

6260.1500 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON NAMAKAN AND SAND POINT LAKES.

Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.** Whitefish and rough fish may be taken by licensed commercial operators in Namakan Lake and Sand Point Lake only from January 1 through March 15 and from May 16 through December 31.

The minimum size limit for whitefish taken by commercial fishing operations is 18 inches total length.

Subp. 2. **Use of gill nets.** Gill net sections of 500 feet in length or less in Namakan Lake are considered a single net. Gill nets may not extend more than 50 meshes in depth when in operation. Gill nets may be set in connected strings of any number.

Subp. 3. **Use of pound and fyke nets.** The mesh of the pound in pound and fyke nets may not exceed four inches, stretch measure.

Subp. 4. **Use of submerged trap nets.** The mesh of the pound or crib of submerged trap nets may not exceed three inches, stretch measure.

Subp. 5. **Restrictions on gear.** The provisions of this subpart apply to commercial gear restrictions on Namakan and Sand Point Lakes:

A. Gill nets and submerged trap nets must contain a buoy at each end of each net or string of nets and each buoy must be marked with a white flag extending not less than three feet above the water. The flag must not be less than one foot square.

B. Pound, fyke, and submerged trap nets may be set in connected strings of not more than two.

C. Licensees may not operate more than 3,500 feet of gill nets on Namakan Lake.

D. All nets must be lifted and emptied of fish at least once in every 48-hour period when set in open water and at least once in every 96-hour period, weather permitting, when set under the ice.

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