

Table 1 General Hook & Line Regulations (Note 1)

This table provides general statewide regulations for the species listed. **However, there are many waters in the state that have fishing regulations which differ from those in this table.** Please

refer to the Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Waters (p. 13), Sylvania Wilderness Area (p. 14), and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 16-18). See page 5 for Detroit River definition.

Species	Minimum Size (inches)	Daily Possession Limit	Seasons
Largemouth bass Smallmouth bass (Note 2)	14"	5 total in any combination but no more than 2 northern pike (See Note 7)	3rd. Sat. in June - Dec. 31: L. St. Clair, St. Clair R., Detroit R. Sat. before Memorial Day - Dec. 31: All other waters including Great Lakes (except those listed in Note 2)
Walleye (Note 3)	15"		May 15 – March 15: Upper Peninsula Great Lakes and inland waters, and St. Marys R.
Northern pike (Note 7 & 8)	24"		Last Sat. in April – March 15: Lower Peninsula inland waters
Flathead catfish	15"		Open for the entire year: Lower Peninsula Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.
Channel catfish	12"		10
Muskellunge (Note 7 & 8)	42"	1	May 15 – March 15: Upper Peninsula Great Lakes and inland waters, and St. Marys R. Last Sat. in April – March 15: Lower Peninsula inland waters Open for the entire year: Lower Peninsula Great Lakes 1st Sat. in June – Dec. 15: L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.
Yellow perch (Note 4)	No size limit	50	Open for the entire year
Sunfishes (Note 5)		25 in any combination of the listed species	
White bass		25 on Gr. Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R. 10 on inland waters	
Lake whitefish Lake herring (cisco)		12 in any combination	
Lake sturgeon		Please see Table 2, p. 8 for Lake Sturgeon Regulations	
Smelt	No size limit	2 gallons	Open for the entire year
All others (Note 6)	No size limit	No possession limit	Open for the entire year

Notes for Table 1

Note 1 - All Coolwater fish

Coolwater fish include all species listed in this table. **Regulations for trout and salmon on inland waters are provided on pages 22-37.**

Note 2 - Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass

On **L. Michigan**, within one-half mile of the following islands of the Beaver Island Archipelago: Beaver, Garden, High and Hog, (**Charlevoix Co.**) the open season is July 1 - Dec. 31, (see p. 16).

Catch-and-Immediate-Release seasons: On the following waters, bass may be caught and released during the seasons listed. All bass caught must be immediately (see common terms p. 5) returned to the water: **L. St. Clair, St. Clair R. and Detroit R.**, from the last Sat. in April - Fri. before the 3rd. Sat. in June; **All Lower Pen. waters including Great Lakes:** Last Sat. in April - Fri. before Memorial Day; **All Upper Pen. waters including Great Lakes:** May 15 - Fri. before Memorial Day.

Note 3 - Walleye

Lake Erie: The daily possession limit will remain at five (5) fish through April 30, 2011. Starting in 2011, the daily possession limit for walleye will be set on May 1 each year. A special publication announcing the new daily possession limit will be available at DNR offices and license vendors starting in April 2011. The new daily possession limit will also be announced on the DNR website (www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing) and in a pre-recorded message at 888-367-7060.

L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.: On these waters the daily possession limit for walleye is 6 and the minimum size limit is 13".

Michigan waters of Green Bay: from the mouth of the Menominee R. northward to the latitudinal line (45 degrees/15 minutes) located approximately 3 miles south of Rochereau Point: from March 2 - Fri. before 1st Sat. in May the daily possession limit is 1 walleye and from the 1st Sat. in May - March 1 the daily possession limit is 5 walleye.

Mullett L. proper, Cheboygan R. from Mullett L. downstream to Cheboygan Dam (T38N, R1W, S31), and Black R. from Alverno Dam (T37N, R1W, S35) downstream to its confluence with the Cheboygan R. (Cheboygan Co.): The daily possession limit for walleye is 3 and the season for harvest of walleye is May 15 - Mar. 15, inclusive.

Note 4 - Yellow perch

L. Huron waters of Mackinac and Chippewa Cos. and the **St. Marys R.**, the minimum size limit is 7".

L. Michigan south of the 45th parallel (excluding the Grand Traverse Bays) the possession limit is 35 perch.

Note 5 - Sunfishes

Includes: black and white crappies, bluegill, green and hybrid sunfish, longear, pumpkinseed, redear, rock bass, and warmouth.

Note 6 - All others

Those species not listed above and not considered trout or salmon.

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Note 7 - Special Northern Pike & Muskellunge Regulations **Lakes with no size limit on northern pike, and up to 5 northern pike may be included in the daily possession limit:**

ALCONA: Badger L. **ALGER:** Trout and 16 Mile Lks. **ALLEGAN:** Pine Creek Flooding **BARAGA:** Vermillac (Worm) L. **CHARLEVOIX:** Deer, Fox, Geneserath, and Six Mile Lks. **CHEBOYGAN:** Black R. upstream of Tower Dam (includes Tower Pond) and tributary streams only, Silver and Wildwood Lks. **CHIPPEWA:** Frenchman L. **CLARE:** L. Thirteen **CRAWFORD:** Big Creek Impoundment, River and Pickerel Lks. **DELTA:** Carr, Chicago, and Hamilton Lks. and Escanaba R. (upstream from first dam at US-2) **DICKINSON:** Sawyer L. **EMMET:** French Farm and O'Neal L. Floodings **GLADWIN:** L. Lancer **GOGBIC:** African (Big and Little), Chaney, Cisco, Clearwater, East Bay, Fishhawk, Indian, Lindsley, Morley, Poor, Record, and Thousand Island Lks. **GRAND TRAVERSE:** Boardman L., Brown Bridge Pond and L. Dubonnet **HOUGHTON:** Rice L. **IRON:** Bone, Buck, Indian, Runkle and Winslow Lks., Hemlock Falls and Michigamme Reservoirs, Michigamme Falls and Peavy Reservoirs, Lake St. Kathryn, Deer R., Net R., and Net R. Wide Waters. **KENT:** Bass L. **LEELANAU:** Florence L. (S. Manitou Is.), artificial lures only **LUCE:** East and Muskallonge Lks. **MACKINAC:** East L. **MANISTEE:** Bar L. **MARQUETTE:** Cedar L., Engman L., Dead R. Storage Basin, Witch L., Middle Br. Escanaba R., Big West Br. Escanaba R., and Escanaba R. (upstream from first dam at US-2) **MASON:** Hackert L. (Crystal L.) **MECOSTA:** Haymarsh L. **MENOMINEE:** Westman Impoundment **MISSAUKEE:** Missaukee L. **MONTMORENCY:** East and West Town Corner Lks., Lake River and tributary streams only **MUSKEGON:** Big Blue L. **OCEANA:** Round (Wykoff) L. and Silver L. **OGEMAW:** L. Ogemaw **OSCEOLA:** L. Miramichi, Rose L. and Wells L. **OSCODA:** Pickerel L. **OTSEGO:** Black R. and tributaries **PRESQUE ISLE:** Francis L., Ocqueoc R. and tributary streams upstream of, but not including Ocqueoc Lk., Ocqueoc Watershed Lakes (Ann, Bullhead, Ella, Emma, Ferdelman, Gorman, Horseshoe, Lost, Louise, Lower and Upper Barnhart, May, McIntosh, Moore, Mud and Nettie), Black R. and tributary streams only (not including Tomahawk Flooding) **ROSCOMMON:** L. St. Helen, Backus Cr., Mud L., and Little Mud L. Waterfowl Flooding **SCHOOLCRAFT:** Boot, Crooked, Kennedy, Stanley and Thunder Lks.; **Seney National Wildlife Refuge Pools** - contact Refuge office (906-586-9851).

Lakes with 30" minimum size limit on Northern Pike:

BARRY: Fish L. **IRON:** Cable and Porter Lks. **KEWEENAW:** Gratiot L. **MARQUETTE:** Fish L. **SCHOOLCRAFT:** Big Bass, Grassy, and McKeever Lks.

Lakes with Northern Pike and Muskellunge possession seasons the last Sat. in April - Nov. 30:

BARRY: Thornapple L. (from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.) minimum size on muskellunge is 50". **LENAWEE:** L. Hudson **VAN BUREN:** Bankson L., Brownwood L., and Round L. (Keeler Twp. T4S, R16W, S13).

Note 8 - Restricted Spearing Lakes

The following lakes are closed to spearing, except that carp may be taken with a spear or bow from May 1 – Aug. 15 and northern pike may be speared on waters as marked(†) from Dec. 1 - March 15. Be sure to check the Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p. 16-18).

Lakes closed to spearing (except carp may be speared May 1 – Aug. 15):

ALLEGAN: Osterhout L.
ALPENA: Fletcher Floodwaters
BARRY: Fish L. and Thornapple L. (from McKeown Rd. to Barger Rd.)
CHEBOYGAN: Tower Pond (no carp spearing allowed).
CHIPPEWA: Caribou L.
CLARE: Budd L.
CLINTON: Ovid L.
DELTA: †Dana L.
IRON: Cable, Emily, Porter, Stanley, †Brule, †Chicagon, †Chief Edwards, †Paint, †Paint Pond, and †Violet Lks.
KENT: Campau and Murray Lks.
KEWEENAW: L. Gratiot
LAPEER: Nepessing L.
LENAWEE: L. Hudson
LIVINGSTON: Whitmore and Woodland Lks.
MACKINAC: Brevoort L.
MARQUETTE: Fish L.
MONTMORENCY: Fletcher Floodwaters.
MUSKEGON: Mona L.
OAKLAND: Heron and Tipsico Lks.
OTSEGO: Big Bear L.
OTTAWA: L. Macatawa
ST. JOSEPH: Long L. (Fabius Twp. T6S, R12W, S7)
SCHOOLCRAFT: Big Bass, Grassy, and McKeever Lks.
VAN BUREN: Bankson, Brownwood, and Round Lks. (Keeler Twp. T4S, R16W, S31)
WASHTENAW: Whitmore L.