

BORDER WATERS BETWEEN MAINE AND NEW HAMPSHIRE

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ON BORDER WATERS:

Fishing licenses issued to any person by either this State or New Hampshire shall be recognized when used on any lake or pond which is partly in both States of Maine and New Hampshire.

WATERS AFFECTED BY THIS SECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

In Oxford County

- Umbagog Lake, Upton, Maine; Errol/Cambridge, New Hampshire (waters of Umbagog Lake include the waters of the Androscoggin River upstream of the Errol Dam, the waters of the Magalloway River within the State of New Hampshire, and the waters of the Rapid River upstream to the marker at Cedar Stump in the State of Maine).

In York County

- Great East Lake, Acton, Maine; Wakefield, New Hampshire.
- Salmon Falls River, Acton, Lebanon, Berwick and South Berwick, Maine; Milton, Rochester, Somersworth and Rollinsford, New Hampshire. Included is the upper reach of the Salmon Falls River beginning at the outlet dam of Great East Lake, also known as the State Line Canal, to a point downstream marked by signage delineating the northern terminus of Horn Pond.
- Province Lake, Parsonfield, Maine; Effingham/Wakefield, New Hampshire.
- Balch and Stump Ponds, Acton, Maine; Wakefield, New Hampshire.
- Horn Pond, Acton, Maine; Wakefield, New Hampshire. Signs posted at the downstream extent of the Great East Dam Outlet Canal denotes the boundary between Horn Pond and the Salmon Falls River.
- Milton Watershed, Lebanon, Maine; Milton, New Hampshire-Milton Watershed includes all of the Milton Three Ponds-Northeast Pond, Milton Pond, Townhouse Pond (beginning at the dam in Milton to the influx of the Branch River and the Salmon Falls River).
- Lower Kimball Pond, Fryeburg, Maine; Chatham, New Hampshire.
- Spaulding Pond, Lebanon, Maine; Milton, New Hampshire.

Daily Bag Limits:

- Landlocked salmonNo landlocked salmon through the ice, 2 fish open water fishing.
- Trout, and togue 5 fish, but no more than 2 landlocked salmon, 2 togue, 2 rainbow trout, 2 brown trout, or 2 brook trout.
- Pickerel..... 5 fish.
- Bass October 1 – June 20: 1 fish; June 21-Sept. 30: 3 fish (only 1 may exceed 14 inches).
- Smelt..... 2 quarts by hook and line only (Exception: Lower Kimball Pond).
- All other speciesNo bag limits.

Any legal fish, except bait fish and smelts, taken from the waters shall be immediately released alive into the waters from which it was taken or shall be killed at once and become part of the daily bag limit.

Minimum Length Limits:

- Salmon..... 14 inches.
- Togue 18 inches (Exception: Great East Lake).
- Brook trout 6 inches (Exception: Umbagog Lake).
- Brown and Rainbow trout 10 inches in lakes and ponds — 6 inches in rivers and streams.
- Bass 12 inches.
- All Other Species No length or weight limits.

No dead or living pickerel, goldfish, yellow perch, white perch, bass, sunfish, crappie, horned pout (bullhead), carp, or any spiny finned fish shall be taken, sold, or possessed for use as bait for fishing in New Hampshire-Maine interstate waters.

ICE FISHING

GENERAL INTERSTATE ICE FISHING RULES:

- Open to ice fishing: January 1 - March 31: All species except landlocked salmon (Exception: Salmon Falls River).
- No landlocked salmon through the ice.
- No cusk fishing.
- No more than 5 lines are permitted at any one time while ice fishing (EXCEPTION: Great East Lake).

EXCEPTIONS TO THE GENERAL INTERSTATE ICE FISHING RULES:

Umbagog Lake: Closed to ice fishing is that portion of the lake north of a straight line from a red marker set on a point between Spillman and Glassby Coves on the east shore in Maine, and a red marker set at Molls Rock, so-called, on the west shore in New Hampshire. S-18

Great East Lake: Restricted to two lines per person. Minimum length limit on togue: 16 inches. Tributaries closed to the taking of smelts.

Lower Kimball Pond: Smelt dipping is allowed between sunset and 10:00 p.m. with nets not over 18 inches in diameter.

Salmon Falls River: Closed to ice fishing.

OPEN WATER FISHING

GENERAL INTERSTATE OPEN WATER FISHING RULES:

- Open to open water fishing:
 - April 1 - September 30, open to the taking of all species.
 - October 1 - November 30, lakes and ponds are open to fishing; all trout, landlocked salmon, togue, and bass must be released alive at once.
 - December 1 - December 31, no fishing in any waters, except Salmon Falls River
- No more than 2 lines are permitted at any one time.

GEAR RESTRICTIONS:

April 1 - June 20, bass may be taken only with artificial lures and flies.

EXCEPTIONS TO THE GENERAL INTERSTATE OPEN WATER FISHING RULES:

Umbagog Lake: Open water fishing season and bag limits: S-18.

Great East Lake: Open water fishing season and bag limits: see Border Rules.

Minimum length limits: Togue - 16 inches; salmon - 14 inches; brook trout - 6 inches; brown trout and rainbow trout - 10 inches; bass - 12 inches; all other species - no length or weight limits. Tributaries closed to the taking of smelts.

Lower Kimball Pond: No exceptions to the border rules, except smelt dipping is allowed between sunset and 12:00 Midnight with nets not over 18 inches in diameter.

Salmon Falls River: Tidewater upstream to Great East Lake Dam (excluding all ponds and lakes on the river): Open to open water fishing from January 1 - December 31.