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# ANGLERS' GUIDE 2008



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As Manitoba's Minister of Water Stewardship, I look forward to another exciting year of new programs and initiatives, working in partnership with all Manitobans and our many resource user groups.

The first year of the new Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF) saw the successful implementation of over 25 projects, ranging from fisheries research studies to innovative educational programs. All of these projects were initiated under the stewardship of the FEF Project Review Committee, a group of dedicated members from resource user groups with a keen interest in improving management, enhancement and conservation of Manitoba's fisheries.

My department is committed to working with anglers, their associations, stewardship groups and industry to provide a variety of quality and diverse recreational angling opportunities, deliver innovative fisheries management programs, and together build our capacity to meet future challenges.

I invite all Manitobans to become involved in working to protect, conserve, and enhance the wonderful experiences that our fisheries resources have to offer, so that they will always be there for residents and visitors to our province.

Have a safe and enjoyable fishing season!

Hon. Christine Melnick  
Minister  
Water Stewardship

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**Note: New regulations are in bold type.** Regulations are available online at [www.manitobafisheries.com](http://www.manitobafisheries.com).

## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2008

The regulations in this book are in effect on April 1, 2008. Changes shown in italics are intended to simplify regulations by reducing the number and complexity of regulations.

- ***In the Northwest Division, all pike over 75 cm must be released.***
- ***The general spring closure on Overflowing and Red Deer (from Red Deer Lake to Lake Winnipegosis) rivers will be from April 1 to and including May 16.***
- ***On Lake Winnipegosis and its tributaries, the walleye limit will be 4 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released.***
- **Angling licence fees have increased (see page 3).**
- **Fish consumption guidelines have been revised (see page 4).**

## PENDING CHANGES

The following changes fall under the *Fisheries Act* and require federal approval prior to becoming law.

- Apply High Quality Management limits to Paint Lake and its tributaries.
- Antons, Corstophine and Pybus lakes will be added to the stock trout waters list.
- On Corstophine and Pybus lakes, no natural bait and no motors, with the exception of electric motors, may be used.

## POSSIBLE CHANGES

Proposed changes shown in italics are intended to simplify regulations by reducing the number and complexity of regulations. By listing these proposed changes a year in advance, anglers will have an opportunity to express their opinions regarding these changes.

- *In the Northwest Division, all walleye over 55 cm must be released.*
- Apply High Quality Management limits to Cachalotte Lake.
- On Bell and North Steeprock lakes, the walleye limit is 2 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released.
- On Gull Lake (near Beaconsia), all pike over 60 cm must be released.

To comment on possible changes,  
e-mail: [fish@gov.mb.ca](mailto:fish@gov.mb.ca) or call (204) 945-6640.

## FRONT COVER

Featuring the 2008 Fisheries Enhancement Fund (FEF) winning artwork titled "White Bass" painted by Winnipeg artist James Carson.

Inset: Steve Newransky and Larry Lee with master angler channel catfish caught in the Red River.

## LICENCES

Fees (+ GST)	Conservation	Regular
<b>Resident Senior</b> ..... (Manitobans 65 and over)	<b>Free</b> .....	<b>See resident regular licence</b>
<b>Resident</b> (Manitobans age 16-64) .....	<b>\$13.28</b> .....	<b>\$18.89</b>
<b>Canadian Resident</b> .....	<b>\$21.69</b> .....	<b>\$40.38</b>
(age 16 and over)		
<b>Nonresident</b> (age 16 and over) .....	<b>\$31.04</b> .....	<b>\$54.40</b>

A "Manitoba Resident Seniors Conservation Licence" is for Manitoba seniors (65 and over) who have permanently resided in Manitoba for at least 6 months and is valid for a conservation limit of fish. Manitoba seniors wanting a regular limit of fish must buy a regular resident licence.

Licences are valid from May 1, 2008 until and including April 30, 2009, but are not valid until they are signed. The time of licence validity has no impact on season dates. See page 8 for general season dates. Licences are not transferrable or refundable. If a licence is lost another must be purchased.

All persons, except those exempted below, who engage in angling, dip netting, seining, minnow trapping, spear fishing, and bow fishing, must have a Manitoba Angling Licence on their person.

### LICENCE EXEMPTIONS

The following people may angle without a licence:

- Any person under the age of 16 who has permanently resided in Manitoba for at least six months.
- Any Canadian resident or nonresident under the age of 16. The person must fish with a licence holder, or someone exempt from holding a licence, and their catch must be applied to the limit of that person. A Canadian resident or nonresident under 16 who wishes to have a separate limit must buy a licence.

Manitoba youth under the age of 16 have all the rights and privileges of those holding a Regular Licence, including their own regular limit of fish. All other regulations apply. Proof of age is required when checked by an Officer.

### STATUS INDIANS

Status Indians do not require an angling licence. They are exempt from angling regulations including seasons, limits, and gear restrictions when fishing for food. Proof of status is required when checked by a Natural Resource Officer or RCMP Officer (see page 15).

### RESIDENT OR NONRESIDENT?

A resident is a person who has lived in Manitoba for the immediate past six months. A Canadian resident is a person who has lived elsewhere in Canada for the immediate past six months. Any person who has not lived in Manitoba or Canada for the immediate past six months is a nonresident and must purchase a nonresident licence.

### NATIONAL PARKS

A Manitoba Angling Licence is not valid for fishing in National Parks. Contact Parks Canada for details on fishing licences and regulations in National Parks.

### CONSERVATION LICENCE

A Conservation Licence entitles the holder to the same rights as a Regular Licence holder except for reduced limits for some species: 4 walleye/sauger, 4 pike, 1 lake trout, 1 channel catfish, 2 smallmouth bass and 2 stocked trout. Limits for other species remain the same.

### LICENCE OUTLETS

Licences are sold at most hardware and sporting goods stores, fishing centres, and lodges. Not all vendors carry nonresident licences and many do not have licences during winter.

Licences may also be bought by mail. Send a cheque or money order for the appropriate licence fee (payable to Minister of Finance) to The Cashier, Manitoba Conservation, 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3J 3W3. Include first name, surname, and initials; full address; day, month, and year of birth; and sex of licensee.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

Recreational fishing in Manitoba is governed by regulations made under The Provincial Fisheries Act and the Fisheries Act of Canada. **This guide provides a summary of those regulations. The actual regulations in force, not necessarily those in this guide, shall apply.** Regulations other than those under the Fisheries Act may also apply while fishing, e.g. regarding the use of boats, motors, vehicles, etc. For more detail on the regulations check with your local Manitoba Water Stewardship Office (see page 10).

### Note:

- **Open fires** are prohibited in the Burning Permit Areas of Manitoba from April 1 to November 15, unless the fire is in an approved fire pit. If approved fire pits are not available, shore lunches and other meals must be cooked over a camp stove. For more information on Burning Permit Areas, contact your local Manitoba Conservation Office.
- **Litter regulations** (under the Environment Act) are enforced by Manitoba Conservation.
- **Open liquor** (including beer) is prohibited in boats and vehicles. Manitoba Conservation enforces regulations under the Liquor Control Act.

### FISHING METHODS

Recreational fishing includes angling, spear fishing, bow fishing, dip netting, seining, and minnow trapping. Techniques are those generally accepted by anglers. Under no circumstances may explosives, firearms, clubs, snaggings, snaring, poisons, etc. be used.

### BARBLESS HOOKS

Anglers must use barbless hooks. A barbless hook is a hook with no barbs or barbs that have been compressed to be in complete contact with the shaft of the hook. Barbless hooks may have barbs on the shank for holding bait. When you are fishing, the hooks attached to all your lines, whether in use or not, must be barbless. Barbed hooks may be kept in the tackle box.

### ANGLING AND ICE FISHING

Angling is fishing with a hook and line. The use of any unusual or special gimmicks is often illegal and best avoided. Hooks or lures must not be spring-loaded.

Anglers may use only one rod and line, except during ice fishing when two may be used. Only two hooks or lures may be used per line. Anglers must, when fishing in open water, keep their line in sight at all times and when ice fishing stay within 50 m of the line.

### ICE FISHING SHELTERS

All ice fishing shelters must clearly display the owner's name and address. Ice fishing shelters must be removed by March 15 on the Red River, by March 31 in the rest of the Southern Division and by April 15 in the Northwest, North Central and Northeast Divisions, or when requested to do so by a Natural Resource Officer due to unsafe ice conditions. Shelters must be stored or disposed of away from the shore and on private property. Manitoba Conservation Parks Branch requires that ice fishing shelters in provincial parks meet size, location and use standards. For more information including specific details, please contact your local Manitoba Conservation Office.

### FISH REMAINS

Fish cleaning remains must not be left on beaches or shorelines. At sites such as boat launches, campgrounds, lodges, etc., fish remains must be placed in containers provided for that purpose.

### BAIT

Night crawlers and earthworms may be used as bait in all Fishing Divisions in Manitoba. They may be imported to Manitoba in a sterile medium such as paper mulch, but not in soil.

Leeches, frogs and salamanders (water dogs) may also be used as bait in all Divisions. However, they may not be imported. Possession of crayfish is prohibited.

Offal (fish cleaning remains) may be used as bait in all Divisions.

Frozen or preserved bait fish may be imported and used in all Divisions.

Live bait fish may not be imported and may not be used or possessed in the Northwest, North Central and Northeast Divisions, including the Bloodvein and Gammon rivers. Live bait fish may be used and possessed in the Southern Division, except in the following areas:

- Stocked Trout Waters
- Duck Mountain Provincial Forest and Park
- Turtle Mountain Provincial Park
- Porcupine Provincial Forest
- Whiteshell Provincial Park
- Winnipeg River (from Seven Sisters Dam to the Ontario border)
- Atikaki and South Atikaki Provincial Parks

Those anglers in possession of purchased live bait fish must have a Live Bait Fish Transfer and Use Receipt issued by the dealer. Anglers may catch their own bait fish, but must kill them before transporting them away from the water where they were caught. Bait fish includes only:

chub	trout-perch	tullibee
shiner	stickleback	sculpin
mudminnow	fathead minnow	darter
sucker	bluntnose minnow	dace

No angler may have in possession more than 4 litres of bait fish of which no more than 15 dozen can be live bait fish (excluding suckers and tullibee, which have no limit).

Yellow perch, goldeye, and mooneye, that have been caught by angling may also be used as bait and may be used as live bait fish where use of live bait fish is allowed. Anglers may only possess a legal limit of these species. Carp, goldfish, and rainbow smelt, except for purchased frozen smelt, may not be used as bait.

### DIP NETTING, SEINING, AND MINNOW TRAPPING

An angling licence is required while dip netting, seining, or minnow trapping. In most waters these activities are allowed at any time of year. Check for closures on specific waters in the divisional sections of this guide.

Species that may be kept include suckers, carp, burbot, bullheads, tullibee, chub, shiners, darters, dace, fathead minnow, bluntnose minnow, mudminnow, trout-perch, stickleback, sculpin and whitefish. All other species must be released immediately. Live fish may not be transported away from the waters where they were caught. Fish must be dead before transporting. General creel limits apply.

Dip nets may not be larger than 1 square metre. Seine nets may not be larger than 3 square metres. Minnow traps must not be larger than 65 cm long and 35 cm in diameter, and must have the fisherman's name and address marked on them.

### SPEAR FISHING

Spear fishing is the taking of fish with a handheld spear or spear gun (pneumatic or rubber band powered) while swimming. Spear fishing is allowed in all areas of the province open to angling. For safety reasons do not spear fish near areas used for swimming, boat launching, or docking.

Angling seasons, limits and licence requirements apply. Fishermen may possess only one limit of fish, whether taken by spear fishing or angling.

You may not spear fish for sturgeon, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, muskellunge, Arctic grayling, Arctic char, brown trout, rainbow trout, brook trout, splake or other trout hybrids. Only face mask, flippers and snorkel may be used to take the following species (i.e. no scuba equipment): walleye, sauger, pike, channel catfish, crappies, mooneye, goldeye, lake trout and whitefish.

Scuba or snorkelling equipment may be used for species other than those listed above. For safety courses and information please contact your local Scuba dealer.

### BOW FISHING

Bow fishing (the shooting of fish with archery equipment) is permitted for carp and suckers only. Angling seasons and licence requirements apply. A fish arrow and at least 20-kg test line must be used. Using a crossbow to fish is illegal.

### HOLDING AND RELEASING FISH

Fish being legally retained may be held live only while you are actively fishing, and they must be held within 25 m of you.

If you release fish, they must be released unharmed into the water from which they were taken. They must not be tagged or marked in any way, unless authorized by a permit.

### COMPETITIVE FISHING EVENTS

Persons and organizations holding fishing derbies or tournaments that have more than 25 participants must obtain a free Competitive Fishing Event Licence four weeks prior to the event. Licences are available from Fisheries Branch, 200 Saulteaux Crescent, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3J 3W3 - (204) 945-6640 or contact a Manitoba Water Stewardship Office in your area (see page 10).

All participants must have a Manitoba Angling Licence unless exempt (see page 3). All walleye, sauger, trout, smallmouth bass, and channel catfish entered must be released. Further restrictions may be imposed. All fish caught and retained for use in a competitive fishing event are considered to be in possession and part of the angler's daily limit.

### BUYING AND SELLING FISH

Fish harvested while angling may not be bought, sold, traded or bartered. **If you buy fish from a commercial fisherman or retailer be sure to get a sales receipt at the time of sale.** You must carry this receipt with the fish as proof of purchase.

### FISHWAYS (FISH LADDERS)

Fishways are used to assist fish passage through, over or around barriers. Please respect these structures when in use and do not disturb the fish. Remember, it is a violation to fish (including dip netting, seining and minnow trapping) within 23 metres of a fishway (fish ladder).

### HANDLING, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF FISH

Live fish may not be transported away from the waters where they were caught, except under the authority of a permit issued by Fisheries Branch.

Fish must not be handled, transported or disposed of in a way that will allow it to spoil.

Fish must be transported and stored so that the number, species, and size of fish can be determined. Six square centimetres of skin must be left on each fillet. Fish should not be transported or stored in a solid frozen block of fillets or in a processed state such as canned.

If due to extenuating circumstances, you need to transport fish belonging to another angler, in addition to your own limit, you must obtain a Fish Transportation Loadslip from a Regional Water Stewardship or District Conservation office (see page 10).

Persons transporting fish into Manitoba that were caught outside Manitoba should obtain physical proof of the origin of the fish before it is transported.

### BORDER WATERS

Anglers who are on or in the immediate vicinity of lakes or rivers that cross a Manitoba border may have only a Manitoba limit of fish.

Anglers may have either a Manitoba or an Ontario Angling Licence (or be exempt from holding one) to fish on all of Davidson Lake, Frances Lake, Garner Lake, High Lake, Mantario Lake, Moar Lake and Ryerson Lake, and either a Manitoba or Saskatchewan Angling Licence (or be exempt from holding one) to fish on all of Lake of the Prairies upstream from the Shellmouth Dam; only one licence is required.

Anglers who have an Ontario Angling Licence may fish on the Manitoba portion of Artery Lake without a Manitoba Angling Licence.

### MERCURY IN FISH

Although Manitoba has some of the cleanest waters in the world, all fish contain some mercury from natural sources. Human activities can cause further increases in these natural mercury levels. Fish from some areas may have elevated mercury levels.

For further information about mercury in fish and for recommended consumption rates, please check the Manitoba Water Stewardship website, or phone Manitoba Water Stewardship at 945-7100 or the Resource Information Service at 945-6784.

## LIMITS AND POSSESSION

Fish are considered to be in possession if they are not immediately released into the water from which they were taken. Possession limits are the same as daily catch limits in Manitoba. You may possess no more than one limit of each kind of fish at any time. This includes all fish you have in hand, camp, transportation, at home or for use in a competitive fishing event. The limits on this page apply to most Manitoba waters. Special limits on specific waters are listed in the individual fishing divisions (pages 8-10; 13-15).

## MEASURING A FISH

Total fish length is measured from the most anterior part of the head to the most posterior part of the tail laid flat (i.e. not pinched). See page 17 for an illustration. Note: 2.54 cm = 1 inch.

## HIGH QUALITY MANAGEMENT LAKES

High Quality Management Waters have limits of 4 walleye/sauger, 4 pike, 1 lake trout, and 2 smallmouth bass to protect and maintain high quality fisheries. They are listed in the following Fishing Division pages.

## NOTICE OF INDIVIDUAL REGULATIONS

The possession and size limits listed below are general, provincial regulations, and apply to most Manitoba waters. However, a number of waters in Manitoba have special, individual regulations. These exceptions and/or additions to the general regulations are found in the following divisional sections on pages 8-10; 13-15.

### GENERAL LIMITS

SPECIES	LIMIT	
	Regular Licence	Conservation Licence
Arctic Char in the Northeast Division	8	8
Arctic Grayling - only one may exceed 40 cm	3	3
Black Crappie	6	6
Brook Trout (except stocked trout waters)		
- none may exceed 45 cm	1	1
Channel Catfish - none may exceed 60 cm	4	1
Goldeye and Mooneye (either or combined)	10	10
Lake Trout - only one may exceed 65 cm	2	1
:in the Southern Division none may exceed 65 cm	2	1
Largemouth Bass	0	0
Muskellunge	0	0
Northern Pike (Jackfish) - only one may exceed 75 cm	6	4
:in the Northwest Division none may exceed 75 cm	0	0
Rock Bass	6	6
Smallmouth Bass - only one may exceed 40 cm	4	2
:in the Northwest Division	0	0
Stocked Brook, Brown, and Rainbow Trout; Splake and other trout hybrids; and Arctic Char (any species or combination)		
- only one may exceed 45 cm	3	2
Sturgeon	0	0
Walleye (Pickerel) and Sauger (either or combined)		
- only one may exceed 55 cm	6	4
White Bass	25	25
Whitefish	25	25
Yellow Perch (Southern Division - except lakes Winnipeg, Manitoba and Winnipegosis)	25	25
:all other divisions	no limit	no limit
All Other Species	no limit	no limit

### MANITOBA FISHERIES ONLINE

Manitobafisheries.com is a website designed to provide a one-stop shop for those interested in our fisheries resource. On the site you will find fisheries information including fish identification keys, provincial stockings, recipes, educational resources and more.

Our goal is to provide our customers with first-class service in a user-friendly format. So come and explore Manitoba fisheries and see what we have to offer.

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### WEB SITES TO VISIT

Manitoba Fisheries	<a href="http://www.manitobafisheries.com">www.manitobafisheries.com</a>
Fish Futures Inc	<a href="http://www.fishfutures.net">www.fishfutures.net</a>
Manitoba Wildlife Federation	<a href="http://www.mwf.mb.ca">www.mwf.mb.ca</a>
Travel Manitoba	<a href="http://www.travelmanitoba.com">www.travelmanitoba.com</a>
Manitoba Fisheries Education	<a href="http://www.gov.mb.ca/natres/sustain/">www.gov.mb.ca/natres/sustain/</a>
Sport Fishing Canada	<a href="http://www.sportfishingcanada.ca">www.sportfishingcanada.ca</a>
Manitoba Lodges & Outfitters	<a href="http://www.mloa.com">www.mloa.com</a>
FLIPPR	<a href="http://www.flippr.ca">www.flippr.ca</a>
MB Recreational Fishing League	<a href="http://www.mwf.mb.ca/league/">www.mwf.mb.ca/league/</a>
Boating Safety	<a href="http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca">www.boatingsafety.gc.ca</a>
Mid-Canada Marine Dealers	<a href="http://www.midcanadamarinedealers.com">www.midcanadamarinedealers.com</a>

### DISCARDING FISHING LINE

Improper disposal of old fishing line can be a hazard to fish, wildlife and even other anglers. Please do not discard old fishing line along shorelines or into the water. Take your used line home to be disposed of in a safe manner.



### CATCH AND RELEASE TIPS

- Play your fish as little as possible.
- Return it to the water quickly.
- Don't hold it by the eyes or gills.
- Don't squeeze its belly.
- Never release fish that have been held on a stringer.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION REGULATIONS

**General Closure: April 1 to and including May 9. Season opens May 10** (refer to map at left for Southern Divisional boundaries).

- Barbless hooks must be used.
- Use of live bait fish is allowed in some areas (see page 3).
- On aerated lakes, if closures are necessary during critical winter periods, signs will be erected.
- All lake trout must be released between September 15 and October 15.
- All lake trout over 65 cm must be released

### STOCKED TROUT WATERS AND LAKE TROUT WATERS

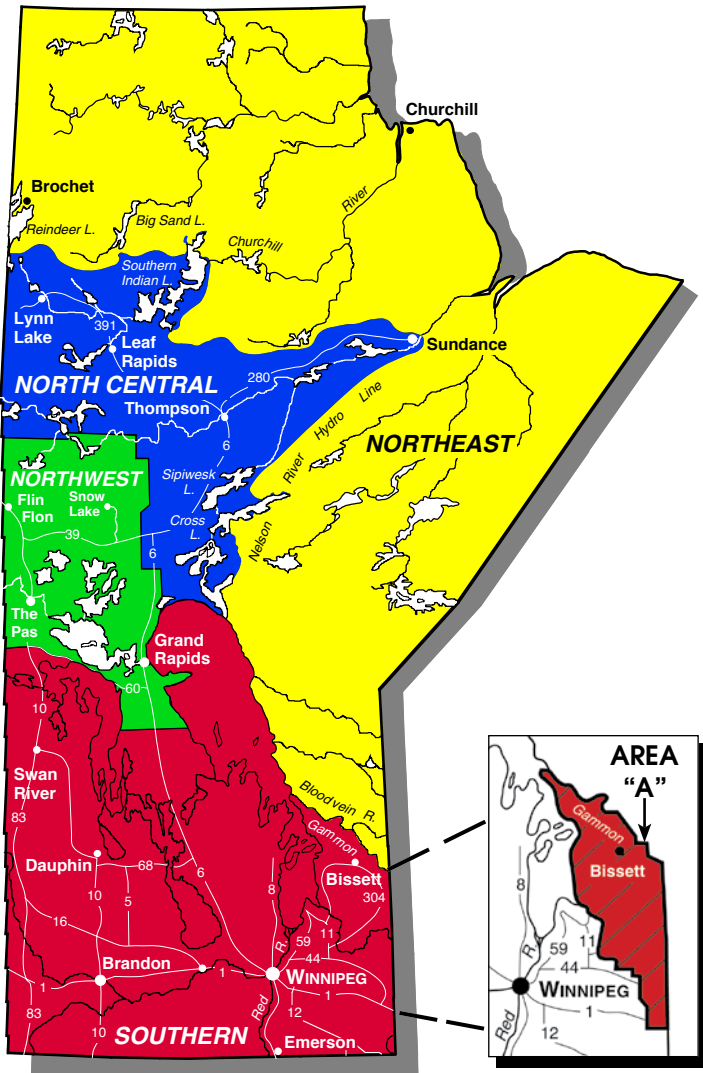
No bow fishing, dip netting, or seining is allowed on stocked trout waters. In Duck Mountain Provincial Park, and in Porcupine Provincial Forest, all trout smaller than 25 cm must be released, except those caught in streams. Annual stocking lists are available from your local Manitoba Water Stewardship Office (see page 10).

The trout lakes, ponds and reservoirs listed below are open to fishing all year. All walleye, pike and smallmouth bass caught in these waters from April 1 to and including May 9 must be released. The trout creeks and rivers listed below are closed to all fishing from November 1 to and including April 15.

No motors may be used on those waters marked with an ~.

No motors, except electric motors, may be used on those waters marked with an \*.

- Bagguley Lake
- Bear Lake (W of Caddy L)
- \* Beaver Lake (Duck Mountain)
- Birch River (E of Porcupine Forest)
- Black Beaver Lake
- Blueberry Pond
- Bower Lake
- Bowsman River
- \* Camp Lake (NE of Falcon Lake)
- Childs Lake - all lake trout smaller than 25 cm must be released.
- Davidson Lake
- Dorothy Pond
- East Blue Lake (Duck Mountain)
- \* East Goose Lake (S of Roblin)
- Eternal Springs (lower and upper ponds)
- Forbes Lake - lake trout limit is one.
- Garland River
- Gass Lake (Porcupine Forest)
- George Lake - lake trout limit is one.
- Glad Lake (Duck Mountain)
- Gull Lake (Duck Mountain)
- Gull Pond (N of Camp Morton)
- Hadashville Pond
- \* Hunt Lake
- Kinch Creek
- Kingfisher Lake
- Lac du Bonnet Ponds
- Laurie Lake - all lake trout smaller than 25 cm must be released.
- Limestone Pond
- \* Little McBride Lake (NW of Boggy Ck)
- Lost Fry Lake (Augie Lake)
- \* Lyons Lake (S of W Hawk L)
- \* McHugh Lake - trout limit is one, no natural bait.
- Milner Ridge Pond
- Mirror Lake (Porcupine Forest)
- Nick Lake (Porcupine Forest)
- North Duck River
- O'Hanly Pond
- Olson Lake (Porcupine Forest)
- ~ One Lake
- \* Patterson Lake - trout limit is one and all trout over 45 cm must be released, no natural bait.



**SEASONS**

**SOUTHERN DIVISION** ■  
Generally closed from April 1 to and including May 9. Season opens May 10.

**NORTHWEST DIVISION** ■  
Generally closed from May 1 to and including May 16. Season opens May 17.

**NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION** ■  
Generally closed from May 1 to and including May 16. Season opens May 17.

**NORTHEAST DIVISION** ■  
Generally open to angling all year.

\* Perch Lake (Duck Mountain) - all bass and trout must be released.  
 Pine River (Duck Mountain)  
 Quartz Pond  
 Raspberry Pond  
 Reynolds Ponds  
 Saskatoon Pond  
 \* Shilliday Lake (Duck Mountain)  
 Snail Lake  
 Snowberry Pond  
 South Duck River  
 \* Spear Lake (Russell Reservoir)  
 Steeprock River (Porcupine Forest)  
 Stony Creek (W of Neepawa)  
 Strawberry Pond  
 Tokaruk Lake  
 Tower Pond  
 Tugby Lake  
 \* Twin Lakes - no natural bait and all trout must be released.  
 ~ Two Lake (S of Crowduck L)  
 \* Two Mile Lake (Duck Mountain)  
 \* Vermillion Reservoir  
 Vini Lake (Porcupine Forest)  
 Wasp Lake  
 \* West Goose Lake - trout limit is one, no natural bait.  
 West Hawk Lake  
 Whiteshell River between West Hawk and Caddy lakes - all trout must be released.  
 \* William Lake (S of Boissevain)

### DIP NETTING AND SEINING RESTRICTIONS

General regulations on dip netting and seining can be found on page 4. No dip netting or seining is allowed in any stocked trout waters. In Nopiming and Whiteshell Provincial Parks, and the Rennie River near Rennie, dip netting and seining for suckers and all species other than bait fish are prohibited year round.

Some streams are closed to all fishing (including dip netting) in spring to prevent damage to spawning fish and eggs.

Check for spring closures by stream or lake name in the following section.

### EASTERN MANITOBA - SPECIAL WALLEYE REGULATION FOR AREA "A" (page 8)

All walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released in the area south of the Gammon-Bloodvein rivers to the south and west shores of the Winnipeg River, including Lac du Bonnet, and the southern boundary of Whiteshell Provincial Park and from Lake Winnipeg to the Ontario border (excluding the Winnipeg River from the Pine Falls Dam to Lake Winnipeg).

### SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL WATERS

**Arrow Lake** - walleye limit is 4; all walleye shorter than 35 cm must be released.

**Basket Creek** - closed to all fishing, including dip netting, from April 1 to and including May 9.

**Boissevain Reservoir** - all walleye shorter than 35 cm must be released.

**Chain Lakes** - no motors, except electric motors, are allowed.

**Crawford Creek** - see Dauphin Lake.

**Crowduck Lake** - all walleye must be released.

**Dauphin Lake including that portion of the Mossy River to municipal road 107 west and all inflowing tributaries** - the walleye/sauger limit is 4 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released. All inflowing tributaries and those parts of Dauphin Lake within 1 km of their mouths are closed to all fishing, including dip netting from March 1 to and including May 9. The remaining parts of Dauphin Lake remain open in March and are closed to all fishing from April 1 to and including May 9.

**Deloraine Reservoir** - all walleye shorter than 35 cm must be released.

**Dog Lake Drain** - closed to all fishing, including dip netting, from April 1 to and including May 9.

**Duck Mountain Provincial Park** - walleye limit is 4. All pike over 75 cm must be released.

**Dufaults Creek** - closed to all fishing, including dip netting, from April 1 to and including May 9.

◆ **Echo Lake** - a High Quality Management Lake: limits of 4 walleye/sauger, 4 pike and 2 smallmouth bass.

◆ **Falcon Creek** - closed to all fishing, including dip netting, from April 1 to and including May 31.

**Goudney Reservoir** - all walleye shorter than 35 cm must be released.

◆ **Hamilton Creek** - closed to all fishing, including dip netting, from April 1 to and including May 31.

**Hamlin Drain** - closed to all fishing, including dip netting, from April 1 to and including May 9.

◆ **Happy Lake** - walleye limit is 4.

◆ **Horseshoe Lake** - all smallmouth bass must be released.

**Killarney Lake** - walleye limit is 4; all walleye shorter than 35 cm must be released.

**Lake of the Prairies and its tributaries**, including the Shell River west of PTH 83 and the Assiniboine River downstream to the bridge at Shellmouth (PR 549) - walleye/sauger limit 4; all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released. All pike over 75 cm must be released. Anglers may fish with either a Manitoba or Saskatchewan angling licence upstream from the Shellmouth Dam (see border waters - page 4).

**Lake St. Andrews** - all smallmouth bass must be released.

**Lake St. George** - all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm and all pike over 75 cm must be released.

**Lake Winnipegosis and its tributaries - the walleye limit is 4 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released.**

**Limestone Bay (on Lake Winnipeg)** - closed to fishing all year.

**Lonely Lake Drain** - closed to all fishing, including dip netting, from April 1 to and including May 31.

◆ **Manigotagan Lake** - walleye limit is 4.

**Mary Jane Reservoir** - all walleye shorter than 35 cm must be released.

**Mink Creek** - see Dauphin Lake.

**Minnedosa Lake** - see Wahtopanah Lake.

**Minnewasta Lake** - walleye limit is 4; all walleye shorter than 35 cm must be released.

**Moose Lake (near Sprague)** - all walleye shorter than 35 cm must be released.

**Ochre River** - see Dauphin Lake.

**Overflowing River - closed to all fishing from April 1 to and including May 16.**

**Perch Lake** - all smallmouth bass and trout must be released.

**Porcupine Provincial Forest** - walleye limit is 4. All pike over 75 cm must be released.

**Proulx Creek** and all other creeks and drains that intersect PR 328 to the east - closed to all fishing, including dip netting, from April 1 to and including May 9.

◆ **Quesnel (Caribou) Lake** - walleye limit is 4.

**Rapid City Reservoir** - see Wahtopanah Lake.

**Red Deer River from Red Deer Lake to Lake Winnipegosis - closed to all fishing from April 1 to and including May 16.**

**Red River** from the Canada/US border to Lake Winnipeg and all tributaries between Lockport Dam and Lake Winnipeg - anglers may retain only 1 walleye longer than 70 cm per year. Licence holders who catch and retain one of these fish must immediately record the date on the back of their licence. The walleye/sauger limit is 4.

**Red River** from Lockport Dam to 1 km downstream - dip netting and seining for bait fish only, not suckers; no bow fishing allowed.

**Rossman Lake** - walleye limit is 4; all walleye shorter than 35 cm must be released.

◆ **Saddle Lake** - a High Quality Management Lake: limits of 4 walleye/sauger, 4 pike and 2 smallmouth bass.

**Sandy Lake** - all walleye shorter than 35 cm must be released.

**Shoal Lake (on the Ontario border)** - all walleye/sauger must be released.

◆ **Shoe Lake** - a High Quality Management Lake: limits of 4 walleye, 4 pike and 2 smallmouth bass.

◆ **Side Saddle Lake** - a High Quality Management Lake: limits of 4 walleye/sauger, 4 pike and 2 smallmouth bass.

◆ **Singush Lake** - walleye limit is 2 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released. All pike over 75 cm must be released.

**St. Malo Lake** - no motors, except electric motors, allowed.

◆ **Tooth Lake** - all smallmouth bass must be released.

**Turtle River from PTH 5 near Laurier to Dauphin Lake** - see Dauphin Lake.

**Valley River** - see Dauphin Lake.

**Vermilion River** - see Dauphin Lake.

**Verrall Lake** - all walleye shorter than 35 cm must be released. The walleye limit is 4.

**Wahtopannah Lake and Little Saskatchewan River from the Rivers Dam upstream to Riding Mountain National Park, including Rapid City Reservoir and Minnedosa Lake** - a limit of 4 walleye/sauger and all walleye/sauger between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released. That portion of Wahtopannah Lake and the Little Saskatchewan River from PTH 24 to the Trans-Canada Pipeline crossing on Wahtopannah Lake is closed to all fishing, including dip netting, from April 1 to and including May 31.

**Wellman Lake** - walleye limit is 2 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released. All pike over 75 cm must be released.

**West Blue Lake** - no motors, except electric motors, allowed.

**Whitefish Lake (in the Porcupine Forest)** including the Marina Lagoon - walleye limit is 2 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released. All pike over 75 cm must be released.

◆ **Whiteshell River from West Hawk Lake to Caddy Lake** - trout limit is 0; closed to all fishing from November 1 to and including April 15.

◆ **Winnipeg River from the Ontario border to Pointe du Bois Dam (including Green Bay)** - smallmouth bass limit is 0; High Quality Management Water: limit of 4 walleye/sauger and 4 pike. All pike between 75 cm and 110 cm must be released.

**Winnipeg River from Pine Falls Generating Station to Lake Winnipeg to and including Traverse Bay** - anglers may retain only 1 walleye longer than 70 cm per year. Licence holders who catch and retain one of these fish must immediately record the date on the back of their licence. The walleye/sauger limit is 4.

**Wilson River** - see Dauphin Lake.

**William Lake** - all smallmouth bass must be released.

**MANITOBA WATER STEWARDSHIP OFFICES**

Head Office (Winnipeg) .....	(204) 945-6784
Eastern Region (Lac du Bonnet) .....	(204) 345-1450
Western Region (Brandon) .....	(204) 726-6452
Western Region (Dauphin) .....	(204) 622-2205
Interlake Region (Gimli) .....	(204) 642-6099
Northwestern Region (The Pas) .....	(204) 627-8296
Northeastern Region (Thompson) .....	(204) 677-6650

For general information please call (204) 945-6784 or 1-800-214-6497

T.I.P. Line **1-800-782-0076**



**PLEASE DO NOT LITTER**

Discarding bait containers, monofilament line and other types of litter along shorelines, on the ice or in the water is illegal and shows disrespect for the environment. Keep our lakes and rivers clean. Do not litter and when possible, show your concern for the environment by cleaning up after others. The fine for littering in Manitoba is \$160.

**PROTECTION OF PRIVACY ACT**

Personal information collected on angling licenses falls under the authority of The Fisheries Act (Chapter F90), Fishing Licensing Regulation 124/97 and will be used only for existing program activities, surveys and enforcement by Manitoba Conservation.

It is protected by the Protection of Privacy provisions of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. For questions about the collection, contact: 945-4170.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Manitoba Natural Resource Officers play an important educational role in relation to angling regulations. To ensure that there is compliance to Manitoba's regulations, officers check anglers on a regular basis on the water but also periodically conduct Roadside Checkstops in cooperation with other enforcement agencies. To help make your angling experience enjoyable, please be aware of Manitoba's angling regulations.

The following are set, ticketable fines for the most common angling infractions. Fines may be higher depending on the severity and/or frequency of the infractions.

Using barbed hooks .....	\$52
Fishing without a licence .....	\$235
Over limit .....	\$100 plus
Transport live fish away from the water .....	\$385
Unattended line .....	\$52
Failure to carry your licence while fishing .....	\$135





## NORTHWEST DIVISION REGULATIONS

**General Closure: May 1 to and including May 16. Season opens May 17** (refer to map on page 8 for Northwest Divisional boundaries).

- Barbless hooks must be used.
- From April 1 to and including April 30 and from May 17 to and including May 31, the walleye limit is 4 and all walleye over 55 cm must be released.
- All smallmouth bass must be released.
- No live bait fish allowed.
- All lake trout over 65 cm must be released.
- **All pike over 75 cm must be released.**

### HIGH QUALITY MANAGEMENT

High Quality Management Waters in the Northwest Division are listed below. All have limits of 4 walleye/sauger, 4 pike and 1 lake trout and all walleye over 55 cm must be released.

Alberts Lake	Mikanagan Lake
Bacon Lake	Morgan Lake
Buzz Lake	Niblock Lake
Centre Lake	Norris Lake
Cook Lake	Pineroot River
Corley Lake	Podruski Lake
Crow Lake	Pothier Lake
Deep Lake	Rail Lake
Dolomite Lake	Sewell Lake
Dow Lake	Snow Lake
File Lake	Squall Lake
*Grass River Provincial Park (see below)	Tait Lake
Koblun Lake	Tramping Lake
Lac Aimee	Vickers Lake
Loonhead Lake	Wabishkok Lake
McGhee Lake	Whitefish Lake
McLeod Lake	Woosey Creek
	Woosey Lake

\* Grass River Provincial Park excluding Reed Lake (see Reed Lake regulation).

### STOCKED TROUT LAKES

No bow fishing, dip netting or seining is allowed on stocked trout waters. Annual stocking lists are available from your local Manitoba Water Stewardship Office (see page 10).

The following stocked trout lakes are open to fishing all year. All pike and walleye caught in these waters from May 1 to and including May 16 must be released.

Amphipod Lake	Barbe Lake
Foot Print Lake	Kormans Lake
One Portage Lake	Scotty Lake
Webster Lake	

### LAKE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

**Athapapuskow Lake** - the walleye limit is 4 and all walleye over 55 cm must be released. The south end is closed to all fishing from September 15 to and including October 10. Quarry Bay and Quarry Bay Channel are closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31.

**Burntwood Lake** - walleye limit is 4 and pike limit is 4. All walleye over 55 cm must be released.

**Clearwater Lake** - the west side is closed to all fishing from September 15 to and including October 10, on a line northeast from the end of Spawn Camp Point to the west side of the inlet of Pike Bay.

**Dolomite Lake** - closed to all fishing from April 1 to the general opening in May.

**Grass River from the outlet on Weskusko Lake on a line from the mouth of Rex Creek, southeast to the southwest corner of Campbell Island to the rapids downstream (including Missisewis and Wuskatasko Rivers)** - closed to all fishing from April 1 to and including July 15. The walleye limit is 4 and all walleye over 45 cm must be released. The pike limit is 4.

**Grass River** from the CN rail line just north of Iskwassum Lake to the inlet of Reed Lake (including Iskwassum, Loucks, and Flag lakes) - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31.

**Kisseynew Lake and Kississing River** from Kisseynew Lake to Kississing Lake - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31. On Kisseynew Lake the walleye limit is 4.

**Kississing Lake** and its tributaries, including Bartlett Lake - lake trout limit is 1, walleye limit is 4 and pike limit is 4. All walleye over 55 cm must be released. All nonresidents of Manitoba who fish must be registered and staying with, and obtain a Special Angling Licence (free) from, a licensed Manitoba tourist operator with an allocation for this fishery.

**Kississing River between Kisseynew Lake and Kississing Lake** - walleye limit is 4.

**Morgan Lake** - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including July 15.

**Morton Lake** - walleye limit is 2 and pike limit is 2. All walleye over 55 cm must be released. All nonresidents of Manitoba who fish must be registered and staying with, and obtain a Special Angling Licence (free) from, a licensed Manitoba tourist operator with an allocation for this fishery.

**Osborne Lake, Osborne Lake Creek and Wekusko Brook** - closed to all fishing from April 1 to and including July 15. Walleye limit is 4 and all walleye over 45 cm must be released. Pike limit is 4.

**Pickerel Creek** - closed to all fishing, including dip netting, from April 20 to and including May 16.

**Reed Lake, including Krug Lake, Jackfish Lake, Jackfish Lake Creek, Woosey Creek between Reed Lake and Halfway Lake, and all other tributaries of Reed Lake, including Grass River from Flag Lake to Tramping Lake** - the limits are 2 walleye, 2 pike and 1 lake trout. All walleye over 55 cm must be released.

**Rocky Lake** - walleye limit is 4 and all walleye over 55 cm must be released. Goose Bay is closed to all fishing from November 1 to and including May 16.

**Saskatchewan River** from Grand Rapids Generating Station to 1 km downstream (tailrace channel) - **closed to fishing all year.**

**Snow Creek** from Compton Lake to Snow Lake - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31.

**Three Finger Lake** - walleye limit is 4 and all walleye over 55 cm must be released.

**Wabishkok Lake** - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31.

**Wekusko Lake** - walleye/sauger limit is 4 and pike limit is 4. All walleye/sauger over 45 cm must be released. Closed to all fishing from April 1 to and including May 16. Herb Bay north of the hydro line on Wekusko Lake is closed to all fishing from April 1 to and including July 15.

**Whitefish Lake and Pineroot River** from Whitefish Lake to and including Wabishkok Lake - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31.

**Woosey Creek** between Woosey Lake and Morgan Lake - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including July 15.

**Woosey Lake** - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31.

## NORTH CENTRAL DIVISION REGULATIONS

**General Closure: May 1 to and including May 16. Season opens May 17** (refer to map on page 8 for North Central Divisional boundaries).

- Barbless hooks must be used.
- No live bait fish.

### HIGH QUALITY MANAGEMENT

High Quality Management Waters in the North Central Division are listed below. All have limits of 4 walleye/sauger, 4 pike and 1 lake trout and all pike over 75 cm, all walleye over 55 cm and all lake trout over 65 cm must be released.

Berge Lake	Little Brightsand Lake
Black Trout Lake	Little Chipewyan Lake
Border Lake	Liz Lake
Chicken Lake	MacGranachan Lake
Clarke Creek and Lake	Matheson Lake
Conlin Lake	McGavock Lake
Cousins Lake	Mooswa Creek and Lake
Dafoe Lake	Motriuk Lake
Dunphy Lake	Nesbitt Lake
Eager Lake	Numakoos Lake
Eden Lake	Plumbtree Lake
Frances Lake	Preston Lake
Ghost Lake	Running Bear Lake
Goldsand Lake	Sickle Lake
Goose Hunting Lake	Teal Lake
Grass River from	Tenklei Lake
Bald Eagle Lake to Witchai	Tod Lake
Lake	Tractor Lake
Hunter Lake	Turnbull Lake
Joey Lake	Van Lake
Lasthope Lake	Vandekerckhove Lake
Laurie Lake	Velde Lake
Laurie River (from Sask. bor-	Willis Lake
der east to the railway line)	Zed Lake
Leftrook Lake	

### STOCKED TROUT LAKES AND LAKE TROUT WATERS

No bow fishing, dip netting, or seining are allowed on stocked trout waters. Annual stocking lists are available from your local Manitoba Water Stewardship Office (see page 10). The following stocked trout lakes are open to fishing all year. All walleye and pike caught in these waters from May 1 to and including May 16 must be released. No motors, except electric motors, are allowed on those marked with an\*.

Bowden Lake	Crater Lake	* Digney Lake
* Gemmell Lake	Hambone Lake	Hidden Lake
Leaf Lake	Little Troy Lake	* Mid Lake
Upper Ospwagan Lake		

### LAKE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

**Fish Lake and Setting Creek (Fish Creek) and including that part of Setting Lake within 2 km of the mouth of Setting Creek** - closed to all fishing from March 15 to and including July 15.

**Kiski Lake and Kiski Creek** - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including July 15.

**McLaren Creek** - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31.

**Nelson River** and its tributaries - the tributaries of the Nelson River from Kettle Generating Station downstream to the mouth are closed to brook trout fishing from September 1 to and including September 30.

**Owl Creek** - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31.

**Thompson Creek** - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31.

**Velde Creek (including Joey Creek)** - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31.

**Wintering Lake** - walleye limit is 4.

## NORTHEAST DIVISION REGULATIONS

Generally open to angling all year (refer to page 8 for Northeast Divisional boundaries).

- Barbless hooks must be used.
- No live bait fish.

### HIGH QUALITY MANAGEMENT

High Quality Management Waters in the Northeast Division are listed below. All have limits of 4 walleye/sauger, 4 pike and 1 lake trout, and all walleye over 55 cm, all pike over 75 cm, all lake trout over 65 cm and all Arctic grayling over 40 cm must be released. Only single, barbless hooks may be used on those waters marked with an\*.

Acheetamo Lake	Knee Lake
Aikens Lake	Lewis Lake
Amphibian Lake	Little Duck Lake
Anishinabe Lake	Little Stull Lake
Apisko Lake	Long Lake (Berens River)
* Askey Lake	MacLeod Lake
Assapan Lake	* MacMillan Lake
Assinika Lake	McMurray Lake
* Bagg Lake	Manapaywi Lake
Bain Lake	Mantricia Lake
* Bangle Lake	Maria Lake
Barazon Lake	Max Lake
Bear Lake	Meat Lake
Bear Head Lake	Molson Lake including Paimusk
Bennett Lake	Creek and all other tributaries
Black Currant Lake	Munroe Lake
* Blevins Lake	* Muskasew Lake
Bolton Lake	* Muskosemunomin Lake
* Booth Lake	* Nahili Lake
Brad Lake	Nejanilini Lake
Brisebois Lake	Nicklin Lake
Brownstone Lake	North Knife Lake
Burnie Lake	* Nueltin Lake
Campbell Lake	Opimiegoka Lake
Caron Lake	Otter Lake
Carr-Harris Lake	Pelletier Lake
Carroll Lake	Poplar River (from Wrong Lake
* Chatwin Lake	to Ontario border)
* Corbett Lake	* Putahow Lake
Craven Lake	* Putahow River (between Putahow
Cobham River from the border	Lake and Nueltin Lake)
downstream to Elliot Lake	Pyta Lake
Commonwealth Lake	* Ragged Basin Lake
Douglas Lake	Recluse Lake
Eakins Lake	Red Willow Lake
Eardley Lake	Rorke Lake
Edmund Lake	Sasaginnigak Lake
Egenolf Lake	Sawdon Lake
Elliot Lake	Semmens Lake
Fairy Rock Lake	* Shannon Lake
Fishing Lake	Silsby Lake
* Fort Hall Lake	* Snyder Lake
Gammon River	South Knife Lake
Gods Lake	Sparrowhawk Lake
* Goose Lake	Stevens Lake
Gunisao Lake	Stull Lake
Harrop Lake	* Thanout Lake
Head Leaf Lake	* Thlewiazza River (from Fort Hall
High Hill Lake	Lake to Nueltin Lake)
Holmes Lake	Thomas Lake
Horseshoe Lake	Thunder Lake
Jensen Lake	* Tice Lake
Joint Lake	* Timewe Lake
* John Osborn Lake	Tseteli Lake
Kagipo Lake	Utik Lake
Keakenokamak Lake	Viking Lake
Kanapakaksis Lake	Warrington Lake
* Kapusta Lake	Waskaiowaka Lake
* Kasmere Lake	Wendigo Lake
Kautunigan Lake	Whiskey Jack Lake
Keschismeeneke Lake	Wrong Lake
Kistigan Lake	

## LAKE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

**Gods Lake** - all nonresidents of Manitoba who fish must be registered and staying with, and obtain a Special Angling Licence (free) from, a licensed Manitoba tourist operator with an allocation for this fishery. A High Quality Management Lake.

**Gods River** (from Gods Lake to Great Bear Falls) - all brook trout must be released.

**Molson Lake** and its tributaries (except Paimusk Creek) - closed to fishing from May 1 to and including May 16. All nonresidents of Manitoba who fish must be registered and staying with, and obtain a Special Angling Licence (free) from, a licensed Manitoba tourist operator with an allocation for this fishery. A High Quality Management Lake.

**Nelson River** and its tributaries - closed to brook trout fishing from September 1 to and including September 30.

**Nuelfin Lake** - all nonresidents of Manitoba who fish must be registered and staying with, and obtain a Special Angling Licence (free) from, a licensed Manitoba tourist operator with an allocation for this fishery. A High Quality Management Lake.

**Paimusk Creek** - closed to fishing from May 1 to and including May 31. All nonresidents of Manitoba who fish must be registered and staying with, and obtain a Special Angling Licence (free) from, a licensed Manitoba tourist operator with an allocation for this fishery. A High Quality Management Water.

## FISHING REGULATIONS AND STATUS INDIAN PEOPLE

The Natural Resources Transfer Agreement, which forms part of the Constitution Act (1930), provides that Indian people have the right to fish for food on all unoccupied Crown lands and on any other lands to which they may have a right of access.

Recognizing the Treaty and constitutional rights of Indian people, Manitoba Conservation considers that status Indians:

- Do not require a licence to fish for food by angling or other means.
- Do not require an angling licence to fish for recreational purposes or to participate in a competitive fishing event, but must follow all regulations when not fishing for food.
- Are not subject to gear restrictions such as the use of gill nets or the number of lines that can be used by angling, however, any unattended gear must be clearly marked with the owner's name and treaty number.
- Except for conservation closures, are generally not restricted to seasons, limits or areas.
- May angle in stocked trout waters but may not use nets or other methods of fishing.
- May not block more than two-thirds of a river or stream with a net or other device.
- May not fish within 23 metres of a fish ladder or fishway.
- May not sell fish caught under status Indian fishing rights or give fish to a non-Indian person.
- May transport fish from the catch point directly to their nearest residence.
- Must obtain a Fish Transportation Loadslip if fish in excess of a regular limit are to be transported to a location other than their nearest residence.
- While employed as guides or outfitters, may not fish using their treaty or constitutional rights in any manner that could benefit their employer or their business.
- When exercising their rights, are strongly encouraged to carry proof of status.

Non-Indian people may accompany Indian people that are fishing but may not help them to exercise their food fishing rights. For example, non-Indian people could not set or lift nets, however, they could assist in transporting fish while accompanying a status Indian person.

For more detailed information, please contact the nearest Manitoba Conservation office, or telephone 945-6784 in Winnipeg, 1-800-214-6497 outside Winnipeg or visit the Conservation web site at: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/departments.html#conservation>.

## ANGLING PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2008

This page lists activities to be held in Manitoba in 2008 that are directed towards providing people with opportunities to learn more about angling. For additional information, see page 10 for a list of websites to visit.

**"LEARN TO FISH"** - Winnipeg's Community Services Department, in cooperation with the Mid-Canada Marine Dealers Association and their member tackle retailers, and Manitoba Water Stewardship, and with assistance from the Manitoba Wildlife Federation, will again be offering a "Learn to Fish Program" within the city limits through the city's leisure program. This program is directed towards individuals and families who wish to get started fishing or wish to learn more about fishing in the city. For more information on this or other city angling programs call 986-3112.

**"FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND"** - Family Fishing Weekend will be held on June 7-8, 2008 across Manitoba (excluding federal parks). During this weekend, people wishing to fish may do so without acquiring a licence. All other rules and regulations will apply. Conservation limits apply to those angling without a licence and who would normally require one. For more information, call 945-6784.

**"WINNIPEG FISH FESTIVAL"** - Through the efforts of the Mid-Canada Marine Dealers Association, Winnipeg's Community Services Department and Manitoba Water Stewardship, and with assistance from the Manitoba Wildlife Federation, the tenth annual Winnipeg Fish Festival will be held on July 5, 2008 at The Forks. The "how to's" of fishing, where to fish and how to handle your catch will be some of the seminars offered during the day as well as activities for children of all ages. The Festival will run from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and admission is free. For more information, call 986-3112.

**"BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN"** - On May 9-11, 2008, the Manitoba Wildlife Federation is again offering a workshop designed for women to learn outdoor skills. The workshop is directed towards beginners or those who may wish to try a new activity. Angling is only one of many topics offered. For more information, call the Manitoba Wildlife Federation office at 204-633-5967.

# Common Manitoba Fish Species



Walleye



Yellow Perch



Bullhead



Sauger



Burbot



Channel Catfish



Northern Pike



Carp



Smallmouth Bass



Goldeye



Freshwater Drum



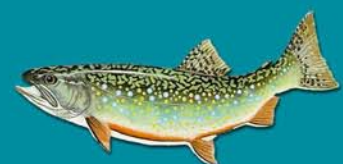
Lake Trout



Mooneye

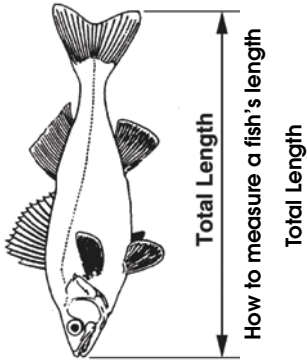


White Bass



Brook Trout

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**LENGTH REQUIREMENTS**

Species	Minimum Length	*Designated Picture Length
Arctic Char	51 cm (20 in)	61 cm (24 in)
Arctic Grayling	46 cm (18 in)	51 cm (20 in)
Black Crappie	30.5 cm (12 in)	35.5 cm (14 in)
Brook Trout	51 cm (20 in)	61 cm (24 in)
Brown Trout	51 cm (20 in)	61 cm (24 in)
Bullhead	30.5 cm (12 in)	35.5 cm (14 in)
Burbot	76 cm (30 in)	91 cm (36 in)
Carp	76 cm (30 in)	84 cm (33 in)
Channel Catfish	86.5 cm (34 in)	99 cm (39 in)
Freshwater Drum	61 cm (24 in)	76 cm (30 in)
Goideye	35.5 cm (14 in)	40.5 cm (16 in)
Kokanee	51 cm (20 in)	51 cm (20 in)
Lake Trout	89 cm (35 in)	104 cm (41 in)
Largemouth Bass	46 cm (18 in)	51 cm (20 in)
Mooneye	35.5 cm (14 in)	40.5 cm (16 in)
Muskellunge	79 cm (31 in)	79 cm (31 in)
Northern Pike	104 cm (41 in)	119 cm (47 in)
Perch	33 cm (13 in)	38 cm (15 in)
Rainbow Trout	51 cm (20 in)	61 cm (24 in)
Rock Bass	25.5 cm (10 in)	30.5 cm (12 in)
Sauger	46 cm (18 in)	56 cm (22 in)
Smallmouth Bass	46 cm (18 in)	51 cm (20 in)
Splake	51 cm (20 in)	61 cm (24 in)
Sturgeon	109 cm (43 in)	140 cm (55 in)
Sucker	46 cm (18 in)	56 cm (22 in)
Sunfish	18 cm (7 in)	18 cm (7 in)
Tullibee	40.5 cm (16 in)	51 cm (20 in)
Walleye	71 cm (28 in)	81 cm (32 in)
White Bass	38 cm (15 in)	46 cm (18 in)
Whitefish	56 cm (22 in)	66 cm (26 in)

Each year, many exceptional trophy fish are caught in Manitoba waters. For this reason, a **\*DESIGNATED PICTURE LENGTH CATEGORY** was established. Anglers whose fish are equal to or exceed the length in this category (shaded column) must submit a picture with a measuring device or some object of standard size in addition to the witnesses (refer to Manitoba Master Angler Award rules #3 and #4).

**MANITOBA MASTER ANGLER  
AWARD RULES**

- Registered fish must be caught in Manitoba in accordance with provincial angling regulations.
- Anglers must measure the length of a fish to qualify for a Manitoba Master Angler Award as illustrated.
- Two witnesses, or one witness and a picture are required. All pictures will become the property of Travel Manitoba.
- Any entry for a fish equal to or exceeding the designated picture length for the species must be accompanied by a photo of the fish.
- Qualifying fish must be submitted on an official entry form or copy of (one fish per entry form). No changes in the length stated on the application form will be accepted.

- Once an angler has become a specialist (having caught and entered five fish in a given species), the angler may enter only those fish that exceed his or her smallest fish for that species to a maximum of **three** per year.
- Travel Manitoba will be the sole and final judge as to the acceptance of the entries, and reserves the right to request additional information and requirements as may be deemed necessary in the best interest of the program.
- Although awards are issued continuously, the Master Angler Awards annual deadline for publishing purposes is September 30.
- Only one bronze, silver, or gold badge and release crest will be awarded to any one angler, but certificates will be presented for all qualifying fish. Different specialist badges will be awarded for each species.

**For more information contact:  
The Manitoba Master Angler Program at  
(204) 927-7807**



**MANITOBA MASTER ANGLER  
AWARD APPLICATION**

"I hereby declare that the following statements are true, that in taking this fish I complied with the rules."

Kind of fish \_\_\_\_\_  
 Length: \_\_\_\_\_ inches, or \_\_\_\_\_ cm  
 Date Caught: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fly Fishing   
 Ice Fishing   
 Fish Released \_\_\_\_\_ Fish Kept \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of Water \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have received a Master Angler Award before: No  Yes  I.D.# \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND ENTRIES TO:**  
 Travel Manitoba  
 Master Angler Program  
 7-155 Carlton St.  
 Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 3H8

**If required, please enclose a "Designated Picture Length" photo.**

We, the undersigned, witnessed the measuring of the fish described above and verified the length given.

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 Mr./Mrs./Ms \_\_\_\_\_  
 (full first name and surname)  
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 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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