

The Mainstem Au Sable River from Burton's Landing to Wakeley Bridge has been managed with special regulations since 1955. During this time many long-term evaluations of fishing regulations were conducted. Both fish populations and angler harvest were monitored. Fish population estimates were conducted for many years in river reaches located at Stephan Bridge and Thendara road, which lie between Burton's Landing and Wakeley Bridge. Presently, the Stephan Bridge population index station on the Mainstem Au Sable is one of 64 sites in Michigan where trends in fish populations will be monitored. For more information on the Statewide Status and Trends Program and a list of long-term monitoring sites see the following link http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10364_10951_11302-96503--,00.html#737

Table 1.- Summary of fishing regulations in effect for the Mainstem Au Sable River between Burton's Landing and Wakeley Bridge from 1955 through 2008 .

Year	Possession Season	Tackle	Harvest Limit	Minimum Size Limit		
				Brown Trout	Brook Trout	Rainbow Trout
1955-1963	Last Sat. in April to 2 nd Sun. in September	Flies only	5	10	10	10
1964-1968	Last Sat. in April to 2 nd Sun. in October	Flies only	5	10	10	10
1969-1972	Last Sat. in April through October	Flies only	5	10	7	10
1973	Last Sat. in April through October	Flies only	3	12	7	12
1974	Last Sat. in April through October	Flies only	3	12	8	12
1975	Last Sat. in April through October & No-kill 1-January to Last Sat. in April	Flies only	3	12	8	12
1976-1978	Last Sat. in April through October & No-kill during other times of year	Flies only	3	12	8	12
1979-1988	Last Sat. in April through October & No-kill during other times of year	Flies only	5	Slot limit: Minimum size limit 8 in for all species. No-kill of 12-16 in at any time		
1989-2008	No possession season. Open to no-kill angling all year	Flies only	0	N/A	N/A	N/A