

## **How to find fishing regulations for waters in this county.**

1. Determine the waterbody you are going to fish.
2. Review the Statewide General Law Fishing Regulation Section.
3. Review the Southern and Eastern County Fishing Rules Section.
4. Review the list of waterbodies in the County that have special regulations (S-Codes or written).
  - a. If the waterbody you are going to fish is listed the special rules take the place of the standard regulations for those items listed (i.e. season, daily limits, etc.)
  - b. If the waterbody you are going to fish is not listed then Statewide General Law and Southern and Eastern County Regulations Apply.

## FISHING RULES FOR THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN COUNTIES

(Androscoggin, Cumberland, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford south of the Androscoggin River, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, and York)

### Lakes and Ponds:

- From January 1 - December 31: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, open to all fishing (includes both ice and open water fishing).
- From January 1 - September 30: Unless indicated otherwise under the appropriate county, general law length and bag limits apply to all fish caught while open water fishing or ice fishing (see page 5).
- From October 1 - December 31: Unless indicated otherwise under the appropriate county, all trout, landlocked salmon, and togue caught while open water fishing or ice fishing must be released alive at once.

### Brooks, Streams and Rivers:

- From April 1 - August 15: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, open to open water fishing under general law fishing provisions (see page 5).
- From August 16 - September 30: Fishing in brooks, streams and rivers is restricted to the use of artificial lures or flies only, and the combined total daily bag limit for trout, landlocked salmon, and togue is 1 fish.
- From October 1 - March 31: Unless otherwise indicated under the appropriate county, brooks, streams and rivers are closed to all fishing. Any open to open water fishing or ice fishing between October 1 and March 31 will be indicated under the appropriate county.

Unless indicated otherwise under the appropriate county, on lakes and ponds in the Southern and Eastern counties the daily bag limit on trout is 2 fish.

Many waters have special rules that differ from the general law provisions. Check the list of individual waters under each county. If the water you wish to fish appears in that list, the letter codes will direct you to the special rule(s) which are in effect that differ from general law or the provisions for Maine's Southern and Eastern counties. The meanings of the letter codes are as follows:

- A:** Open to ice fishing and open water fishing for all fish from December 1 - April 30.
- B:** Closed to ice fishing until January 1, then open to ice fishing and open water fishing from January 1 - March 31.
- CI:** Closed to ice fishing.
- CO:** Closed to open water fishing from October 1 - March 31.
- S:** Special rule(s) in effect - Special Rules (S-codes) are listed on page 7.  
(Note: Special rules may restrict the general law fishing provisions.)

# General Law

General Law applies unless otherwise specified. Please refer to individual waters for more detail.

## SEASONS

- For Southern and Eastern Counties, see page 16
- For Western and Northern Counties, see page 44

## LANDLOCKED SALMON, TROUT, TOGUE (LAKE TROUT)

DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMITS:	MINIMUM LEGAL LENGTHS		
	Lakes & Ponds	Rivers, Brooks, Streams	
5 Brook Trout <sup>A,B</sup> (includes Splake and Arctic Charr)	6 inches	6 inches	The term "trout" when used alone includes brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, splake and Arctic Charr (Sunapee trout and blueback trout)  The term "brook trout" also includes splake and Arctic Charr (Sunapee Trout and Blueback Trout).
2 Landlocked Salmon <sup>A</sup>	14 inches <sup>C</sup>	14 inches <sup>C</sup>	
2 Togue (Lake Trout) <sup>A</sup>	18 inches	18 inches	
2 Brown Trout <sup>A</sup>	14 inches <sup>C</sup>	6 inches <sup>C</sup>	
2 Rainbow Trout <sup>A</sup>	12 inches	6 inches	
<sup>A</sup> Important...From August 16 - September 30, fishing on rivers, brooks, and streams statewide is restricted to the use of artificial lures only and the combined daily bag limit for trout, landlocked salmon, and togue (lake trout) is 1 fish.			
<sup>B</sup> Important...On lakes and ponds in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington and York counties the daily bag limit on brook trout is 2 fish.			
<sup>C</sup> In Washington County - except West Grand, East Grand, Spednic, Cathance, Nash, Lower Sysladobsis and East Musquash Lakes - the maximum length limit on landlocked salmon and brown trout is 25 inches.			

## BASS (largemouth and smallmouth)

April 1 - June 30: Daily bag limit: 1 fish; artificial lures only; minimum length limit: 10 inches
July 1 - September 30: Daily bag limit: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches, only 1 exceeding 14 inches.
October 1 - March 31: Daily bag limit: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches.

## OTHER SPECIES

Species	Daily Bag Limit	Minimum Length Limit
Pickarel	10 fish	None
Whitefish	3 fish	None
Smelts	2 quarts	None (see page 11 - laws & definitions)
Northern Pike	None	None
Muskellunge	None	None
American eel	50 fish	6 inches
Shad	2 fish	None
Striped Bass	1 fish	Between 20 and 26 inches in total length, or 40 inches or greater in total length.
Atlantic Salmon	See page 98	See page 98
Species not listed above	None	None

**The daily bag, possession and minimum length limits on this page apply to waters open to fishing that DO NOT have special rules stating otherwise. Special Rules (S-Codes) can be found on page 7.**

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR ICE FISHING AND OPEN WATER FISHING (S-CODES)**

- S-1: Closed to taking smelts.
- S-2: Closed to taking smelts, except by hook and line.
- S-3: Tributaries closed to taking smelts.
- S-4: Use or possession of live fish as bait is prohibited. (The use of dead fish, salmon eggs, and worms permitted.)
- S-5: Fly fishing only.
- S-6: Artificial lures only.
- S-7: All trout, landlocked salmon, and togue caught must be released alive at once.
- S-8: Restricted to 2 lines per person.
- S-9: Open to fishing only for persons under 16 years of age. Restricted to two lines per person. Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish.
- S-10: Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: artificial lures only; all trout, landlocked salmon and togue must be released alive at once. Closed to open water fishing from December 1 - March 31.
- S-11: Reserved for additional options.
- S-12: Reserved for additional options.
- S-13: No size or bag limit on bass.
- S-14: Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish; all bass between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once.
- S-15: All bass between 13 and 18 inches must be released alive at once. April 1 - June 30: daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish. July 1 - March 31: daily bag limit on bass: 2 fish.
- S-16: Daily bag limit on trout 2 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches, only 1 may exceed 14 inches.
- S-17: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish; minimum length limit: 10 inches, only 1 may exceed 12 inches.
- S-18: Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 18 inches.
- S-19: Daily bag limit on trout: 2 fish.
- S-20: All trout less than 6 inches and longer than 12 inches must be released alive at once.
- S-21: Daily bag limit on trout: 1 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches.
- S-22: Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 1 fish.
- S-23: Minimum length on landlocked salmon: 16 inches.
- S-24: Daily bag limit on landlocked salmon: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 12 inches.
- S-25: Daily bag limit on togue: 1 fish.
- S-26: Daily bag limit on togue: 3 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches, only 1 may exceed 18 inches.
- S-27: Daily bag limit on togue: 6 fish; minimum length limit: 14 inches, only 1 may exceed 23 inches.
- S-28: Daily bag limit on white perch: 25 fish.
- S-29: No bag limit on pickerel. From July 1 - September 30: artificial lures only; the minimum length on trout is 8 inches.
- S-30: Indian Territory Regulations. See pages 89-93.
- S-31: Boundary waters with New Brunswick. See pages 93-95.
- S-32: Border waters with New Hampshire. See pages 95-97.
- S-33: Maximum length on landlocked salmon and brown trout: 25 inches.

## HANCOCK COUNTY

See general law fishing provisions on page 5, and special rules for Maine's southern and eastern counties on page 16. Some waters may have additional special rules that differ from general law.

If the Hancock County water you wish to fish IS listed below, the letter code will direct you to the rule(s) which are in effect that differ from general law or the special provisions for Maine's southern and eastern counties. The meanings of the letter codes are as follows:

- B:** Closed to ice fishing until January 1, then open to ice fishing and open water fishing from January 1 - March 31.
- CI:** Closed to ice fishing.
- CO:** Closed to open water fishing from October 1 - March 31.
- S:** Special rule(s) in effect - Special Rules (S-codes) are listed on page 7. (Note: Special rules may restrict the general law fishing provisions.)

**Unless indicated otherwise below, on lakes and ponds in Hancock County the daily bag limit on brook trout is 2 fish.**

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For regulations on waters in Indian Territory (S-30) see pages 89-93.

**Abrams Pond**, Eastbrook and Franklin. All bass caught must be released alive at once.

**Alligator Lake**, T28 MD, T34 MD. B. S-8, S-21, S-22. All landlocked salmon between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. Closed to all fishing October 1 - December 31.

**Bagaduce River**. That portion of the Bagaduce River and tributaries upstream of the North Brooksville-Sedgwick bridge

in Penobscot, Brooksville and Sedgwick, including Walker Pond, Parker Pond and Snow Cove Brook: closed to the taking of alewives.

**Baker Brook**, T28 MD, T29 MD. S-29. (See Washington County)

**Beech Hill Pond**, Otis. S-13, S-27.

**Birch Harbor Pond**, Winter Harbor. CI. S-10. Motorboats prohibited.

**Bogus Meadow Pond**, T7 SD. CI. S-4. CO.

**Branch Lake**, Ellsworth. B. S-2, S-3, S-16, S-27. Closed to the taking of brown trout. All brown trout must be released alive at once without removal from the water. Closed to open water fishing October 1 - December 31.

**Branch Pond (Upper Middle)**, Aurora. CI. CO.

**Breakneck Ponds, Lower & Upper**, Bar Harbor. CI. S-10.

**Brewer Lake**. (See Penobscot County)

**Bubble Pond**, Bar Harbor. S-8. Motorboats prohibited.

**Burnt Pond**, Otis, Dedham, Clifton. CI. CO. S-4.

**Burnt Pond**, Otis (just south of Beech Hill Pond). S-4.

**Burntland Lake**, T35 MD. CI. S-16. From October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

**Burntland Pond**, Stonington. S-13.

**Chain Lake, Middle**, T4 ND. S-30.

**Chain Lake, Upper**, T4 ND. S-30.

**Craig Pond**, Orland. B. S-8. Closed to the taking of togue. Closed to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31.

**Crystal Pond**, T40 MD. CI. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish. S-4. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Debec Pond**, Amherst. CI. S-17. CO.

**Donnell Pond**, Franklin, T9 SD. B. S-13, S-22. Closed to all fishing from October 1 - December 31.

**Duck Lake**, T4 ND. Closed to the taking of togue.

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**Ducktail Pond**, Amherst. **CI.** S-6, S-18, except that from October 1 - March 31: S-7.

**Eagle Lake**, Bar Harbor. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

**Echo Lake**, Mt. Desert. S-8, S-16. Except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

**Fifth Lake Stream, Hughes Brook, and other tributaries**, T35 MD, T36 MD, T41 MD, T42 MD. S-6, S-17.

**First (Billings) Pond**, Blue Hill. **B.** S-16. Closed to all fishing October 1 - December 31.

**Floods Pond**, Otis. Closed to all fishing.

**Forbes Pond**, Gouldsboro. S-17, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Fox Pond**, T10 SD. **CI.** From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Georges Pond**, Franklin. S-15.

**Goose Pond**, Swans Island. **B.** S-4, S-17. Closed to all fishing October 1 - December 31.

**Gould Brook**, T28 MD, T34 MD. S-29, S-33.

**Great Pond**, Great Pond. S-15.

**Green Lake**, Ellsworth, Dedham, etc. **B.** S-2, S-3, S-15, S-25. Minimum length limit on togue: 23 inches. Closed to open water fishing October 1 - December 31.

**Hadlock Pond, Upper**, Mt. Desert. **CI.** S-6, S-16, except that from October 1 - March 31: S-7. Tributaries closed to all fishing. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

**Hadlock Pond, Lower**, Mt. Desert. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

**Half Mile Pond**, Aurora. **CI.** S-4, S-16, S-25. Minimum length limit on togue: 23 inches. **CO.**

**Half Mile Pond**, Amherst. **B.** S-17. Closed to all fishing October 1 - December 31.

**Half Moon Pond**, Bar Harbor. **CI.** S-10.

**Hamilton Pond**, Bar Harbor. S-15.

**Harriman Pond**, Dedham. **CI.** S-16. Motorboats over 6 horsepower prohibited. **CO.**

**Hatcase Pond**, Dedham. **CI.** S-4, S-16. Fishing and boating prohibited within 2,000 feet of the intake of the Brewer Water District. **CO.**

**Heart's Pond**, Orland. S-8, S-18, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Hopkins Pond**, Mariaville, Clifton. **B.** S-8, S-25. Closed to open water fishing October 1 - December 31.

**Humpback Bog**, T28 MD. **CI. CO.** S-4.

**Jacob Buck Pond**, Bucksport. S-21, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Jordan Pond**, Mt. Desert. S-2, S-27. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

**Killman (Selmore) Pond**, T4 ND. S-30.

**King Pond and tributaries**. Great Pond. **CI.** S-1, S-6, S-18. **CO.**

**Lake Wood**, Bar Harbor. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7. Motorboats prohibited.

**Lead Mountain Pond, Upper**, T22 MD, T28 MD. S-2, S-3, except that smelts may be taken from the unnamed tributary which originates at Pinnacle Mountain and flows into a cove at the northeast corner of the pond.

**Lily Pond**, Deer Isle. **CI.** From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Lily Pond**, Gouldsboro. S-13.

**Little (Horseshoe) Pond**, Franklin. **CI.** S-6, S-16. **CO.**

**Long Pond**, Aurora and Great Pond. **CI.** S-1, S-3, S-6, S-21. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Long Pond**, Mt. Desert and Southwest Harbor. S-13, S-22.

**Long Pond**, Seal Harbor. **CI.** Minimum length limit on trout: 8 inches. S-4. **CO.**

**Long Pond**, Sullivan. **CI.** S-4, S-16. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

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**Long Pond**, T10 SD. **CI.** S-6, S-7, S-13.

**Long Pond, Little**, T10 SD. **B.** S-16.

Closed to all fishing October 1 - December 31.

**Loon Pond**, T40 MD. **CI.** Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish. S-4. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Lovejoy Pond**, T34 MD. **CI.** S-16. **CO.**

**Lurvey Brook**, Mt. Desert, etc. Closed to all fishing.

**Machias Lake, Fourth**, T41 MD. (See Washington County)

**Main Stream**, Great Pond. Downstream of the Stud Mill Road Bridge: S-15.

**Mitchell Pond**, Dedham. **CI.** S-10.

**Molasses Pond**, Eastbrook. S-13.

**Moosehorn Stream**, Bucksport. Remains open to open water fishing from October 1 - November 30: S-6, S-7.

**Moulton Pond**, Dedham, Bucksport. Motorboats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

**Mountainy Pond**, Dedham. S-17, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Myrick Pond**, T10 SD. **B.** S-4. Closed to all fishing October 1 - December 31.

**Narraguagus Lake**, T16 MD, T9 SD, T10 SD. **CI.** S-16. **CO.**

**Narraguagus River, including Third Lake and Twenty Eight Pond**. T34 MD, T35 MD, T28 MD. S-33. From outlet of Deer Lake in T34 MD downstream to point where river crosses over into Washington County in T29 MD: S-29. Taking of fish is prohibited except by use of a single hook on a line.

**Narraguagus River, West Branch, and tributaries**, T22 MD, T16 MD, Beddington. Minimum length limit on trout: 8 inches. S-19, S-33. From the headwaters down to junction with Spring River: S-6. **Noyes (Norris) Pond**, Blue Hill. **CI.** S-4. **CO.**

**Orland River**, Orland, Bucksport. From the outlet of Alamoosook Lake down to the dam in Orland: Open to open water fishing

from January 1 - December 31. S-19.

**Oxhead Pond, Middle**, T40 MD. From January 1 - December 31: S-19.

**Oxhead Pond, Upper**, T40 MD. **CI.** S-6, S-16, except that from October 1 - March 31: S-6, S-7.

**Partridge Pond**, Amherst. **CI.** S-6, S-16, except that from October 1 - March 31: S-6, S-7.

**Patten Pond, Lower**, including tributaries and outlet, Surry, Ellsworth. **B.** S-2, S-3, S-13. All brown trout caught must be released alive at once. From October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

**Phillips Lake**, Dedham. **B.** S-8, S-22, S-27. All brown trout caught must be released alive at once. From October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

**Pickerel Pond**, T32 MD. From January 1 - December 31: S-9, S-19. No motor vehicles allowed on the ice.

**Pistol Lake, Lower**, T3 ND. S-30.

**Pistol Lake, Middle**, T4 ND. S-30.

**Pistol Lake, Side**, T3 ND & T4 ND. S-30.

**Pistol Lake, Upper**, T4 ND. S-30.

**Quarry Pond**, Sullivan. **CI.** From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Rainbow Pond**, T10 SD. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Rift Pond**, Great Pond. **CI.** S-1, S-3, S-6, S-18. **CO.**

**Ripple Brook**, Mount Desert. Closed to all fishing.

**Round Pond**, Mt. Desert. S-13. Motor boats prohibited.

**Round Pond and outlet**, T10 SD. S-8, S-13, S-16, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Salmon Pond**, T10 SD. **CI.** Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Seal Cove Pond**, Tremont. Motor boats over 10 horsepower prohibited.

**Second (Douglas) Pond**, Blue Hill. S-13.

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**Simmons Pond**, Hancock. **CI.** S-6, S-17, except that from October 1 - March 31: S-7.

**Sinclair Brook**, T29 MD. S-29.

**Snowshoe Pond**, Amherst. **CI.** S-4, S-10.

**Springy Pond, Lower**, Otis. S-16, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Spring River**, T16 MD. Minimum length limit on trout: 8 inches. S-19.

**Stanley Brook**, Mount Desert. Closed to Fishing. (Regulation to Sunset April 1, 2012)

**Third (Woods) Pond**, Blue Hill. S-13.

**Titcomb Pond**, T32 MD. S-8.

**Toddy Pond**, Orland, Surry, etc. S-2, S-3, S-26, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Trout Pond**, Amherst. **CI.** Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish, except that from October 1 - March 31: S-7.

**Trout Pond**, T40 MD. **CI.** S-4. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Tunk Lake**, T7 SD, T10 SD, Sullivan. **B.** S-1, S-3, S-16, S-22, S-27. All landlocked salmon between 16 and 20 inches must be released alive at once. Closed to all fishing October 1 - December 31.

**Tunk Pond, Little**, Sullivan. S-4, S-8, S-13. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Tunk Stream**, T10 SD, Cherryfield, Steuben. S-13.

**Unknown Lakes, Lower and Middle**, T4 ND. All bass caught must be released alive at once.

**Union River**, Ellsworth.

- from Graham Lake dam down to Ellsworth dam: open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31: S-19, General Law terminal gear provisions and length limits apply year-round.
- from Ellsworth dam down to the south side of the U.S. Route 1 bridge: from

April 1 - September 30, S-5. Closed to all fishing is an area on west side of the river marked by a red line on the spillway of the above named dam and extending diagonally downstream to a red marker on west shore; closed area includes powerhouse and adjacent fishway and trap.

**Walkers Pond**, Brooksville, Sedgwick. S-2, S-3. Closed to the taking of alewives.

**Webb Pond**, Eastbrook and Waltham.

Daily bag limit on bass: 1 fish. Minimum length limit on bass: 18 inches.

**West Lake**, T3 ND, T40 MD. S-2, S-3, S-13. Except tributaries in the area of the lake known as "The Basin" are open to the taking of smelts.

**Witch Hole Pond**, Bar Harbor.

Fishing restricted to 1 line. S-6.

Motorboats prohibited.

**Young's Pond**, Otis. **CI.** S-5, S-17, except that from October 1 - March 31: S-7.