

Order 212.19

Fishing Regulations – Sylvania Wilderness Area, Ottawa National Forest, Gogebic County

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740, it is ordered on September 13, 2018, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

It shall be unlawful to take fish in any manner from the special provision lakes in the Sylvania Wilderness Area of the Ottawa National Forest in Sections 1 through 36, T44N, R40W, and Sections 31, 32 and 34, T45N, R40W, Gogebic County, except as follows:

1. Seasons

Statewide seasons apply on all fish species except that no fishing shall be allowed before the last Saturday in April or after October 31 of each year.

2. Size Limits

- a. Lake Trout, not less than 30 inches.
- b. Walleye, not less than 20 inches.
- c. Northern Pike not less than 30 inches.
- d. All other species, no size limit unless otherwise regulated.

3. Daily Possession Limit

- a. Northern Pike, Walleye, Lake Trout, not more than 1 fish of any of these species.
- b. All other species, 10 singly or in any combination of species unless otherwise regulated.
- c. Largemouth or Smallmouth Bass must be returned immediately to the water without injury. Possession of any bass, regardless of where taken is prohibited on the special provision lakes of the Sylvania area.

4. Method of Take

- a. Hook-and-line fishing only.
- b. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used for fishing. "Artificial lure" for the purpose of this Order means any lure that is man-made, in imitation of or as a substitute for natural bait, used to attract fish for the purpose of taking them, and shall include artificial flies.
- c. Live bait, dead or preserved bait, and organic or processed food may not be used or possessed at any time on the waters or shore of special provision Sylvania Lakes (listed below).

5. Special Provision Lakes

All species of fish may be taken subject to the provisions of this Order in Banks, East Bear, West Bear, Clark, Corey, Cub, Deer Island, Dorothy, Elsie, Fisher, Florence, Germain, Glimmerglass, Golden Silence, Hay, Helen, High, Honey, Katherine, Kerr, Jay, Johnston Springs, Liluis, Lois, Loon, Louise, Marsh, Moss, Mountain, Snap Jack, Trapper and Whitefish lakes.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-212.19, and is entitled "Fishing Regulations - Sylvania Wilderness Area, Ottawa National Forest, Gogebic County."

This Order supersedes the order entitled "Fishing Regulations - Sylvania Wilderness Area, Ottawa National Forest, Gogebic County," effective April 1, 2016, and assigned number FO-212.16.

This Order shall take effect on April 1, 2019 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.