

## **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		The term "trout" when used alone includes brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, splake and Arctic Charr (Sunapee trout and blueback trout)
	Lakes & Ponds	Rivers, Brooks, Streams	
5 Brook Trout <sup>A,B</sup> (includes Splake and Arctic Charr)	6 inches	6 inches	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.

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Boundary water rules between Maine and New Brunswick can be found on pages 93-95. These waters are listed as S-31.

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 Washington 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:

- A:** Open to ice fishing and open water fishing 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.)

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

On all waters 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.

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

**Ackley Pond**, Cutler. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish.

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

**Baskahegan Lake**, Topsfield, Brookton Twp., T8R3. S-28.

**Bearse Lake**, Meddybemps and Baring. Outboard motors are prohibited.

**Beaver Dam Stream**, T26 ED BPP, Wesley. S-29.

**Berry Patch (Unnamed) Pond**, Day Block Twp. (formerly T31 MD). CI. S-10.

**Big Lake**, Grand Lake Stream Plt., Indian Twp., Greenlaw Chopping Twp (formerly T27 ED BPP), Big Lake TWP (formerly No. 21 Twp.) B. The portion of Big Lake at the mouth of Grand Lake Stream westerly of two red markers, one set on the point at Little River Bluff and one set on an unnamed point on the opposite shore near Greenlaw Island, shall be closed to all ice fishing. S-15, S-28.

From October 1 - December 31: S-6, S-7.

**Bog Lake**, Marion Twp. CI. S-4. CO.

**Boyden Lake**, Perry Robbinston. S-2, S-3, S-15.

**Cathance Lake**, Cooper, Cathance Twp (formerly No. 14 Twp.) S-13, S-17.

**Cathance Lake, Little**, No. 14 Twp. S-13.

**Cathance Stream**, Cathance Twp (formerly No. 14 Twp.), Edmunds, Marion Twp. S-29.

**Chain Lake, Lower**, T5 ND BPP. S-30.

**Chain Lakes Stream**, Day Block Twp. (formerly T31 MD), Wesley. S-13, S-19, S-29. From the Route 9 bridge to its confluence with Old Stream: S-6, S-13, S-19, S-29.

**Chases Mill Stream**, East Machias. S-29.

**Clifford Lake**, T26&27 ED. S-28.

**Coleback Lake**, Charlotte. CI. S-4, S-16.

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**Crawford Lake**, Big Lake Twp. (formerly No. 21 Twp.), Crawford. S-15, S-28.

**Crooked Brook Flowage**, Danforth. A. Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31.

**Crooked River and tributaries**, T30 MD.

- From headwaters down to bridge at Champion 48-000 road: S-6, S-19.
- From the bridge at Champion 48-000 road downstream to the confluence with the Machias River: S-29.

**Dennys River**, S-13, S-29. That portion of the Dennys River in the town of Dennysville and Plantation 14 from a red painted marker approximately 100 feet upriver from the mouth of Batson Meadow Spring to a red painted marker approximately 100 feet downriver from Batson Meadow Spring: closed to all fishing.

**Drake Lake**, Forest Twp. S-28.

**Farrow Lake**, Topsfield. S-2, S-3, S-17, S-22, S-25. Closed to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31.

**Fifth Lake Stream and tributaries**. (See Hancock County).

**Flood Lake**, Talmadge. CI. S-6, S-17. CO.

**Flood Lake, Upper**, Talmadge. CI. S-6, S-21. CO.

**Foxhole Pond, on headwaters of Great Falls Branch Brook**, Deblois. S-9.

**Getchell Lakes, Lower and Upper**, Township 43. S-6. All bass must be released alive at once.

**Goulding Lake**, Robbinston. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Grand Falls Flowage**, Princeton, Indian Twp, Baileyville, and Fowler Twp. S-15, S-28. For that part of the flowage east of a line at McAlister's Point: S-31.

**Grand Lake, East**, Danforth, Weston. S-31.

**Grand Lake, West**, T6R1, T6 ND, Grand

Lake Stream, and T5 ND (also Penobscot County). S-15, S-27. Daily bag limit on whitefish: 8 fish. From October 1-20: S-6, S-7. Closed to all fishing from October 21 – January 31. Open to ice fishing for all fish during February and March only.

**Grand Lake Stream**, Grand Lake Stream Plantation, etc. S-5 from April 1 - October 20, including that portion of the stream adjacent to the hatchery pools. Closed to all fishing within 150 feet of Grand Lake Stream dam. From April 1 - August 15: S-19, S-22. From October 1-20: All fish caught must be released alive at once.

**Grassy Pond**, T19 MD BPP. S-30.

**Hosea Pug Lake**, T26 ED BPP. S-16, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Hot Brook Lakes, Lower and Upper**, T8R4 NBPP, Danforth. S-28. All bass caught must be released alive at once.

**Howard Lake**, Calais, Robbinston. S-16, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Indian Lake**, Whiting. S-13.

**Jackson Brook Lake**, Brookton and Forest Twp. S-28.

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

**Keene's Lake**, Calais. S-2, S-3.

**Ledge (Bald Ledge) Pond**, Charlotte. CI. S-4, S-17. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Lewy Lake**, Princeton, Indian Twp., etc. S-15, S-28.

**Lily Lake**, Trescott Twp. CI. S-4. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish, except that from October 1 - March 31: S-7.

**Little River (Eastern River)**, Centerville, Columbia Falls. S-29.

**Long Lake**, Marion Twp. S-16, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

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**Long Lake**, Indian Twp., Princeton. S-15, S-28.

**Machias Lake, Third and Fourth**, T42&43 MD BPP, T5 ND. S-15, S-28.

**Machias River**, from outlet of Fourth Machias Lake to tidewater, S-29.

**Machias River, East**, from outlet of Crawford Lake, Crawford to tidewater: S-29.

**Machias River, West Branch**, T30 MD BPP, T36MD BPP. S-29.

**Maine River and tributaries**, Alexander, Princeton, Big Lake TWP (formerly No. 21 Twp.). S-28. All bass caught must be released alive at once.

**Marks Lake, Second**, Marshfield. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Meddybemps Lake**, Meddybemps, Baring, Baileyville, and Alexander. S-13, S-28.

**Meyers Pond, North and South**, Columbia. CI. S-9.

**Middle River**, Marshfield, Machias. Below the bridge on the Marshfield Road downstream to tidewater: S-9; however, persons age 16 and older can fish minnow traps to catch live bait.

**Moneymaker Lake**, Robbinston. S-17, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Monroe Lake**, T43 MD BPP. CI. S-4. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish. From October 1 – March 31: S-10.

**Monroe Pond, East**, T43 MD BPP. CI. Open to open water fishing from April 1 - September 30 in even numbered years. S-4. CO. Closed to all fishing in odd numbered years.

**Monroe Pond, West**, T43 MD BPP. CI. Open to open water fishing from April 1 - September 30 in odd numbered years. S-4. CO. Closed to all fishing in even numbered years.

**Mopang Lake**, Devereaux Twp. S-16,

S-28, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Mopang Stream**, T19 MD, T24 MD, T25 MD, T30 MD. S-29.

**Mud Lake, Upper & Lower**, Alexander. S-28. All bass caught must be released alive at once.

**Mud Lake**, Forest City. S-31.

**Musquash Lake, East**, Topsfield. S-25, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Musquash Lake, West**, T6R1 NBPP. S-17, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Narraguagus River.**

- From outlet of Deer Lake, T34 MD, & T35 MD, downstream to Route 193 bridge in Deblois: S-29.
- Above Route 193 bridge in Deblois, taking of fish is prohibited except by use of a single hook on a line.
- Closed to all fishing is that portion of the Narraguagus River from a red marker at the mouth of Sodom Brook in Deblois, downstream approximately 150 yards to a red marker.
- Below Deblois bridge: S-5, S-29.
- See Schoodic Brook.
- From 100 feet above the ice control dam and extending upriver approximately 1-3/4 miles to red markers situated on each side of the river: general law fishing, with single-pointed hook is permitted from May 1 - August 15; from August 16 - September 30, artificial lures with single pointed hook, total daily bag limit on landlocked salmon, trout and togue: 1 fish.
- Closed to all fishing within 100 feet of the ice control dam in Cherryfield.
- Closed to all fishing from the ice control dam to the railroad bridge in the town of Cherryfield, except from May 1 to June 10 a portion of river between two sets of red markers (at 100 feet below and 450

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feet below the ice control dam) is open to fly fishing.

**Nash's Lake**, Calais. S-2, S-3, S-13.

**New Stream downstream of Route 9**, Wesley, Northfield. S-29.

**North Lake**, Orient. S-31.

**Northern Stream**, Berry Twp. (formerly T18 ED BPP), T19 ED BPP. S-13, S-29.

**Old Stream, Second and Third Lakes**, T37 MD. S-13, S-18, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Old Stream**, Wesley, Day Block Twp. (formerly T31 MD), T25 MD: S-13, S-29, except the section (including tributaries) from the Rt. 9 bridge down to the Guptil Road: S-6, S-13, S-19, S-29.

**Oxbrook Lake, Upper and Lower**, T6R1 NBPP, T6 ND. Motorboats prohibited.

**Peaked Mountain Pond**, T19 MD, Northfield, and Centerville. CI. S-16. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Peep Lake**, T30MD. CI. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish. S-4, S-10.

**Pennamaquan River**, from Upper Dam to Lower Dam, Pembroke. A.

**Pike Brook Pond, East**, T18 MD BPP. CI. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish. S-4. S-10.

**Pike Brook Pond, West**, T18 MD BPP. CI. S-6, S-17. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Pineo Pond**, Deblois. Pineo Pond shall be called a great pond. CI. S-5, S-17. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Pleasant Lake**, Alexander. S-2, S-3.

**Pleasant Lake**, T6R1 NBPP, T7R2 NBPP. B. S-25. Minimum length limit on togue: 23 inches. Closed to open water fishing from October 1 - December 31.

**Pleasant River Lake**, Beddington and T29 MD. S-1, S-3, S-13, S-16, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Pleasant River**, Beddington, T24 MD, T18 MD, Columbia, Columbia Falls. S-13, S-29.

**Pocomoonshine Lake and tributaries**,

Princeton. S-15, S-28.

**Pocumcus Lake**, T5&6 ND BPP. B. S-15, S-27. Daily bag limit on whitefish: 8 fish. From October 1-20: S-6, S-7. Closed to all fishing from October 21 - December 31.

**Pork Barrel Lake**, T6R1 NBPP. CI. S-6, S-16. CO.

**Pug Lake**, T5R1 NBPP. S-15, S-27. Daily bag limit on whitefish: 8 fish. From October 1-20: S-6, S-7. Closed to all fishing from October 21 - January 31. Open to ice fishing for all fish during February and March only.

**Rocky & Sunken Lakes**, Whiting, Marion. S-21, except that from October 1 - December 31: S-7.

**Salmon Pond**, T30 MD BPP. CI. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish. S-4, S-10.

**Schoodic Brook**, Cherryfield. Closed from red marker at its mouth to red marker 1,000 feet upstream.

**Schoodic Lake**, Cherryfield. S-13.

**Seavey Stream**, Wesley, T19 ED BPP. S-29.

**Shattuck Lake**, Calais & Robbinston. CI. S-6, S-16. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Shorey Brook**, Beddington. S-29.

**Silver Pug Lake**, T26 ED BPP. S-28. All bass must be released alive at once.

**Simpson Pond**, Roque Bluffs. CI. S-4, S-10. Motorboats prohibited.

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

**Six Mile Lake**, Marshfield, Whitneyville. CI. S-4, S-13. Daily bag limit on trout: 5 fish. From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Spednic Lake**, T9R4 N, T10R3 N, T11R3 N, Vanceboro. S-31.

**St. Croix River**, Baileyville, etc. S-31. Also see Atlantic salmon regulations.

**Sysladobsis Lake, Lower**, T5 ND BPP. S-30.

**Tomah Flowage**, Waite, Codyville Pkt. CI. S-10.

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**Tomah Lake**, Forest Twp. CI. S-6, S-17.

From October 1 - March 31: S-10.

**Trout Lake**, Kossuth Twp. CI. S-6, S-17.

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**Tunk Stream**, T10 SD, Cherryfield, Steuben. (See Hancock County)

**Unnamed (Abby) Pond**, Topsfield. CI.

S-4.

**Vining Lake**, Cooper, Cathance Twp.

(formerly No. 14 Twp.) Daily bag limit on

trout: 5 fish, except that from October 1 -

December 31: S-7.

**Wabassus Lake**, T5&6 ND BPP, T43

MD BPP. S-28. All bass caught must be

released alive at once.

**Western Lake**, Robbinston. B. S-4.

Closed to open water fishing from

October 1 – December 31.

**Woodland Flowage**, Baileyville. S-28,

S-31.

Border water rules between Maine and

New Hampshire can be found on pages 95-

97. These waters are listed as S-32.