

2013 Black Lake Sturgeon Fishing Season - Fact Sheet

Registration & Regulations

- Season is February 2 through February 6. However, DNR officials will begin to shut down the fishery immediately after the sixth lake sturgeon is harvested. The season will close at the end of any fishing day if only one fish remains to be harvested.
- Angler registration is 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, February 1 at the Onaway DNR Field Office. Anglers will be issued identification flags during registration.
- For anglers unable to register on Friday, there will be a daily registration during the season at Zolner Road/Black Lake and the Onaway State Park entrance, both of which will open at 7:00 a.m.
- There is no minimum size limit on sturgeon.
- *Anglers must possess an ALL-SPECIES fishing license to fish sturgeon and must have it prior to registration at Black Lake.*
- *Angler must also have an orange sturgeon tag, which can be obtained at any license vendor.*

Fishing

- Fishing hours for Black Lake sturgeon are from 8:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.
- Flags will NOT be given to anglers who do not possess a sturgeon tag.
- Flags should be hung at the entrance to each fishing shanty each day of fishing.

Harvesting

- Mandatory registration of a harvested sturgeon is required immediately at the DNR field trailer at the entrance of Zolner Road onto Black Lake. Successful anglers also should notify officials on the ice immediately after harvesting a lake sturgeon but still must take the fish to the proper fish registration site.
- Sturgeon tag should be wrapped around the tail of the fish if one is harvested.
- Registration of fish will include examination of internal fish parts and a small piece of fin removed for DNA analysis.

Close of Season

- Anglers will be alerted by DNR personnel on the ice (anglers may get calls from trustworthy friends, anglers should hear canons/sirens) announcing the end of the lake sturgeon season.
- DNR Law Enforcement will be randomly checking ice shanties and talking to anglers on the ice during each fishing day, regardless of time.

Numbers to Know

- *DNR Gaylord Operations Service Center (harvest updates): 989-732-3541*
- *Report poaching activity to Law Enforcement on Black Lake, or by calling RAP Hotline: 1-800-292-7800*

