

Administrative Procedures – Final Proposed Rule Filing

Instructions:

In accordance with Title 3 Chapter 25 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated and the “Rule on Rulemaking” adopted by the Office of the Secretary of State, this filing will be considered complete upon filing and acceptance of these forms with the Office of the Secretary of State, and the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules.

All forms requiring a signature shall be original signatures of the appropriate adopting authority or authorized person, and all filings are to be submitted at the Office of the Secretary of State, no later than 3:30 pm on the last scheduled day of the work week.

The data provided in text areas of these forms will be used to generate a notice of rulemaking in the portal of “Proposed Rule Postings” online, and the newspapers of record if the rule is marked for publication. Publication of notices will be charged back to the promulgating agency.

PLEASE REMOVE ANY COVERSHEET OR FORM NOT REQUIRED WITH THE CURRENT FILING BEFORE DELIVERY!

Certification Statement: As the adopting Authority of this rule (see 3 V.S.A. § 801 (b) (11) for a definition), I approve the contents of this filing entitled:

10 V.S.A. App. § 122. Fish Management Regulation

_____/s/ Louis Porter_____, on 4/9/2021

Printed Name and Title:

Louis Porter, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife
Executive Secretary, Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board

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Final Proposed Coversheet

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

10 V.S.A. App. § 122. Fish Management Regulation

2. PROPOSED NUMBER ASSIGNED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE

21P-003

3. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board

4. PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON:

(A PERSON WHO IS ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONTENT OF THE RULE).

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<https://vtfishandwildlife.com/about-us/fish-and-wildlife-board/board-rules>

5. SECONDARY CONTACT PERSON:

(A SPECIFIC PERSON FROM WHOM COPIES OF FILINGS MAY BE REQUESTED OR WHO MAY ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT FORMS SUBMITTED FOR FILING IF DIFFERENT FROM THE PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON).

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6. RECORDS EXEMPTION INCLUDED WITHIN RULE:

(DOES THE RULE CONTAIN ANY PROVISION DESIGNATING INFORMATION AS CONFIDENTIAL; LIMITING ITS PUBLIC RELEASE; OR OTHERWISE EXEMPTING IT FROM INSPECTION AND COPYING?) No

IF YES, CITE THE STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE EXEMPTION:

PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE REASON FOR THE EXEMPTION:

7. LEGAL AUTHORITY / ENABLING LEGISLATION:

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(THE SPECIFIC STATUTORY OR LEGAL CITATION FROM SESSION LAW INDICATING WHO THE ADOPTING ENTITY IS AND THUS WHO THE SIGNATORY SHOULD BE. THIS SHOULD BE A SPECIFIC CITATION NOT A CHAPTER CITATION).

10 V.S.A. §§ 4081-4083

8. EXPLANATION OF HOW THE RULE IS WITHIN THE AUTHORITY OF THE AGENCY:

Title 10 V.S.A. § 4082 provides that the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board has the authority to "adopt rules, under 3 V.S.A. chapter 5 . . . for the regulation of fish and wild game and the taking thereof." Title 10 § 4083 provides that the regulations of the Board may establish seasons, taking limits, territorial limits, restrictions, the means of taking, and the "type or kinds of bait." This rule regulates the purchase, use and sale of baitfish and the territorial and taking limits for fish.

9. THE FILING HAS CHANGED SINCE THE FILING OF THE PROPOSED RULE.

10. THE AGENCY HAS INCLUDED WITH THIS FILING A LETTER EXPLAINING IN DETAIL WHAT CHANGES WERE MADE, CITING CHAPTER AND SECTION WHERE APPLICABLE.

11. SUBSTANTIAL ARGUMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS WERE RAISED FOR OR AGAINST THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.

12. THE AGENCY HAS INCLUDED COPIES OF ALL WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND SYNOPSES OF ORAL COMMENTS RECEIVED.

13. THE AGENCY HAS INCLUDED A LETTER EXPLAINING IN DETAIL THE REASONS FOR THE AGENCY'S DECISION TO REJECT OR ADOPT THEM.

14. CONCISE SUMMARY (150 WORDS OR LESS):

The proposed rule amendments will facilitate the proper management of fish. This amends an existing rule in multiple ways with a primary purpose of making fishing regulations simpler to follow while still maintaining necessary biological protections. The resulting amendment increases fishing opportunities.

15. EXPLANATION OF WHY THE RULE IS NECESSARY:

The rule amendments simplify and streamline the fishing regulations while still maintaining the biological

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protections. The complexity of fishing regulations are sometimes cited as an impediment to fishing activities and make the administration and enforcement of fishing more complex.

16. EXPLANATION OF HOW THE RULE IS NOT ARBITRARY:

The rule is explicitly authorized by statute and is consistent with the policies of protecting state fish and fisheries resources, as well as ensuring that Vermonters have reasonable access to recreational fishing.

17. LIST OF PEOPLE, ENTERPRISES AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS RULE:

Department staff including wardens; individuals who fish, and fishing guides.

18. BRIEF SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC IMPACT (150 WORDS OR LESS):

The proposed rule relaxes fishing restrictions on many Vermont waters. This proposal will likely have no economic effect but may increase fishing opportunities in Vermont.

19. A HEARING WAS HELD.

20. HEARING INFORMATION

(THE FIRST HEARING SHALL BE NO SOONER THAN 30 DAYS FOLLOWING THE POSTING OF NOTICES ONLINE).

IF THIS FORM IS INSUFFICIENT TO LIST THE INFORMATION FOR EACH HEARING PLEASE ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET TO COMPLETE THE HEARING INFORMATION.

Date: 3/29/2021

Time: 06:30 PM

Street Address: Zoom Meeting ID: 838 2955 7637

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83829557637?pwd=bUJNa3VDSUVpM2dnSWNzSUdEK0RXQT09>

Dial in Phone Number: (929) 436-2866

Passcode: 473020

Zip Code:

Date: 3/30/2021

Time: 06:30 PM

Street Address: Zoom Meeting ID: 820 2100 0396

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21. DEADLINE FOR COMMENT (NO EARLIER THAN 7 DAYS FOLLOWING LAST HEARING):
April 7, 2021

KEYWORDS (PLEASE PROVIDE AT LEAST 3 KEYWORDS OR PHRASES TO AID IN THE
SEARCHABILITY OF THE RULE NOTICE ONLINE).

fish

fishing

trout

angling

bait

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Agency Of Natural Resources

April 8, 2021

Charlene Dindo, Committee Assistant
Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules
Vermont State House
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Re: Fish Management Rules

Dear Ms.Dindo:

Enclosed for filing please find the Fish and Wildlife Board Final Proposed Rule filing, entitled 10 V.S.A. Appendix § 122, Fish Management Rules

The proposed amended rule simplifies and consolidates the Fish Management Rules. I have attached copies of all the public comments. Public comment was generally supportive of the proposed rules. There was a roughly even split in support and opposition for the catch limits of trout with some people advocated for a lower limit and some a higher limit. As such, the Board opted to approve the proposed bag limit.

There were two changes that have been made since the proposed rule was filing with the Secretary of State. These changes are highlighted on pages 27 and pages 30-31 of the attached highlighted Annotated Rule. The change on page 27 was made to better define the area where walleye can be taken on and in proximity to Chittenden Reservoir. The changes on pages 30 to 31 were made in response to public comment. We initially consolidated the fishing regulations related to the Battenkill with the Dog River however, this resulted in the unintentional elimination of catch and release fishing opportunities for trout on the Battenkill. As such, we added Battenkill regulations to pages 30 and 31 to reinstate the catch and release of trout.

Thank you for your assistance and do not hesitate to contact me at 802-595-3331 or catherine.gjessing@vermont.gov with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Catherine Gjessing

Catherine Gjessing
General Counsel

Cc: Louis Porter, Commissioner, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Administrative Procedures – Adopting Page

Instructions:

This form must accompany each filing made during the rulemaking process:

Note: To satisfy the requirement for an annotated text, an agency must submit the entire rule in annotated form with proposed and final proposed filings. Filing an annotated paragraph or page of a larger rule is not sufficient. Annotation must clearly show the changes to the rule.

When possible, the agency shall file the annotated text, using the appropriate page or pages from the Code of Vermont Rules as a basis for the annotated version. New rules need not be accompanied by an annotated text.

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

10 V.S.A. App. § 122. Fish Management Regulation

2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board

3. TYPE OF FILING (*PLEASE CHOOSE THE TYPE OF FILING FROM THE DROPDOWN MENU BASED ON THE DEFINITIONS PROVIDED BELOW*):

- **AMENDMENT** - Any change to an already existing rule, even if it is a complete rewrite of the rule, it is considered an amendment as long as the rule is replaced with other text.
- **NEW RULE** - A rule that did not previously exist even under a different name.
- **REPEAL** - The removal of a rule in its entirety, without replacing it with other text.

This filing is **AN AMENDMENT OF AN EXISTING RULE** .

4. LAST ADOPTED (*PLEASE PROVIDE THE SOS LOG#, TITLE AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE LAST ADOPTION FOR THE EXISTING RULE*):

19-024, 10 V.S.A. App. § 122. Fish Management Regulation, effective 07/28/2019

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (ICAR) MINUTES

Meeting Date/Location: February 8, 2021

Members Present: Chair Kristin Clouser, Ashley Berliner, Diane Bothfeld, Jennifer Mojo, John Kessler, Matt Langham, Diane Sherman and Clare O'Shaughnessy

Members Absent: Dirk Anderson

Minutes By: Melissa Mazza-Paquette

- 2:02 p.m. meeting called to order, welcome and introductions.
- Review and approval of minutes from the December 14, 2020 meeting.
- No additions/deletions to agenda. Agenda approved as drafted.
 - Note from agenda: An emergency rule titled "Emergency Administrative Rules for Remote Hearings for the Board of Medical Practice" by the Department of Health was supported by ICAR Chair Clouser on 1/22/21.
- No public comments made.
- Presentation of Proposed Rules on pages 2-13 to follow.
 1. Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals, Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators, page 2
 2. Health Care Stop Loss Insurance (H-2009-02), Department of Financial Regulation, page 3
 3. Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment Rule, General Provisions and Definitions (Part 1), Agency of Human Services, page 4
 4. Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment Rule, Financial Methodologies (Part 5), Agency of Human Services, page 5
 5. Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment Rule, Eligibility and Enrollment Procedures (Part 7), Agency of Human Services, page 6
 6. Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment Rule, State Fair Hearings and Expedited Eligibility Appeals (Part 8), Agency of Human Services, page 7
 7. Rules Governing Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder, Agency of Human Services, Department of Health, page 8
 8. 10 V.S.A. App. § 122, Fish Management Regulation, Department of Fish and Wildlife Board, page 9
 9. Home Health Services, Agency of Human Services, page 10
 10. Durable Medical Equipment, Agency of Human Services, page 11
 11. Medical Supplies, Agency of Human Services, page 12
 12. Applied Behavior Analysis Services, Agency of Human Services, page 13
- Next scheduled meeting is March 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
- 3:35 p.m. meeting adjourned.

Proposed Rule: 10 V.S.A. App. § 122. Fish Management Regulation, Department of Fish and Wildlife Board

Presented By: Catherine Gjessing

Motion made to accept the rule by John Kessler, seconded by Matt Langham, and passed unanimously except for Jen Mojo who abstained, with the following recommendations:

1. Proposed Coversheet, #8: Correct spelling of 'multiple' and 'simplier'.
2. Economic Impact Analysis, #3: Consider adding a modifier to the economic effect.
3. Environmental Impact Analysis, #4: Include recreational use of waters if appropriate.
4. Environmental Impact Analysis, #9: Include the basis for the sufficiency.

Administrative Procedures – Economic Impact Analysis

Instructions:

In completing the economic impact analysis, an agency analyzes and evaluates the anticipated costs and benefits to be expected from adoption of the rule; estimates the costs and benefits for each category of people enterprises and government entities affected by the rule; compares alternatives to adopting the rule; and explains their analysis concluding that rulemaking is the most appropriate method of achieving the regulatory purpose.

Rules affecting or regulating schools or school districts must include cost implications to local school districts and taxpayers in the impact statement, a clear statement of associated costs, and consideration of alternatives to the rule to reduce or ameliorate costs to local school districts while still achieving the objectives of the rule (see 3 V.S.A. § 832b for details).

Rules affecting small businesses (excluding impacts incidental to the purchase and payment of goods and services by the State or an agency thereof), must include ways that a business can reduce the cost or burden of compliance or an explanation of why the agency determines that such evaluation isn't appropriate, and an evaluation of creative, innovative or flexible methods of compliance that would not significantly impair the effectiveness of the rule or increase the risk to the health, safety, or welfare of the public or those affected by the rule.

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3. CATEGORY OF AFFECTED PARTIES:

LIST CATEGORIES OF PEOPLE, ENTERPRISES, AND GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY THE ADOPTION OF THIS RULE AND THE ESTIMATED COSTS AND BENEFITS ANTICIPATED:

The proposed rule relaxes fishing restrictions on many Vermont waters. This proposal will likely have no economic effect but may increase fishing opportunities in Vermont.

4. IMPACT ON SCHOOLS:

Economic Impact Analysis

INDICATE ANY IMPACT THAT THE RULE WILL HAVE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND/OR TAXPAYERS CLEARLY STATING ANY ASSOCIATED COSTS:

No affect on schools

5. **ALTERNATIVES:** *CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES TO THE RULE TO REDUCE OR AMELIORATE COSTS TO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHILE STILL ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVE OF THE RULE.*

No affect on schools

6. **IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES:**

INDICATE ANY IMPACT THAT THE RULE WILL HAVE ON SMALL BUSINESSES (EXCLUDING IMPACTS INCIDENTAL TO THE PURCHASE AND PAYMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES BY THE STATE OR AN AGENCY THEREOF):

No effect on small businesses

7. **SMALL BUSINESS COMPLIANCE:** *EXPLAIN WAYS A BUSINESS CAN REDUCE THE COST/BURDEN OF COMPLIANCE OR AN EXPLANATION OF WHY THE AGENCY DETERMINES THAT SUCH EVALUATION ISN'T APPROPRIATE.*

Because the rule loosens fishing restrictions on many waters; there are no burdens or costs to small businesses to comply with the proposed rule change.

8. **COMPARISON:**

COMPARE THE IMPACT OF THE RULE WITH THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF OTHER ALTERNATIVES TO THE RULE, INCLUDING NO RULE ON THE SUBJECT OR A RULE HAVING SEPARATE REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS:

If this proposal is not implemented, the angling public would not be able to take advantage of increased angling opportunities.

9. **SUFFICIENCY:** *EXPLAIN THE SUFFICIENCY OF THIS ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS.*

The proposed rule reduces the requirements and restrictions associated with fishing, increasing fishing opportunities, while still providing needed biological protections. The economic benefits if any, will likely be positive and as such, this analysis is sufficient based on past experience and the pre-rule feedback from anglers.

Administrative Procedures – Environmental Impact Analysis

Instructions:

In completing the environmental impact analysis, an agency analyzes and evaluates the anticipated environmental impacts (positive or negative) to be expected from adoption of the rule; compares alternatives to adopting the rule; explains the sufficiency of the environmental impact analysis.

Examples of Environmental Impacts include but are not limited to:

- Impacts on the emission of greenhouse gases
- Impacts on the discharge of pollutants to water
- Impacts on the arability of land
- Impacts on the climate
- Impacts on the flow of water
- Impacts on recreation
- Or other environmental impacts

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3. GREENHOUSE GAS: *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS THE EMISSION OF GREENHOUSE GASES (E.G. TRANSPORTATION OF PEOPLE OR GOODS; BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE; LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT, WASTE GENERATION, ETC.):*

The proposed rule will have not impact on the emission of greenhouse gases.

4. WATER: *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS WATER (E.G. DISCHARGE / ELIMINATION OF POLLUTION INTO VERMONT WATERS, THE FLOW OF WATER IN THE STATE, WATER QUALITY ETC.):*

There will be no impact on water quality from the proposed rule however, there may be increased recreational fishing opportunities.

5. LAND: *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS LAND (E.G. IMPACTS ON FORESTRY, AGRICULTURE ETC.):*

There will be no impact on land use from the proposed rule.

Environmental Impact Analysis

6. **RECREATION:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACT RECREATION IN THE STATE:*

The proposed rule may slightly increase recreational angler activity in the state.

7. **CLIMATE:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACTS THE CLIMATE IN THE STATE:*

There will be no impact on the state's climate from the proposed rule.

8. **OTHER:** *EXPLAIN HOW THE RULE IMPACT OTHER ASPECTS OF VERMONT'S ENVIRONMENT:*

The proposed rule makes fishing regulations simpler and more uniform statewide while still providing needed biological protections where needed.

9. **SUFFICIENCY:** *EXPLAIN THE SUFFICIENCY OF THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ANALYSIS.*

The potential environmental impacts of this rule are negligible because the proposed amendments simplify recreational fishing rules without undermining the biological protections. As such, this filing explains and sufficiently analyzes the potential environmental impacts and benefits associated with this rule.

# Administrative Procedures – Public Input

## Instructions:

In completing the public input statement, an agency describes the strategy prescribed by ICAR to maximize public input, what it did do, or will do to comply with that plan to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of the rule.

This form must accompany each filing made during the rulemaking process:

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3. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE STRATEGY PRESCRIBED BY ICAR TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

Prior to the initiation of rule making, the Board and Department conducted 2 electronic public informational meetings (11/10/20 & 11/18/20) to present the simplification concepts for the proposed rule. Public comment was accepted during these meetings. The rule was posted on the website along with additional information so individuals could review the proposed changes at any time. The website also listed multiple options for submitting comments. The informational meetings and the website were also publicized via social media and the press releases.

4. PLEASE LIST THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH THAT STRATEGY:

The Board meetings regarding all rulemaking are open to the public and the public is allowed to comment at every Board meeting. The Board votes to initiate the rulemaking process before filing with ICAR, votes after the public comment period, and then again before final adopted rules are filed with the Secretary of State. The public is free to comment to individual Board members and to the Department at any time during the

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rulemaking process. In addition, the board will hold two electronic public hearings on the rule and have a public comment period that exceeds thirty days. The rule will be posted on the Department and Board websites; and the Department will publicize the rule amendments in social media and press releases.

### 5. BEYOND GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS, PLEASE LIST THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

Board members, Department staff including wardens and biologists, and other interested individuals.

# Fish Regulation Simplification Proposal

## Public Comments before the second vote

### Fish Regulations Simplification – Public Hearing

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29 March 2021 Public Hearing – Zoom – Started at 6:30pm

#### Questions/Answers Portion (3/29/2021)

1Question:

Chris Jackson, Shelbourne Falls MA (guide in VT) - Fully support opening season up to C/R . Concerned about what tackle could be used. Have you considered limiting to one hook point rather than treble hooks?

1Answer:

Bernie Pientka – have looked at that. Literature finds similar mortality between flies and lures (vs bait)

Eric Palmer – there is a big difference between bait worms or other bait and artificial lures and flies. Low and similar hooking mortality for a variety of artificial lures

2Question:

Frank Nelson, Pawlet - Mettawee River: special regs slot limit has been expanded? More conservative? Same special reg area exists, but the slot limit is expanded. Winter time fishing – issues of survival with cold temps and C/R fish. Will Mettawee be open to C/R in the winter? Look into lactic acid and metabolism impacts in winter-caught fish

2Answer:

Bernie Pientka – Yes, slot limit has been expanded. Mettawee would be open to catch and release year around, harvest only during part of the year.

3Question:

Tim McNair?/Metair?, Fairfax - What is reason for changing BKT from 12 to 8? Is it for simplicity of rules? He specifically fishes for small stream trout and 8 will not be enough. He catches 12 with no problem and makes two meals and 8 is not enough. Streams are loaded with trout, no fish population problem.

3Answer:

Bernie Pientka – it was for simplicity

Eric Palmer – it is simplification and not for biological reasons.

4Question:

David Wein, MA but has a place in Woodford - Concerned about size structure of populations in some rivers. If there is no biological impact to C/R in the winter, why will some remain closed to fishing in the winter? (e.g. Dog River). Needs more transparency on quality of the populations. A stream like the Mettawee River he is concerned about the size structure, and Furnace brook. Recruitment of rainbow trout in those streams concerned him. Why consider some streams and not others. Why not put special regulations put in place for Mettawee or other populations.

4Answer:



Eric Palmer – in the Dog and Battenkill angling pressure is not the cause of the decline, other factors did, but to eliminate any fishing pressure effects kept to catch and release

5Question:

Luke Holland, Piermont NH. What is happening on Clyde River change? Are you eliminating catch and release?

5Answer:

Bernie Pientka – Clyde is just moving the location in the regs. No change

6Question:

Keith Meyers, East Montpelier. There's a lot of confusion on baitfish harvest. Will new rivers and streams be open to baitfish harvest during the time of year that is opening? Was there any consideration for changing? Ponds that are now open to year-round, will those be under regular bait regs? What about ponds now opened to fishing like Nelson Pond?

6Answer:

Bernie Pientka – bait fish reg on those rivers will stay the same. As part of maintaining those regs, there were considerations of gear for bait harvest. For ponds, once a pond is removed from the seasonal closed water it would be open to bait harvest

7Question:

Corey Stark, Newfane. Lakes and ponds & ice fishing (e.g. retreat meadows) Setbacks on CT River get pretty heavy pressure in the winter, are there any changes to those? Fully support wild brook trout so like reduction in bag limit.

7Answer:

Bernie Pientka – Retreat meadows would still not allow winter harvest of bass. Would be catch and release but not a harvest.

8Question:

Vladimir Theron, Williston - Will there be a restriction on carp? Still considered a trash fish in the United States? Still allowing arrows and other shooting? Will there be increases on length limit on other fish like bass and pike?

8Answer:

Bernie Pientka – no changes to the carp regulation as they now stand. For length limit changes – the bass length limit will increase on Lake Champlain and salmon length limit will increase 17 inches statewide. No other length changes.

9Question:

David Wein, Massachusetts (again). Harriman reservoir stocked salmon is really enjoyed (lower Deerfield, etc). Suggest open-mindedness on judging the population based on size distribution there. . There are small salmon, 14-16 inch maybe 17 inch fish. Rarely get to 17 inches but it is still a popular fishery. Lots fish where the Deerfield comes in and are enjoying the fishery there. Keep an open mind b/c popular fishery.

9Answer:

Eric Palmer – we know salmon don't grow that well in some inland waters. If there is good fishing we will take that into account when we raise the length limit

Formal Comment (3/29/2021):

Brad Nadeau, Cornwall – Thank you for hard work you have done, collecting data etc. Know you have the best interest of the fish in mind which is important to me as an angler. Appreciate the time.

Frank Nelson, Pawlet – Mettawee - the slot limit is good but C/R could be entertained there in the future as it attracts anglers and attention to area. Look up study on lactic acid build up in fish released into cold water. Since [Irene], Flower Brook and Mettawee are at lower trout pops overall after heavy equipment in the streams. Put effort into habitat restoration, seeing decreased insects hatches, like hendricks in the river which affects the fish populations.

Michael Bard, Waterbury – active in many groups (TU, LCWA, LCI, etc) active in conservation so appreciation for multiple species. Thank dept for hard work on this, regulations need to be simplified. Have gone from a little book to a bigger book, but even with a college education it can be overwhelming. Simplification is good, even more simplification would be even better. Like the idea of reducing BKT and increasing number of BNT and RBT to create a uniform number. Some people don't know the difference so it will help to have a uniform number of trout. Ice fishing most liberal amount of tip ups in US on LC. 15 is too many, and can be crowded, and causes high mortality for people actually fishing 15 tip ups. Fish need some more protection. Like the idea of opening up more opportunities with C/R. Concerned about enforcement b/c bad actors will harvest during the C/R season. Some will violate laws. Thank dept for hard work and thank board for volunteer efforts.

Chris Owen, Worcester – chair of VT chapter of Native Fish Coalition, chapters in 7 states, founded in 2017. They focus on BKT, concerned about habitat stress for BKT in the state, e.g. high water temp, invasions by warm water sport fish, changes in land use patterns with compromised riparian zones (residential, agricultural, and timber). Wants a conservation theme when reviewing these populations. NFCs comment - Supports reduction in BKT harvest limit. 8 is good, 6 would be better. Status quo of 12 BKT is the highest in all of the 22 states in the native BKT range. Eight would put us on par with MA and GA but above most other states in Eastern BKT range. Most of those other states have daily limits of 2-6 fish for BKT. Merit from a social perspective and for easing pressure on BKT. Six would be consistent with the department's pronounced goal of simplifying the regs. Simple to understand, simple to enforce. In listening sessions after last year, 26 comments were submitted and 22 supported reduced levels and most of those supported even more reduction [numbers on this should be verified]. Encourage FWD to begin discussion with stakeholders to establish a long-range management plan for wild native BKT for future populations to ID areas for conservation. Lots of credit to department, especially Bernie for attention to detail, Eric for being a good diplomat for fish and to commissioner Porter for being plain spoken. Thank you to the Board.

Keith Myers, East Montpelier – Thank you for work that you have done on this, it will be a big and welcome change. Excited to see the expansion of lakes and ponds moving to general regs. Would like to see an expansion of bait harvest into rivers and streams with those that are opened up year-round. Expanding ability to get own bait rather than from Hog Island would open up a lot of opportunities.

Paul Messier, Burlington – For walleye C/R, maybe move buoys back in the river to keep people from pre-fishing walleye.

Clark Amadon, Moretown – Thank dept for all the work and appreciate all of the work. Opening up rivers and streams in the fall, concerned about anglers not being aware of redds, think about some sort of outreach to help ID redds in the streams, maybe in the digest. Do some education on this. Endorse the reduction of the BKT harvest and would encourage to reduce it to 6 trout harvest. Consider some outreach and awareness on identifying redds in rivers and streams. NFC and TU Vermont council supports going to 6 brook trout.

Vladimir Theron, Williston – Consider more educational classes online for angling. Sees lots of people from different countries may not know how to handle the fish, etc. So think about options for providing education. Sometimes see people using multiple rods at the same time, etc. How will we enforce that? Just putting it in the book is not always enough to.

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### **30 March 2021 Public Hearing – Zoom – Started at 6:30pm**

#### **Questions/Answers Portion (3/30/2021):**

##### **1Questions:**

Linwood Mixer, Maidstone Lake – what your saying is that we can fish 365 days/yr but only keep trout during seasons mentioned? If you are fishing for sunfish, etc outside of that season with lures and flies only

##### **1Answer:**

Bernie Pientka: It's about the targeting. If you fish sunfish you can use bait, if you are targeting fish outside of their harvest season, such as trout, you'd have to use artificial flies and lures

#### **Formal Comment (3/30/2021):**

Ron Rhodes, Pomfret – Thank you to Bernie and Will and Eric and all the staff that have been working on this, know that it has been several years in the making and we appreciate the work you do. Overall generally speaking it's a good proposal.

Robert Hynes, Montpelier – Noticed a lot of talk about biological issues. It seems that a lot of fish that are harvested outside of small brook trout streams are stocked fish. What percentage of harvested fish in lakes and streams are stocked vs wild? Don't see the need to be encouraging people to take 8 fish that we are stocking and spending money to be growing. Sends the wrong message. At certain times of the year it's fairly easy to catch limit for most anybody. Certain people are there all the time and they are there to catch their limit, they keep a lot of fish. So increasing the limit from 6 to 8 sends the wrong message.

Kate Riley, Pomfret – fish the Batten Kill a lot, The fishery means a lot to her, her husband and father and her son fish it. There are not many fishing bait because it is catch and release and it was voted down last time because not warranted. Seems exclusive to simplify it to fly fishing. Many Vermonters who are middle class or lower class may not be able to afford to fly fish.

During covid when people are wanting that opportunity. Biologists do not have a reason for it, it is just a rule.

Eric Palmer response – same comment was sent it. It was not our intent to change the Batten Kill. We will look at it and see if we can maintain Batten Kill as it currently exists, that was our intention, we lumped it in with catch and release, artificials only. We will propose to keep it as it is. There is a long history there.

Mark Riley – Pomfret – couldn't unmute

Voicemail comments on Fish Rule (received by 5pm on 4/7/21)

Voice 1:

3.15.21 - Hi, this is Charlie Boy. I'm from Colchester Vermont and I have a camp on Big Averill Lake up in Northern Vermont and I my comment is this, I think that the rules for the length limit between Big Averill Lake and Little Averill Lake should be the same currently. It is 18 inches on Big Averill and twenty inches on Little and I met an older gentleman up there last year who had caught a fish on Big Averill, but didn't want to go to Little Averill because he was afraid that a game warden would stop him, and he'd have to explain everything, but I just think it would be fair to have them both the same. Thank you. Bye.

Voice 2:

3.30.21 - Hi, my name is Joseph Steakhouse and I reside in Rutland Vermont and I was calling to voice my concerns about proposed fishing regulations being changed the upcoming Thursday. From my interpretation of it, it just seems to be needlessly bureaucratic and really eliminates access to fishing holes is which is my concern. There's plenty of people that enjoy being able to come out for a weekend or you know, we get passes to go out for everyone for the season and I'm not happy that the restrictions would be based on the type of equipment that we have. This seems pretty, just, I don't know. I don't know how to how to say it. But I think we should be doing all we can to promote activities and promote access instead of trying to restrict only the user people that are in the know for that specialty or are able to access it off. I mean, we want people to come to Vermont to experience everything. Thank you.

Voice 3:

3.30.21 - Hi, my name is Michael McDonald and I live here in Rutland Vermont. I just want to let you know that I do disagree with the proposed changes that you guys have buried in the, in the what you could be voting on shortly on the game and Batten Kill River. So as far as the proposed changes are concerned. I want to leave the bag limit on Brook Trout at 12. So basically I just want to let you know I disagree with the proposed changes on the Batten Kill River and leave the bag limit on Brook Trout at 12 and I thank you very much.

Voice 4:

4.7.21 - Dan Wood, Arlington – Calling to say I oppose the state fishing regulations for the Batten Kill river. People like my father have fished it all his life and can no longer cast very well. Shouldn't be told they can never fish it ever again because they can't toss lures or anything like that. Enjoyed fishing the Batten Kill for 60 years, don't think the state has right to tell them no now. Can't keep fish there anyways I don't see the problem. Wonder where some of this stuff comes from. It is not fair to native Vermonters. (voice mail audio difficult to follow every word. Did the best we could to capturing it):

Email Comments (received by 5pm on 4/7/21).

Email 1:

**From:** [Fwinformation@vermont.gov](mailto:Fwinformation@vermont.gov) on behalf of Todd <jumpmasterta@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 3, 2021 12:08 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Contact Us Webform Fishing Regulations Comments

Do you think the proposed changes would make fishing regulations easier to understand? YES/easier

Do you support the idea of VFWD making fishing regulations easier to understand? YES Would these changes make you more likely to go fishing or more excited to go fishing? : MORE

Comments: So glad this might actually happen! Way too confusing First Name:

Todd Last Name: Ambroz Email: jumpmasterta@gmail.com

Email 2:

**From:** [Fwinformation@vermont.gov](mailto:Fwinformation@vermont.gov) on behalf of Jeff <glpf13@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 3, 2021 10:33 AM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Contact Us Webform Fishing Regulations Comments

Do you think the proposed changes would make fishing regulations easier to understand? YES/easier

Do you support the idea of VFWD making fishing regulations easier to understand? YES

Would these changes make you more likely to go fishing or more excited to go fishing? MORE

Comments: I appreciate and support your ongoing efforts to simplify fishing regulations in VT. The recent baitfish changes were a good start although I would like to see those further lessened to reduce the amount of money/baitfish that we all waste when we don't fish one body of water all of the time.

First Name: Jeff

Last Name: Kramer

Email: glpf13@gmail.com

Email 3:

**Sent:** Sunday, January 3, 2021 10:31 AM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Proposed Fishing Changes

Hello,

First of all I'd like to say a big thank you for working on this project; it was very much needed.

My question pertains to the proposed changes and fishing at, say for example, Sunset lake in Benson, VT. Currently, your total Lake Trout and Rainbow Trout limit is 2; it appears that under the proposed guidelines you could harvest 2 Lakers and 6 Rainbows, correct?

Thank you for your assistance and your continued work with regard to simplifying our regulations.

Jeff Kramer

Email 4:

**From:** Fwinformation@vermont.gov on behalf of Peter <peter@spbmas.com>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 5, 2021 2:53 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Contact Us Webform Fishing Regulations Comments

Do you think the proposed changes would make fishing regulations easier to understand?

YES/easier Do you support the idea of VFWD making fishing regulations easier to understand? YES

Would these changes make you more likely to go fishing or more excited to go fishing? : MORE

Comments: Love the change to year-round catch and release fishing!

First Name: Peter

Last Name: Brooks

Email: peter@spbmas.com

Email 5:

**From:** Fwinformation@vermont.gov on behalf of jay <jmodry@ossu.org>

**Sent:** Friday, January 15, 2021 11:29 AM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Contact Us Webform Fishing Regulations Comments

EXTERNAL SENDER: Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.

Do you think the proposed changes would make fishing regulations easier to understand? YES/easier

Do you support the idea of VFWD making fishing regulations easier to understand? YES

Would these changes make you more likely to go fishing or more excited to go fishing? : MORE

Comments: I think the increased fishing opportunities are a huge plus. For example, I live right on Caspian Lake, but usually make a late season trip or two to Champlain to fly fish for lake trout. With the new regulation, it looks like I could save a bunch of miles and fish for late season lakers in Caspian

First Name: jay Last Name: modry

Email: jmodry@ossu.org

Email 6:

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 2:45 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Contact Us Webform Fishing Regulations Comments

Do you think the proposed changes would make fishing regulations easier to understand? YES/easier

Do you support the idea of VFWD making fishing regulations easier to understand? YES

Would these changes make you more likely to go fishing or more excited to go fishing? : MORE

Comments: I love these changes. A 1/1 trout ice fishing date, year round catch and release, rules simplification, and expanded ice fishing opportunities for trout all are outstanding improvements- I am excited! I grew up in Maine which created an excellent fall trout stocking program that lead to an awesome ice fishing season- there are so many opportunities for this in Vermont. I can't wait- I hope VFW takes full advantage.

First Name: Jason

Last Name: Parker

Email: jparks12841@gmail.com

Email 7:

**From:** Fwinformation@vermont.gov on behalf of Stephens <stevehandfield@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 30, 2021 11:17 AM  
**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment  
**Subject:** Contact Us Webform Fishing Regulations Comments  
Do you think the proposed changes would make fishing regulations easier to understand? YES/easier  
Do you support the idea of VFWD making fishing regulations easier to understand? YES  
Would these changes make you more likely to go fishing or more excited to go fishing? : MORE  
Comments: Definitely  
First Name: Stephens  
Last Name: Handfield  
Email: stevehandfield@yahoo.com

Email 8:

**From:** The WildFisherWoman <wildfisherwoman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 11, 2021 10:16 AM  
**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment  
**Subject:** Public Comment - Simplifying Fishing Rules  
Dear VTF&W - Like what you did with the trout. Keep up the great work you all do. Please consider simplifying those baitfish regulations (again). Thanks. - CFS  
Cheryl Frank Sullivan  
Underhill, VT

Email 9:

**From:** Meg Clough <megcl@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 12, 2021 7:19 AM  
**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment  
**Subject:** Fish Management Rule Comments  
I feel that if you change a lot of these size and line restrictions there will be no large fish left to catch. The rules were not that hard to look up. If you can't read, don't fish. I'm especially worried about the changes on Seymour, and the Averills.  
Margaret Clough

Email 10:

**From:** Yep Blaze <yepblaze@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 13, 2021 4:32 AM  
**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment  
**Subject:** from the everywhere it's different dept  
I am 67 bought and used 5 minutes my last licence coming from california an avid daily fisherman and familiar with their booklet and rules updates, locations, and species I came here about 10 years ago college educated in tech and IT skills and found vermont unique and not an easy read tried to get with the VT fishing rules and pamphlets Too many heartwarming filler stories baits and gear sections we need species photo ID sections we need to have available and banned species by location limits and dates the wording that lead sinkers are not illegal only not to be sold I do not carry a smart device but it would seem that location specific could be instantaneous otherwise a directory or map to locate name of body to differentiate calendar of dates by locations number to call for realtime answers there's a few rambled  
Craig Grover



Email 11:

**From:** Fwinformation@vermont.gov on behalf of John <jjbdecoys@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 9:26 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Contact Us Webform Fishing Regulations Comments

Comments: I'm happy to hear the regs are going to be simplified. The regs as currently written have scared me off of fishing anywhere but Champlain. I want to be able to take my kid fishing without worrying about tickets.

First Name: John

Last Name: Bourbon

Email: jjbdecoys@gmail.com

Email 12:

**From:** Fwinformation@vermont.gov on behalf of Raymond <raywells175@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 4:17 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Contact Us Webform Fishing Regulations Comments

Comments:

In response to the proposed changes or should I say the simplification of. There have been some suggested changes to limits that I agree with. There are ,however , suggestions I very much disagree with. I feel that what I have to say is worth as much as the paper I drafted this on. I am old school and learned to fish in the 50's and do remember what good fishing was.

Here are my thoughts :

The regulations on lakes Seymour and the Averill's which for ice fishing have had a 4 line limit. I think that is great and wished that all trout lakes had a 4 line limit. This would take some pressure off an already stressed fishery. This does not apply to Lake Champlain!

*Appendix 122 6.1*

Leave these water bodies as seasonally closed especially the ones I shall list.

Bean pond

Blake pond

Brown pond

Center pond

May pond (Barton)

These ponds are way to small to open year round !

*Appendix122. 7.6*

Smelt need and deserve a creek limit and has been needed for years. 100 smelt a day limit.

*Appendix. 122. 7.6e*

Leave center pond (Newark) and long pond (Westmore) at a 2 fish limit. These ponds have lake trout in them!

*Appendix 122. 3.0*

The definition of immediate control for lines in ice fishing is way to liberal. It should be something like within sight by naked eye and 5 to 10 minute tend time. (not allowing the use of binoculars and a 30 minute tend time.). I have seen tip ups go unattended for way over an hour after it has fired.

Enough said, thank you!

First Name: Raymond

Last Name: Wells

Email: raywells175@gmail.com

Email 13:

**From:** Susan Czerepak <susanczerepak@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 24, 2021 8:30 AM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Fishing Rule Comments

Hi

I'm looking at the proposed "simplified" fishing rules They don't seem so simple to me

What about fishing in the Connecting Stream between Lake Seymour and Echo Lake

What about the Pherrins River?

Thanks

Susan

Email 14:

**From:** neednul1@aol.com

**Sent:** Thursday, February 25, 2021 6:21 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Proposed Reg. Changes

I am glad to see that the department is simplifying the regulations, which sometimes takes a Philadelphia lawyer to understand. I do believe you have an error concerning American shad in appendix 122. I believe you meant to state that there is no open season for shad. It currently reads that there is no closed season.

I also see that you have NOT opened up Spring Lake in Shrewsbury, Vermont to Ice fishing. The lake is over 100 feet deep and is very underutilized for fishing, even in the spring and summer, because of its location. Allowing winter Ice fishing would be a wonderful addition to winter fishing opportunities in the Shrewsbury area. Please give this consideration as you revise these regs.

It also would be nice if the Department finally secured easy public boat access to Sunset Lake in the Benson area. It has been a "private" lake for far too long, while L. Bomoseen continues to get ever increasing pressure from fishers and boaters, which Sunset access could help temper. Access has been debated since the last century and it is finally time to find a way for boat access to Sunset.

Lars Lundeen

Email 15:

**From:** andrewglover <andrewglover@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2021 5:44 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Fishing regulations.

Please remove the no live bait restrictions on the Lamoille River. I fished for years with worms on a section that was changed for no logical reason to artificial bait only.

Thank you

Andrew Glover

Jeffersonville VT

Email 16:

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 8:10 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Contact Us Webform Fishing Regulations Comments

Comments: I think that this is a great idea for many reasons. First and foremost, I do a lot of winter fishing in other places and fish seem to do better caught and released during the colder months as oxygen in cold water is abundant. Secondly environmental officers are spread thin to say the least as it is. In my opinion their efforts would be best directed to the more dangerous and legally bound activities. Like snowmobiling. Thank you very much for allowing the public a voice.

Brian Lynch —Guide/Owner Pheasant Tail Tours Guide Service

First Name: Brian

Last Name: Lynch

Email: brian@pheasanttailtours.com

Email 17:

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 8:45 AM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Contact Us Webform Fishing Regulations Comments

Comments: Hello, as an avid fly fisherman in VT, we should have a year-round open all season rule for all streams that are mandatory catch and release, barbless hooks only. Winter (and even through April 10th) is such a variability in weather that having the opportunity to fish year round would be incredibly useful. Additionally, several of the smaller, unmarked streams and tributaries of major waterways are productive fisheries that would be great for anglers seeking to continue the sport in the winter. Given this, as well, there would not be a large contingency of fishing pressure as those who want to fish when snow is out are far and few. However, on days like today (where it is 70 degrees in late March) fishing should be allowed and on every other day with strict catch and release, barbless regulations on all rivers/streams. The existing year round waterway opportunities are sparse and not nearly accessible enough for anglers.

First Name: Brandon

Last Name: Dale

Email: brandon\_dale@alumni.brown.edu

Email 18:

**From:** Mason <mwardwell1979@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:57 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Proposed changes

I, Mason Wardwell disagree with the proposed changes on the Battenkill. Please leave the bag limit on brook trout at 12.

Sincerely,

Mason Wardwell

Email 19:

**From:** Cheryl Treworgy <cjtreworgy@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:02 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Battenkill changes

I am strongly opposed to the proposed changes to fly fishing only on the Battenkill. Please don't make fishing an elite sport that only tourists at Orvis can afford. Please keep the Battenkill fishing as it is for our future generations of Vermonters. Keep the bag limit on trout to 12.

Sincerely,

A Vermont tax payer, Cheryl

Email 20:

**From:** Gary Bannister <gmbanni@comcast.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 3:45 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Gary letter.docx

**Attachments:** Gary letter.docx

Please note my public comment enclosed

Gary

Note from Gary Bannister (Email 20).

*As a lifelong Vermonter, and avid hunter and fisherman, I have spent my entire life in the woods and along the brooks and streams of this great state! The memories of fishing with my father and friends, from upland mountain streams to trolling on Lake Champlain, are priceless (to say the least) and have had a tremendous influence on my appreciation of my natural surroundings. My dad got me going when I was 5 years old, on a brook trout stream, and my intensity for fishing has extended into my 69th year - thoroughly enjoying retirement!*

*This week, in fact, I purchased fly fishing outfits for my three grandchildren, and I have high hopes that their busy lives will include exciting time spent on a Vermont lake or stream!*

*However, their introduction to the sport was either sitting on a dock, or streamside rock, fishing bait! I'm hoping they learn the skills of presenting a fly to a rising trout, as well as the skills of drifting a garden worm to a wary Brown, in an alder lined run! "Catch and release" is successfully accomplished using both angling methods!*

*Thus, I want to express my strong opposition to the new fishing "simplification" which is attempting to prohibit the use of bait within the Battenkill River! I can't imagine that hooking mortality, using a garden worm, is so significant as to affect the trout population within the river.*

*The family bonds developed, for a century or more, along the famous Battenkill and other Vermont streams, need to be strengthened, not weakened by needless regulation!*

*Also, it is my hope the 12 fish limit for brook trout will be retained in its current form!*

*Many thanks to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board and State Biologists for their efforts in protecting our natural resources!*

Email 21:

**From:** Shanna Treworgy <strewo24@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 4:47 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Objection to proposed changes

Hello,

I understand changes are being proposed for the Battenkill river fishing. I would like to respectfully advocate for the bag limit on brook trout to remain at 12. This is important to me and my family, all of us being Vermonters.

Sincerely,

Shanna Treworgy

Email 22:

**From:** Mark Riley Sr. <vff@sover.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, April 1, 2021 4:27 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment

**Subject:** Battenkill Bait Fishing

**Attachments:** Battenkill Bait Fishing opinion.docx

Attached you will find my letter of opinion concerning the proposed elimination of bait fishing in the Battenkill River!

Thank you to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board and to the Biologists of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department for the opportunity to convey my opinion!

Mark D. Riley Sr.

April 1st, 2021

To: Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board

Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department- Fisheries

From : Mark D. Riley Sr.

1434 North Pawlet Road

Wells, Vermont 05774

802.287.2049

RE: Proposed changes in Bait Fishing- Battenkill River

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed "Fishing Simplification" regarding the elimination of bait fishing from the Battenkill River. As we all know this is not simplification, but a significant change in regulation!

If there is documented biological data which confirms significant hooking mortality on the Battenkill, then I am willing to change my opinion. However, the possible problems affecting trout populations are many and include:

-over recreational use of the river by tubers, kayakers, canoes, and beer cooler floats during periods of extreme low water.

- significant development of the Battenkill Valley causing increases in impervious surfaces and road gravel sedimentation

- loss of woody debris and stream structure. (Kudos to the Battenkill Alliance and others for addressing this situation!!)

It is difficult to believe that garden worm fishermen can be placed on this list!

This issue was debated in 2017, and the Board unanimously voted to maintain bait fishing in the Battenkill! Have conditions changed significantly since this time?

My family have treasured their 80+ years of living on and carefully fishing the river, both with bait and fly rod alike! Please allow the "common man" to begin or maintain family traditions, rather than limiting the use of Vermont's most famous trout stream!

Also, I remain strongly in favor of maintaining the 12 daily limit for the taking of brook trout!

Email 23:

**From:** ANR - FW Information <ANR.FWInformation@vermont.gov> On Behalf Of Timothy

**Sent:** Monday, April 5, 2021 7:34 PM

**To:** ANR - FW Public Comment <ANR.FWPublicComment@vermont.gov>

**Subject:** Contact Us Webform Fishing Regulations Comments

Comments: Fishing Vermont's streams for some healthy and tasty brook trout is a favorite pastime for many of us. Brook trout are plentiful in our woodland streams. It seems unfortunate that we would reduce the daily limit to eight for simplicities sake. I am not for reducing the brook trout limit.

A big thank you to the VT Fish and Wildlife Dept. and board members for your work, dedication and expertise.

First Name: Timothy

Last Name: Metayer

Email: [tbmetayer@gmail.com](mailto:tbmetayer@gmail.com)

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TITLE 10 Conservation and Development APPENDIX  
CHAPTER 2. FISH  
Subchapter 2. Seasons, Waters, and Limits

§ 122. Fish Management Regulation.

**1.0 Authority**

- (a) This rule is adopted pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §4081(b). In adopting this rule, the Fish and Wildlife Board is following the policy established by the General Assembly that the protection, propagation, control, management, and conservation of fish, wildlife and fur-bearing animals in this state is in the interest of the public welfare and that the safeguarding of this valuable resource for the people of the state requires a constant and continual vigilance.
- (b) In accordance with 10 V.S.A. §4082, this rule is designed to maintain the best health, population and utilization levels of Vermont's fisheries.
- (c) In accordance with 10 V.S.A. §4083, this rule establishes open seasons; establishes daily, season, possession limits and size limits; prescribes the manner and means of taking fish; and prescribes the manner of transportation and exportation of fish.

**2.0 Purpose**

It is the policy of the state that the protection, propagation control, management and conservation of fish, wildlife, and fur-bearing animals in this state is in the interest of the public welfare, and that safeguarding of this valuable resource for the people of the state requires a constant and continual vigilance.

**3.0 Open-Water Fishing, legal methods of taking fish**

**3.1 Definitions**

- (a) Department – Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- (b) Commissioner –Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner.
- (c) Open-water fishing –Fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod or other device in open water. Fishing by casting or trolling baited hooks, artificial flies or lures is considered open-water fishing.
- (d) Baited Hook – A single shank hook with 1, 2 or 3 points which may be baited with natural or artificial bait or both.
- (e) Lure – A man-made device designed to catch only 1 fish at a time, to include a spoon, plug, spinner, bait harness, tandem hook streamer or lead head jig.

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- (f) 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.
  - (g) Handheld Spear – A manually powered spear used from above the water's surface.
  - (h) Speargun – A pneumatic or rubber band powered device, with a line not to exceed 20 feet attached to a spear, used from below the water's surface.
  - (i) Cull Fish – Carp, tench, rudd, shad (alewife and gizzard shad), and goldfish. Additional invasive/exotic fish species may be designated by the Commissioner as "cull fish."
  - (j) Immediate Control – Such constant control as would enable the angler to respond forthwith to a fish taking their bait, lure or fly promptly and without any delay.
  - (k) Snagging – Snagging shall mean the intentional hooking of a fish in a place other than the inside of the fish's mouth. No person shall pull, jerk or otherwise purposefully and/or repeatedly manipulate a hook, or hooks and line to snag or hook a fish in any method other than to entice a fish into taking, by mouth, a hook, lure or fly. Repeated and/or exaggerated jerking or pulling of the fishing line and/or hooks in any attempt to snag fish, whether it results in physically snagging a fish or not, shall be prima facie evidence that snagging has taken place. This shall not apply to the use of a gaff to land a fish that has been legally hooked.
- 3.2 Whether still fishing, casting, or trolling in Vermont waters, a person may take fish only by using not more than two lines over which he or she has immediate control and to each of which lines is attached not more than two baited hooks, or more than three artificial flies, or more than two lures with or without bait, ~~except that at Seymour Lake and Little Averill Lake a person may take fish only by using not more than one line.~~  
~~A person open water fishing shall not take fish through the ice, from the ice, or from an object supported by the ice.~~
- 3.3 A person shall not take any fish pursuant to subsection (3.2) unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish taken under subsection (3.2) that is not hooked in the mouth shall be immediately released pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4602. A fish hooked in any part of the body other than in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked, and shall be prima facie evidence of foul hooking.
- 3.4 Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.
- 3.5 Catch and Release: For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.

### 4.0 Ice Fishing

- 4.1 Definitions - The definitions of section 3 are applicable to this section.



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- (a) Ice Fishing – Ice fishing is defined as 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.
- 4.2 Fish may be taken through the ice with not more than eight lines, except on Lake Champlain where no more than fifteen lines may be operated. Each line shall not have more than two baited hooks, or more than three artificial flies, or more than two lures with or without bait. ~~not more than two baited hooks or three artificial flies or two lures on each line. A person shall not operate more than eight lines, except on Lake Champlain where no more than fifteen lines may be operated, and except on Seymour and Little Averill Lakes, where not more than four lines may be operated.~~
- 4.3 A person ice fishing shall have at all times, ~~have~~ immediate control over all lines they operate. A person ice fishing shall be able to visually observe lines they operate. Any line that indicates a fish shall be tended within 30 minutes.
- 4.4 A person shall not take any fish pursuant to subsection (4.2) unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish taken under subsection (4.2) that is not hooked in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked and shall be immediately released pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4602. A fish hooked in any part of the body other than in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked, and shall be prima facie evidence of foul hooking.  
~~The definitions of section 3 are applicable to this section.~~
- 4.5 Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.
- 4.6 Catch and Release: For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.

### 5.0 Lake Champlain Boundaries

Lake Champlain proper shall be considered to include the setback at the same level and the 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 falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road);  
Little Otter Creek to falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road);

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Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 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 Alburg (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 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 (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington;

### ~~6.0 Clyde River: Catch and Release~~

~~Between September 1 and October 31, on the Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston, a person may fish with artificial flies and lures only, and all salmon caught must be released.~~

### 6.0 Seasonally Closed Waters

6.1 Lakes and Ponds – The following lakes and ponds or portions thereof are hereby designated seasonally closed waters and shall be closed to all fishing except between Second Saturday in April through October 31 as provided in section 8-7 of these regulations:

~~Adams Reservoir, Woodford  
Ansel Pond, Bethel  
Baker Pond, Barton  
Bald Hill Pond, Westmore  
Bean Pond, Sutton  
Beaver Pond, Holland  
Beck Pond, Newark  
Beebe Pond, Sunderland  
Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill  
Big Mud Pond, Mt. Tabor  
Blake Pond, Sutton  
Bourn Pond, Sunderland  
Branch Pond, Sunderland  
Brown Pond, Westmore  
Caspian Lake, Greensboro  
Center Pond, Newark  
Colby Pond, Plymouth  
Cary Pond, Walden  
Cow Mountain Pond, Granby~~

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~~Crystal Lake, Barton~~  
~~Duck Pond, Sutton~~  
~~Dufresne Pond, Manchester~~  
~~East Long Pond, Woodbury~~  
~~Echo Lake, Charleston~~  
~~Ewell Pond, Peacham~~  
~~Forest Lake, Averill~~  
~~Goshen Dam (Sugar Hill Reservoir), Goshen~~  
~~Griffith Lake, Mt. Tabor~~  
~~Hapgood Pond, Peru~~  
~~Hartwell Pond, Albany~~  
~~Holland Pond, Holland~~  
~~Jobs Pond, Westmore~~  
~~Knapp Brook Pond No. 1, Reading and Cavendish~~  
~~Knapp Brook Pond No. 2, Reading and Cavendish~~  
~~Lake Dunmore Salisbury and Leicester—Except from Sucker Brook  
to the island south, which shall be open.~~  
Lake Pleiad, Hancock  
~~Levi Pond, Groton~~  
~~Lewis Pond, Lewis~~  
~~Little Averill Lake, Averill~~  
~~Little Elmore Pond, Elmore~~  
~~Little Rocky Rock Pond, Wallingford~~  
~~Long Pond, Newbury~~  
~~Long Pond, Westmore~~  
~~Maidstone Lake, Maidstone~~  
~~Marl Pond, Sutton~~  
~~Martins Pond, Peacham~~  
~~May Pond, Barton~~  
~~McIntosh Pond, Royalton~~  
~~Mud Pond, Hyde Park~~  
~~Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury~~  
~~Nichols Pond, Woodbury~~  
~~North Pond, Chittenden~~  
~~Norton Pond, Norton~~  
~~Notch Pond, Ferdinand~~  
~~Noyes (Seyon) Pond, Groton~~  
~~Peacham Pond, Peacham~~  
~~Perch Pond (Zack Woods Pond), Hyde Park~~  
~~Pigeon Pond, Groton~~  
~~Red Mill Pond, Woodford~~  
~~Seymour Lake, Morgan~~  
~~Shadow Lake, Glover~~  
~~Silver Lake, Leicester~~  
~~South America Pond, Ferdinand~~  
~~South Pond, Marlboro~~

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Spring Lake, Shrewsbury  
 Stannard Pond, Stannard  
 Sterling Pond, Cambridge  
 Stoughton Pond, Weathersfield  
 Stratton Pond, Stratton  
 Sunset Lake, Benson  
 Unknown Pond, Averys Gore  
 Unknown Pond, Ferdinand  
 Vail Pond, Sutton  
 Vernon Hatchery Pond, Vernon  
 West Mountain Pond, Maidstone  
 Wheeler Pond, Barton and Sutton  
 Willoughby Lake, Westmore  
 Zack Woods (Perch Pond), Hyde Park

6.2 Rivers and Streams - All rivers and streams are hereby designated seasonally closed waters except as listed in all the sections below. For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies, and shall be closed to all fishing except during the open season for trout as provided in section 8 of these regulations; and

7.2.1 ~~except that the following streams shall be open to trout fishing only, and no fishing for other species shall be allowed, from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April, as set forth in Table 7.2.2.~~

~~7.2.2: STREAMS OPEN TO FISHING FOR TROUT ONLY FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE SECOND WEEK IN APRIL~~

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2. Methods                  | 3. Season                                                  | Size Restrictions      | 5. Daily Bag Limit                                                      |
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| Listed Below                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Artificial fly or lure only | November 1 to the Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April: | Catch and release only | Zero - All trout must be immediately released to the water where taken: |
| <p><b>Black River</b> — From the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield upstream to the Howard Hill Road Bridge in Cavendish.</p> <p><b>Deerfield River</b> — From the Woods Road (Medburyville) bridge in Wilmington upstream approximately 2 miles to the VT Route 9W bridge in Searsburg.</p> <p><b>East Creek (Rutland City)</b> — From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City.</p> |                             |                                                            |                        |                                                                         |

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| <p><del><b>Hoosie River</b>— From the Vermont/New York border upstream to the Vermont/Massachusetts border.</del></p> <p><del><b>Lamoille River</b>— From the top of the hydroelectric dam at Fairfax Falls upstream to the top of the Cady's Falls Dam in Morristown.</del></p> <p><del><b>Moose River</b>— From the confluence with Passumpsic River upstream to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in St. Johnsbury.</del></p> <p><del><b>Otter Creek</b>— From the top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland upstream to the Danby Mt. Tabor Forest Road Bridge (Forest Road #10) in Mt. Tabor.</del></p> <p><del><b>Passumpsic River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of Arnolds Falls Dam in St. Johnsbury.</del></p> <p><del><b>Walloomsac River</b>— 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.</del></p> <p><del><b>Winooski River</b>— From the top of the Bolton Dam in Waterbury and Duxbury upstream to the VT Route 2/100 in Duxbury and Waterbury.</del></p> |
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**7.0 Fish – Open Seasons, Size Restrictions and Daily Bag Limits.**

**7.1 Fish of the species named or described in the tables set forth below may be taken:**

- (a) In the waters specified in column 1, by the method specified in column 2, during the open season specified in column 3.
- (b) Provided they meet any size restrictions specified in column 4., and only in numbers listed under daily bag limits specified in column 5., under no circumstances may a person take in one day, more than the daily bag or weight limit from a listed body of water. No person may take in aggregate more than the daily State-wide aggregate limit for any species listed.
- (c) Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of Commissioner, pursuant to the Commercial angling rules set forth in 10 V.S.A. App 123.

**7.2 Possession limits are equal to twice the daily bag limits. Fish species with limit restrictions may not be possessed in excess of the possession limits at any time.**

- (a) No person shall have live fish in their possession that are transported in a manner which attempts to keep them alive when leaving waters of the state (10 V.S.A. §1251(13)), except as follows:
  - (1) ~~the a person may transport approved baitfish species pursuant to the baitfish rules set forth in 10 V.S.A App. §141. has been issued a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit by the Commissioner,~~
  - (2) the person has been issued a scientific collection permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,

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- (3) the person has been issued a fish transportation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,
- (4) the person has been issued a fish breeders permit or fish importation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity.

- 7.3 The daily bag limit for a fish species on a water body with a closed season for that fish species is zero during the closed season.
- 7.4 "General waters" restrictions are the provisions applicable to all waters of the state, except the waters specifically named or described.
- 7.5 Unless otherwise specifically provided, fish not listed in this regulation may be taken at any time and without size or catch limit, in waters not listed as seasonally closed waters in Section 7 6 of these regulations.
- 7.6 Open Seasons, Size Restrictions and Daily Bag Limits Tables

(a) STATEWIDE AGGREGATE DAILY BAG LIMITS (*Maximum number of a fish species that may be taken in one day*)

| <b>FISH SPECIES</b>                                        | <b>DAILY AGGREGATE LIMITS</b>              |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Brook Trout                                                | <del>12</del> fish                         |
| <u>Brook and Brown and Rainbow Trout - Streams/Rivers</u>  | Maximum Combination of <del>6-8</del> fish |
| <u>Brook and Brown and Rainbow Trout - lakes and ponds</u> | <u>Maximum Combination of 6 fish</u>       |
| Lake Trout                                                 | 2 fish, (3 if taken from Lake Champlain)   |
| Salmon                                                     | 2 fish                                     |
| Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass                             | Maximum combination of 5 fish              |
| Northern Pike                                              | 5 fish                                     |
| Chain Pickerel                                             | 10 fish                                    |
| Muskellunge                                                | 0 fish                                     |
| Walleye                                                    | 3 fish                                     |
| Black and White Crappie                                    | 25 fish                                    |
| American Shad                                              | 0 fish                                     |
| Yellow Perch                                               | 50 fish                                    |
| Yellow Perch exception                                     | Lake Champlain - no daily limit            |
| Sauger                                                     | 0 fish                                     |
| <u>Sturgeon</u>                                            | <u>0 fish</u>                              |

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(b) BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT

| 1. Waters                                                          | 2. Methods                        | 3. Season                                                                            | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag Limit                                                          |
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| General waters. <i>(except as listed below)</i><br>Lakes and Ponds | Open-water and <u>ice</u> fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31<br><br><u>January 1 through March 15</u> | No restriction              | 6 trout                                                                     |
| Lake Champlain                                                     | Open-water and ice fishing        | No closed season                                                                     | Minimum length of 12 inches | 3 trout                                                                     |
| Rivers and Streams                                                 | Open-water fishing                | Second Saturday in April through October 31                                          | No restriction              | <del>12-8 trout, of which not more than 6 can be brown and/or rainbow</del> |
| <u>Sherman Reservoir, Whitingham</u>                               | <u>Open-water fishing</u>         | <u>Second Saturday in April through October 31</u>                                   | <u>No restriction</u>       | <u>6 trout</u>                                                              |

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(c) TROPHY TROUT STREAMS

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2. Methods         | 3. Season                                   | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit   |
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| Listed Below:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | No restriction       | 2 trout in aggregate |
| <p><b>Black River</b> along Rt. 131 in Weathersfield and Cavendish, - from Downers covered bridge upstream (approximately 4 miles) to the next bridge across the river, the Howard Hill Bridge.</p> <p><b>East Creek</b> in Rutland City -- From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City</p> <p><b>Lamoille River</b> – 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.</p> <p><b>Little River</b> – From the confluence with Winooski River in Waterbury upstream to the top of the Waterbury Reservoir Dam in Waterbury.</p> <p><b>Missisquoi River</b> in Enosburg and Sheldon -- From the downstream edge of Kane Road (TH-3) bridge upstream (approximately 5.7 miles) to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.</p> <p><b>Otter Creek</b> in Danby and Mt. Tabor - From the Vermont Railway Bridge north of the fishing access upstream (approximately 2 miles) to the Danby- Mt. Tabor Forest Rd. Bridge (Forest Road # 10).</p> <p><b>Passumpsic River</b> in the Village of St. Johnsbury – From the top of the Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury upstream (approximately 2.4 miles) to the top of the Arnold Falls Dam.</p> <p><b>Moose River</b>-- From the confluence with the Passumpsic River upstream (approximately 350 feet) to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury</p> <p><b>Walloomsac River</b> in Shaftsbury and Bennington – From the Vermont/New York border in Shaftsbury upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissue Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington.</p> <p><b>Winooski River</b> 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).</p> |                    |                                             |                      |                      |



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(d) RAINBOW TROUT (Including STEELHEAD) / BROWN TROUT

| 1. WATERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2. Methods         | 3. Season                                   | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
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| <b>Listed Below:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | Minimum length of 10 inches | 2 trout            |
| <p><b>All Lakes and Ponds:</b><br/> <del>Caspian Lake, Greensboro</del><br/> <del>Echo Lake, Charleston</del><br/> <del>Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport;</del><br/> <del>Willoughby Lake, Westmore</del></p> <p><b>Rivers and Streams:</b><br/> Orleans County:<br/> 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.<br/> Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg.<br/> <u>Brownington Branch of the Willoughby River - From its confluence at the Willoughby River extending upstream to the second road crossing on Brownington Chilafoux Road (TH #15). Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafoux Road (TH #15).</u><br/> Johns River-From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.<br/> Willoughby River - The entire Willoughby River, from confluence with Barton River in Barton upstream to the Willoughby Lake outlet in Westmore.</p> |                    |                                             |                             |                    |

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(e) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, LAKE TROUT AND SALMON – 2 FISH AGGREGATE LIMITS

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2. Methods                        | 3. Season                                                                            | 4. Size Restrictions                         | 5. Daily Bag Limit    |
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| Listed below:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Open-water and <u>Ice</u> fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31<br><br><u>January 1 through March 15</u> | See regulations for specific bodies of water | Two fish in aggregate |
| <p>Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill<br/>                     Caspian Lake, Greensboro<br/> <del>Center Pond, Newark</del><br/>                     Crystal Lake, Barton<br/>                     East Long Pond, Woodbury<br/>                     Echo Lake, Charleston<br/>                     Elligo Lake, Craftsbury and Greensboro<br/>                     Forest Lake (Nelson Pond), Calais and Woodbury<br/>                     Harveys Lake, Barnet<br/>                     Jobs Pond, Westmore (<u>Seasonally Closed</u>)<br/>                     Lake Dunmore, Salisbury<br/>                     Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay <del>and the connecting waters</del>), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport;<br/>                     Little Averill Lake, Averill<br/> <del>Long Pond, Westmore</del><br/>                     Maidstone Lake, Maidstone<br/>                     Martins Pond, Peacham (<u>Seasonally Closed</u>)<br/>                     Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury<br/>                     Nichols Pond, Woodbury<br/>                     Seymour Lake, Morgan<br/>                     Shadow Lake, Glover<br/>                     Spring Lake, Shrewsbury<br/>                     Sunset Lake, Benson<br/>                     Willoughby Lake, Westmore</p> |                                   |                                                                                      |                                              |                       |

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8.5.6 STREAMS OPEN TO YEAR ROUND TROUT FISHING

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2. Methods                                                                   | 3. Season                                                                                                                  | 4. Size Restrictions                                                                                                 | 5. Daily Bag Limit                                                                                                                                               |
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| <p>The following portions of the specified rivers shall be open to fishing for trout year round:<br/><i>(Listed below)</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Artificial fly or lure only, except during the open season for trout.</p> | <p>No closed season for catch and release only<br/><br/>Open season; from the 2nd Saturday in April through October 31</p> | <p>Catch and release only<br/><br/>During the open season follow any species restrictions for the selected river</p> | <p>Zero—All trout must be immediately returned to the waters where taken, except during the open season, limits apply in accordance with the river selected.</p> |
| <p><b>Black River</b>—From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield.<br/> <b>Lamoille River</b>—From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to the top of the hydroelectric Dam at Fairfax Falls.<br/> <b>Lewis Creek</b>—From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the State Prison Hollow Road (TH #3) bridge in Starksboro.<br/> <b>Missisquoi River</b>—From Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.<br/> <b>Ompompanoosue River</b>—From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Union Village Dam in Thetford.<br/> <b>Otter Creek</b>—From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to top of Center Rutland Falls in Rutland.<br/> <b>Waits River</b>—From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford.<br/> <b>West River</b>—From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Townshend Dam in Townshend.<br/> <b>White River</b>—From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the bridge on Route 107 in Bethel.<br/> <b>Williams River</b>—From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham.<br/> <b>Winooski River</b>—From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury.</p> |                                                                              |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                  |

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(f) LAKE TROUT AND SALMON

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2. Methods                                             | 3. Season                                                                                             | 4. Size Restrictions                                                                                                  | 5. Daily Bag Limit                              |
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| General Waters<br>( <i>except as listed below</i> )                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Open-water<br>and ice fishing                          | Second<br>Saturday in<br>April through<br>October 31<br><br><u>January 1<br/>through March<br/>15</u> | Salmon-<br>Minimum<br>length of <del>15</del> <u>17</u><br>inches<br>Lake Trout-<br>Minimum<br>length of 18<br>inches | 2 Lake Trout or<br>2 Salmon or 1<br>of each     |
| Lake Champlain                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Open-water<br>and ice fishing                          | No closed<br>season                                                                                   | Lake Trout<br>and<br>Salmon –<br>Minimum<br>length of<br>15 inches                                                    | 3 Lake Trout<br>and 2 Salmon                    |
| Little Averill<br>Lake and<br>Seymour Lake                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Open-water<br>fishing, with<br>not more than<br>1 line | Angling:<br>second<br>Saturday in<br>April through<br>October 31                                      | Lake Trout-<br>Minimum<br>length of 20<br>inches<br><br>Salmon-<br>Minimum<br>length of 15<br>inches                  | 1 Lake Trout<br>and 1 Salmon<br><br>or 2 Salmon |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Ice fishing<br>with not more<br>than 4 lines           | Ice fishing:<br>third<br>Saturday in<br>January through<br>March 15                                   |                                                                                                                       |                                                 |
| <u>Clyde Pond,</u><br><u>Derby</u><br><u>Little Salem</u><br><u>Lake, Derby</u><br><u>Salem Lake,</u><br><u>Derby</u><br><u>Clyde River</u><br><u>from Lake</u><br><u>Memphremagog</u><br><u>upstream to</u><br><u>Citizen's</u><br><u>Charleston Dam</u><br><u>(Lubber Lake),</u><br><u>West Charleston</u> | Open-water<br>fishing                                  | Second<br>Saturday in<br>April through<br>August 31                                                   | Lake Trout-<br>Minimum<br>length of 18<br>inches<br><br>Salmon-<br>Minimum<br>length of 17<br>inches                  | 2 Lake Trout or<br>2 Salmon or 1<br>of each     |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Open-water fishing; Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog to Charleston dam—<br>Artificial flies and lures only | September 1 through October 31                                                | Lake Trout<br>Minimum length of 18 inches                                                | <del>2 Lake Trout, 0 Salmon</del> (all salmon must be immediately released). |
| Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Open-water and ice fishing                                                                                   | Second Saturday in April through October 31<br><br>January 1 through March 15 | Lake Trout-<br>Minimum length of 18 inches<br><br>Salmon-<br>Minimum length of 17 inches | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Ice fishing                                                                                                  | Third Saturday in January through March 15                                    |                                                                                          |                                                                              |
| Listed Below:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Open-water fishing                                                                                           | Second Saturday in April through October 31                                   | Lake Trout-<br>Minimum length of 18 inches<br><br>Salmon-<br>Minimum length of 17 inches | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each                                        |
| <p>Orleans County:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg.</p> <p>Johns River-From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.</p> <p>Willoughby River - The entire Willoughby River, from confluence with Barton River in Barton upstream to the Willoughby Lake outlet in Westmore.</p> |                                                                                                              |                                                                               |                                                                                          |                                                                              |

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8.5.8 SPECIAL ICE FISHING PROVISION FOR BROOK,  
BROWN, RAINBOW, LAKE TROUT, SALMON AND  
BASS

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2. Methods  | 3. Season                                    | 4. Size Restrictions                                 | 5. Daily Bag Limit                                   |
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| <b>Listed below:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ice fishing | Third Saturday in January 1 through March 15 | See species restriction for individual body of water | See species restriction for individual body of water |
| <p>Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill;<br/>           Big Salem Lake, Derby;<br/>           Caspian Lake, Greensboro;<br/>           Chittenden Dam, Chittenden;<br/>           Crystal Lake, Barton;<br/>           Echo Lake, Charleston;<br/>           Echo Lake, Plymouth;<br/>           Eden Lake, Eden;<br/>           Elligo Lake, Craftsbury and Greensboro<br/>           Glen Lake, Castleton, Fair Haven, and Benson;<br/>           Harriman Reservoir, Whitingham and Wilmington;<br/>           Harveys Lake, Barnet;<br/>           Island Pond, Brighton;<br/>           Joes Pond, Cabot, Danville;<br/>           Lake Bomoseen, Castleton and Hubbardton;<br/>           Lake Dunmore, Leicester and, Salisbury;<br/>           Lake Fairlee, Thetford, West Fairlee, Fairlee;<br/>           Lake Hortonia, Sudbury, Hubbardton;<br/>           Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay -), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport;<br/>           Lake Morey, Fairlee;<br/>           Lake Rescue, Ludlow;<br/>           Lake St. Catherine, Wells, Poultney;<br/>           Little Averill Lake, Averill;<br/>           Little Salem Lake Derby;<br/>           Maidstone Lake, Maidstone;<br/>           Marshfield Dam (Mollys Falls Reservoir), Cabot;<br/>           Miles Pond, Concord;<br/>           Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury;<br/>           Newark Pond, Newark;<br/>           Norton Pond, Norton;<br/>           Parker Pond, Glover;<br/>           Peacham Pond, Peacham;<br/>           Pensioner Pond, Charleston;<br/>           Seymour Lake, Morgan;<br/>           Shadow Lake, Glover;<br/>           Somerset Reservoir, Somerset;<br/>           Sunset Lake, Benson;<br/>           Wallace Pond, Canaan;<br/>           Waterbury Reservoir, Waterbury;<br/>           Willoughby Lake, Westmore;<br/>           Woodbury Lake (Sabin Pond), Calais and Woodbury</p> |             |                                              |                                                      |                                                      |

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(g) SPECIAL REGULATION TROUT STREAMS

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2. Method                                                        | 3. Season                                           | 4. Size Restrictions                                                                       | 5. Daily Bag Limit                            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <p><b>White River</b><br/>From the confluence with Lilliesville Brook in Stockbridge downstream 3.3 miles to 220 ft. downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>Open-water fishing, with artificial lures and flies only.</p> | <p>Second Saturday in April through October 31.</p> | <p>Minimum length of 18 inches</p>                                                         | <p>1 trout</p>                                |
| <p><b>Mettawee River</b>—<br/>From the downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in Pawlet upstream (approximately 16 miles) to the downstream edge of first bridge on Dorset Hollow Road and including tributary: Flower Brook upstream (approximately 1000ft) to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                        | <p>Second Saturday in April through October 31</p>  | <p>10 to 14 inches protected slot: <i>(all trout 10 to 14 inches must be released)</i></p> | <p>2 trout, only 1 greater than 14 inches</p> |
| <p><b>Winooski River Tributaries – Listed Below</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                        | <p>June 1 through October 31</p>                    | <p>10 to 16 inches protected slot: <i>(all fish 10 to 16 inches must be released)</i></p>  | <p>2 trout, only 1 greater than 16 inches</p> |
| <p>Winooski River Tributaries:<br/> <b>Joiner Brook, Bolton</b> - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1900 feet to the first falls.<br/> <b>Pinneo Brook, Bolton</b> – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 100 feet to the railroad crossing.<br/> <b>Preston Brook, Bolton</b> - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 2600 feet to the first falls.<br/> <b>Ridley Brook, Duxbury</b> – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1700 feet to the first falls.</p> |                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                            |                                               |
| <p><b>Listed Below:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                        | <p>Second Saturday in April through October 31</p>  | <p>10 to 16 inches protected slot: <i>(all fish 10 to 16 inches must be released)</i></p>  | <p>2 trout, only 1 greater than 16 inches</p> |
| <p><b>New Haven River</b> – From Munger Street Bridge in New Haven upstream (approximately 4.1 miles) to the South Street bridge in Bristol.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                            |                                               |

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| <p><b>Mettawee River</b> – From the downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in Pawlet upstream (approximately 16 miles) to the downstream edge of first bridge on Dorset Hollow Road and including tributary: Flower Brook upstream (approximately 1000ft) to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet.</p> <p><b>Winooski River</b> – From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                      |                                                      |                                                |                                                                                                  |
| <p><b>Batten Kill</b> – From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                                                            | <p>Second Saturday in April through October 31</p>   | <p>All trout must be immediately released.</p> | <p>Zero, all trout must be immediately released.</p>                                             |
| <p><b>Dog River</b> – From the downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of the Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Open-water fishing with artificial lures and flies only for anglers 15 years of age and older</p> | <p>Second Saturday in April through October 31</p>   | <p>All trout must be immediately released.</p> | <p>Zero, all trout must be immediately released.</p>                                             |
| <p><b>Listed below:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                                                            | <p>Second Saturday in April through September 30</p> | <p>No size restriction.</p>                    | <p>8 trout 12 trout of which not more than 6 can be brown and/or rainbow trout in aggregate.</p> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                                                            | <p>October 1 through October 31</p>                  | <p>All trout must be immediately released.</p> | <p>Zero, all trout must be immediately released.</p>                                             |
| <p><b>Batten Kill (East Branch)</b> – In towns of Manchester and Dorset from the downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester upstream (approximately 5.0 miles) to the downstream side of the US Route 7 Bridge south of East Dorset.</p> <p><b>Green River</b> – In the towns of Arlington and Sandgate from its confluence with Batten Kill upstream (approximately 8.5 miles) to the confluence with Moffitt Hollow Brook in Beartown.</p> <p><b>Roaring Branch</b> – In the towns of Arlington and Sunderland from its confluence with the Batten Kill upstream (approximately 3.0 miles) to the downstream side of the Bridge #14 on Sunderland TH# 3 in East Kansas.</p> |                                                                                                      |                                                      |                                                |                                                                                                  |



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**Warm Brook** – In the town of Arlington from its Confluence with the Roaring Branch upstream (approximately 0.8 miles) to the base of the so-called Hale Company Dam in East Arlington.

(h) ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON

| <b>1. Waters</b>                  | <b>2. Method</b>                                                                                                                                                      | <b>3. Season</b> | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b>           | <b>5. Daily Bag Limit</b>                                          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Connecticut River and tributaries | No person shall take or attempt to take an anadromous Atlantic salmon, any salmon unintentionally taken shall be immediately released in accordance with section 4602 | No open season   | All fish must be immediately released | Zero - All Anadromous Atlantic salmon must be immediately released |

(i) AMERICAN SHAD

| <b>1. Waters</b>                                       | <b>2. Methods</b>  | <b>3. Season</b> | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b> | <b>5. Daily Bag limits</b>                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Connecticut River, including Vermont river tributaries | Open-water fishing | No closed season | All shad must be released   | Zero – All shad must be immediately released. |

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(j) BOWFIN, REDHORSE SUCKER (MULLET), LONGNOSE GAR.

| <b>1. Waters</b>                                                               | <b>2. Methods</b>                                                                      | <b>3. Season</b>                          | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b> | <b>5. Daily Bag limits</b>             |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>and as listed below)</i>                                  | Open-water and ice fishing                                                             | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No more than 5 fish of any one species |
| General Waters<br><i>(Except seasonally closed waters and as listed below)</i> | Speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow                             | No Closed Season                          | No restriction              | No more than 5 fish of any one species |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                     | Open-water and ice fishing, speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No more than 5 fish of any one species |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                     | Shooting and Handheld Spear                                                            | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e) | No restriction              | No more than 5 fish of any one species |

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(k) SUCKER (LONGNOSE AND WHITE), and CULL FISH

| <b>1. Waters</b>                                                               | <b>2. Methods</b>                                                                          | <b>3. Season</b>                          | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b> | <b>5. Daily Bag limits</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(and as listed below)</i>                                 | Open-water and ice fishing                                                                 | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| General Waters<br><i>(Except seasonally closed waters and as listed below)</i> | Speargun, and bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow                             | No Closed Season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                     | Open-water and ice fishing, speargun, and bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                     | Shooting and Handheld Spear                                                                | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e) | No restriction              | No Limit                   |

(l) BULLHEAD

| <b>1. Waters</b>                               | <b>2. Methods</b>           | <b>3. Season</b>                          | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b> | <b>5. Daily Bag limits</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(and as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing  | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries     | Open-water and ice fishing  | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries     | Shooting and handheld Spear | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e) | No restriction              | No Limit                   |

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(m) NORTHERN PIKE

| 1. Waters                                         | 2. Methods                     | 3. Season                             | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag limits |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing     | No closed season                      | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish              |
| Lake Champlain                                    | Open-water and ice fishing,    | No closed season                      | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish              |
|                                                   | Shooting and handheld spearing | March 25 through May 25, 10 VSA 4606) | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish              |

(n) CHAIN AND REDFIN PICKEREL

| 1. Waters                                         | 2. Methods                     | 3. Season               | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag limits |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing     | No closed season        | No restriction       | No limit            |
| Lake Champlain                                    | Open-water and ice fishing     | No closed season        | No restriction       | 10 fish             |
|                                                   | Shooting and handheld spearing | March 25 through May 25 | No restriction       | 10 fish             |

(o) MUSKELLUNGE

| 1. Waters                                         | 2. Methods                                                                         | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions             | 5. Daily Bag limits                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing; Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | No closed season | All muskellunge must be released | Zero - All muskellunge must be immediately released |
| Lake Champlain                                    | Open-water and ice fishing; Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | No closed season | All muskellunge must be released | Zero - All muskellunge must be immediately released |

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|  | Shooting and handheld spearing | March 25 through May 25, 10 VSA 4606) |  | Zero Fish |
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(p) SMELT

| 1. Waters  | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| All waters | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction       | No limit           |

(q) BLACK AND WHITE CRAPPIE

| 1. Waters  | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions       | 5. Daily Bag limits |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| All waters | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | Minimum length of 8 inches | 25 fish, Combined   |

(r) YELLOW PERCH

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i>                                                                                                        | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction       | 50 fish,           |
| Lake Champlain                                                                                                                                           | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction       | No Limit           |
| Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of the Commissioner, pursuant to the Commercial angling rule set forth in 10 V.S.A. APP § 123. |                            |                  |                      |                    |

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(s) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS

| 1. Waters                                              | 2. Methods                                                                 | 3. Season                                                                                             | 4. Size Restrictions                                 | 5. Daily Bag limits                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| General Waters<br>( <i>except as listed below</i> )    | Open-water and ice fishing                                                 | No closed season<br><u>Second Saturday in June through March 15.</u>                                  | No restriction<br><u>Minimum length of 10 inches</u> | 5 fish                                       |
| <u>Lake Champlain</u>                                  | Open-water fishing                                                         | Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.                                                              | Minimum length of <del>10</del> 12 inches            | 5 fish                                       |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs                            | Open-water fishing<br>(Ice fishing—see special provisions)                 | Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>                                                 | Minimum length of 10 inches                          | 5 Fish                                       |
| <u>Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (seasonally closed)</u> | <u>Open-water fishing</u>                                                  | <u>Second Saturday in June through October 31.</u>                                                    | <u>Minimum length of 10 inches</u>                   | <u>5 fish</u>                                |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (seasonally closed)        | Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | Second Saturday in April through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive. | All bass must be released                            | Zero - All bass must be immediately released |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (not seasonally closed)    | Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | Dec. 1 through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive.                   | All bass must be released                            | Zero—All bass must be immediately released   |
| Seasonally Closed Waters—streams                       | Open-water fishing                                                         | Only when such rivers and streams are open to trout fishing except as prohibited by Section 9.2       | No restriction                                       | 5 fish                                       |

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| Lake Morey,<br>Fairlee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Open-water <u>and</u><br><u>ice</u> fishing ( <del>see</del><br>fishing—see<br>special<br>provisions) | Second<br>Saturday in<br>June through<br>Nov. 30 <u>March</u><br><u>15</u>                                                                            | Largemouth<br>bass—<br>Minimum<br>length of 14<br>inches                                                              | 5 Fish                                                                             |
| Lake Morey,<br>Fairlee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Open-water<br>fishing: Catch<br>and release<br>with artificial<br>lures and flies<br>only             | Dec. 1 through<br>the Friday<br>before the<br>Second<br>Saturday in<br>June, both dates<br>inclusive.                                                 | All bass must<br>be released                                                                                          | Zero—All bass<br>must be<br>immediately<br>released                                |
| Kent Pond,<br>Killington<br>And<br>Baker Pond,<br>Brookfield                                                                                                                                                                                              | Open-water<br>fishing                                                                                 | Second<br>Saturday in<br>June through<br>Nov. 30.                                                                                                     | Largemouth<br>Bass—<br>protected slot:<br>10–12 inches<br>(all fish<br>between 10 &<br>12 inches must<br>be released) | 10 fish, only 1<br>fish greater than<br>12 inches.                                 |
| Kent Pond,<br>Killington<br>And<br>Baker Pond,<br>Brookfield                                                                                                                                                                                              | Open-water<br>fishing: Catch<br>and release<br>with artificial<br>lures and flies<br>only             | Dec. 1 through<br>the Friday<br>before the<br>Second<br>Saturday in<br>June, both dates<br>inclusive.                                                 | All bass must<br>be released                                                                                          | Zero—All bass<br>must be<br>immediately<br>released                                |
| <u>Listed below:</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <u>Open-water</u><br><u>fishing</u>                                                                   | <u>Second</u><br><u>Saturday in</u><br><u>June through</u><br><u>Nov. 30.</u>                                                                         | <u>Minimum</u><br><u>length of 10</u><br><u>inches</u>                                                                | <u>5 fish</u>                                                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <u>Catch and</u><br><u>release with</u><br><u>artificial lures</u><br><u>and flies only</u>           | <u>Dec. 1 through</u><br><u>the Friday</u><br><u>before the</u><br><u>second</u><br><u>Saturday in</u><br><u>June, both dates</u><br><u>inclusive</u> | <u>All bass must</u><br><u>be released</u>                                                                            | <u>Zero – All bass</u><br><u>must be</u><br><u>immediately</u><br><u>released.</u> |
| <u>Austin Pond, Hubberton</u><br><u>Black Pond, Hubberton</u><br><u>Blueberry Lake (Warren Lake), Warren</u><br><u>Breese Pond, Hubberton</u><br><u>Bullhead Pond, Manchester</u><br><u>Gale Meadows, Londonderry</u><br><u>Half Moon Pond, Hubberton</u> |                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                       |                                                                                    |

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Lily Pond, Vernon  
Lowell Lake, Londonderry  
Mill Pond, Windsor  
Raponda Lake, Wilmington  
Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro  
Roach Pond, Hubberton  
Runnemed Lake, Windsor  
Sadawga, Whitingham  
Weatherhead Hollow, Guilford



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(t) WALLEYE

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                            | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season                               | 4. Size Restrictions                                                                                                    | 5. Daily Bag limits                       |
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| General Waters and Lake Champlain<br><i>(except as listed below)</i>                                                                 | Open-water and ice fishing | First Saturday in May through March 15. | Minimum length of 18 inches                                                                                             | 3 Fish                                    |
| Lake Carmi, Franklin                                                                                                                 | Open-water and ice fishing | First Saturday in May through March 15  | Minimum length of 15 inches<br>Protected lengths- 17 to 19 inches<br>(all fish between 17 & 19 inches must be released) | 5 fish, provided only 1 is over 19 inches |
| Chittenden Reservoir, Chittenden <u>including all tributaries upstream to the first barrier impassable to upstream fish movement</u> | Open-water and ice fishing | June 1 through March 15                 | Minimum length of 22 inches                                                                                             | 2 fish                                    |

(u) SAUGER

| 1. Waters                         | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season      | 4. Size Restrictions                        | 5. Daily Bag limits                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| General Waters and Lake Champlain | Open-water and ice fishing | No open season | Any fish taken must be immediately released | Zero – All Sauger taken must be immediately released |

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7.7 Spawning grounds for game fish generally

- (a) The below listed waters are declared spawning grounds for game fish and are hereby closed to the taking of fish from second Saturday in April through May 31 annually.

Chittenden County

- Joiner Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1900 feet to the first falls.  
Pinneo Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 100 feet to the railroad crossing.  
Preston Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 2600 feet to the first falls.

Orleans County

- Black River, Coventry - From 600 feet below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the top of falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry.  
~~Ware Brook - From the downstream edge of the furthest downstream bridge / culvert on Back Coventry Road (TH #8 in Irasburg) upstream approximately one mile to top of the first major natural falls on Ware Brook.~~  
~~Alder (Stony) Brook - From its confluence with the Black River upstream 3 1/2 miles to the outlet of Sargent Pond, in Coventry.~~  
Willoughby River, Orleans - From the confluence of the Brownington Branch of the Willoughby River in Brownington upstream to the downstream edge of the bridge on Vermont Route 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington); and from the downstream edge of bridge on Tarbox Hill Road in Orleans Village upstream to the top of the natural falls upstream of the bridge on Tarbox Hill Road in Orleans Village.  
Dorin, Wells, Myers, Schoolhouse and Mill Brooks, all in Westmore - From mouth of brooks at Lake Willoughby upstream approximately 3/4 mile in Dorin Brook, all of Wells Brook, 1/2 mile in Myers Brook, 1/4 mile in the Schoolhouse Brook and, and 1/4 mile in Mill Brook and tributaries, all in Westmore. For identification purpose these brooks are arranged in order from north to south, and flow through Vermont Agency of Transportation structures on Route 5A number 10, 9, 8, 7 and 6, respectively.  
~~Brownington Branch of the Willoughby River in Brownington - From its confluence at the Willoughby River extending upstream to the second road crossing on Brownington Chilafoux Road (TH #15). Said crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafoux Road (TH #15).~~

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~~Country Club Brook – From its confluence with the Willoughby River extending upstream to Hollow Road (TH #14) in Barton.~~

Porter Brook, Greensboro – From Caspian Lake upstream to its headwaters. (1987, Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's Reg. No. 970, eff. April 1, 1987.)

~~Johns River, Derby – From the downstream edge of the bridge on Beebe Road (TH #3) upstream approximately two tenths of a mile to the downstream edge of bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby.~~

~~Outlet Brook – From the highway bridge near Echo Lake in Charleston upstream to the top of dam at outlet of Seymour Lake~~

Washington County

Chase Brook, Berlin – From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approximately ½ mile to the top of the natural falls in Berlin.

Ridley Brook, Duxbury – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1700 feet to the first falls.

Windsor County

~~Lilliesville Brook, in the Town of Stockbridge – from~~ From its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on the Lilliesville Brook Road.

~~Locust Creek, Bethel - in Bethel - f~~ From its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on Rt. 12.

(b) The below named waters are closed from March 16 through May 31.

Chittenden County

Lamoille River, Milton - From the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Road in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge) upstream to the top of first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton.

Winooski River, Winooski and Burlington - 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.

Franklin County

Missisquoi River, Swanton - From the top of the Swanton dam in the Village of Swanton downstream approximately 850 feet to the water treatment plant on the west side of the river, and downstream approximately 850 feet to the upstream end of the cement breakwater on the east side of the river. (1988, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 975, eff. April 7, 1988.)

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- (c) The below named waters are closed from March 16 to the Friday before the 1st Saturday in May, both dates inclusive:

Franklin County

Missisquoi River, Swanton - From the top of the Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton extending downstream 5,120 feet to the Northwest corner (downstream) of the Riverside Cemetery and across the river to a pole on the Northeast bank.

- (d) The below named waters are closed to fishing year-round:

Orleans County

Clyde River, Newport City - From 260 feet 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.

- ~~8.10 The below named waters are closed from October 1 through October 31:~~

~~Orleans County~~

~~Johns River - From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.~~

- (e) The below named water is only open to fishing using artificial flies and lures from September 1 to October 31. All salmon caught must be released. Lake Trout may be harvest during this period. The daily limit is 2 lake trout with a minimum length of 18 inches

Clyde River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston

- (f) The below named water is catch and release for trout from Second Saturday in April to October 31. All trout must be immediately released.

Batten Kill River - From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester

- (g) The below named water is catch and release for trout with artificial lures and flies only, anglers less than 15 years old may use live bait from Second Saturday in April to October 31. All trout must be immediately released.

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Dog River - From the downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of the Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield.

- (h) The below named waters are closed to fishing from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April.

Batten Kill River – From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester.

Clyde River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston

Dog River – From the downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of the Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield.

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### TITLE 10 Conservation and Development APPENDIX CHAPTER 2. FISH Subchapter 2. Seasons, Waters, and Limits

#### § 122. Fish Management Regulation.

##### **1.0 Authority**

- (a) This rule is adopted pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §4081(b). In adopting this rule, the Fish and Wildlife Board is following the policy established by the General Assembly that the protection, propagation, control, management, and conservation of fish, wildlife and fur-bearing animals in this state is in the interest of the public welfare and that the safeguarding of this valuable resource for the people of the state requires a constant and continual vigilance.
- (b) In accordance with 10 V.S.A. §4082, this rule is designed to maintain the best health, population and utilization levels of Vermont's fisheries.
- (c) In accordance with 10 V.S.A. §4083, this rule establishes open seasons; establishes daily, season, possession limits and size limits; prescribes the manner and means of taking fish; and prescribes the manner of transportation and exportation of fish.

##### **2.0 Purpose**

It is the policy of the state that the protection, propagation control, management and conservation of fish, wildlife, and fur-bearing animals in this state is in the interest of the public welfare, and that safeguarding of this valuable resource for the people of the state requires a constant and continual vigilance.

##### **3.0 Open-Water Fishing, legal methods of taking fish**

###### **3.1 Definitions**

- (a) Department – Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- (b) Commissioner –Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner.
- (c) Open-water fishing –Fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod or other device in open water. Fishing by casting or trolling baited hooks, artificial flies or lures is considered open-water fishing.
- (d) Baited Hook – A single shank hook with 1, 2 or 3 points which may be baited with natural or artificial bait or both.
- (e) Lure – A man-made device designed to catch only 1 fish at a time, to include a spoon, plug, spinner, bait harness, tandem hook streamer or lead head jig.

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- (f) 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.
  - (g) Handheld Spear – A manually powered spear used from above the water's surface.
  - (h) Speargun – A pneumatic or rubber band powered device, with a line not to exceed 20 feet attached to a spear, used from below the water's surface.
  - (i) Cull Fish – Carp, tench, rudd, shad (alewife and gizzard shad), and goldfish. Additional invasive/exotic fish species may be designated by the Commissioner as "cull fish."
  - (j) Immediate Control – Such constant control as would enable the angler to respond forthwith to a fish taking their bait, lure or fly promptly and without any delay.
  - (k) Snagging – Snagging shall mean the intentional hooking of a fish in a place other than the inside of the fish's mouth. No person shall pull, jerk or otherwise purposefully and/or repeatedly manipulate a hook, or hooks and line to snag or hook a fish in any method other than to entice a fish into taking, by mouth, a hook, lure or fly. Repeated and/or exaggerated jerking or pulling of the fishing line and/or hooks in any attempt to snag fish, whether it results in physically snagging a fish or not, shall be prima facie evidence that snagging has taken place. This shall not apply to the use of a gaff to land a fish that has been legally hooked.
- 3.2 Whether still fishing, casting, or trolling in Vermont waters, a person may take fish only by using not more than two lines over which he or she has immediate control and to each of which lines is attached not more than two baited hooks, or more than three artificial flies, or more than two lures with or without bait.
- 3.3 A person shall not take any fish pursuant to subsection (3.2) unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish taken under subsection (3.2) that is not hooked in the mouth shall be immediately released pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4602. A fish hooked in any part of the body other than in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked, and shall be prima facie evidence of foul hooking.
- 3.4 Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.
- 3.5 Catch and Release: For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.

### 4.0 Ice Fishing

- 4.1 Definitions - The definitions of section 3 are applicable to this section.
- (a) Ice Fishing – Ice fishing is defined as fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod, tip-up, jack or bob, where the angler is

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- 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.
- 4.2 Fish may be taken through the ice with not more than eight lines, except on Lake Champlain where no more than fifteen lines may be operated. Each line shall not have more than two baited hooks, or more than three artificial flies, or more than two lures with or without bait.
  - 4.3 A person ice fishing shall have at all times, immediate control over all lines they operate. A person ice fishing shall be able to visually observe lines they operate. Any line that indicates a fish shall be tended within 30 minutes.
  - 4.4 A person shall not take any fish pursuant to subsection (4.2) unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish taken under subsection (4.2) that is not hooked in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked and shall be immediately released pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4602. A fish hooked in any part of the body other than in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked, and shall be prima facie evidence of foul hooking.
  - 4.5 Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.
  - 4.6 Catch and Release: For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.

### **5.0 Lake Champlain Boundaries**

Lake Champlain proper shall be considered to include the setback at the same level and the 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 falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road);  
Little Otter Creek to falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road);  
Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 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 Alburg (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 Dam at Carver Falls in West Haven.



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Rock River to first Canadian border crossing;  
Winooski River to the Winooski One hydropower dam west of Main Street  
(US 7) in Winooski and Burlington;

### 6.0 Seasonally Closed Waters

6.1 Lakes and Ponds – The following lakes and ponds or portions thereof are hereby designated seasonally closed waters and shall be closed to all fishing except between Second Saturday in April through October 31:

Bald Hill Pond, Westmore  
Beaver Pond, Holland  
Beck Pond, Newark  
Beebe Pond, Sunderland  
Big Mud Pond, Mt. Tabor  
Bourn Pond, Sunderland  
Branch Pond, Sunderland  
Cary Pond, Walden  
Cow Mountain Pond, Granby  
Duck Pond, Sutton  
Forest Lake, Averill  
Griffith Lake, Mt. Tabor  
Holland Pond, Holland  
Jobs Pond, Westmore  
Lake Pleiad, Hancock  
Levi Pond, Groton  
Lewis Pond, Lewis  
Rock Pond, Wallingford  
Long Pond, Westmore  
Marl Pond, Sutton  
Martins Pond, Peacham  
North Pond, Chittenden  
Notch Pond, Ferdinand  
Noyes (Seyon) Pond, Groton  
Perch Pond (Zack Woods Pond), Hyde Park  
Pigeon Pond, Groton  
Red Mill Pond, Woodford  
Silver Lake, Leicester  
South America Pond, Ferdinand  
South Pond, Marlboro  
Spring Lake, Shrewsbury  
Stannard Pond, Stannard  
Sterling Pond, Cambridge  
Stoughton Pond, Weathersfield  
Stratton Pond, Stratton

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Unknown Pond, Averys Gore  
Unknown Pond, Ferdinand  
Vail Pond, Sutton  
Vernon Hatchery Pond, Vernon  
West Mountain Pond, Maidstone  
Wheeler Pond, Barton and Sutton  
Zack Woods (Perch Pond), Hyde Park

- 6.2 Rivers and Streams - All rivers and streams are hereby designated seasonally closed waters except as listed in all the sections below. For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.

### **7.0 Fish – Open Seasons, Size Restrictions and Daily Bag Limits.**

#### **7.1 Fish of the species named or described in the tables set forth below may be taken:**

- (a) In the waters specified in column 1, by the method specified in column 2, during the open season specified in column 3.
- (b) Provided they meet any size restrictions specified in column 4., and only in numbers listed under daily bag limits specified in column 5., under no circumstances may a person take in one day, more than the daily bag or weight limit from a listed body of water. No person may take in aggregate more than the daily State-wide aggregate limit for any species listed.
- (c) Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of Commissioner, pursuant to the Commercial angling rules set forth in 10 V.S.A. App 123.

- 7.2 Possession limits are equal to twice the daily bag limits. Fish species with limit restrictions may not be possessed in excess of the possession limits at any time.

- (a) No person shall have live fish in their possession that are transported in a manner which attempts to keep them alive when leaving waters of the state (10 V.S.A. §1251(13)), except as follows:
  - (1) a person may transport approved baitfish species pursuant to the baitfish rules set forth in 10 V.S.A App. §141,
  - (2) the person has been issued a scientific collection permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,
  - (3) the person has been issued a fish transportation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,

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(4) the person has been issued a fish breeders permit or fish importation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity.

7.3 The daily bag limit for a fish species on a water body with a closed season for that fish species is zero during the closed season.

7.4 "General waters" restrictions are the provisions applicable to all waters of the state, except the waters specifically named or described.

7.5 Unless otherwise specifically provided, fish not listed in this regulation may be taken at any time and without size or catch limit, in waters not listed as seasonally closed waters in Section 7 6 of these regulations.

7.6 Open Seasons, Size Restrictions and Daily Bag Limits Tables

(a) STATEWIDE AGGREGATE DAILY BAG LIMITS (*Maximum number of a fish species that may be taken in one day*)

| <b>FISH SPECIES</b>                                 | <b>DAILY AGGREGATE LIMITS</b>            |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Brook and Brown and Rainbow Trout - Streams/Rivers  | Maximum Combination of 8 fish            |
| Brook and Brown and Rainbow Trout – lakes and ponds | Maximum Combination of 6 fish            |
| Lake Trout                                          | 2 fish, (3 if taken from Lake Champlain) |
| Salmon                                              | 2 fish                                   |
| Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass                      | Maximum combination of 5 fish            |
| Northern Pike                                       | 5 fish                                   |
| Chain Pickerel                                      | 10 fish                                  |
| Muskellunge                                         | 0 fish                                   |
| Walleye                                             | 3 fish                                   |
| Black and White Crappie                             | 25 fish                                  |
| American Shad                                       | 0 fish                                   |
| Yellow Perch                                        | 50 fish                                  |
| Yellow Perch exception                              | Lake Champlain – no daily limit          |
| Sauger                                              | 0 fish                                   |
| <u>Sturgeon</u>                                     | <u>0 fish</u>                            |

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(b) BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT

| 1. Waters                     | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season                                                                     | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| Lakes and Ponds               | Open-water and ice fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31<br><br>January 1 through March 15 | No restriction              | 6 trout            |
| Lake Champlain                | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season                                                              | Minimum length of 12 inches | 3 trout            |
| Rivers and Streams            | Open-water fishing         | Second Saturday in April through October 31                                   | No restriction              | 8 trout            |
| Sherman Reservoir, Whitingham | Open-water fishing         | Second Saturday in April through October 31                                   | No restriction              | 6 trout            |

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(c) TROPHY TROUT STREAMS

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2. Methods         | 3. Season                                   | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit   |
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| Listed Below:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | No restriction       | 2 trout in aggregate |
| <p><b>Black River</b> along Rt. 131 in Weathersfield and Cavendish, - from Downers covered bridge upstream (approximately 4 miles) to the next bridge across the river, the Howard Hill Bridge.</p> <p><b>East Creek</b> in Rutland City -- From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City</p> <p><b>Lamoille River</b> – 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.</p> <p><b>Little River</b> – From the confluence with Winooski River in Waterbury upstream to the top of the Waterbury Reservoir Dam in Waterbury.</p> <p><b>Missisquoi River</b> in Enosburg and Sheldon -- From the downstream edge of Kane Road (TH-3) bridge upstream (approximately 5.7 miles) to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.</p> <p><b>Otter Creek</b> in Danby and Mt. Tabor - From the Vermont Railway Bridge north of the fishing access upstream (approximately 2 miles) to the Danby- Mt. Tabor Forest Rd. Bridge (Forest Road # 10).</p> <p><b>Passumpsic River</b> in the Village of St. Johnsbury – From the top of the Gage Dam in St., Johnsbury upstream (approximately 2.4 miles) to the top of the Arnold Falls Dam.</p> <p><b>Moose River</b>-- From the confluence with the Passumpsic River upstream (approximately 350 feet) to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury</p> <p><b>Walloomsac River</b> in Shaftsbury and Bennington – From the Vermont/New York border in Shaftsbury upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissue Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington.</p> <p><b>Winooski River</b> 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).</p> |                    |                                             |                      |                      |

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(d) RAINBOW TROUT (Including STEELHEAD) / BROWN TROUT

| 1. WATERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2. Methods         | 3. Season                                   | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
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| Listed Below:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | Minimum length of 10 inches | 2 trout            |
| <p><b>Rivers and Streams:</b><br/> Orleans County:<br/> 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.<br/> Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg.<br/> Brownington Branch of the 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 approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafox Road (TH #15).<br/> Johns River - From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.<br/> Willoughby River - The entire Willoughby River, from confluence with Barton River in Barton upstream to the Willoughby Lake outlet in Westmore.</p> |                    |                                             |                             |                    |

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(e) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, LAKE TROUT AND SALMON – 2 FISH AGGREGATE LIMITS

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season                                                                     | 4. Size Restrictions                         | 5. Daily Bag Limit    |
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| <b>Listed below:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Open-water and Ice fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31<br><br>January 1 through March 15 | See regulations for specific bodies of water | Two fish in aggregate |
| <p>Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill<br/>                     Caspian Lake, Greensboro<br/>                     Crystal Lake, Barton<br/>                     East Long Pond, Woodbury<br/>                     Echo Lake, Charleston<br/>                     Elligo Lake, Craftsbury and Greensboro<br/>                     Forest Lake (Nelson Pond), Calais and Woodbury<br/>                     Harveys Lake, Barnet<br/>                     Jobs Pond, Westmore (Seasonally Closed)<br/>                     Lake Dunmore, Salisbury<br/>                     Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport;<br/>                     Little Averill Lake, Averill<br/>                     Maidstone Lake, Maidstone<br/>                     Martins Pond, Peacham (Seasonally Closed)<br/>                     Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury<br/>                     Nichols Pond, Woodbury<br/>                     Seymour Lake, Morgan<br/>                     Shadow Lake, Glover<br/>                     Spring Lake, Shrewsbury<br/>                     Sunset Lake, Benson<br/>                     Willoughby Lake, Westmore</p> |                            |                                                                               |                                              |                       |

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(f) LAKE TROUT AND SALMON

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                    | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season                                                                     | 4. Size Restrictions                                                                     | 5. Daily Bag Limit                    |
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| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i>                                                                                                                            | Open-water and ice fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31<br><br>January 1 through March 15 | Salmon-<br>Minimum length of 17 inches<br><br>Lake Trout-<br>Minimum length of 18 inches | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each |
| Lake Champlain                                                                                                                                                               | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season                                                              | Lake Trout and Salmon –<br>Minimum length of 15 inches                                   | 3 Lake Trout and 2 Salmon             |
| Clyde Pond, Derby<br>Little Salem Lake, Derby<br>Salem Lake, Derby<br>Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog upstream to Citizen's Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston | Open-water fishing         | Second Saturday in April through August 31                                    | Lake Trout-<br>Minimum length of 18 inches<br><br>Salmon-<br>Minimum length of 17 inches | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each |
| Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay)                                                                                                                                      | Open-water and ice fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31<br><br>January 1 through March 15 | Lake Trout-<br>Minimum length of 18 inches<br><br>Salmon-<br>Minimum length of 17 inches | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each |
| <b>Listed Below:</b>                                                                                                                                                         | Open-water fishing         | Second Saturday in April through October 31                                   | Lake Trout-<br>Minimum length of 18 inches                                               | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each |



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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |  | Salmon-<br>Minimum<br>length of 17<br>inches |  |
| <p>Orleans County:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg.</p> <p>Johns River - From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.</p> <p>Willoughby River - The entire Willoughby River, from confluence with Barton River in Barton upstream to the Willoughby Lake outlet in Westmore.</p> |  |  |                                              |  |

(g) SPECIAL REGULATION TROUT STREAMS

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2. Method                                                 | 3. Season                                    | 4. Size Restrictions                                                               | 5. Daily Bag Limit                     |
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| <p><b>White River</b><br/>From the confluence with Lilliesville Brook in Stockbridge downstream 3.3 miles to 220 ft. downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Open-water fishing, with artificial lures and flies only. | Second Saturday in April through October 31. | Minimum length of 18 inches                                                        | 1 trout                                |
| <p><b>Winooski River Tributaries – Listed Below</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Open-water fishing                                        | June 1 through October 31                    | 10 to 16 inches protected slot: <i>(all fish 10 to 16 inches must be released)</i> | 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16 inches |
| <p>Winooski River Tributaries:</p> <p><b>Joiner Brook, Bolton</b> - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1900 feet to the first falls.</p> <p><b>Pinneo Brook, Bolton</b> – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 100 feet to the railroad crossing.</p> <p><b>Preston Brook, Bolton</b> - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 2600 feet to the first falls.</p> <p><b>Ridley Brook, Duxbury</b> – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1700 feet to the first falls.</p> |                                                           |                                              |                                                                                    |                                        |

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| <b>Listed Below:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31   | 10 to 16 inches protected slot:<br><i>(all fish 10 to 16 inches must be released)</i> | 2 trout, only 1 greater than 16 inches        |
| <p><b>New Haven River</b> – From Munger Street Bridge in New Haven upstream (approximately 4.1 miles) to the South Street bridge in Bristol.</p> <p><b>Mettawee River</b> – From the downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in Pawlet upstream (approximately 16 miles) to the downstream edge of first bridge on Dorset Hollow Road and including tributary: Flower Brook upstream (approximately 1000ft) to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet.</p> <p><b>Winooski River</b> – From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                    |                                               |                                                                                       |                                               |
| <b>Listed below:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through September 30 | No size restriction.                                                                  | 8 trout                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Open-water fishing | October 1 through October 31                  | All trout must be immediately released.                                               | Zero, all trout must be immediately released. |
| <p><b>Batten Kill (East Branch)</b> – In towns of Manchester and Dorset from the downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester upstream (approximately 5.0 miles) to the downstream side of the US Route 7 Bridge south of East Dorset.</p> <p><b>Green River</b> – In the towns of Arlington and Sandgate from its confluence with Batten Kill upstream (approximately 8.5 miles) to the confluence with Moffitt Hollow Brook in Beartown.</p> <p><b>Roaring Branch</b> – In the towns of Arlington and Sunderland from its confluence with the Batten Kill upstream (approximately 3.0 miles) to the downstream side of the Bridge #14 on Sunderland TH# 3 in East Kansas.</p> <p><b>Warm Brook</b> – In the town of Arlington from its Confluence with the Roaring Branch upstream (approximately 0.8 miles) to the base of the so-called Hale Company Dam in East Arlington.</p> |                    |                                               |                                                                                       |                                               |

(h) ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON

| <b>1. Waters</b>                  | <b>2. Method</b>                                                                  | <b>3. Season</b> | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b>           | <b>5. Daily Bag Limit</b>                                          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Connecticut River and tributaries | No person shall take or attempt to take an anadromous Atlantic salmon, any salmon | No open season   | All fish must be immediately released | Zero - All Anadromous Atlantic salmon must be immediately released |

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|  | unintentionally taken shall be immediately released in accordance with section 4602 |  |  |  |
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(i) AMERICAN SHAD

| 1. Waters                                              | 2. Methods         | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions      | 5. Daily Bag limits                           |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Connecticut River, including Vermont river tributaries | Open-water fishing | No closed season | All shad must be released | Zero – All shad must be immediately released. |

(j) BOWFIN, REDHORSE SUCKER (MULLET), LONGNOSE GAR.

| 1. Waters                                                                   | 2. Methods                                                                             | 3. Season                                 | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag limits                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------------|
| General Waters <i>and as listed below)</i>                                  | Open-water and ice fishing                                                             | No closed season                          | No restriction       | No more than 5 fish of any one species |
| General Waters <i>(Except seasonally closed waters and as listed below)</i> | Speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow                             | No Closed Season                          | No restriction       | No more than 5 fish of any one species |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                  | Open-water and ice fishing, speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow | No closed season                          | No restriction       | No more than 5 fish of any one species |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                  | Shooting and Handheld Spear                                                            | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e) | No restriction       | No more than 5 fish of any one species |

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(k) SUCKER (LONGNOSE AND WHITE), and CULL FISH

| <b>1. Waters</b>                                                               | <b>2. Methods</b>                                                                      | <b>3. Season</b>                          | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b> | <b>5. Daily Bag limits</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(and as listed below)</i>                                 | Open-water and ice fishing                                                             | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| General Waters<br><i>(Except seasonally closed waters and as listed below)</i> | Speargun, and bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow                         | No Closed Season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                     | Open-water and ice fishing, speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                     | Shooting and Handheld Spear                                                            | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e) | No restriction              | No Limit                   |

(l) BULLHEAD

| <b>1. Waters</b>                               | <b>2. Methods</b>           | <b>3. Season</b>                          | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b> | <b>5. Daily Bag limits</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(and as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing  | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries     | Open-water and ice fishing  | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries     | Shooting and handheld Spear | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e) | No restriction              | No Limit                   |

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(m) NORTHERN PIKE

| 1. Waters                                         | 2. Methods                     | 3. Season                             | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag limits |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing     | No closed season                      | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish              |
| Lake Champlain                                    | Open-water and ice fishing,    | No closed season                      | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish              |
|                                                   | Shooting and handheld spearing | March 25 through May 25, 10 VSA 4606) | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish              |

(n) CHAIN AND REDFIN PICKEREL

| 1. Waters                                         | 2. Methods                     | 3. Season               | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag limits |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing     | No closed season        | No restriction       | No limit            |
| Lake Champlain                                    | Open-water and ice fishing     | No closed season        | No restriction       | 10 fish             |
|                                                   | Shooting and handheld spearing | March 25 through May 25 | No restriction       | 10 fish             |

(o) MUSKELLUNGE

| 1. Waters                                         | 2. Methods                                                                         | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions             | 5. Daily Bag limits                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing; Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | No closed season | All muskellunge must be released | Zero - All muskellunge must be immediately released |

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|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Lake Champlain | Open-water and ice fishing; Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | No closed season                      | All muskellunge must be released | Zero - All muskellunge must be immediately released |
|                | Shooting and handheld spearing                                                     | March 25 through May 25, 10 VSA 4606) |                                  | Zero Fish                                           |

(p) SMELT

| 1. Waters  | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| All waters | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction       | No limit           |

(q) BLACK AND WHITE CRAPPIE

| 1. Waters  | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions       | 5. Daily Bag limits |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| All waters | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | Minimum length of 8 inches | 25 fish, Combined   |

(r) YELLOW PERCH

| 1. Waters                                         | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction       | 50 fish,           |
| Lake Champlain                                    | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction       | No Limit           |

Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of the Commissioner, pursuant to the Commercial angling rule set forth in 10 V.S.A. APP § 123.

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(s) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                   | 2. Methods                                                                 | 3. Season                                                                                             | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag limits                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i>                                                                                                                           | Open-water and ice fishing                                                 | Second Saturday in June through March 15.                                                             | Minimum length of 10 inches | 5 fish                                        |
| Lake Champlain                                                                                                                                                              | Open-water fishing                                                         | Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.                                                              | Minimum length of 12 inches | 5 fish                                        |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (seasonally closed)                                                                                                                             | Open-water fishing                                                         | Second Saturday in June through October 31.                                                           | Minimum length of 10 inches | 5 fish                                        |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (seasonally closed)                                                                                                                             | Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | Second Saturday in April through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive. | All bass must be released   | Zero - All bass must be immediately released  |
| Lake Morey, Fairlee                                                                                                                                                         | Open-water and ice fishing                                                 | Second Saturday in June through March 15                                                              | Minimum length of 14 inches | 5 Fish                                        |
| <b>Listed below:</b>                                                                                                                                                        | Open-water fishing                                                         | Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.                                                              | Minimum length of 10 inches | 5 fish                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                             | Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only                     | Dec. 1 through the Friday before the second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive                    | All bass must be released   | Zero – All bass must be immediately released. |
| Austin Pond, Hubberton<br>Black Pond, Hubberton<br>Blueberry Lake (Warren Lake), Warren<br>Breese Pond, Hubberton<br>Bullhead Pond, Manchester<br>Gale Meadows, Londonderry |                                                                            |                                                                                                       |                             |                                               |

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| Half Moon Pond, Hubberton<br>Lily Pond, Vernon<br>Lowell Lake, Londonderry<br>Mill Pond, Windsor<br>Raponda Lake, Wilmington<br>Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro<br>Roach Pond, Hubberton<br>Runnemedede Lake, Windsor<br>Sadawga, Whitingham<br>Weatherhead Hollow, Guilford |
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(t) WALLEYE

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                     | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season                               | 4. Size Restrictions                                                                                                    | 5. Daily Bag limits                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| General Waters and Lake Champlain<br><i>(except as listed below)</i>                                                          | Open-water and ice fishing | First Saturday in May through March 15. | Minimum length of 18 inches                                                                                             | 3 Fish                                    |
| Lake Carmi, Franklin                                                                                                          | Open-water and ice fishing | First Saturday in May through March 15  | Minimum length of 15 inches<br>Protected lengths- 17 to 19 inches<br>(all fish between 17 & 19 inches must be released) | 5 fish, provided only 1 is over 19 inches |
| Chittenden Reservoir, Chittenden including all tributaries upstream to the first barrier impassable to upstream fish movement | Open-water and ice fishing | June 1 through March 15                 | Minimum length of 22 inches                                                                                             | 2 fish                                    |

(u) SAUGER

| 1. Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag limits |
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| General Waters and Lake Champlain | Open-water and ice fishing | No open season | Any fish taken must be immediately released | Zero – All Sauger taken must be immediately released |
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**7.7 Spawning grounds for game fish generally**

- (a) The below listed waters are declared spawning grounds for game fish and are hereby closed to the taking of fish from second Saturday in April through May 31 annually.

**Chittenden County**

Joiner Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1900 feet to the first falls.

Pinneo Brook, Bolton – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 100 feet to the railroad crossing.

Preston Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 2600 feet to the first falls.

**Orleans County**

Black River, Coventry - From 600 feet below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the top of falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry.

Willoughby River, Orleans - From the downstream edge of bridge on Tarbox Hill Road in Orleans Village upstream to the top of the natural falls upstream of the bridge on Tarbox Hill Road in Orleans Village.

Dorin, Wells, Myers, Schoolhouse and Mill Brooks, all in Westmore - From mouth of brooks at Lake Willoughby upstream approximately 3/4 mile in Dorin Brook, all of Wells Brook, 1/2 mile in Myers Brook, 1/4 mile in the Schoolhouse Brook and, and 1/4 mile in Mill Brook and tributaries, all in Westmore. For identification purpose these brooks are arranged in order from north to south, and flow through Vermont Agency of Transportation structures on Route 5A number 10, 9, 8, 7 and 6, respectively.

Porter Brook, Greensboro – From Caspian Lake upstream to its headwaters. (1987, Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's Reg. No. 970, eff. April 1, 1987.)

**Washington County**

Chase Brook, Berlin – From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approximately 1/2 mile to the top of the natural falls in Berlin.

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Ridley Brook, Duxbury – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1700 feet to the first falls.

Windsor County

Lilliesville Brook, Stockbridge – From its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on the Lilliesville Brook Road.

Locust Creek, Bethel - From its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on Rt. 12.

(b) The below named waters are closed from March 16 through May 31.

Chittenden County

Lamoille River, Milton - From the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Road in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge upstream to the top of first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton.

Winooski River, Winooski and Burlington - 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.

Franklin County

Missisquoi River, Swanton - From the top of the Swanton dam in the Village of Swanton downstream approximately 850 feet to the water treatment plant on the west side of the river, and downstream approximately 850 feet to the upstream end of the cement breakwater on the east side of the river. (1988, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 975, eff. April 7, 1988.)

(c) The below named waters are closed from March 16 to the Friday before the 1st Saturday in May, both dates inclusive:

Franklin County

Missisquoi River, Swanton - From the top of the Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton extending downstream 5,120 feet to the Northwest corner (downstream) of the Riverside Cemetery and across the river to a pole on the Northeast bank.

(d) The below named waters are closed to fishing year-round:

Orleans County

Clyde River, Newport City - From 260 feet below the top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse in Newport City, upstream to the

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top of the abandoned Mill Dam immediately upstream of the Number 1, 2, 3 hydroelectric powerhouse in Newport City.

- (e) The below named water is only open to fishing using artificial flies and lures from September 1 to October 31. All salmon caught must be released. Lake Trout may be harvest during this period. The daily limit is 2 lake trout with a minimum length of 18 inches

Clyde River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston

- (f) The below named water is catch and release for trout from Second Saturday in April to October 31. All trout must be immediately released.

Batten Kill River - From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester

- (g) The below named water is catch and release for trout with artificial lures and flies only, anglers less than 15 years old may use live bait from Second Saturday in April to October 31. All trout must be immediately released.

Dog River - From the downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of the Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield.

- (h) The below named waters are closed to fishing from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April.

Batten Kill River – From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester.

Clyde River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston

Dog River – From the downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of the Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield.

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### TITLE 10 Conservation and Development APPENDIX CHAPTER 2. FISH Subchapter 2. Seasons, Waters, and Limits

#### § 122. Fish Management Regulation.

##### **1.0 Authority**

- (a) This rule is adopted pursuant to 10 V.S.A. §4081(b). In adopting this rule, the Fish and Wildlife Board is following the policy established by the General Assembly that the protection, propagation, control, management, and conservation of fish, wildlife and fur-bearing animals in this state is in the interest of the public welfare and that the safeguarding of this valuable resource for the people of the state requires a constant and continual vigilance.
- (b) In accordance with 10 V.S.A. §4082, this rule is designed to maintain the best health, population and utilization levels of Vermont's fisheries.
- (c) In accordance with 10 V.S.A. §4083, this rule establishes open seasons; establishes daily, season, possession limits and size limits; prescribes the manner and means of taking fish; and prescribes the manner of transportation and exportation of fish.

##### **2.0 Purpose**

It is the policy of the state that the protection, propagation control, management and conservation of fish, wildlife, and fur-bearing animals in this state is in the interest of the public welfare, and that safeguarding of this valuable resource for the people of the state requires a constant and continual vigilance.

##### **3.0 Open-Water Fishing, legal methods of taking fish**

###### **3.1 Definitions**

- (a) Department – Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.
- (b) Commissioner –Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner.
- (c) Open-water fishing –Fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod or other device in open water. Fishing by casting or trolling baited hooks, artificial flies or lures is considered open-water fishing.
- (d) Baited Hook – A single shank hook with 1, 2 or 3 points which may be baited with natural or artificial bait or both.
- (e) Lure – A man-made device designed to catch only 1 fish at a time, to include a spoon, plug, spinner, bait harness, tandem hook streamer or lead head jig.

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- (f) 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.
  - (g) Handheld Spear – A manually powered spear used from above the water's surface.
  - (h) Speargun – A pneumatic or rubber band powered device, with a line not to exceed 20 feet attached to a spear, used from below the water's surface.
  - (i) Cull Fish – Carp, tench, rudd, shad (alewife and gizzard shad), and goldfish. Additional invasive/exotic fish species may be designated by the Commissioner as "cull fish."
  - (j) Immediate Control – Such constant control as would enable the angler to respond forthwith to a fish taking their bait, lure or fly promptly and without any delay.
  - (k) Snagging – Snagging shall mean the intentional hooking of a fish in a place other than the inside of the fish's mouth. No person shall pull, jerk or otherwise purposefully and/or repeatedly manipulate a hook, or hooks and line to snag or hook a fish in any method other than to entice a fish into taking, by mouth, a hook, lure or fly. Repeated and/or exaggerated jerking or pulling of the fishing line and/or hooks in any attempt to snag fish, whether it results in physically snagging a fish or not, shall be prima facie evidence that snagging has taken place. This shall not apply to the use of a gaff to land a fish that has been legally hooked.
- 3.2 Whether still fishing, casting, or trolling in Vermont waters, a person may take fish only by using not more than two lines over which he or she has immediate control and to each of which lines is attached not more than two baited hooks, or more than three artificial flies, or more than two lures with or without bait, ~~except that at Seymour Lake and Little Averill Lake a person may take fish only by using not more than one line.~~  
~~A person open water fishing shall not take fish through the ice, from the ice, or from an object supported by the ice.~~
- 3.3 A person shall not take any fish pursuant to subsection (3.2) unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish taken under subsection (3.2) that is not hooked in the mouth shall be immediately released pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4602. A fish hooked in any part of the body other than in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked, and shall be prima facie evidence of foul hooking.
- 3.4 Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.
- 3.5 Catch and Release: For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.

### 4.0 Ice Fishing

- 4.1 Definitions - The definitions of section 3 are applicable to this section.

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- (a) Ice Fishing – Ice fishing is defined as 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.
- 4.2 ~~Fish may be taken through the ice with not more than eight lines, except on Lake Champlain where no more than fifteen lines may be operated. Each line shall not have more than two baited hooks, or more than three artificial flies, or more than two lures with or without bait, not more than two baited hooks or three artificial flies or two lures on each line. A person shall not operate more than eight lines, except on Lake Champlain where no more than fifteen lines may be operated, and except on Seymour and Little Averill Lakes, where not more than four lines may be operated.~~
- 4.3 A person ice fishing shall have at all times, ~~have~~ immediate control over all lines they operate. A person ice fishing shall be able to visually observe lines they operate. Any line that indicates a fish shall be tended within 30 minutes.
- 4.4 A person shall not take any fish pursuant to subsection (4.2) unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish taken under subsection (4.2) that is not hooked in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked and shall be immediately released pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4602. A fish hooked in any part of the body other than in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked, and shall be prima facie evidence of foul hooking.  
~~The definitions of section 3 are applicable to this section.~~
- 4.5 Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.
- 4.6 Catch and Release: For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies.

### 5.0 Lake Champlain Boundaries

Lake Champlain proper shall be considered to include the setback at the same level and the 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 falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road);
- Little Otter Creek to falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road);

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Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 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 Alburg (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 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 (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington;

### ~~6.0 Clyde River: Catch and Release~~

~~Between September 1 and October 31, on the Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston, a person may fish with artificial flies and lures only, and all salmon caught must be released.~~

### 6.0 Seasonally Closed Waters

6.1 Lakes and Ponds – The following lakes and ponds or portions thereof are hereby designated seasonally closed waters and shall be closed to all fishing except between Second Saturday in April through October 31 as provided in section ~~8~~ 7 of these regulations:

~~Adams Reservoir, Woodford~~  
~~Ansel Pond, Bethel~~  
~~Baker Pond, Barton~~  
Bald Hill Pond, Westmore  
Bean Pond, Sutton  
Beaver Pond, Holland  
Beck Pond, Newark  
Beebe Pond, Sunderland  
~~Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill~~  
Big Mud Pond, Mt. Tabor  
~~Blake Pond, Sutton~~  
Bourn Pond, Sunderland  
Branch Pond, Sunderland  
~~Brown Pond, Westmore~~  
~~Caspian Lake, Greensboro~~  
Center Pond, Newark  
~~Colby Pond, Plymouth~~  
Cary Pond, Walden  
Cow Mountain Pond, Granby

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~~Crystal Lake, Barton~~  
~~Duck Pond, Sutton~~  
~~Dufresne Pond, Manchester~~  
~~East Long Pond, Woodbury~~  
~~Echo Lake, Charleston~~  
~~Ewell Pond, Peacham~~  
~~Forest Lake, Averill~~  
~~Goshen Dam (Sugar Hill Reservoir), Goshen~~  
~~Griffith Lake, Mt. Tabor~~  
~~Hapgood Pond, Peru~~  
~~Hartwell Pond, Albany~~  
~~Holland Pond, Holland~~  
~~Jobs Pond, Westmore~~  
~~Knapp Brook Pond No. 1, Reading and Cavendish~~  
~~Knapp Brook Pond No. 2, Reading and Cavendish~~  
~~Lake Dunmore Salisbury and Leicester—Except from Sucker Brook  
to the island south, which shall be open.~~  
Lake Pleiad, Hancock  
~~Levi Pond, Groton~~  
~~Lewis Pond, Lewis~~  
~~Little Averill Lake, Averill~~  
~~Little Elmore Pond, Elmore~~  
~~Little Rocky Rock Pond, Wallingford~~  
~~Long Pond, Newbury~~  
~~Long Pond, Westmore~~  
~~Maidstone Lake, Maidstone~~  
~~Marl Pond, Sutton~~  
~~Martins Pond, Peacham~~  
~~May Pond, Barton~~  
~~McIntosh Pond, Royalton~~  
~~Mud Pond, Hyde Park~~  
~~Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury~~  
~~Nichols Pond, Woodbury~~  
~~North Pond, Chittenden~~  
~~Norton Pond, Norton~~  
~~Notch Pond, Ferdinand~~  
~~Noyes (Seyon) Pond, Groton~~  
~~Peacham Pond, Peacham~~  
~~Perch Pond (Zack Woods Pond), Hyde Park~~  
~~Pigeon Pond, Groton~~  
~~Red Mill Pond, Woodford~~  
~~Seymour Lake, Morgan~~  
~~Shadow Lake, Glover~~  
~~Silver Lake, Leicester~~  
~~South America Pond, Ferdinand~~  
~~South Pond, Marlboro~~



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Spring Lake, Shrewsbury  
 Stannard Pond, Stannard  
 Sterling Pond, Cambridge  
 Stoughton Pond, Weathersfield  
 Stratton Pond, Stratton  
~~Sunset Lake, Benson~~  
 Unknown Pond, Averys Gore  
 Unknown Pond, Ferdinand  
 Vail Pond, Sutton  
 Vernon Hatchery Pond, Vernon  
 West Mountain Pond, Maidstone  
 Wheeler Pond, Barton and Sutton  
~~Willoughby Lake, Westmore~~  
 Zack Woods (Perch Pond), Hyde Park

6.2 Rivers and Streams - All rivers and streams are hereby designated seasonally closed waters except as listed in all the sections below. For species with defined harvest seasons, targeted C&R angling with immediate release can occur outside of harvest season, using artificial lures and flies, and shall be closed to all fishing except during the open season for trout as provided in section 8 of these regulations; and

7.2.1 except that the following streams shall be open to trout fishing only, and no fishing for other species shall be allowed, from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April, as set forth in Table 7.2.2.

**~~7.2.2: STREAMS OPEN TO FISHING FOR TROUT ONLY FROM NOVEMBER 1 TO THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE SECOND WEEK IN APRIL~~**

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 2. Methods                             | 3. Season                                                             | Size Restrictions                 | 5. Daily Bag Limit                                                               |
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| <del>Listed Below</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <del>Artificial fly or lure only</del> | <del>November 1 to the Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April:</del> | <del>Catch and release only</del> | <del>Zero-All trout must be immediately released to the water where taken:</del> |
| <del><b>Black River</b>— From the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield upstream to the Howard Hill Road Bridge in Cavendish.<br/> <b>Deerfield River</b>— From the Woods Road (Medburyville) bridge in Wilmington upstream approximately 2 miles to the VT Route 9W bridge in Searsburg.<br/> <b>East Creek (Rutland City)</b>— From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City.</del> |                                        |                                                                       |                                   |                                                                                  |

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| <p><b>Hoosic River</b>— From the Vermont/New York border upstream to the Vermont/Massachusetts border.</p> <p><b>Lamoille River</b>— From the top of the hydroelectric dam at Fairfax Falls upstream to the top of the Cady's Falls Dam in Morristown.</p> <p><b>Moose River</b>— From the confluence with Passumpsic River upstream to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in St. Johnsbury.</p> <p><b>Otter Creek</b>— From the top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland upstream to the Danby Mt. Tabor Forest Road Bridge (Forest Road #10) in Mt. Tabor.</p> <p><b>Passumpsic River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of Arnolds Falls Dam in St. Johnsbury.</p> <p><b>Walloomsac River</b>— 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.</p> <p><b>Winooski River</b>— From the top of the Bolton Dam in Waterbury and Duxbury upstream to the VT Route 2/100 in Duxbury and Waterbury.</p> |
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**7.0 Fish – Open Seasons, Size Restrictions and Daily Bag Limits.**

**7.1 Fish of the species named or described in the tables set forth below may be taken:**

- (a) In the waters specified in column 1, by the method specified in column 2, during the open season specified in column 3.
- (b) Provided they meet any size restrictions specified in column 4., and only in numbers listed under daily bag limits specified in column 5., under no circumstances may a person take in one day, more than the daily bag or weight limit from a listed body of water. No person may take in aggregate more than the daily State-wide aggregate limit for any species listed.
- (c) Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of Commissioner, pursuant to the Commercial angling rules set forth in 10 V.S.A. App 123.

**7.2 Possession limits are equal to twice the daily bag limits. Fish species with limit restrictions may not be possessed in excess of the possession limits at any time.**

- (a) No person shall have live fish in their possession that are transported in a manner which attempts to keep them alive when leaving waters of the state (10 V.S.A. §1251(13)), except as follows:
  - (1) ~~the a person may transport approved baitfish species pursuant to the baitfish rules set forth in 10 V.S.A App. §141. has been issued a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit by the Commissioner,~~
  - (2) the person has been issued a scientific collection permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,

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- (3) the person has been issued a fish transportation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,
- (4) the person has been issued a fish breeders permit or fish importation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity.

- 7.3 The daily bag limit for a fish species on a water body with a closed season for that fish species is zero during the closed season.
- 7.4 "General waters" restrictions are the provisions applicable to all waters of the state, except the waters specifically named or described.
- 7.5 Unless otherwise specifically provided, fish not listed in this regulation may be taken at any time and without size or catch limit, in waters not listed as seasonally closed waters in Section 7 6 of these regulations.
- 7.6 Open Seasons, Size Restrictions and Daily Bag Limits Tables

(a) STATEWIDE AGGREGATE DAILY BAG LIMITS (*Maximum number of a fish species that may be taken in one day*)

| <b>FISH SPECIES</b>                                        | <b>DAILY AGGREGATE LIMITS</b>              |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <u>Brook Trout</u>                                         | <del>12</del> fish                         |
| <u>Brook and Brown and Rainbow Trout - Streams/Rivers</u>  | Maximum Combination of <del>6-8</del> fish |
| <u>Brook and Brown and Rainbow Trout - lakes and ponds</u> | <u>Maximum Combination of 6 fish</u>       |
| Lake Trout                                                 | 2 fish, (3 if taken from Lake Champlain)   |
| Salmon                                                     | 2 fish                                     |
| Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass                             | Maximum combination of 5 fish              |
| Northern Pike                                              | 5 fish                                     |
| Chain Pickerel                                             | 10 fish                                    |
| Muskellunge                                                | 0 fish                                     |
| Walleye                                                    | 3 fish                                     |
| Black and White Crappie                                    | 25 fish                                    |
| American Shad                                              | 0 fish                                     |
| Yellow Perch                                               | 50 fish                                    |
| Yellow Perch exception                                     | Lake Champlain - no daily limit            |
| Sauger                                                     | 0 fish                                     |
| <u>Sturgeon</u>                                            | <u>0 fish</u>                              |

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(b) BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT

| 1. Waters                                                             | 2. Methods                        | 3. Season                                                                            | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag Limit                                                                     |
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| General waters.<br><i>(except as listed below)</i><br>Lakes and Ponds | Open-water <u>and</u> ice fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31<br><br><u>January 1 through March 15</u> | No restriction              | 6 trout                                                                                |
| Lake Champlain                                                        | Open-water and ice fishing        | No closed season                                                                     | Minimum length of 12 inches | 3 trout                                                                                |
| Rivers and Streams                                                    | Open-water fishing                | Second Saturday in April through October 31                                          | No restriction              | <del>12-8</del> trout, of which not more than <del>6</del> can be brown and/or rainbow |
| <u>Sherman Reservoir, Whitingham</u>                                  | <u>Open-water fishing</u>         | <u>Second Saturday in April through October 31</u>                                   | <u>No restriction</u>       | <u>6 trout</u>                                                                         |

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(c) TROPHY TROUT STREAMS

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2. Methods         | 3. Season                                   | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit   |
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| Listed Below:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | No restriction       | 2 trout in aggregate |
| <p><b>Black River</b> along Rt. 131 in Weathersfield and Cavendish, - from Downers covered bridge upstream (approximately 4 miles) to the next bridge across the river, the Howard Hill Bridge.</p> <p><b>East Creek</b> in Rutland City -- From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City</p> <p><b>Lamoille River</b> – 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.</p> <p><b>Little River</b> – From the confluence with Winooski River in Waterbury upstream to the top of the Waterbury Reservoir Dam in Waterbury.</p> <p><b>Missisquoi River</b> in Enosburg and Sheldon -- From the downstream edge of Kane Road (TH-3) bridge upstream (approximately 5.7 miles) to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.</p> <p><b>Otter Creek</b> in Danby and Mt. Tabor - From the Vermont Railway Bridge north of the fishing access upstream (approximately 2 miles) to the Danby- Mt. Tabor Forest Rd. Bridge (Forest Road # 10).</p> <p><b>Passumpsic River</b> in the Village of St. Johnsbury – From the top of the Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury upstream (approximately 2.4 miles) to the top of the Arnold Falls Dam.</p> <p><b>Moose River</b>-- From the confluence with the Passumpsic River upstream (approximately 350 feet) to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury</p> <p><b>Walloomsac River</b> in Shaftsbury and Bennington – From the Vermont/New York border in Shaftsbury upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissue Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington.</p> <p><b>Winooski River</b> 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).</p> |                    |                                             |                      |                      |

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(d) RAINBOW TROUT (Including STEELHEAD) / BROWN TROUT

| 1. WATERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2. Methods         | 3. Season                                   | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
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| Listed Below:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | Minimum length of 10 inches | 2 trout            |
| <p><b>All Lakes and Ponds:</b><br/> <del>Caspian Lake, Greensboro</del><br/> <del>Echo Lake, Charleston</del><br/> <del>Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport;</del><br/> <del>Willoughby Lake, Westmore</del></p> <p><b>Rivers and Streams:</b><br/> Orleans County:<br/> 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.<br/> Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg.<br/> <u>Brownington Branch of the Willoughby River - From its confluence at the Willoughby River extending upstream to the second road crossing on Brownington Chilafoux Road (TH #15). Crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafoux Road (TH #15).</u><br/> Johns River - From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.<br/> Willoughby River - The entire Willoughby River, from confluence with Barton River in Barton upstream to the Willoughby Lake outlet in Westmore.</p> |                    |                                             |                             |                    |

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(e) BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, LAKE TROUT AND SALMON – 2 FISH AGGREGATE LIMITS

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 2. Methods                        | 3. Season                                                                            | 4. Size Restrictions                         | 5. Daily Bag Limit    |
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| Listed below:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Open-water and <u>Ice fishing</u> | Second Saturday in April through October 31<br><br><u>January 1 through March 15</u> | See regulations for specific bodies of water | Two fish in aggregate |
| <p>Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill<br/>                     Caspian Lake, Greensboro<br/> <del>Center Pond, Newark</del><br/>                     Crystal Lake, Barton<br/>                     East Long Pond, Woodbury<br/>                     Echo Lake, Charleston<br/>                     Elligo Lake, Craftsbury and Greensboro<br/>                     Forest Lake (Nelson Pond), Calais and Woodbury<br/>                     Harveys Lake, Barnet<br/>                     Jobs Pond, Westmore (<u>Seasonally Closed</u>)<br/>                     Lake Dunmore, Salisbury<br/>                     Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay <del>and the connecting waters</del>), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport;<br/>                     Little Averill Lake, Averill<br/> <del>Long Pond, Westmore</del><br/>                     Maidstone Lake, Maidstone<br/>                     Martins Pond, Peacham (<u>Seasonally Closed</u>)<br/>                     Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury<br/>                     Nichols Pond, Woodbury<br/>                     Seymour Lake, Morgan<br/>                     Shadow Lake, Glover<br/>                     Spring Lake, Shrewsbury<br/>                     Sunset Lake, Benson<br/>                     Willoughby Lake, Westmore</p> |                                   |                                                                                      |                                              |                       |

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8.5.6 STREAMS OPEN TO YEAR ROUND TROUT FISHING

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 2. Methods                                                            | 3. Season                                                                                                         | 4. Size Restrictions                                                                                        | 5. Daily Bag Limit                                                                                                                                         |
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| The following portions of the specified rivers shall be open to fishing for trout year round:<br><i>(Listed below)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Artificial fly or lure only, except during the open season for trout. | No closed season for catch and release only<br><br>Open season; from the 2nd Saturday in April through October 31 | Catch and release only<br><br>During the open season follow any species restrictions for the selected river | Zero- All trout must be immediately returned to the waters where taken, except during the open season, limits apply in accordance with the river selected. |
| <p><b>Black River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield.</p> <p><b>Lamoille River</b>— From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to the top of the hydroelectric Dam at Fairfax Falls.</p> <p><b>Lewis Creek</b>— From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the State Prison Hollow Road (TH #3) bridge in Starksboro.</p> <p><b>Missisquoi River</b>— From Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.</p> <p><b>Ompompanoosuc River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Union Village Dam in Thetford.</p> <p><b>Otter Creek</b>— From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to top of Center Rutland Falls in Rutland.</p> <p><b>Waits River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford.</p> <p><b>West River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Townshend Dam in Townshend.</p> <p><b>White River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the bridge on Route 107 in Bethel.</p> <p><b>Williams River</b>— From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the dam at Brockway Mills Falls in Rockingham.</p> <p><b>Winooski River</b>— From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury.</p> |                                                                       |                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                            |



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(f) LAKE TROUT AND SALMON

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                  | 2. Methods                                    | 3. Season                                                                            | 4. Size Restrictions                                                                                          | 5. Daily Bag Limit                           |
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| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i>                                                                                                                          | Open-water and ice fishing                    | Second Saturday in April through October 31<br><br><u>January 1 through March 15</u> | Salmon-<br>Minimum length of <del>15</del> <u>17</u> inches<br><br>Lake Trout-<br>Minimum length of 18 inches | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each        |
| Lake Champlain                                                                                                                                                             | Open-water and ice fishing                    | No closed season                                                                     | Lake Trout and Salmon –<br>Minimum length of 15 inches                                                        | 3 Lake Trout and 2 Salmon                    |
| Little Averill Lake and Seymour Lake                                                                                                                                       | Open-water fishing, with not more than 1 line | Angling: second Saturday in April through October 31                                 | Lake Trout-<br>Minimum length of 20 inches<br><br>Salmon-<br>Minimum length of 15 inches                      | 1 Lake Trout and 1 Salmon<br><br>or 2 Salmon |
|                                                                                                                                                                            | Ice fishing with not more than 4 lines        | Ice fishing: third Saturday in January through March 15                              |                                                                                                               |                                              |
| <u>Clyde Pond, Derby Little Salem Lake, Derby Salem Lake, Derby Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog upstream to Citizen's Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston</u> | Open-water fishing                            | Second Saturday in April through August 31                                           | Lake Trout-<br>Minimum length of 18 inches<br><br>Salmon-<br>Minimum length of 17 inches                      | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each        |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Open-water fishing; Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog to Charleston dam—Artificial flies and lures only | September 1 through October 31                                                       | Lake Trout Minimum length of 18 inches                                             | 2 Lake Trout, 0 Salmon (all salmon must be immediately released). |
| Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Open-water and ice fishing                                                                               | Second Saturday in April through October 31<br><br><u>January 1 through March 15</u> | Lake Trout- Minimum length of 18 inches<br><br>Salmon- Minimum length of 17 inches | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Ice fishing                                                                                              | Third Saturday in January through March 15                                           |                                                                                    |                                                                   |
| <b>Listed Below:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Open-water fishing                                                                                       | Second Saturday in April through October 31                                          | Lake Trout- Minimum length of 18 inches<br><br>Salmon- Minimum length of 17 inches | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each                             |
| <p>Orleans County:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg.</p> <p>Johns River-From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.</p> <p>Willoughby River - The entire Willoughby River, from confluence with Barton River in Barton upstream to the Willoughby Lake outlet in Westmore.</p> |                                                                                                          |                                                                                      |                                                                                    |                                                                   |

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8.5.8 ~~SPECIAL ICE FISHING PROVISION FOR BROOK,  
BROWN, RAINBOW, LAKE TROUT, SALMON AND  
BASS~~

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 2. Methods  | 3. Season                                    | 4. Size Restrictions                                 | 5. Daily Bag Limit                                   |
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| <del>Listed below:</del>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Ice fishing | Third Saturday in January 1 through March 15 | See species restriction for individual body of water | See species restriction for individual body of water |
| <p><del>Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill;<br/>Big Salem Lake, Derby<br/>Caspian Lake, Greensboro;<br/>Chittenden Dam, Chittenden.<br/>Crystal Lake, Barton;<br/>Echo Lake, Charleston;<br/>Echo Lake, Plymouth;<br/>Eden Lake, Eden;<br/>Elligo Lake, Craftsbury and Greensboro<br/>Glen Lake, Castleton, Fair Haven, and Benson;<br/>Harriman Reservoir, Whitingham and Wilmington;<br/>Harveys Lake, Barnet;<br/>Island Pond, Brighton;<br/>Joes Pond, Cabot, Danville;<br/>Lake Bomoseen, Castleton and Hubbardton;<br/>Lake Dunmore, Leicester and, Salisbury;<br/>Lake Fairlee, Thetford, West Fairlee, Fairlee;<br/>Lake Hortonia, Sudbury, Hubbardton;<br/>Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay ), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport;<br/>Lake Morey, Fairlee;<br/>Lake Reseue, Ludlow;<br/>Lake St. Catherine, Wells, Poultney;<br/>Little Averill Lake, Averill;<br/>Little Salem Lake Derby;<br/>Maidstone Lake, Maidstone;<br/>Marshfield Dam (Mollys Falls Reservoir), Cabot;<br/>Miles Pond, Concord;<br/>Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury;<br/>Newark Pond, Newark;<br/>Norton Pond, Norton;<br/>Parker Pond, Glover;<br/>Peacham Pond, Peacham;<br/>Pensioner Pond, Charleston;<br/>Seymour Lake, Morgan;<br/>Shadow Lake, Glover;<br/>Somerset Reservoir, Somerset;<br/>Sunset Lake, Benson;<br/>Wallace Pond, Canaan;<br/>Waterbury Reservoir, Waterbury;<br/>Willoughby Lake, Westmore;<br/>Woodbury Lake (Sabin Pond), Calais and Woodbury</del></p> |             |                                              |                                                      |                                                      |

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(g) SPECIAL REGULATION TROUT STREAMS

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 2. Method                                                        | 3. Season                                           | 4. Size Restrictions                                                                       | 5. Daily Bag Limit                            |
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| <p><b>White River</b><br/>From the confluence with Lilliesville Brook in Stockbridge downstream 3.3 miles to 220 ft. downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Open-water fishing, with artificial lures and flies only.</p> | <p>Second Saturday in April through October 31.</p> | <p>Minimum length of 18 inches</p>                                                         | <p>1 trout</p>                                |
| <p><del><b>Mettawee River</b></del><br/>From the downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in Pawlet upstream (approximately 16 miles) to the downstream edge of first bridge on Dorset Hollow Road and including tributary: Flower Brook upstream (approximately 1000ft) to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                        | <p>Second Saturday in April through October 31</p>  | <p>10 to 14 inches protected slot: <i>(all trout 10 to 14 inches must be released)</i></p> | <p>2 trout, only 1 greater than 14 inches</p> |
| <p><b>Winooski River Tributaries – Listed Below</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                        | <p>June 1 through October 31</p>                    | <p>10 to 16 inches protected slot: <i>(all fish 10 to 16 inches must be released)</i></p>  | <p>2 trout, only 1 greater than 16 inches</p> |
| <p><b>Winooski River Tributaries:</b><br/> <b>Joiner Brook, Bolton</b> - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1900 feet to the first falls.<br/> <b>Pinneo Brook, Bolton</b> – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 100 feet to the railroad crossing.<br/> <b>Preston Brook, Bolton</b> - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 2600 feet to the first falls.<br/> <b>Ridley Brook, Duxbury</b> – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1700 feet to the first falls.</p> |                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                            |                                               |
| <p><b>Listed Below:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                        | <p>Second Saturday in April through October 31</p>  | <p>10 to 16 inches protected slot: <i>(all fish 10 to 16 inches must be released)</i></p>  | <p>2 trout, only 1 greater than 16 inches</p> |
| <p><b>New Haven River</b> – From Munger Street Bridge in New Haven upstream (approximately 4.1 miles) to the South Street bridge in Bristol.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                  |                                                     |                                                                                            |                                               |

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| <p><b>Mettawee River</b> – From the downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in Pawlet upstream (approximately 16 miles) to the downstream edge of first bridge on Dorset Hollow Road and including tributary: Flower Brook upstream (approximately 1000ft) to the downstream edge of the Route 30 bridge in Pawlet.</p> <p><b>Winooski River</b> – From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the Ridley Brook mouth.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                      |                                                      |                                                |                                                                                                                        |
| <p><b>Batten Kill</b> – From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                                                            | <p>Second Saturday in April through October 31</p>   | <p>All trout must be immediately released.</p> | <p>Zero, all trout must be immediately released.</p>                                                                   |
| <p><b>Dog River</b> – From the downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of the Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Open-water fishing with artificial lures and flies only for anglers 15 years of age and older</p> | <p>Second Saturday in April through October 31</p>   | <p>All trout must be immediately released.</p> | <p>Zero, all trout must be immediately released.</p>                                                                   |
| <p><b>Listed below:</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                                                            | <p>Second Saturday in April through September 30</p> | <p>No size restriction.</p>                    | <p><del>8 trout</del> <del>12 trout of which not more than 6 can be brown and/or rainbow trout in aggregate.</del></p> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <p>Open-water fishing</p>                                                                            | <p>October 1 through October 31</p>                  | <p>All trout must be immediately released.</p> | <p>Zero, all trout must be immediately released.</p>                                                                   |
| <p><b>Batten Kill (East Branch)</b> – In towns of Manchester and Dorset from the downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester upstream (approximately 5.0 miles) to the downstream side of the US Route 7 Bridge south of East Dorset.</p> <p><b>Green River</b> – In the towns of Arlington and Sandgate from its confluence with Batten Kill upstream (approximately 8.5 miles) to the confluence with Moffitt Hollow Brook in Beartown.</p> <p><b>Roaring Branch</b> – In the towns of Arlington and Sunderland from its confluence with the Batten Kill upstream (approximately 3.0 miles) to the downstream side of the Bridge #14 on Sunderland TH# 3 in East Kansas.</p> |                                                                                                      |                                                      |                                                |                                                                                                                        |

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**Warm Brook** – In the town of Arlington from its Confluence with the Roaring Branch upstream (approximately 0.8 miles) to the base of the so-called Hale Company Dam in East Arlington.

(h) ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON

| <b>1. Waters</b>                  | <b>2. Method</b>                                                                                                                                                      | <b>3. Season</b> | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b>           | <b>5. Daily Bag Limit</b>                                          |
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| Connecticut River and tributaries | No person shall take or attempt to take an anadromous Atlantic salmon, any salmon unintentionally taken shall be immediately released in accordance with section 4602 | No open season   | All fish must be immediately released | Zero - All Anadromous Atlantic salmon must be immediately released |

(i) AMERICAN SHAD

| <b>1. Waters</b>                                       | <b>2. Methods</b>  | <b>3. Season</b> | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b> | <b>5. Daily Bag limits</b>                    |
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| Connecticut River, including Vermont river tributaries | Open-water fishing | No closed season | All shad must be released   | Zero – All shad must be immediately released. |

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(j) BOWFIN, REDHORSE SUCKER (MULLET), LONGNOSE GAR.

| <b>1. Waters</b>                                                               | <b>2. Methods</b>                                                                      | <b>3. Season</b>                          | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b> | <b>5. Daily Bag limits</b>             |
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| General Waters<br><i>and as listed below)</i>                                  | Open-water and ice fishing                                                             | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No more than 5 fish of any one species |
| General Waters<br><i>(Except seasonally closed waters and as listed below)</i> | Speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow                             | No Closed Season                          | No restriction              | No more than 5 fish of any one species |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                     | Open-water and ice fishing, speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No more than 5 fish of any one species |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                     | Shooting and Handheld Spear                                                            | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e) | No restriction              | No more than 5 fish of any one species |

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(k) SUCKER (LONGNOSE AND WHITE), and CULL FISH

| <b>1. Waters</b>                                                               | <b>2. Methods</b>                                                                          | <b>3. Season</b>                          | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b> | <b>5. Daily Bag limits</b> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(and as listed below)</i>                                 | Open-water and ice fishing                                                                 | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| General Waters<br><i>(Except seasonally closed waters and as listed below)</i> | Speargun, and bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow                             | No Closed Season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                     | Open-water and ice fishing, speargun, and bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                                     | Shooting and Handheld Spear                                                                | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e) | No restriction              | No Limit                   |

(l) BULLHEAD

| <b>1. Waters</b>                               | <b>2. Methods</b>           | <b>3. Season</b>                          | <b>4. Size Restrictions</b> | <b>5. Daily Bag limits</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(and as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing  | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries     | Open-water and ice fishing  | No closed season                          | No restriction              | No Limit                   |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries     | Shooting and handheld Spear | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 (4606e) | No restriction              | No Limit                   |



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(m) NORTHERN PIKE

| 1. Waters                                         | 2. Methods                     | 3. Season                             | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag limits |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing     | No closed season                      | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish              |
| Lake Champlain                                    | Open-water and ice fishing,    | No closed season                      | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish              |
|                                                   | Shooting and handheld spearing | March 25 through May 25, 10 VSA 4606) | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish              |

(n) CHAIN AND REDFIN PICKEREL

| 1. Waters                                         | 2. Methods                     | 3. Season               | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag limits |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing     | No closed season        | No restriction       | No limit            |
| Lake Champlain                                    | Open-water and ice fishing     | No closed season        | No restriction       | 10 fish             |
|                                                   | Shooting and handheld spearing | March 25 through May 25 | No restriction       | 10 fish             |

(o) MUSKELLUNGE

| 1. Waters                                         | 2. Methods                                                                         | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions             | 5. Daily Bag limits                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i> | Open-water and ice fishing; Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | No closed season | All muskellunge must be released | Zero - All muskellunge must be immediately released |
| Lake Champlain                                    | Open-water and ice fishing; Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | No closed season | All muskellunge must be released | Zero - All muskellunge must be immediately released |

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|  | Shooting and handheld spearing | March 25 through May 25, 10 VSA 4606) |  | Zero Fish |
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(p) SMELT

| 1. Waters  | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| All waters | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction       | No limit           |

(q) BLACK AND WHITE CRAPPIE

| 1. Waters  | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions       | 5. Daily Bag limits |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| All waters | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | Minimum length of 8 inches | 25 fish, Combined   |

(r) YELLOW PERCH

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                                                | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| General Waters<br><i>(except as listed below)</i>                                                                                                        | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction       | 50 fish,           |
| Lake Champlain                                                                                                                                           | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction       | No Limit           |
| Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of the Commissioner, pursuant to the Commercial angling rule set forth in 10 V.S.A. APP § 123. |                            |                  |                      |                    |

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(s) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS

| 1. Waters                                              | 2. Methods                                                                 | 3. Season                                                                                             | 4. Size Restrictions                                 | 5. Daily Bag limits                          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| General Waters<br>( <i>except as listed below</i> )    | Open-water and <u>ice</u> fishing                                          | No closed season<br><u>Second Saturday in June through March 15.</u>                                  | No restriction<br><u>Minimum length of 10 inches</u> | 5 fish                                       |
| <u>Lake Champlain</u>                                  | Open-water fishing                                                         | Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.                                                              | Minimum length of <del>10</del> <u>12</u> inches     | 5 fish                                       |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs                            | Open-water fishing (ice fishing—see special provisions)                    | Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>                                                 | Minimum length of 10 inches                          | 5 Fish                                       |
| <u>Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (seasonally closed)</u> | <u>Open-water fishing</u>                                                  | <u>Second Saturday in June through October 31.</u>                                                    | <u>Minimum length of 10 inches</u>                   | <u>5 fish</u>                                |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (seasonally closed)        | Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | Second Saturday in April through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive. | All bass must be released                            | Zero - All bass must be immediately released |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (not seasonally closed)    | Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | Dec. 1 through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive.                   | All bass must be released                            | Zero - All bass must be immediately released |
| Seasonally Closed Waters—streams                       | Open-water fishing                                                         | Only when such rivers and streams are open to trout fishing except as prohibited by Section 9.2       | No restriction                                       | 5 fish                                       |

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| Lake Morey,<br>Fairlee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Open-water <u>and ice</u> fishing (see fishing—see special provisions)     | Second Saturday in June through <u>Nov. 30</u> <u>March 15</u>                            | Largemouth bass—<br>Minimum length of 14 inches                                                     | 5 Fish                                               |
| Lake Morey,<br>Fairlee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | Dec. 1 through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive.       | All bass must be released                                                                           | Zero—All bass must be immediately released           |
| Kent Pond,<br>Killington<br>And<br>Baker Pond,<br>Brookfield                                                                                                                                                                                              | Open-water fishing                                                         | Second Saturday in June through <u>Nov. 30</u> .                                          | Largemouth Bass—<br>protected slot: 10–12 inches (all fish between 10 & 12 inches must be released) | 10 fish, only 1 fish greater than 12 inches.         |
| Kent Pond,<br>Killington<br>And<br>Baker Pond,<br>Brookfield                                                                                                                                                                                              | Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | Dec. 1 through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive.       | All bass must be released                                                                           | Zero—All bass must be immediately released           |
| <u>Listed below:</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <u>Open-water fishing</u>                                                  | <u>Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30.</u>                                           | <u>Minimum length of 10 inches</u>                                                                  | <u>5 fish</u>                                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <u>Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only</u>              | <u>Dec. 1 through the Friday before the second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive</u> | <u>All bass must be released</u>                                                                    | <u>Zero – All bass must be immediately released.</u> |
| <u>Austin Pond, Hubberton</u><br><u>Black Pond, Hubberton</u><br><u>Blueberry Lake (Warren Lake), Warren</u><br><u>Breese Pond, Hubberton</u><br><u>Bullhead Pond, Manchester</u><br><u>Gale Meadows, Londonderry</u><br><u>Half Moon Pond, Hubberton</u> |                                                                            |                                                                                           |                                                                                                     |                                                      |

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Lily Pond, Vernon  
Lowell Lake, Londonderry  
Mill Pond, Windsor  
Raponda Lake, Wilmington  
Retreat Meadows, Brattleboro  
Roach Pond, Hubberton  
Runnemed Lake, Windsor  
Sadawga, Whitingham  
Weatherhead Hollow, Guilford

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(t) WALLEYE

| 1. Waters                                                                                                                               | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season                               | 4. Size Restrictions                                                                                                    | 5. Daily Bag limits                       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| General Waters and Lake Champlain<br><i>(except as listed below)</i>                                                                    | Open-water and ice fishing | First Saturday in May through March 15. | Minimum length of 18 inches                                                                                             | 3 Fish                                    |
| Lake Carmi, Franklin                                                                                                                    | Open-water and ice fishing | First Saturday in May through March 15  | Minimum length of 15 inches<br>Protected lengths- 17 to 19 inches<br>(all fish between 17 & 19 inches must be released) | 5 fish, provided only 1 is over 19 inches |
| Chittenden Reservoir, Chittenden<br><u>including all tributaries upstream to the first barrier impassable to upstream fish movement</u> | Open-water and ice fishing | June 1 through March 15                 | Minimum length of 22 inches                                                                                             | 2 fish                                    |

(u) SAUGER

| 1. Waters                         | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season      | 4. Size Restrictions                        | 5. Daily Bag limits                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| General Waters and Lake Champlain | Open-water and ice fishing | No open season | Any fish taken must be immediately released | Zero – All Sauger taken must be immediately released |

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**7.7 Spawning grounds for game fish generally**

- (a) The below listed waters are declared spawning grounds for game fish and are hereby closed to the taking of fish from second Saturday in April through May 31 annually.

**Chittenden County**

- Joiner Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1900 feet to the first falls.  
Pinneo Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 100 feet to the railroad crossing.  
Preston Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 2600 feet to the first falls.

**Orleans County**

- Black River, Coventry - From 600 feet below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the top of falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry.  
~~Ware Brook - From the downstream edge of the furthest downstream bridge / culvert on Back Coventry Road (TH #8 in Irasburg) upstream approximately one mile to top of the first major natural falls on Ware Brook.~~  
~~Alder (Stony) Brook - From its confluence with the Black River upstream 3 1/2 miles to the outlet of Sargent Pond, in Coventry.~~  
Willoughby River, Orleans - From the confluence of the Brownington Branch of the Willoughby River in Brownington upstream to the downstream edge of the bridge on Vermont Route 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington); and from the downstream edge of bridge on Tarbox Hill Road in Orleans Village upstream to the top of the natural falls upstream of the bridge on Tarbox Hill Road in Orleans Village.  
Dorin, Wells, Myers, Schoolhouse and Mill Brooks, all in Westmore - From mouth of brooks at Lake Willoughby upstream approximately 3/4 mile in Dorin Brook, all of Wells Brook, 1/2 mile in Myers Brook, 1/4 mile in the Schoolhouse Brook and, and 1/4 mile in Mill Brook and tributaries, all in Westmore. For identification purpose these brooks are arranged in order from north to south, and flow through Vermont Agency of Transportation structures on Route 5A number 10, 9, 8, 7 and 6, respectively.  
~~Brownington Branch of the Willoughby River in Brownington - From its confluence at the Willoughby River extending upstream to the second road crossing on Brownington Chilafoux Road (TH #15). Said crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafoux Road (TH #15).~~

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~~Country Club Brook – From its confluence with the Willoughby River extending upstream to Hollow Road (TH #14) in Barton.~~  
Porter Brook, Greensboro – From Caspian Lake upstream to its headwaters. (1987, Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's Reg. No. 970, eff. April 1, 1987.)

~~Johns River, Derby – From the downstream edge of the bridge on Beebe Road (TH #3) upstream approximately two tenths of a mile to the downstream edge of bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby.~~

~~Outlet Brook – From the highway bridge near Echo Lake in Charleston upstream to the top of dam at outlet of Seymour Lake~~

Washington County

Chase Brook, Berlin – From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approximately ½ mile to the top of the natural falls in Berlin.

Ridley Brook, Duxbury – From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1700 feet to the first falls.

Windsor County

~~Lilliesville Brook, in the Town of Stockbridge – from~~ From its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on the Lilliesville Brook Road.

~~Locust Creek, Bethel - in Bethel~~ From its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on Rt. 12.

(b) The below named waters are closed from March 16 through May 31.

Chittenden County

Lamoille River, Milton - From the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Road in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge upstream to the top of first dam (Peterson Dam) in Milton.

Winooski River, Winooski and Burlington - 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.

Franklin County

Missisquoi River, Swanton - From the top of the Swanton dam in the Village of Swanton downstream approximately 850 feet to the water treatment plant on the west side of the river, and downstream approximately 850 feet to the upstream end of the cement breakwater on the east side of the river. (1988, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 975, eff. April 7, 1988.)



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- (c) The below named waters are closed from March 16 to the Friday before the 1st Saturday in May, both dates inclusive:

Franklin County

Missisquoi River, Swanton - From the top of the Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton extending downstream 5,120 feet to the Northwest corner (downstream) of the Riverside Cemetery and across the river to a pole on the Northeast bank.

- (d) The below named waters are closed to fishing year-round:

Orleans County

Clyde River, Newport City - From 260 feet 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.

~~8.10 The below named waters are closed from October 1 through October 31:~~

~~Orleans County~~

~~Johns River - From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.~~

- (e) The below named water is only open to fishing using artificial flies and lures from September 1 to October 31. All salmon caught must be released. Lake Trout may be harvest during this period. The daily limit is 2 lake trout with a minimum length of 18 inches

Clyde River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston

- ~~(f) The below named water is catch and release for trout from Second Saturday in April to October 31. All trout must be immediately released.~~

~~Batten Kill River - From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester~~

- ~~(g) The below named water is catch and release for trout with artificial lures and flies only, anglers less than 15 years old may use live bait from Second Saturday in April to October 31. All trout must be immediately released.~~

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Dog River - From the downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of the Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield.

- (h) The below named waters are closed to fishing from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April.

Batten Kill River – From the New York State line upstream (approximately 20.6 miles) to downstream side of Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester.

Clyde River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston

Dog River – From the downstream edge of the Junction Road Bridge in Berlin/Montpelier upstream to the top of the Northfield Falls Dam in Northfield.

VERMONT **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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## Title 10 Appendix : Vermont Fish And Wildlife Regulations

### Chapter 002 : Fish

#### Subchapter 002 : Seasons, Waters, And Limits

(Cite as: 10 App. V.S.A. § 122)

#### § 122. Fish Management Regulation

##### 1.0 Authority

This rule is adopted pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4081(b). In adopting this rule, the Fish and Wildlife Board is following the policy established by the General Assembly that the protection, propagation, control, management, and conservation of fish, wildlife and furbearing animals in this state is in the interest of the public welfare and that the safeguarding of this valuable resource for the people of the state requires a constant and continual vigilance.

In accordance with 10 V.S.A. § 4082, this rule is designed to maintain the best health, population and utilization levels of Vermont's fisheries.

In accordance with 10 V.S.A. § 4083, this rule establishes open seasons; establishes daily, season, possession limits and size limits; prescribes the manner and means of taking fish; and prescribes the manner of transportation and exportation of fish.

##### 2.0 Purpose

It is the policy of the State that the protection, propagation control, management and conservation of fish, wildlife, and furbearing animals in this State is in the interest of the public welfare, and that safeguarding of this valuable resource for the people of the State requires a constant and continual vigilance.

##### 3.0 Open-Water Fishing, legal methods of taking fish

###### 3.1 Definitions

3.1.1 Department Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.

3.1.2 Commissioner Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife Commissioner.

3.1.3 Open-water fishing Fishing by means of hook and line in hand or attached to a rod or other device in open water. Fishing by casting or trolling baited hooks, artificial flies or lures is considered open-water fishing.

3.1.4 Baited Hook A single shank hook with 1, 2, or 3 points which may be baited

with natural or artificial bait or both.

3.1.5 Lure A man-made device designed to catch only 1 fish at a time, to include a spoon, plug, spinner, bait harness, tandem hook streamer or lead head jig.

3.1.6 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.

3.1.7 Handheld Spear A manually powered spear used from above the water's surface.

3.1.8 Speargun A pneumatic or rubber band powered device, with a line not to exceed 20 feet attached to a spear, used from below the water's surface.

3.1.9 Cull Fish Carp, tench, rudd, shad (alewife and gizzard shad), and goldfish. Additional invasive/exotic fish species may be designated by the Commissioner as "cull fish."

3.1.10 Immediate Control Such constant control as would enable the angler to respond forthwith to a fish taking their bait, lure or fly promptly and without any delay.

3.1.11 Snagging Snagging shall mean the intentional hooking of a fish in a place other than the inside of the fish's mouth. No person shall pull, jerk or otherwise purposefully and/or repeatedly manipulate a hook, or hooks and line to snag or hook a fish in any method other than to entice a fish into taking, by mouth, a hook, lure or fly. Repeated and/or exaggerated jerking or pulling of the fishing line and/or hooks in any attempt to snag fish, whether it results in physically snagging a fish or not, shall be prima facie evidence that snagging has taken place. This shall not apply to the use of a gaff to land a fish that has been legally hooked.

3.2 Whether still fishing, casting, or trolling in Vermont waters, a person may take fish only by using not more than two lines over which he or she has immediate control and to each of which lines is attached not more than two baited hooks, or more than three artificial flies, or more than two lures with or without bait, except that at Seymour Lake and Little Averill Lake a person may take fish only by using not more than one line.

3.3 A person open-water fishing shall not take fish through the ice, from the ice, or from an object supported by the ice.

3.4 A person shall not take any fish pursuant to subsection (3.2) unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish taken under subsection (3.2) that is not hooked in the mouth shall be immediately released pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4602. A fish hooked in any part of the body other than in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked, and shall be prima facie evidence of foul hooking.

3.5 Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.

#### **4.0 Ice Fishing**

#### 4.1 Definitions

4.1.1 Ice Fishing - Ice fishing is defined as 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.

4.2 Fish may be taken through the ice with not more than two baited hooks or three artificial flies or two lures on each line. A person shall not operate more than eight lines, except on Lake Champlain where no more than 15 lines may be operated, and except on Seymour and Little Averill Lakes, where not more than four lines may be operated.

4.3 A person ice fishing shall at all times, have immediate control over all lines they operate. A person ice fishing shall be able to visually observe lines they operate. Any line that indicates a fish shall be tended with 30 minutes.

4.4 A person shall not take any fish pursuant to subsection (4.2) unless it is hooked in the mouth. Any fish taken under subsection (4.2) that is not hooked in the mouth shall be immediately released pursuant to 10 V.S.A. § 4602. A fish hooked in any part of the body other than in the mouth shall be considered to be foul hooked, and shall be prima facie evidence of foul hooking.

4.5 The definitions of section 3 are applicable to this section.

4.6 Taking or attempting to take fish by snagging is prohibited in all Vermont Waters.

#### **5.0 Lake Champlain Boundaries**

Lake Champlain proper shall be considered to include the setback at the same level and the 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 falls in North Ferrisburgh (just upstream of Old Hollow Road);

Little Otter Creek to falls in Ferrisburgh Center (downstream of Little Chicago Road);

Malletts Creek to the first falls upstream of Roosevelt Highway (US 2 and US 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 Alburg (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 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 (US 7) in Winooski and Burlington;

### **6.0 Clyde River: Catch and Release**

Between September 1 and October 31, on the Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog upstream to Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West Charleston, a person may fish with artificial flies and lures only, and all salmon caught must be released.

### **7.0 Seasonally Closed Waters**

7.1 The following lakes and ponds or portions thereof are hereby designated seasonally closed waters and shall be closed to all fishing except during the open season for trout as provided in section 8 of these regulations:

Adams Reservoir, Woodford

Ansel Pond, Bethel

Baker Pond, Barton

Bald Hill Pond, Westmore

Bean Pond, Sutton

Beaver Pond, Holland

Beck Pond, Newark

Beebe Pond, Sunderland

Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill

Big Mud Pond, Mt. Tabor

Blake Pond, Sutton

Bourn Pond, Sunderland

Branch Pond, Sunderland

Brown Pond, Westmore  
Caspian Lake, Greensboro  
Center Pond, Newark  
Colby Pond, Plymouth  
Cow Mountain Pond, Granby  
Crystal Lake, Barton  
Duck Pond, Sutton  
Dufresne Pond, Manchester  
East Long Pond, Woodbury  
Echo Lake, Charleston  
Ewell Pond, Peacham  
Forest Lake, Averill  
Goshen Dam (Sugar Hill Reservoir), Goshen  
Griffith Lake, Mt. Tabor  
Hapgood Pond, Peru  
Hartwell Pond, Albany  
Holland Pond, Holland  
Jobs Pond, Westmore  
Knapp Brook Pond No. 1, Reading and Cavendish  
Knapp Brook Pond No. 2, Reading and Cavendish  
Lake Dunmore-Salisbury and Leicester - Except from Sucker Brook to  
the island south, which shall be open.  
Levi Pond, Groton  
Lewis Pond, Lewis  
Little Averill Lake, Averill  
Little Elmore Pond, Elmore  
Little Rocky Pond, Wallingford  
Long Pond, Newbury  
Long Pond, Westmore  
Maidstone Lake, Maidstone

Marl Pond, Sutton  
Martins Pond, Peacham  
May Pond, Barton  
McIntosh Pond, Royalton  
Mud Pond, Hyde Park  
Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury  
Nichols Pond, Woodbury  
North Pond, Chittenden  
Norton Pond, Norton  
Notch Pond, Ferdinand  
Noyes (Seyon) Pond, Groton  
Peacham Pond, Peacham  
Perch Pond, (Zack Woods Pond), Hyde Park  
Pigeon Pond, Groton  
Red Mill Pond, Woodford  
Seymour Lake, Morgan  
Shadow Lake, Glover  
Silver Lake, Leicester  
South America Pond, Ferdinand  
South Pond, Marlboro  
Spring Lake, Shrewsbury  
Stannard Pond, Stannard  
Sterling Pond, Cambridge  
Stoughton Pond, Weathersfield  
Stratton Pond, Stratton  
Sunset Lake, Benson  
Unknown Pond, Averys Gore  
Unknown Pond, Ferdinand  
Vail Pond, Sutton  
Vernon Hatchery Pond, Vernon



West Mountain Pond, Maidstone

Wheeler Pond, Barton and Sutton

Willoughby Lake, Westmore

Zack Woods, (Perch Pond), Hyde Park

7.2 All streams are hereby designated seasonally closed waters and shall be closed to all fishing except during the open season for trout as provided in section 8 of these regulations; and

7.2.1 except that the following streams shall be open to trout fishing only, and no fishing for other species shall be allowed, from November 1 to the Friday before the second Saturday in April, as set forth in Table 7.2.2.

**7.2.2: STREAMS OPEN TO FISHING FOR TROUT ONLY FROM  
NOVEMBER 1 TO THE FRIDAY BEFORE THE SECOND WEEK IN APRIL**

**1. Waters**

**2. Methods**

**3. Season**

**Size Restrictions**

**5. Daily Bag Limit**

**Listed Below**

Artificial fly or lure only

November 1 to the Friday before the 2nd Saturday in April:

Catch and release only

Zero-All trout must be immediately released to the water where taken:

**Black River** From the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield 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.

**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 Vermont/Massachusetts border.

**Lamoille River** From the top of the hydroelectric dam at Fairfax Falls upstream to the top of the Cadys Falls Dam in Morristown.

**Moose River** From the confluence with Passumpsic River upstream to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in St. Johnsbury.

**Otter Creek** From the top of the Center Rutland Falls in Rutland 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.

**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.

**Winooski River** From the top of the Bolton Dam in Waterbury and Duxbury upstream to the VT Route 2/100 in Duxbury and Waterbury.

## **8.0 Fish - Open Seasons, Size Restrictions and Daily Bag Limits.**

### **Fish of the species named or described in the tables set forth below may be taken:**

In the waters specified in column 1, by the method specified in column 2, during the open season specified in column 3.

Provided they meet any size restrictions specified in column 4., and only in numbers listed under daily bag limits specified in column 5., under no circumstances may a person take in one day, more than the daily bag or weight limit from a listed body of water. No person may take in aggregate more than the daily State-wide aggregate limit for any species listed.

Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of the Commissioner, pursuant to the Commercial angling rules set forth in 10 V.S.A. App. 123.

8.1 Possession limits are equal to twice the daily bag limits. Fish species with limit restrictions may not be possessed in excess of the possession limits at any time.

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

8.1.1.1 the person has been issued a Commercial Bait Dealers Permit by the Commissioner,

8.1.1.2 the person has been issued scientific collection permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,

8.1.1.3 the person has been issued a fish transportation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity,

8.1.1.4 the person has been issued a fish breeders permit or fish importation permit by the Commissioner which specifically approves of the activity.

8.2 The daily bag limit for a fish species on a water body with a closed season for that fish species is zero.

8.3 "General waters" restrictions are the provisions applicable to all waters of the State, except the waters specifically named or described.

8.4 Unless otherwise specifically provided, fish not listed in this regulation may be taken at any time and without size or catch limit, in waters not listed as seasonally closed waters in Section 7 of these regulations.

8.5 Open Seasons, Size Restrictions and Daily Bag Limits Tables

**8.5.1 STATEWIDE AGGREGATE DAILY BAG LIMITS**

(Maximum number of a fish species that may be taken in one day)

| FISH SPECIES              | DAILY AGGREGATE LIMITS                   |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Brook Trout               | 12 fish                                  |
| Brown and Rainbow Trout   | Maximum Combination of 6 fish            |
| Lake Trout                | 2 fish, (3 if taken from Lake Champlain) |
| Salmon                    | 2 fish                                   |
| Large and Smallmouth Bass | Maximum combination of 5 fish            |
| Northern Pike             | 5 fish                                   |
| Chain Pickerel            | 10 fish                                  |
| Muskellunge               | 0 fish                                   |
| Walleye                   | 3 fish                                   |
| Black and White Crappie   | 25 fish                                  |
| American Shad             | 0 fish                                   |
| Yellow Perch              | 50 fish                                  |
| Yellow Perch exception    | Lake Champlain - No daily limit          |
| Sauger                    | 0 fish                                   |

**8.5.2 BROOK, BROWN AND RAINBOW TROUT**

| 1. Waters                                | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season                                   | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag Limit                                             |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| General waters. (except as listed below) | Open-Water fishing         | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | No restriction              | 6 trout                                                        |
| Lake Champlain                           | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season                            | Minimum length of 12 inches | 3 trout                                                        |
| Rivers and Streams                       | Open-water fishing         | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | No restriction              | 12 trout, of which not more than 6 can be brown and/or rainbow |

**8.5.3 TROPHY TROUT STREAMS**

| 1. Waters     | 2. Methods         | 3. Season                                   | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limit   |
|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Listed Below: | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | No restriction       | 2 trout in aggregate |

Black River along Rt. 131 in Weathersfield and Cavendish, - from

Downers covered bridge upstream (approximately 4 miles) to the next bridge across the river, The Howard Hill Bridge.

East Creek in Rutland City - From the confluence with Otter Creek upstream (approximately 2.7 miles) to the top of the Patch Dam in Rutland City.

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.

Little River - From the confluence with Winooski River in Waterbury upstream to the top of the Waterbury Reservoir Dam in Waterbury.

Missisquoi River in Enosburg and Sheldon - From the downstream edge of Kane Road (TH-3) bridge upstream (approximately 5.7 miles) to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.

Otter Creek in Danby and Mt. Tabor - From the Vermont Railway Bridge north of the fishing access upstream (approximately 2 miles) to the Danby-Mt. Tabor Forest Rd. Bridge (Forest Road # 10).

Passumpsic River in the Village of St. Johnsbury - From the top of the Gage Dam in St. Johnsbury upstream (approximately 2.4 miles) to the top of the Arnold Falls Dam.

Moose River - From the confluence with the Passumpsic River upstream (approximately 350 feet) to the downstream edge of the Concord Avenue bridge in the Village of St. Johnsbury.

Walloomsac River in Bennington - From the Vermont/New York border upstream to the top of the former Vermont Tissue Plant Dam (downstream of Murphy Road) in Bennington.

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).

**8.5.4 RAINBOW TROUT (Including STEELHEAD) / BROWN TROUT**

| 1. Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season     | 4. Size<br>Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limit |
|-----------|------------|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Listed    | Open-water | Second        | Minimum length          | 2 trout               |
| Below:    | fishing    | Saturday in   | of 10 inches            |                       |
|           |            | April through |                         |                       |
|           |            | October 31    |                         |                       |

Lakes and Ponds

Caspian Lake, Greensboro

Echo Lake,

Charleston

Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay), Coventry, Derby, Newport

City and Newport;

Willoughby Lake, Westmore

Rivers and Streams:

Orleans County:

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.

Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream

side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg.

Johns River - From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.

Willoughby River - The entire Willoughby River, from the confluence with Barton River in Barton upstream to the Willoughby Lake outlet in Westmore.

**8.5.5 BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, LAKE TROUT AND SALMON - 2 FISH AGGREGATE LIMITS**

| 1. Waters        | 2. Methods            | 3. Season                                            | 4. Size<br>Restrictions                                   | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limit    |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Listed<br>below: | Open-water<br>fishing | Second<br>Saturday in<br>April through<br>October 31 | See<br>regulations<br>for specific<br>bodies of<br>waters | Two fish in<br>aggregate |

- Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill
- Caspian Lake, Greensboro
- Center
- Pond, Newark
- Crystal Lake, Barton
- East Long Pond, Woodbury
- Echo Lake,
- Charleston
- Elligo Lake, Craftsbury and Greensboro
- Forest Lake (Nelson
- Pond), Calais and Woodbury
- Harveys Lake, Barnet
- Jobs Pond, Westmore

Lake Dunmore, Salisbury

Lake Memphremagog (including South Bay), Coventry, Derby, Newport City and Newport

Little Averill Lake, Averill

Long Pond, Westmore

Maidstone Lake, Maidstone

Martins Pond, Peacham

Nelson Pond (Forest Lake), Calais and Woodbury

Nichols Pond, Woodbury

Seymour Lake, Morgan

Shadow Lake, Glover

Spring Lake, Shrewsbury

Sunset Lake, Benson

Willoughby Lake, Westmore.



**8.5.6 STREAMS OPEN TO YEAR ROUND TROUT FISHING**

| 1. Waters                                                                                                    | 2. Methods                                                            | 3. Season                                   | 4. Size                | 5. Daily Bag                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                              |                                                                       |                                             | Restrictions           | Limit                                                                                                                                                       |
| The following portions of the specified rivers shall be open to fishing for trout year round: (Listed below) | Artificial fly or lure only, except during the open season for trout. | No closed season for catch and release only | Catch and release only | Zero - All trout must be immediately returned to the waters where taken, except during the open season, limits apply in accordance with the river selected. |

Open season; During the from the 2nd open season Saturday in follow any April through species October 31 restrictions for the selected river

Black River - From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Lovejoy Dam in Springfield.

Lamoille River - From the Lake Champlain boundary (top of Peterson Dam in Milton) upstream to the top of the hydroelectric Dam at Fairfax Falls.

- Lewis Creek - From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the State Prison Hollow Road (TH #3) bridge in Starksboro.
- Missisquoi River - From Lake Champlain boundary upstream to the top of the Enosburg Falls Dam in Enosburg Falls.
- Ompompanoosuc River - From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the Union Village Dam in Thetford.
- Otter Creek - From the Lake Champlain boundary upstream to top of Center Rutland Falls in Rutland.
- Waits River - From the Connecticut River boundary upstream to the top of the Central Vermont Power Dam in Bradford.
- 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 Bolton Dam in Duxbury and Waterbury.

**8.5.7 LAKE TROUT AND SALMON**

| 1. Waters                                          | 2. Methods         | 3. Season                                   | 4. Size                                  | 5. Daily Bag                          |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| General Waters (all waters except as listed below) | Open-water fishing | Second Saturday in April through October 31 | Salmon - Minimum length of 15 inches     | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each |
|                                                    |                    |                                             | Lake Trout - Minimum Length of 18 inches |                                       |

|                                                                                                                                                  |                                               |                                                         |                                                     |                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Lake Champlain                                                                                                                                   | Open-water and ice fishing                    | No Closed Season                                        | Lake Trout and Salmon - Minimum length of 15 inches | 3 Lake Trout and 2 Salmon             |
| Little Averill Lake and Seymour Lake                                                                                                             | Open-water fishing, with not more than 1 line | Angling: Saturday in April through October 31           | Lake Trout - Minimum length of 20 inches            | 1 Lake Trout and 1 salmon or 2 Salmon |
|                                                                                                                                                  | Ice fishing with not more than 4 lines        | Ice fishing: third Saturday in January through March 15 | Salmon - Minimum length of 15 inches                |                                       |
| Clyde Pond, Pond, Salem Lake, Little Salem Lake, and Clyde River from Lake Memphremagog upstream to Citizen's Charleston Dam (Lubber Lake), West | Open-water fishing                            | Second Saturday in April through August 31              | Lake Trout - Minimum length of 18 inches            | 2 Lake Trout or 2 Salmon or 1 of each |
|                                                                                                                                                  |                                               |                                                         | Salmon - Minimum length of 17 inches                |                                       |

Charleston

|            |             |           |                |
|------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| Open-      | September 1 | Lake      | 2 Lake Trout,  |
| water      | through     | Trout -   | 0 Salmon, (all |
| fishing:   | October 31  | Minimum   | salmon must be |
| River from |             | length of | immediately    |
| Lake       |             | 18 inches | released       |

Memphremagog

to Charleston

Dam -

Artificial

flies and

lures only

|              |            |               |              |                |
|--------------|------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Lake         | Open-water | Second        | Lake Trout - | 2 Lake Trout   |
| Memphremagog | fishing    | Saturday in   | Minimum      | or 2 Salmon or |
| (including   |            | April through | length of    | 1 of each      |
| South Bay    |            | October 31    | 18 inches    |                |

|             |                |           |
|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| Ice Fishing | Third Saturday | Salmon -  |
|             | in January     | Minimum   |
|             | through        | length of |
|             | March 15       | 17 inches |

|        |            |               |                |                |
|--------|------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Listed | Open-water | Second        | Lake Trout -   | 2 Lake Trout   |
| Below: | fishing    | Saturday in   | Minimum length | or 2 Salmon or |
|        |            | April through | of 18 inches   | 1 of each      |
|        |            | October 31    |                |                |

|                |
|----------------|
| Salmon -       |
| Minimum length |
| of 17 inches   |

Orleans County:

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.

Black River - From Lake Memphremagog upstream to the downstream side of the VT Route 14 / 58 bridge in Irasburg.

Johns River - From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert) upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH #6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.

Willoughby River - The entire Willoughby River, from confluence with Barton River in Barton upstream to the Willoughby Lake outlet in Westmore.

**8.5.8 SPECIAL ICE FISHING PROVISIONS FOR BROOK, BROWN, RAINBOW, LAKE TROUT, SALMON AND BASS**

| 1. Waters        | 2. Methods  | 3. Season                                           | 4. Size<br>Restrictions                                       | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limit                                         |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Listed<br>below: | Ice Fishing | Third Saturday<br>in January<br>through March<br>15 | See species<br>restriction<br>for individual<br>body of water | See species<br>restriction<br>for individual<br>body of water |

- Big Averill Lake, Norton and Averill;
- Big Salem Lake, Derby;
- Caspian  
Lake, Greensboro;
- Chittenden Dam, Chittenden;
- Crystal Lake, Barton;
- Echo Lake, Charleston;
- Echo Lake, Plymouth;
- Eden Lake, Eden;
- Elligo Lake, Craftsbury and Greensboro;
- Glen Lake, Castleton, Fair Haven, and Benson;
- Harriman Reservoir, Whitingham and Wilmington;
- Harveys Lake, Barnet;
- Island Pond, Brighton;
- Joes Pond, Cabot, Danville;
- Lake Bomoseen, Castleton and Hubbardton;
- Lake Dunmore, Leicester, and Salisbury;
- Lake Fairlee, Thetford, West Fairlee, Fairlee;

Lake Hortonia, Sudbury, 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, Poultney;  
 Little Averill Lake, Averill;  
 Little Salem Lake, Derby;  
 Maidstone Lake, Maidstone;  
 Marshfield Dam (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, Peachman;  
 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

### **8.5.9 SPECIAL REGULATION TROUT STREAMS**

|           |            |           |         |          |
|-----------|------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| 1. Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season | 4. Size | 5. Daily |
| Bag       |            |           |         |          |

|                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                           |                                              | Restrictions                                                 | Limit   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| White River - From the confluence with Lilliesville Brook in Stockbridge downstream 3.3 miles to 220 ft. downstream of the confluence with Cleveland Brook in Bethel. | Open-water fishing, with artificial lures and flies only. | Second Saturday in April through October 31. | Minimum length of 18 inches                                  | 1 trout |
| Mettawee trout, only                                                                                                                                                  | Open-water fishing                                        | Second Saturday in April through October 31. | 10 to 14 inches                                              | 2       |
| River - greater than From the inches downstream edge of the Route 153 bridge in                                                                                       |                                                           |                                              | protected slot: (all trout 10 to 14 inches must be released) | 14      |



Pawlet  
 upstream  
 (approximately  
 16 miles) to  
 the  
 downstream  
 edge of first  
 bridge on  
 Dorset Hollow  
 Road and  
 including  
 tributary:  
 Flower Brook  
 upstream  
 (approximately  
 1000 ft) to  
 the  
 downstream  
 edge of the  
 Route 30  
 bridge in  
 Pawlet.

|                         |            |                |                             |          |
|-------------------------|------------|----------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| Winooski<br>only        | Open-water | June 1 through | 10 to 16                    | 2 trout, |
| River<br>greater than   | fishing    | October 31     | inches                      | 1        |
| Tributaries -<br>inches |            |                | protected                   | 16       |
| Listed Below            |            |                | slot: (all<br>fish 10 to 16 |          |

inches must be  
released)

Winooski River Tributaries

Joiner Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately

1900 feet to the first falls.

Pinneo Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately

100 feet to the railroad crossing.

Preston Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately

2600 feet to the first falls.

Ridley Brook, Duxbury - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately

1700 feet to the first falls.

|                     |            |               |                                                   |          |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Listed only         | Open-water | Second        | 10 to 16                                          | 2 trout, |
| Below: greater than | fishing    | Saturday in   | inches                                            | 1        |
| inches              |            | April through | protected                                         | 16       |
|                     |            | October 31    | slot: (all fish 10 to 16 inches must be released) |          |

New Haven River - From Munger Street Bridge in New Haven upstream (approximately 4.1

miles) to the South Street bridge in Bristol.

Winooski River - From Preston Brook mouth upstream (approximately 4.4 miles) to the

Ridley Brook mouth.

|                                                                                                                                               |                                                          |               |                |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|-------|
| Batten<br>all                                                                                                                                 | Open-water                                               | Second        | All trout must | Zero, |
| Kill -<br>must be                                                                                                                             | fishing                                                  | Saturday in   | be immediately | trout |
| From the<br>immediately                                                                                                                       |                                                          | April through | released.      |       |
| New York<br>released.                                                                                                                         |                                                          | October 31    |                |       |
| State line<br>upstream<br>(approximately<br>20.6 miles)<br>to downstream<br>side of Depot<br>Street Bridge<br>(Route 11/30)<br>in Manchester. |                                                          |               |                |       |
| Dog River<br>all                                                                                                                              | Open-water                                               | Second        | All trout must | Zero, |
| - From<br>must be                                                                                                                             | fishing with                                             | Saturday in   | be immediately | trout |
| the<br>immediately                                                                                                                            | artificial                                               | April through | released       |       |
| downstream<br>released.                                                                                                                       | lures and                                                | October 31    |                |       |
| edge of the<br>Junction Road<br>Bridge in<br>Berlin/<br>Montpelier                                                                            | flies only for<br>anglers 15<br>years of age<br>or older |               |                |       |

upstream to  
the top of  
the  
Northfield  
Falls Dam in  
Northfield

Listed  
trout of  
below:  
not  
than 6  
be

Open-water  
fishing

Second  
Saturday in  
April through  
September 30

No size  
restriction.

12  
which  
more  
can

brown and/or  
rainbow trout  
aggregate.

Open-water  
fishing

October 1,  
through  
October 31

All trout must  
be immediately  
released.

Zero, all  
trout

must be  
immediately  
released.

Batten Kill (East Branch) - In towns of Manchester and Dorset from the downstream side  
of

Depot Street Bridge (Route 11/30) in Manchester upstream (approximately 5.0  
miles)

to the downstream side of the US Route 7 Bridge south of East Dorset.

Green River - In the towns of Arlington and Sandgate from its confluence with Batten Kill  
upstream (approximately 8.5 miles) to the confluence with Moffitt Hollow Brook  
in  
Beartown.

Roaring Branch In the towns of Arlington and Sunderland from its confluence with the  
Batten  
Kill upstream (approximately 3.0 miles) to the downstream side of the Bridge  
#14 on  
Sunderland TH# 3 in East Kansas.

Warm Brook - In the town of Arlington from its Confluence with the Roaring Branch  
upstream  
(approximately 0.8 miles) to the base of the so-called Hale Company Dam in  
East  
Arlington.

**8.5.10 ANADROMOUS ATLANTIC SALMON**

| 1. Waters<br>Bag                                                         | 2. Methods                                                                                                                                                          | 3. Season       | 4. Size<br>Restrictions                     | 5. Daily<br>Limit     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Connecticut<br>All<br>River and<br>Anadromous<br>tributaries<br>Atlantic | No person<br>shall take or<br>attempt to                                                                                                                            | No Open Season  | All fish must<br>be immediately<br>released | Zero -                |
| released                                                                 | take an<br>anadromous<br>Atlantic<br>salmon, any<br>salmon<br>unintentionally<br>taken shall<br>be immediately<br>released in<br>accordance<br>with section<br>4602 | must<br>immedi- |                                             | salmon<br>be<br>ately |

**8.5.11 AMERICAN SHAD**

1. Waters  
Bag

2. Methods

3. Season

4. Size

5. Daily

Restrictions

Limit

Connecticut  
All

Open-water

No closed

All shad

Zero -

River,  
must be

fishing

season

must be

shall

Including  
immediately

released

Vermont river  
released  
tributaries

**8.5.12 BOWFIN, REDHORSE SUCKER (MULLET),  
LONGNOSE GAR**

| 1. Waters                                                            | 2. Methods                                                                             | 3. Season                                 | 4. Size<br>Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limit                  |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| General Waters (and as listed below)                                 | Open-water and ice fishing                                                             | No closed season                          | No restriction          | No more than 5 of any one species      |
| General Waters (Except seasonally closed waters and as listed below) | Speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow                             | No closed season                          | No restriction          | No more than 5 of any one species      |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                           | Open-water and ice fishing, speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow | No closed season                          | No restriction          | No more than 5 fish of any one species |
| Lake Champlain, not to include                                       | Shooting and Handheld Spear                                                            | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 4606(e) | No restriction          | No more than 5 of any one species      |



tributaries

**8.5.13 SUCKER (LONGNOSE AND WHITE),  
and CULL FISH**

| 1. Waters                                                            | 2. Methods                                                                             | 3. Season                                 | 4. Size<br>Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limit |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Waters (and as listed below)                                 | Open-water and ice fishing                                                             | No closed season                          | No restriction          | No Limit              |
| General Waters (Except seasonally closed waters and as listed below) | Speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow                             | No Closed Season                          | No restriction          | No Limit              |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries                           | Open-water and ice fishing, speargun, bow and crossbow all with line attached to arrow | No closed season                          | No restriction          | No Limit              |
| Lake Champlain, not to include                                       | Shooting and Handheld Spear                                                            | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 4606(e) | No restriction          | No Limit              |

tributaries

**8.5.14 BULLHEAD**

| 1. Waters                                  | 2. Methods                  | 3. Season                                 | 4. Size        | 5. Daily Bag |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                            |                             |                                           | Restrictions   | Limit        |
| General Waters (and as listed below)       | Open-water and ice fishing  | No closed season                          | No restriction | No Limit     |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries | Open-water and ice fishing  | No closed season                          | No restriction | No Limit     |
| Lake Champlain, not to include tributaries | Shooting and Handheld Spear | March 25 through May 25, Title 10 4606(e) | No restriction | No Limit     |

**8.5.15 NORTHERN PIKE**

| 1. Waters                               | 2. Methods                     | 3. Season                       | 4. Size Restrictions        | 5. Daily Bag Limit |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| General Waters (except as listed below) | Open-water and ice fishing     | No closed season                | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish             |
| Lake Champlain                          | Open-water and ice fishing     | No closed season                | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish             |
|                                         | Shooting and handheld spearing | March 25 through May 25, 10 VSA | Minimum length of 20 inches | 5 Fish             |

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**8.5.16 CHAIN AND REDFIN PICKEREL**

| 1. Waters                               | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag Limits |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| General Waters (except as listed below) | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction       | No Limit            |
| Lake Champlain                          | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction       | 10 fish             |
|                                         | Shooting and               | March 25         | No restriction       | 10 Fish             |

handheld through May 25  
spearing

**8.5.17 MUSKELLUNGE**

| 1. Waters                               | 2. Methods                                                                         | 3. Season                               | 4. Size<br>Restrictions          | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limits                              |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| General Waters (except as listed below) | Open-water and ice fishing; Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | No closed season                        | All muskellunge must be released | Zero All muskellunge must be immediately released   |
| Lake Champlain                          | Open-water and ice fishing; Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | No closed season                        | All muskellunge must be released | Zero - All muskellunge must be immediately released |
|                                         | Shooting and handheld spearing                                                     | March 25 through May 25, 10 VSA 4606(e) |                                  | Zero Fish                                           |

**8.5.18 SMELT**

| 1. Waters  | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size<br>Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limits |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| All waters | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction          | No limit               |

**8.5.19 BLACK AND WHITE CRAPPIE**

| 1. Waters  | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size<br>Restrictions    | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limits |
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| All waters | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | Minimum length of 8 inches | 25 fish, Combined      |

**8.5.20 YELLOW PERCH**

| 1. Waters                               | 2. Methods                 | 3. Season        | 4. Size<br>Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limits |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| General Waters (except as listed below) | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction          | 50 fish                |
| Lake Champlain                          | Open-water and ice fishing | No closed season | No restriction          | No Limit               |

Businesses may buy lawfully taken fish, with the approval of the Commissioner, pursuant to the Commercial angling rule set for in 10 V.S.A. APP § 123

**8.5.21 YELLOW PERCH**

| 1. Waters                                            | 2. Methods                                                                 | 3. Season                                                                                             | 4. Size<br>Restrictions     | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limits                       |
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| General Waters (except as listed below)              | Open-water fishing                                                         | No closed season                                                                                      | No restriction              | 5 fish                                       |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (except as listed below) | Open-water fishing (Ice fishing - see special provisions)                  | Second Saturday in June through Nov. 30th.                                                            | Minimum length of 10 inches | 5 Fish                                       |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (seasonally closed)      | Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | Second Saturday in April through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates inclusive. | All bass must be released   | Zero - All bass must be immediately released |
| Lakes, Ponds and reservoirs (not seasonally closed)  | Open-water fishing: Catch and release with artificial lures and flies only | Dec. 1 through the Friday before the Second Saturday in June, both dates                              | All bass must be released   | Zero - All bass must be immediately released |

inclusive.

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| Seasonally,<br>Closed Waters<br>- streams | Open-water<br>fishing | Only when such<br>rivers and<br>streams are<br>open to trout<br>fishing except<br>as prohibited<br>by Section 9.2 | No restrictions | 5 fish |
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| Lake Morey,<br>Fairlee | Open-water<br>fishing (Ice<br>fishing -<br>see special<br>provisions) | Second<br>Saturday in<br>June through<br>Nov. 30 | Largemouth<br>bass - Minimum<br>length of 14<br>inches | 5 Fish |
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| Lake Morey,<br>Fairlee | Open-water<br>fishing Catch<br>and release<br>with<br>artificial<br>lures and<br>flies only | Dec. 1 through<br>Friday before<br>the Second<br>Saturday in<br>June, both<br>dates<br>inclusive. | All bass must<br>be released | Zero - All<br>bass must be<br>immediately<br>released. |
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| Kent Pond,<br>Killington<br>and Baker<br>Pond,<br>Brookfield | Open-water<br>fishing | Second<br>Saturday in<br>June through<br>Nov. 30 | Largemouth<br>Bass:<br>protected<br>slot: 10-12<br>inches (all<br>fish between<br>10 & 12 inches<br>must be<br>released) | 10 fish, only<br>1 fish greater<br>than 12 inches. |
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| Kent Pond,<br>Killington<br>and Baker<br>Pond,<br>Brookfield | Open-water<br>fishing: Catch<br>and release<br>with<br>artificial<br>lures and<br>flies only | Dec. 1 through<br>Friday before<br>the Second<br>Saturday in<br>June, both<br>dates<br>inclusive. | All bass must<br>be released | Zero - All<br>bass must be<br>immediately<br>released |
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**8.5.22 WALLEYE**

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| 1. Waters | 2. Methods | 3. Season | 4. Size<br>Restrictions | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limits |
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| General<br>Waters and<br>Lake<br>Champlain<br>(except as | Open-water and<br>ice fishing | First Saturday<br>in May through<br>March 15 | Minimum length<br>of 18 inches | 3 Fish |
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below)

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| Lake Carmi,<br>Franklin | Open-water and<br>Ice fishing | First Saturday<br>in May through<br>March 15 | Minimum length<br>of 15 inches<br>Protected<br>lengths - 17<br>to 19 inches<br>(all fish<br>between 17 &<br>19 inches must<br>be released) | 5 fish,<br>provided only<br>1 is over 19<br>inches |
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| Chittenden<br>Reservoir,<br>Chittenden | Open-water and<br>ice fishing | June 1 through<br>March 15 | Minimum length<br>of 22 inches | 2 fish |
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**8.5.23 SAUGER**

| 1. Waters                                  | 2. Methods                    | 3. Season      | 4. Size<br>Restrictions                               | 5. Daily Bag<br>Limits                                            |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| General<br>Waters and<br>Lake<br>Champlain | Open-water and<br>ice fishing | No open season | Any fish taken<br>must be<br>immediately<br>released. | Zero - All<br>Sauger taken<br>must be<br>immediately<br>released. |

### **Spawning grounds for game fish - generally**

8.6 The below listed waters are declared spawning grounds for game fish and are hereby closed to the taking of fish from second Saturday in April through May 31 annually.

#### Chittenden County

Joiner Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1,900 feet to the first falls.

Pinneo Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 100 feet to the railroad crossing.

Preston Brook, Bolton - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 2,600 feet to the first falls.

#### Orleans County

Black River - From 600 feet below the falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry upstream to the top of falls at Old Harman Mill in Coventry.

Ware Brook - From the downstream edge of the furthest downstream bridge/culvert on Back Coventry Road (TH #8 in Irasburg) upstream approximately one mile to top of the first major natural falls on Ware Brook.

Alder (Stony) Brook - From its confluence with the Black River upstream 3 1/2 miles to the outlet of Sargent Pond, in Coventry.

Willoughby River - From the confluence of the Brownington Branch of the Willoughby River in Brownington upstream to the downstream edge of the bridge on Vermont Route 58 in the village of Evansville (Brownington); and from the downstream edge of bridge on the Tarbox Hill Road in Orleans Village upstream to the top of the natural falls upstream of the bridge on Tarbox Hill Road in Orleans Village.

Dorin, Wells, Myers, Schoolhouse and Mill Brooks - From mouth of brooks at Lake Willoughby upstream approximately 3/4 mile in Dorin Brook, all of Wells Brook, 1/2 mile in Myers Brook, 1/4 mile in the Schoolhouse Brook and 1/4 mile in Mill Brook and tributaries, all in Westmore. For identification purpose these brooks are arranged in order from north to south, and flow through Vermont Agency of Transportation structures on Route 5A number 10, 9, 8, 7 and 6, respectively.

Brownington Branch of the Willoughby River in Brownington - From its confluence at the Willoughby River extending upstream to the second road crossing on Brownington Chilafox Road (TH #15). Said crossing is located approximately 2.4 miles from Brownington Center on Chilafox Road (TH #15).

Country Club Brook - From its confluence with the Willoughby River extending upstream to Hollow Road (TH #14) in Barton.

Porter Brook, Greensboro - From Caspian Lake upstream to its headwaters. (1987, Fish and Wildlife Commissioner's Reg. No. 970, eff. April 1, 1987.)

Johns River - From the downstream edge of the bridge on Beebe Road (TH #3) upstream approximately two tenths of a mile to the downstream edge of bridge on Elm Street (TH #2) in Derby.

Outlet Brook - From the highway bridge near Echo Lake in Charleston upstream to the top of dam at outlet of Seymour Lake.

#### Washington County

Chase Brook - From its confluence with the Dog River upstream approximately 1/2 mile to the top of the natural falls in Berlin.

Ridley Brook, Duxbury - From the confluence of the Winooski River upstream approximately 1,700 feet to the first falls.

#### Windsor County

Lilliesville Brook in the Town of Stockbridge from its confluence with

the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on the Lilliesville Brook Road.

Locust Creek in Bethel from its confluence with the White River upstream to the 2nd bridge on Rt. 12.

8.7 The below named waters are closed from March 16 through May 31:

Chittenden County

Lamoille River - From the downstream edge of the bridge on Bear Trap Road in Milton (referred to as the West Milton Bridge upstream to the top of first dam (Peterson Dam)) in Milton.

Winooski River -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.

Franklin County

Missisquoi River - From the top of the Swanton dam in the Village of Swanton downstream approximately 850 feet to the water treatment plant on the west side of the river, and downstream approximately 850 feet to the upstream end of the cement breakwater on the east side of the river. (1988, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 975, eff. April 7, 1988.)

8.8 The below named waters are closed from March 16 to the Friday before the 1st Saturday in May, both dates inclusive:

Franklin County

Missisquoi River - From the top of the Swanton Dam in the Village of Swanton extending downstream 5,120 feet to the Northwest corner (downstream) of the Riverside Cemetery and across the river to a pole on the Northeast bank.

8.9 The below named waters are closed to fishing year-round:

Orleans County

Clyde River - From 260 feet 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.

8.10 The below named waters are closed from October 1 through October 31:

Orleans County

Johns River - From the downstream edge of the first bridge (culvert)

upstream of Lake Memphremagog on North Derby Road (TH  
#6) upstream to U.S. 5, in Derby.

(Added 1961, No. 119, § 2, eff. May 9, 1961; amended 1963, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. -, eff. Aug. 23, 1963; 1966, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. -, eff. Jan. 1, 1967; 1968, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. -, eff. Jan. 1, 1969; 1971, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 840, eff. March 19, 1971; 1971, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. -, eff. June 21, 1971; 1973, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 866, eff. Jan. 20, 1973; 1974, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 892, eff. Dec. 26, 1974; 1975, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 895, eff. Jan. 1, 1976; 1976, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 899, eff. Jan. 1, 1977; 1977, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 904, § 5, eff. Jan. 1, 1978; 1977, No. 245 (Adj. Sess.), § 1, eff. Apr. 17, 1978; 1978, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 906, eff. Oct. 21, 1978; 1979, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 913, eff. Nov. 21, 1979; 1980, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 915, eff. June 30, 1980; 1980, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 926, §§ 1-7, eff. Jan. 1, 1981; 1983, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 936, §§ 1, 5, eff. Jan. 1, 1983; 1983, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 942, eff. June 9, 1983; 1983, Fish and Game Board Reg. No. 946, eff. Oct. 17, 1983; 1984, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 950, eff. Sept. 17, 1984; 1984, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 951, eff. Sept. 17, 1984; 1985, No. 953, eff. Jan. 1, 1985; 1985, No. 49; 1986, No. 962, eff. June 6, 1986; 1987, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 971, eff. Sept. 17, 1987; 1990, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 980, eff. Feb. 23, 1990; 1991, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 982, eff. Jan. 5, 1991; 1991, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 990, eff. Sept. 1991; 1993, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 998, eff. March 23, 1993; 1995, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 1003, eff. Jan. 2, 1996; 1997, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 1003, eff. Nov. 1, 1997; 1999, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 1003, eff. March 13, 1999; 2000 Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 1003, eff. Oct. 7, 2000; 2003, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 1003, eff. Dec. 6, 2002; 2004, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 1003, eff. June 4, 2004; 2005, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 1003, eff. July 21, 2005; 2005A, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 1003, eff. March 31, 2006; 2007, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 1003, eff. Sept. 1, 2006; 2008, Fish and Wildlife Board Reg. No. 1003, eff. Jan. 1, 2009; 2010 Fish and Wildlife Reg. effective Jan. 1, 2011; 2013 Fish and Wildlife Reg. eff. Jan. 1, 2014; 2015 Fish and Wildlife Reg. eff. Jan. 1, 2016; 2017 Fish and Wildlife Reg. eff. Jan. 1, 2018; 2018 Fish and Wildlife Reg. eff. Jan. 1, 2019.)





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### Deadline For Public Comment

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### Rule Details

|                  |                                                   |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Rule Number:     | 21P003                                            |
| Title:           | 10 V.S.A. App. § 122. Fish Management Regulation. |
| Type:            | Standard                                          |
| Status:          | Proposed                                          |
| Agency:          | Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board                   |
| Legal Authority: | 10 V.S.A. §§ 4081-4083                            |



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| Summary:          | The proposed rule amendments will facilitate the proper management of fish. This amends an existing rule in multiple ways with a primary purpose of making fishing regulations simpler to follow while still maintaining necessary biological protections. The resulting amendment increases fishing opportunities. |
| Persons Affected: | Department staff including wardens; individuals who fish, and fishing guides.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Economic Impact:  | The proposed rule relaxes fishing restrictions on many Vermont waters. This proposal will likely have no economic effect but may increase fishing opportunities in Vermont.                                                                                                                                         |
| Posting date:     | Feb 24,2021                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

## Hearing Information

### Information for Hearing # 1

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| Hearing date:  | 03-29-2021 6:30 PM                                                                          |
| Location:      | via Zoom Meeting                                                                            |
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### Information for Hearing # 2

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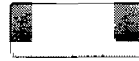
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Rules Governing the Licensing of Educators and the Preparation of Educational Professionals.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 21P002

AGENCY: Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators

CONCISE SUMMARY: The proposed rule revisions support the VSBPE’s mission. Specifically, the VSBPE is: 1. Providing clarification to current Rules regarding definition of terms. 2. Combined endorsements 5440-76 Reading/English Language Arts Specialist and 5440-78 Reading /English Language Arts Coordinator in a single endorsement called the Specialized Literacy Professional (5440-79). The previous endorsements will be sunset. 3. A new sub endorsement for Career Technical Educators for Driver and Traffic Safety Education(5440-17,L-1) was created. The holder of the CTE Driver and Traffic Safety Education sub endorsement L-1 is limited to grades 9-12 and holders are authorized to teach in a CTE setting under the auspices of a CTE center. 4. Education Speech Language Pathologists and School Psychologists will now count as teaching experience towards an Administrative endorsement. 5. Removal of the word "initial" in Rule 5323 to allow a second "initial" license.

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