

Fishing Enforcement ... Frequent Asked Questions

When is my son required to have an angling licence?

Your son will be required to purchase a licence when he turns 16.

What information must I have on my ice shack?

Your name, address and phone number must be legibly marked on the outside of each ice shack.

Can I fish on a northern lake that has an outfitters cabin on it?

You can legally fish on any lake in Saskatchewan provided you have a valid angling licence. If you are angling within the boundaries of Prince Albert National Park you will require a separate licence available, which is available from the National Park.

Can I use parts of a fish that I caught or a whole fish as bait?

Parts of the fish such as the eye, belly skin, internal organs can be used as bait provided that the fish from which the parts were taken are included in your limit. Whole fish caught cannot be used as bait because using a caught fish is wasting the fish. Secondly, if the fish comes off the hook there is no way it can be retrieved and included in the limit.

When taking my fish home from the lake I normally leave the fish alive in the live well with water in it. Is this legal?

No. Basically what you are doing is unlawfully transporting live fish. It would be okay if the water was removed from the live well. Removal of live fish from a lake creates the potential of disease, parasites and unwanted invader species in other water bodies. It is unlawful to transport live fish across any provincial border, across the US border and even from the lake to your home or from the lake to the campground.

What types of equipment are illegal to use while fishing?

Use of lights to attract fish, spring loaded gaffs, gaffs longer than 1.5 metres, spring loaded hooks, any line with more than four hooks and spear guns are all examples of equipment unlawful to use or possess while fishing.

What should I do if I have lost my licence?

You can go to any Saskatchewan Environment field office where they will issue you a duplicate for a fee of \$5.30. Anglers should note that it is their responsibility to carry their licence on them at all times and be able to produce it to a conservation officer. Anglers should also ensure that they obtain a duplicate if they know they have lost their licence prior to going out angling.

Can I use a bow and arrow to fish?

Use of a bow and arrow is permitted from April 20 to March 31. A bow may only be used to harvest rough fish such as suckers and carp. No fish harvested with a bow may be released and the arrows must be attached to the bow with line strong enough to retrieve the impaled fish.

Is it legal to keep a limit of fish for my two year old or infant daughter?

A limit of fish is allowed for each unlicensed person under the age of 16 provided they actually participate in fishing. Keeping a limit of fish for an infant child is not allowed because they cannot angle for fish at that age.

When fishing we like to stop for a shore lunch. Do we have to include the fish we eat in our limit?

Yes the fish that you consume during your shore lunch must be included in your limit.

Not sure I understand your limits. Years ago you used to be able to keep twice your daily limit. How does it work now?

Simply put there is no longer a possession limit or a 2x your daily limit to make a possession limit. Instead we have a possession limit per licensed angler. On regular lakes not having a catch and release endorsement, or other limit restrictions, an angler may catch the limit for each fish species on a single day. At any time your possession limit is no more than the limit for each species.

Example: A fisherman goes out and catches 5 walleye and 6 pike in a single afternoon. That night he goes home and eats one pike and two walleye. The next day he can go out and catch two more walleye and one pike as well as a limit of any of the other species angled in Saskatchewan.

Can I sell a large fish that I caught? Can I sell a mounted fish that I had done at a taxidermist?

You cannot legally sell a fish that has been caught without a commercial fishing licence. Once a taxidermist has mounted the fish, you may legally sell it.

What rules must I follow if I buy fish from a commercial fisherman or fish peddler?

Quantities may be purchased from a licensed commercial fisherman, fish plant or fish peddler. Proof of purchase must accompany the fish with the seller's name, address, licence number, name of the water where the fish was caught, fish species, quantity and price of the fish and finally the date of sale.

I hear that the use of lead jigs is illegal?

Currently it is legal to use lead jigs for fishing in all waters in Saskatchewan (not including Prince Albert National Park).

How do the limits work on a border lake like Lake of the Prairies?

A border lake is a lake that is partially in Saskatchewan and partially in another province. Examples of these are Lake of the Prairies and Cold Lake. You can legally fish these waters with a valid Saskatchewan licence or a licence from whichever province the rest of the lake resides in. Limits for Lake of the Prairies are Manitoba limits, which include 4 walleye/sauger, 6 pike and no limit for perch. **Use of barbless hooks is mandatory.** Alberta limits apply to the Saskatchewan side of Cold Lake. Limits are 3 walleye, 3 pike, 15 perch and 3 Lake Trout. No lake trout may be kept from September 15 to November 15 to protect the trout during the spawn.

Can I fillet my catch on my boat and dump the entrails overboard?

No person shall dispose of fish offal in a body of water within 300 metres of a buoyed swimming area or public boat launch.

Can I use one of those hooks with lights on it?

Yes, the new LED fishing lures are legal to use as long as the lights are attached to a lure on the line.

I am a US citizen. Can I import fishing bait into the province when I visit?

Night crawlers, mealworms and wax worms may be transported into Saskatchewan as long as they are transported in a soil-free medium such as paper. No live minnows or leeches may be transported into Saskatchewan. All commercial bait purchased in Saskatchewan is legal. Crayfish can also be used as long as they originate in Saskatchewan and are being used by a person who has purchased a Non-Resident Angling licence or is under 16 years of age.

What do I do if I find a net in a lake full of rotten fish?

Tampering with commercial nets is unlawful. Please notify your local conservation officer or call the TIP line.