT: Length Limit: 12" to 15" inches protected slot (all fish 12" to 15" must be released), Daily limit: 2 brook trout only 1 greater than 15 inches 									
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JOES POND	Cabot/Danville	Washington/ Caledonia	2	10	7	396	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									

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JOHNSON POND	Orwell	Rutland	2	8	9	20			N	5mph
KEISER POND	Danville	Caledonia	2	8	7	33	St		Y	5mph
KENNY POND	Newfane	Windham	2	8	15	26			N	5mph
KENT POND	Killington	Rutland	2	8	10	99	St	E	Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ LARGEMOUTH BASS: Length Limit: No minimum length. 10" to 12" protected slot (<i>all bass 10" to 12" must be released</i>), Daily Limit: 10 bass, only 1 greater than 12 inches 									
KETTLE POND	Groton	Caledonia	2	8	7	109	Sf		Y	5mph
KIDDER POND	Irasburg	Orleans	2	8	3	16				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
KNAPP BROOK POND NO. 1	Cavendish/Reading	Windsor	5	6	13	25	St		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) 									
KNAPP BROOK POND NO. 2	Cavendish/Reading	Windsor	5	6	13	35	St		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (<i>see table for regulations on specific species</i>) 									
LAKE ABENAKI	Thetford	Orange	2	8	11	44			N	5mph
LAKE IROQUOIS	Hinesburg	Chittenden	2	8	5	243	St	E	Y	
LAMOILLE LAKE	Morristown	Lamoille	2	8	2	148			Y	
LAMSON POND	Brookfield		2	8	10	24			N	5mph
LEFFERTS POND	Chittenden	Rutland	2	8	10	55			N	5mph
LEVI POND	Groton		5	6	7	22	Sf		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) 									
LEWIS POND	Lewis	Essex	5	6	4	68	Gc		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) ■ Use of fish (<i>alive or dead</i>) as bait is prohibited 									
LILY POND	Londonderry	Windham	2	8	13	21			N	5mph
LILY POND	Vernon	Windham	2	8	15	41			N	5mph
LITTLE AVERILL LAKE	Averill	Essex	5	9	4	467	Pt		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ■ LAKE TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum Length 20" ■ LEGAL METHOD: Angling with not more than 1 line, Ice Fishing with not more than 4 lines ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate, of which only 1 may be a lake trout ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15, Ice Fishing with not more than 4 lines 									
LITTLE ELMORE POND	Elmore	Lamoille	5	6	6	24	Pc		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (<i>see table for regulations on specific species</i>) 									
LITTLE HOSMER POND	Craftsbury	Orleans	2	8	3	180	St		Y	Others
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
LITTLE MUD POND	Winhall	Bennington	2	8	12	21				
LITTLE POND	Franklin	Franklin	2	8	2	95			N	5mph
LITTLE ROCK POND	Wallingford	Rutland	5	6	12	18				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (<i>see table for regulations on specific species</i>) ■ Use of fish (<i>alive or dead</i>) as bait is prohibited 									
LITTLE SALEM LAKE	Derby	Orleans	2	10	3	--	Sc		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (<i>see below and table for regulations on specific species</i>) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
LITTLE WHEELER POND	Brunswick	Essex	2	8	4	8	Sud			
LONG POND (Belvidere Pond)	Eden	Lamoille	2	8	2	97	Pc	E	N	5mph
LONG POND	Greensboro	Orleans	2	8	3	100	Sc		N	5mph
LONG POND	Milton	Chittenden	2	8	1	47	Pf		N	5mph
LONG POND	Newbury	Orange	5	6	7	15				
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LONG POND	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	8	3	38			N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
LONG POND	Westmore	Orleans	5	6	3	90	St		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
LOVES MARSH	Castleton	Rutland	2	8	9	62			N	5mph
LOWELL LAKE	Londonderry	Windham	2	8	13	109	Sc		N	5mph
LOWER POND (Lake Sunset)	Hinesburg	Chittenden	2	8	5	58		E	Y	5mph
LOWER SYMES POND	Ryegate	Caledonia	2	8	7	57	Sud		Y	5mph
LYFORD POND	Walden	Caledonia	2	8	7	33	Sc		Y	5mph
MACKVILLE POND	Hardwick	Caledonia	2	8	7	12				
MADELEINE LAKE	Sandgate	Bennington	2	8	14	20			Y	5mph
MAIDSTONE LAKE	Maidstone	Essex	5	9	4	745	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
MARL POND	Sutton	Caledonia	5	6	3	10	Sc			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
MARSHFIELD DAM (Mollys Falls Reservoir)	Cabot	Washington	2	10	7	397	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
MARTINS POND	Peacham	Caledonia	5	6	7	82	St		Y	Others
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited BROOK TROUT: Length Limit: 12" to 15" inches protected slot (all fish 12" to 15" must be released), Daily limit: 2 brook trout only 1 greater than 15 inches 									
MAY POND	Barton	Orleans	5	6	3	116	St		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
MCALLISTER POND	Lowell	Orleans	2	8	2	25			N	5mph
MCCONNELL POND	Brighton	Essex	2	8	4	87	Sf		N	5mph
MCINTOSH POND	Royalton	Windsor	5	6	10	23	St		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
MEMPHREMAGOG, LAKE (including South Bay and the connecting waters)	Newport/Derby/Coventry	Orleans	2	10	3	5966	St	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10" 									
MENDON BEAVER POND	Mendon	Rutland	2	8	10	6	Sc			
METCALF POND	Fletcher	Franklin	2	8	2	81	Mc	E	Y	
MILE POND	Ferdinand	Essex	2	8	4	26			N	5mph
MILES POND	Concord	Essex	2	10	8	215	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
MILL POND (Kennedys Pond)	Windsor	Windsor	2	8	13	77	Mt	E	N	5mph
MILL POND (Parsons Mill Pond)	Benson	Rutland	2	8	9	39		E, W	N	5mph

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MILLER POND	Strafford	Orange	2	8	11	64	St		Y	5mph
MILTON POND	Milton	Chittenden	2	8	1	24			N	Others
MIRROR LAKE (No. 10 Pond)	Calais	Washington	2	8	7	85	St		Y	Others
MOLLYS FALLS RESERVOIR (Marshfield Dam)	Cabot	Washington	2	10	7	397	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
MOLLYS POND	Cabot	Washington	2	8	7	38	Pf		N	5mph
MOORE DAM RESERVOIR (CT River)	Waterford	Caledonia	4		8	1235	Ut			
	Fairlee	Orange	2	10	11	547	St	E	Y	
MOREY, LAKE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 LARGEMOUTH BASS: Minimum Length 14", Bag limit 5 bass 									
MUD CREEK POND	Alburgh	Grand Isle	2	8	1	333			N	5mph
	Craftsbury	Orleans	2	8	3	35			N	5mph
MUD POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
MUD POND	Granby	Essex	2	8	4	55			N	5mph
MUD POND	Hyde Park	Lamoille	5	6	2	14			N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
MUD POND	Irasburg	Orleans	2	8	3	5				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
MUD POND	Leicester	Addison	2	8	9	23			N	5mph
MUD POND	Morgan	Orleans	2	8	3	35	Pf		N	5mph
MUD POND	Peacham	Caledonia	2	8	7	34			N	5mph
	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	8	3	5				
MUD POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
MUD POND (Forsythie Pond)	Thetford	Orange	2	8	11	20			N	5mph
MUDD POND	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	8	9	20			N	5mph
NEAL POND	Lunenburg	Essex	2	8	8	185	St		Y	
	Calais/Woodbury	Washington	5	9	7	133	St		Y	
NELSON POND (Forest Lake)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
	Newark	Caledonia	2	10	3	153	St		Y	
NEWARK POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
	Woodbury	Washington	5	6	7	171	Pc		Y	5mph
NICHOLS POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
NINEVAH LAKE	Mount Holly	Rutland	2	8	13	171	St		Y	5mph
NORFORD LAKE	Thetford	Orange	2	8	11	21			N	5mph
NORTHEAST DEVELOPERS POND	Wells	Rutland	2	8	12	27			Y	5mph
NORTH HARTLAND RESERVOIR	Hartland	Windsor	2	8	11	215	Gt	E	Y	
NORTH MONTPELIER POND	East Montpelier	Washington	2	8	7	72	Sc	E	Y	5mph

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NORTH SPRINGFIELD RESERVOIR	Springfield	Windsor	2	8	13	290	Gt	E	Y	5mph
NORTH POND	Brookfield	Orange	2	8	10	24			N	5mph
NORTH POND	Chittenden	Rutland	5	6					Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
NORTH POND	Whitingham	Windham	2	8	14	20			N	5mph
NORTON BROOK RESERVOIR	Bristol	Addison	2	8	5	--				
NORTON POND	Norton/Warrens Gore	Essex	5	9	4	583	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see table for daily and length Limit) 									
NOTCH POND	Ferdinand	Essex	5	6	4	22	Pf		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
NOYES POND (Seyon Pond)	Groton	Caledonia	5	6	7	39	Sr		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALL SPECIES: Open Season: Second Saturday in April to last Sunday in October, between 6:00 a.m. and one hour after sunset. Access to waters controlled by Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, Legal Method: Angling, by fly casting or trolling with a fly rod and reel, using artificial flies with a single hook without a barb or with the barb crimped down or filed off, only from boats rented from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (<i>Shore and tributary fishing are prohibited</i>). 									
NULHEGAN POND	Brighton	Essex	2	8	4	37	Pf		N	5mph
OLD MARSH POND	Fair Haven	Rutland	2	8	9	131			N	5mph
OSMORE POND	Peacham	Caledonia	2	8	7	48	Sf		N	5mph
PAGE POND	Albany	Orleans	2	8	3	16				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
PARAN LAKE	Bennington	Bennington	2	8	14	40	St	E, W	N	No Boat Motors
PARKER, LAKE	Glover	Orleans	2	10	3	250	St	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
PATCH POND	Rutland City	Rutland	2	8	9	20			N	5mph
PAUL STREAM POND	Brunswick	Essex	2	8	4	20	Sf		N	5mph
PEACHAM POND	Peacham	Caledonia	5	9	7	340	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see table for daily and length Limit) 									
PENSIONER POND	Charleston	Orleans	2	10	3	173	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
PERCH POND	Benson	Rutland	2	8	9	24	Sc		N	5mph
PERCH POND (Zack Woods Pond)	Hyde Park/Wolcott		5	6	2	30	Sc		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
PIGEON POND	Groton	Caledonia	5	6	7	69			Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
PINE POND	Castleton	Rutland	2	8	9	40			N	5mph
PINNEO LAKE	Hartford	Windsor	2	8	11	50			N	5mph
POTTERS POND	Albany	Orleans	2	8	3	5				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
RAPONDA LAKE	Wilmington	Windham	2	8	15	121	St		Y	
READING POND	Reading	Windsor	2	8	13	22			N	5mph
RED MILL POND	Woodford	Bennington	5	6	14	7	Sc			
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RESCUE LAKE	Ludlow	Windsor	2	10	13	180	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
RESERVOIR POND (Lake Pauline)	Ludlow	Windsor	2	8	13	32			Y	5mph
RICHMOND POND	Richmond	Chittenden	2	8	6	24			N	5mph
RICHVILLE POND	Shoreham	Addison	2	8	9	129	Sc	E, W	Y	5mph
RICKER POND	Groton	Caledonia	2	8	7	92	Sc		Y	
ROACH POND	Hubbardton	Rutland	2	8	9	20			N	5mph
ROOD POND	Williamstown/ Brookfield	Orange	2	8	6	23	St		Y	5mph
ROUND POND	Holland	Orleans	2	8	3	14			N	5mph
ROUND POND	Milton	Chittenden	2	8	1	22			N	5mph
ROUND POND	Newbury	Orange	2	8	7	30	Sf	E	N	5mph
ROUND POND	Sheffield	Caledonia	2	8	3	13				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
RUNNEMEDE LAKE (Everts Pond)	Windsor	Windsor	2	8	13	62			N	No Boating or Swimming
SABIN POND (Woodbury Lake)	Calais/Woodbury	Washington	2	10	7	142	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
SADAWGA POND	Whitingham	Windham	2	8	14	194	St	E	Y	
SALEM LAKE (Big Salem Lake)	Derby	Orleans	2	10	3	764	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ Catch and Release for salmon between Oct. 1 and Oct. 31 ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
	Coventry	Orleans	2	8	3	6	Pf			
SARGENT POND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
SCHOFIELD POND	Hyde Park	Lamoille	2	8	2	29			N	5mph
SEARSBURG RESERVOIR	Searsburg	Bennington	2	8	14	25			N	5mph
SEYMOUR LAKE	Morgan/ Charleston	Orleans	5	9	3	1769	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ■ LAKE TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum Length 20" ■ LEGAL METHOD: Angling with not more than 1 line, Ice Fishing with not more than 4 lines ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate, of which only 1 may be a lake trout ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15, Ice Fishing with not more than 4 lines 									
	Groton	Caledonia	5	6	7	39			N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ ALL SPECIES: Open Season: second Saturday in April to last Sunday in October, between 6:00 a.m. and one hour after sunset. Access to waters controlled by Department of Forests, Parks & Recreation, Legal Method: Angling, by fly casting or trolling with a fly rod and reel, using artificial flies with a single hook without a barb or with the barb crimped down or filed off, only from boats rented from the Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation (<i>Shore and tributary fishing are prohibited</i>). 									
SHADOW LAKE	Concord	Essex	2	8	8	128	St		Y	
SHADOW LAKE	Glover	Orleans	5	9	3	210	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ■ ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length limit) ■ BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate ■ LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									

Lakes & Ponds	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Lake Area (acres)	Access ¹	Aquatic Nuisance Species ²	Internal Combustion Boat Motors Allowed ³	Other Boating Restrictions
SHAFTSBURY LAKE	Shaftsbury	Bennington	2	8	14	27			N	5mph
SHELBURNE POND	Shelburne	Chittenden	2	8	5	452	St	E	Y	
SHERMAN RESERVOIR	Whitingham	Windham	2	8	14	160	Ut		Y	
SHIPPEE POND	Whitingham	Windham	2	8	14	24			N	5mph
SHREWSBURY POND (Spring Lake)	Shrewsbury	Rutland	5	6	12	66			N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
SILVER LAKE	Barnard	Windsor	2	8	10	84	Scr		Y	Others
SILVER LAKE	Georgia	Franklin	2	8	1	27	Scr		n	Others
SILVER LAKE	Leicester	Addison	5	6	9	101	Sc		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
SMITH POND	Newport	Orleans	2	8	9	8				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
SMITH POND	Pittsford	Rutland	2	8	3	6				
SODOM POND	East Montpelier	Washington	2	8	6	21			N	5mph
SOMERSET RESERVOIR	Somerset/Stratton	Windham	2	10	14	1568	Ut		Y	Others
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
SOUTH AMERICA POND	Ferdinand	Essex	5	6	4	29	Pf		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
SOUTH POND	Eden	Lamoille	2	8	2	103			Y	
SOUTH POND	Marlboro	Windham	5	6	15	68	St		N	No Boat Motors
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 									
SOUTH STREAM POND	Pownal	Bennington	2	8	14	24	St		Y	5mph
SPECTACLE POND	Brighton	Essex	2	8	4	103	St		Y	
SPRING LAKE (Shrewsbury Pond)	Shrewsbury	Rutland	5	6	12	66			N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
SPRUCE POND	Orwell	Rutland	2	8	9	25			N	5mph
STANNARD POND	Stannard	Caledonia	5	6	7	25	Sf		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
STAR LAKE	Mount Holly	Rutland	2	8	13	63	Mt	E	Y	5mph
ST. CATHERINE LAKE (including Lilly Pond and Little Lake)	Wells/Poultney	Rutland	2	10	12	904	St	E, W, LBV, A	Y	Others
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
STERLING POND	Cambridge	Lamoille	5	6	2	8				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
STEVENS POND	Maidstone	Essex	2	8	4	26			N	5mph
STILES POND	Waterford	Caledonia	2	8	8	135	Sud		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LARGEMOUTH & SMALLMOUTH BASS: Catch & Immediate Release Only YELLOW PERCH: Daily Limit: 10 Perch 									
STOUGHTON POND	Weathersfield	Windsor	5	6	13	56	Gt		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
STRATTON POND	Stratton	Windham	5	6	12	46			N	No Boat Motors
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
SUGAR HILL RESERVOIR (Goshen Dam)	Goshen	Addison	5	6	9	63	Uf		Y	5mph
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 										

Lakes & Ponds	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Lake Area (acres)	Access ¹	Aquatic Nuisance Species ²	Internal Combustion Boat Motors Allowed ³	Other Boating Restrictions
SUGAR HOLLOW POND	Pittsford	Rutland	2	8	9	21	Uf		N	5mph
SUNRISE LAKE	Benson	Rutland	2	8	9	57	Pc	E	Y	5mph
SUNSET LAKE	Benson/Orwell	Rutland	5	9	9	202	Sud	E	Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate 									
SUNSET LAKE	Brookfield	Orange	2	8	10	25	Pc		N	5mph
SUNSET LAKE	Marlboro	Windham	2	8	15	96	Mc		N	Others
SWEENEY POND	Glover	Orleans	2	8	3	9				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
SWEET POND	Guilford	Windham	2	8	15	20			N	5mph
TILDYS POND (Clark Pond)	Glover	Orleans	2	8	3	33			Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
THOMPSONS POND	Pownal	Bennington	2	8	14	28			N	5mph
TICKLENAKED POND	Ryegate	Caledonia	2	8	7	54	St		Y	5mph
TINY POND	Ludlow	Windsor	2	8	13	29			Y	5mph
TOAD POND	Charleston	Orleans	2	8	3	22			N	5mph
TOWNSHEND RESERVOIR	Townshend	Windham	2	8	15	108	Gt		Y	5mph
TURTLE POND	Holland	Essex	2	8	4	27	Sf		N	5mph
TURTLEHEAD POND	Marshfield	Washington	2	8	7	69				
TUTTLE POND	Hardwick	Caledonia	2	8	7	21			N	5mph
UNKNOWN POND	Avery's Gore	Essex	5	6	4	19	Sf			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
UNKNOWN POND	Ferdinand	Essex	5	6	4	12	Sf			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) Use of fish (alive or dead) as bait is prohibited 									
UPPER SYMES POND	Ryegate	Caledonia	2	8	7	20	Sf		N	5mph
VAIL POND (Big Fish Pond)	Sutton	Caledonia	5	6	3	16	Sud			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
VALLEY LAKE (Dog Pond)	Woodbury	Washington	2	8	7	88	Sc		Y	Others
VERNON HATCHERY POND	Vernon	Windham	5	6						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									
WALKER POND	Coventry	Orleans	2	8	3	18				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
WALLACE POND	Canaan	Essex	2	10	4	532	St			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
WALLINGFORD POND	Wallingford	Rutland	2	8	12	87	Gf		N	5mph
WANTASTIQUET POND	Weston	Windsor	2	8	13	44			N	5mph
WAPANACKI LAKE	Wolcott	Lamoille	2	8	3	21			N	5mph
WARDEN POND	Barnet	Caledonia	2	8	7	46			Y	5mph
WATERBURY RESERVOIR	Waterbury/Stowe	Washington Lamoille	2	10	6	839	St		Y	Others
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
WEATHERHEAD HOLLOW	Guilford	Windham	2	8	15	33	St		Y	5mph
WEST HILL POND	Cabot	Washington	2	8	7	46	Sud		N	5mph
WEST MT. POND	Maidstone	Essex	5	6	4	60	Sc		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									

Lakes & Ponds	Town	County	Table	Ice Fishing Table	Map	Lake Area (acres)	Access ¹	Aquatic Nuisance Species ²	Internal Combustion Boat Motors Allowed ³	Other Boating Restrictions
WHEELER POND	Barton/Caledonia	Orleans	5	6	3	15	Sc		Y	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see below and table for regulations on specific species) LANDLOCKED SALMON: Minimum Length 17" 									
WHEELER POND	Brunswick	Essex	2	8	4	66	Sud			
	Westmore	Orleans	5	9	3	1653	St	E	Y	
WILLOUGHBY, LAKE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 and third Saturday in January to March 15 ALL SPECIES: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 (see below and table for daily and length Limit) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT AND LANDLOCKED SALMON: Daily Limit: Total of brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, lake trout and landlocked salmon must not be more than 2 in aggregate RAINBOW TROUT AND BROWN TROUT: Length Limit: Minimum length 10" 									
	Winoona Lake (Bristol Pond)	Bristol	Addison	2	8	5	248	St	E	Y
WOLCOTT POND	Wolcott	Lamoille	2	8	3	74	St		Y	5mph
WOODBURY LAKE (Sabin Pond)	Calais/Woodbury	Washington	2	10	7	142	St		Y	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to fishing year-round (see below and table for regulations on specific species) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW AND LAKE TROUT, LANDLOCKED SALMON, AND LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS: Ice Fishing Open Season: Third Saturday in January to March 15 									
WOODWARD RESERVOIR	Plymouth	Windsor	2	8	13	106	St		Y	5mph
WORCESTER POND, LOWER	Worcester	Washington	2	8	6	35			N	5mph
WRIGHTSVILLE RESERVOIR	East Montpelier	Washington	2	8	6	190			Y	Others
ZACK WOODS POND (Perch Pond)	Hyde Park/Wolcott	Lamoille	5	6	2	30	Sc		N	5mph
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only open to fishing from second Saturday April to Oct. 31 (see table for regulations on specific species) 									



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Tables

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

TABLE 1: General Fishing Regulations for Rivers, Streams, Associated Beaver Ponds and Unnamed Impoundments

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
AMERICAN SHAD		0	Catch & release angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON		0		No open season
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 12 Total of brown + rainbows = no more than 6	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LAKE STURGEON		0		No open season
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON	15"		Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS	None	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
MUSKELLUNGE		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
SAUGER		0		No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Angling	1st Sat. in May to Oct. 31
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31

TABLE 2: General Fishing Regulations for Lakes, Ponds, Impoundments, Reservoirs, and Particular Rivers and Streams

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
AMERICAN SHAD		0	Catch & release angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON		0		No open season
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbows = no more than 6	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
CARP, SUCKERS, BOWFIN, MULLET (Redhorse), GAR	None	None	Angling, Bow w/ arrow attached to line, Ice fishing	All year
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
LAKE STURGEON		0		No open season
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON	15"		Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Catch and Release Season)	None	0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	Dec. 1st to Fri. before 2nd Sat. in June
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Regular Season)	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Angling	2nd Sat. in June To Nov. 30
MUSKELLUNGE		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	All year
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
SAUGER		0		No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Angling, Ice fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Angling, Ice fishing	All year

TABLES

TABLE 3: General Fishing Regulations for Lake Champlain includes the setbacks at the same water level and the lower portion of its tributaries as defined on page 60. Spawning waters are not included.

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
BROOK TROUT AND BROWN TROUT AND RAINBOW TROUT	12"	Total of brook + brown + rainbows = no more than 3	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
CARP, SUCKERS, BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR, BULLHEAD, SHAD,	None	None	Angling, Bow w/arrow attached to line, Ice fishing	All year
			Shooting, spearing	March 25 to May 25
CHAIN PICKEREL	None	10	Shooting, spearing	March 25 to May 25
			Angling, Ice fishing	All year
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
LAKE STURGEON		0		No open season
LAKE TROUT	15"	3	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON	15"	2	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Catch and Release Season)		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	Dec. 1st to Fri. before 2nd Sat. in June
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Regular Season)	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Angling	2nd Sat. in June to Nov. 30
MUSKELLUNGE		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	All year
			Shooting, spearing	March 25 to May 25
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
SAUGER		0		No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Angling, Ice fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
YELLOW PERCH	None	None	Angling, Ice fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Angling, Ice fishing	All year

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TABLE 4: General Fishing Regulations for the Connecticut River for that portion of the river between New Hampshire and Vermont, "Connecticut River" means all waters of the river including the bays, setbacks and tributaries, only to the first highway bridge crossing said tributaries on the Vermont and New Hampshire sides.

LICENSES: All New Hampshire- and Vermont-resident fishing licenses are valid for the taking of fish from the Connecticut River as defined above. All other nonresidents with a New Hampshire nonresident fishing license shall only take fish east of the Vermont low-water mark while on the Connecticut River.

SEASON: Open to fishing all year, except no fishing Oct. 16–Dec. 31 from the confluence of the Upper Ammonoosuc River and the Connecticut River in Northumberland, New Hampshire, to the northern boundary of the town of Canaan, Vermont.

DEVICES: No more than 6 ice fishing devices shall be used to take fish while ice fishing. When fishing in open water, no more than 2 lines may be used.

Lead sinkers and lead jigs one ounce or less, regardless of length, are prohibited.

	SPECIES RULES The rules below apply during the open season for fishing.
AMERICAN SHAD	■ Catch and release only.
ATLANTIC SALMON	■ No open season for Atlantic salmon until declared by the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission.
BROOK, BROWN and RAINBOW TROUT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The season for taking brook, brown or rainbow trout by all legal methods shall open on Jan. 1 and close Oct. 15. ■ Through open water the daily limit is 5 fish or 5 pounds (whichever limit is first reached), except the daily limit is 1 fish from the Samuel Moore Dam downstream to the Route 18 bridge. ■ Through the ice the daily limit is 2 fish, except the daily limit is 1 fish from the Samuel Moore Dam downstream to the Route 18 bridge.
BLACK BASS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The daily bag limit for black bass from Jan. 1 to March 31 is 2 fish, of which only 1 bass may be greater than 16 inches. The daily limit for black bass from April 1 to May 14 and June 16 to June 30 is 2 fish. ■ Between May 15 and June 15, all black bass shall be immediately released unharmed, at the site of catch, to the waters from which taken. ■ The daily limit for black bass from July 1 through Dec. 31 is 5 fish. ■ During the period beginning May 15 and ending June 15, black bass shall be taken only by artificial lures and flies.
CARP	■ May be taken by any legal method and by bow and arrow with cord attached, in that part of the river beginning at the point on the northern boundary of Grafton County in New Hampshire which is directly opposite the town of Concord, Vermont, south to the Massachusetts border.
HORNED POUT	■ The daily limit is 25 fish.
NORTHERN PIKE	■ The daily limit is 1 fish; minimum total length 28 inches.
PICKEREL	■ The daily limit is 10 fish.
WALLEYE (Pike Perch)	■ No person shall take walleye 16 to 18 inches; the daily limit is 4 fish, of which only 1 can be larger than 18 inches.
RIVER HERRING	■ Closed to the taking of alewives and blueback herring
OTHER SPECIES OF FISH	■ The daily limit for black crappie, white perch, yellow perch and sunfish is 25 fish for each species. The daily aggregate possession limit is 50 fish for all listed species, including horned pout.
SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ From the Murphy Dam in Pittsburg, New Hampshire, downstream to the highway bridge that crosses the river from West Stewartstown, New Hampshire, to Canaan, Vermont: From Jan. 1 to the fourth Saturday in April, catch and release only with barbless lures and flies. ■ From a point 1,600 feet upstream from the bridge in North Stratford upstream to a point 250 feet below the Lyman Falls Dam in North Stratford, and marked by a sign, the following restrictions shall apply: ■ Fishing shall be permitted by artificial lures and flies only. All lures and flies shall have barbless hooks or shall have all barbs pinched so they will not interfere with removal of the hook from the fish. All fish are to be immediately released unharmed. 	
FISHWAYS CLOSED	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ VERNON DAM in Vernon, Vermont, and Hinsdale, New Hampshire, shall be closed to all fishing to a point 150 feet below the dam. ■ WILDER DAM in Wilder, Vermont, and Lebanon, New Hampshire, shall be closed to all fishing to a point 150 feet below the dam. 	



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- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

TABLE 5: General Fishing Regulations for Certain Lakes and Ponds Listed in Index of Lakes & Ponds

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
AMERICAN SHAD		0	Catch & Release Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON		0		No open season
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbows = no more than 6	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LAKE STURGEON		0		No open season
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LANDLOCKED ATLANTIC SALMON	15"		Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Catch and Release Season)		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	2nd Sat. in April to Fri. before 2nd Sat. in June
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS (Regular Season)	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Angling	2nd Sat. in June to Oct. 31
MUSKELLUNGE		0	Catch & release angling w/ artificial lures & flies only	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
SAUGER		0		No open season
WALLEYE	18"	3	Angling	1st Sat. in May to Oct. 31
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Angling	2nd Sat. in April to Oct. 31

TABLE 6: Closed to Ice Fishing

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
ALL FISH SPECIES	NA	Closed	Closed	Closed to Ice Fishing

TABLE 7: Lake Champlain Ice Fishing Regulations

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0	NA	No open season
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	12	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 3	Ice Fishing	All year
LAKE TROUT	15	3	Ice Fishing	All year
LANDLOCKED SALMON	15	2	Ice Fishing	All year
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS	None	0	Ice Fishing	Closed
WALLEYE	18	3	Ice Fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
NORTHERN PIKE	20	5	Ice Fishing	All year
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Ice Fishing	Closed
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Ice Fishing	All year
YELLOW PERCH	None	None	Ice Fishing	All year
CRAPPIE	8	25	Ice Fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Ice Fishing	All year
CARP, SUCKERS, BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	None	None	Ice fishing	All Year
CHAIN PICKEREL	None	10	Ice Fishing	All year
SAUGER		0	NA	No open season



TABLE 8: Ice Fishing Regulations

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	NA	0	NA	No open season
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0	NA	No open season
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	NA	0	Ice Fishing	Closed
LAKE TROUT	NA	0	Ice Fishing	Closed
LANDLOCKED SALMON	NA	0	Ice Fishing	Closed
AMERICAN SHAD	NA	0	Ice Fishing	Closed
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS	NA	0	Ice Fishing	Closed
WALLEYE	18"	3	Ice Fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Ice Fishing	All year
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Ice Fishing	Closed
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Ice Fishing	All year
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Ice Fishing	All year
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Ice Fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Ice Fishing	All year
CARP, SUCKERS, BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	None	None	Ice fishing	All Year
SAUGER		0	NA	No open season

TABLE 9: Ice Fishing Regulations

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	NA	0	NA	No open season
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0	NA	No open season
BROOK TROUT and BROWN TROUT and RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 6	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
LAKE TROUT	18	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
LANDLOCKED SALMON	15	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
AMERICAN SHAD		0	Ice Fishing	Closed
LARGEMOUTH and SMALLMOUTH BASS	10	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
WALLEYE	18	3	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
NORTHERN PIKE	20	5	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Ice Fishing	Closed
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
CRAPPIE	8	25	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
SAUGER		0	NA	No open season

TABLE 10: Ice Fishing Regulations

Species	Length Rules	Daily Limit	Legal Methods	Open Seasons
ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON	NA	0	NA	No open season
LAKE STURGEON	NA	0	NA	No open season
BROOK TROUT AND BROWN TROUT AND RAINBOW TROUT	None	Total of brook + brown + rainbow = no more than 6	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
LAKE TROUT	18"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
LANDLOCKED SALMON	15"	Total of lake trout + landlocked salmon = no more than 2	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
AMERICAN SHAD		0	Catch & Release angling	Closed
LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS	10"	Total of largemouth + smallmouth = no more than 5	Ice Fishing	3rd Sat. in Jan to March 15
WALLEYE	18"	3	Ice Fishing	1st Sat. in May to March 15
NORTHERN PIKE	20"	5	Ice Fishing	All year
MUSKELLUNGE	NA	0	Ice Fishing	Closed
RAINBOW SMELT	None	None	Ice Fishing	All year
YELLOW PERCH	None	50	Ice Fishing	All year
CRAPPIE	8"	25	Ice Fishing	All year
ALL OTHER SPECIES	None	None	Ice Fishing	All year
CARP, SUCKERS, BOWFIN, MULLET (REDHORSE), GAR	None	None	Ice fishing	All Year
SAUGER		0	NA	No open season

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