

**Department of Natural Resources****Proposed Expedited Permanent Game and Fish Rules on Fishing in Inland Waters****6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.**

Subpart 1. **General inland fishing regulations.** Fish may be taken in inland waters by angling during the time specified for each of the following species; however, certain waters of the state are subject to experimental or special regulations or are closed for taking and possessing fish. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season extends through the following Sunday.

Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A. Largemouth and smallmouth bass.	6 in aggregate.
(1) In all waters lying east and north of U.S. Highway 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash Lakes, St. Louis County.	
<u>From the Monday following the last Sunday in February through 11:59 p.m. the Friday two weeks before the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, angling for bass is limited to catch and release only. Any bass must be immediately returned to the water. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any bass while on or fishing in these waters.</u>	
<u>The Saturday two weeks before the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through 11:59 p.m. the last</u>	

Sunday in February is the harvest season.

(2) In all other waters.

From the ~~Saturday two weeks before the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend~~ Monday following the last Sunday in February through 11:59 p.m. the Friday before Memorial Day, angling for bass is limited to catch and release only. Any bass must be immediately returned to the water. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any bass while on or fishing in these waters.

The Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through 11:59 p.m. the last Sunday in February is the harvest season for largemouth bass.

The Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through 11:59 p.m. the second Sunday in September is the harvest season for smallmouth bass.

From the second Monday in September through ~~the end of the season~~ 11:59 p.m. the last Sunday in February, angling for smallmouth bass is limited to catch and release only. Any smallmouth bass must be immediately returned to the water and it is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of

where taken, any  
smallmouth bass while on  
or fishing in these waters.

*[For text of items B to W, see Minnesota Rules]*

*[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]*