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As the Minister of Conservation and Water Stewardship, I look forward to another exciting year of fishing in Manitoba. Fishing is a favourite year-round activity that plays an important social, economic, and cultural role in our province. We are fortunate to live in a province that offers endless fishing opportunities. Whether it's discovering a new fishing spot, fishing for a new species,

or picking up a rod and reel for the first time, more people are enjoying the outdoors through recreational fishing.

Last year, Manitoba experienced the highest number of recreational angling licences sold in the past 10 years. This reflects the commitment by anglers, fish and game groups, industry, and other individuals who continue to support, enhance and conserve our fisheries resource.

In Tomorrow Now – Manitoba's Green Plan, my department committed to the establishment of a new, dedicated Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Fund that will support fisheries management programs. The fund, supported through proceeds from licence sales, will represent a long-term investment in our resource and enhance Manitoba's fish hatchery system for the benefit of all anglers.

Last year, my department launched an initiative to nominate Manitoba's official provincial fish. This is an exciting opportunity for Manitoba to highlight our fisheries resources on the provincial, national, and international stage. The official provincial fish and emblem will be announced later this year.

I invite Manitobans and visitors to our province to get outdoors and enjoy the many diverse and quality fishing opportunities in the province. I encourage you to explore this guide for important information on regulations and fishing programs that will assist you in planning your fishing adventures in 2014.

Have a safe and enjoyable fishing season!

Honourable Gord Mackintosh  
Minister  
Conservation and Water Stewardship

## What's New For 2014

The regulations in this guide are in effect on April 1, 2014. The following regulations are new for 2014.

- **On Morgan Lake, closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including June 30.**
- **On Woosey Creek (between Woosey Lake and Morgan Lake), closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including June 30.**
- **On Beaver Lake, walleye limit is 2 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released.**

**Front Cover** – Background: Whiteshell Provincial Park. Inset: Kassie holding a rainbow trout from Beautiful Lake (Duck Mountain Provincial Park).

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

## Possible Changes

The following proposed regulation changes are listed a year in advance to give anglers a chance to express their opinions. To comment on these possible changes, e-mail: [fish@gov.mb.ca](mailto:fish@gov.mb.ca) or call 204-945-6640.

- On Wallace Lake, Siderock Lake, and Obukowin Lake, walleye limit is 4.
- On Lake Irwin, pike limit is 4 and all pike over 75 cm must be released.
- Whitefish Lake (in the Porcupine Forest) including the Marina Lagoon and Whitefish Creek, walleye limit is 2 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released. All pike over 75 cm must be released.
- North Creek (inflowing tributary) of Whitefish Lake closed to all fishing from April 1 to June 1.
- On Shoe Lake smallmouth bass provincial limits apply.
- On Horseshoe Lake smallmouth bass provincial limits apply.
- On Tooth Lake smallmouth bass provincial limits apply.
- On Crowduck Lake, release all smallmouth bass over 40 cm.
- On all stocked trout waters in Duck Mountain Provincial Park and in Porcupine Provincial Forest, all trout smaller than 40 cm must be released, except those caught in streams.
- On Verrall Lake, walleye limit is 2 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released.
- On Rice Lake, walleye limit is 4.



## Licence Fees (includes GST)

	Conservation	Regular
<b>Resident Senior</b> (Manitobans 65 and over) ....	Free .....	See Resident regular licence
<b>Resident</b> (Manitobans age 16-64) .....	\$19.20 .....	\$25.10
<b>Canadian Resident</b> (age 16 and over) .....	\$28.00 .....	\$47.65
<b>Nonresident</b> (age 16 and over) .....	\$37.85 .....	\$62.35

## Angling Licences

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.

Licences are valid from May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015. Licences must be signed to be valid, and are not transferrable or refundable. **If a licence is lost another must be purchased.** The time of licence validity has no impact on season dates. See page 8 for general season dates.

### Manitoba Resident Seniors

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

### 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.

### 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.

## LICENCE EXEMPTIONS

The following people may angle without a licence:

- Any youth under the age of 16 who has permanently resided in Manitoba for at least six months. 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.
- Any Canadian resident or nonresident youth 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 youth under 16 who wishes to have a separate limit must buy a licence.

## 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).

## 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. [www.pc.gc.ca](http://www.pc.gc.ca).

## 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 Mastercard®, Visa® or by mail. Call 1-800-214-6497 or send a cheque or money order for the appropriate licence fee (payable to Minister of Finance) to The Cashier, Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, 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 of Canada* may also apply while fishing, e.g. regarding the use of boats, motors, vehicles, etc. For more details on regulations contact your local Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship Office (see page 15).

### 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 and Water Stewardship Office.
- Littering** is prohibited (under the *Environment Act*) and regulations are enforced by Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship.
- Open liquor** (including beer) is prohibited in boats, vehicles and ice fishing shelters (under the *Liquor Control Act*) and regulations are enforced by Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship.

## 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, snagging, snaring, poisons, etc. be used.

## BARBLESS HOOKS

In Manitoba, 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

Ice fishing shelters must be removed by March 8, 2015 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. **All ice fishing shelters must clearly display the owner's name and address.** Shelters must be stored or disposed of away from the shore and on private property. Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship 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 and Water Stewardship 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 into Manitoba 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.

Only the following fish may be used as bait:

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

No angler may be in possession of 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 the 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 fisher'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. Fisher's 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 Conservation and Water Stewardship Office in your area (see page 15).

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 fisher 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.

## 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 Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office (see page 15).



## General Limits

### NOTICE OF INDIVIDUAL REGULATIONS

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

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

## 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 Waters

High Quality Management Waters may have reduced possession and size limits to protect and maintain high quality fisheries. They are listed in the individual fishing divisions (pages 8-10; 13-15).

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 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.

### 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.

### 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 visit [manitoba.ca/waterstewardship/fish/mercury](http://manitoba.ca/waterstewardship/fish/mercury), or phone Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship at 204-945-6784.



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## Log it in: Northern Pike 49.5"

After a great shore lunch, we headed to Cam's Bay. The bay was still and crystal clear. As I'm flogging my Mepps #5, I say to my buddy Jack, "Look under the boat at that giant pike, it looks just like a log." Jack shrugs it off, says "that's a log," and keeps on casting.

Well, I know what I saw, so I did what a fisherman does—I cast my Mepps toward the giant log. **BANG!** The rod bends like a twig, both rod and line go slicing under the boat as the "log" briskly pulls the boat around 90 degrees. My guide Blair reaches for the cradle, as I struggle to keep my rod intact and the line from breaking. Another couple of powerful runs seem to wear the "log" out, and after a short but fierce struggle with everyone anxious, Blair lands the

"log!" We get a couple of quick pictures and an amazing measurement, then return this beast safely back to the water.

Wow, a 49.5-inch NORTHERN PIKE! Just another great day at BIG SAND. What a story. By the time Jack and I get back to Missouri, that fish may be 55 inches long in the story (we fishermen do fib now and then). Rick, thanks to Big Sand Lake Lodge for another great trip. We will be back. I'm ready for that big moose now, even if Jack thinks it looks like a bear!

— Wand Bond



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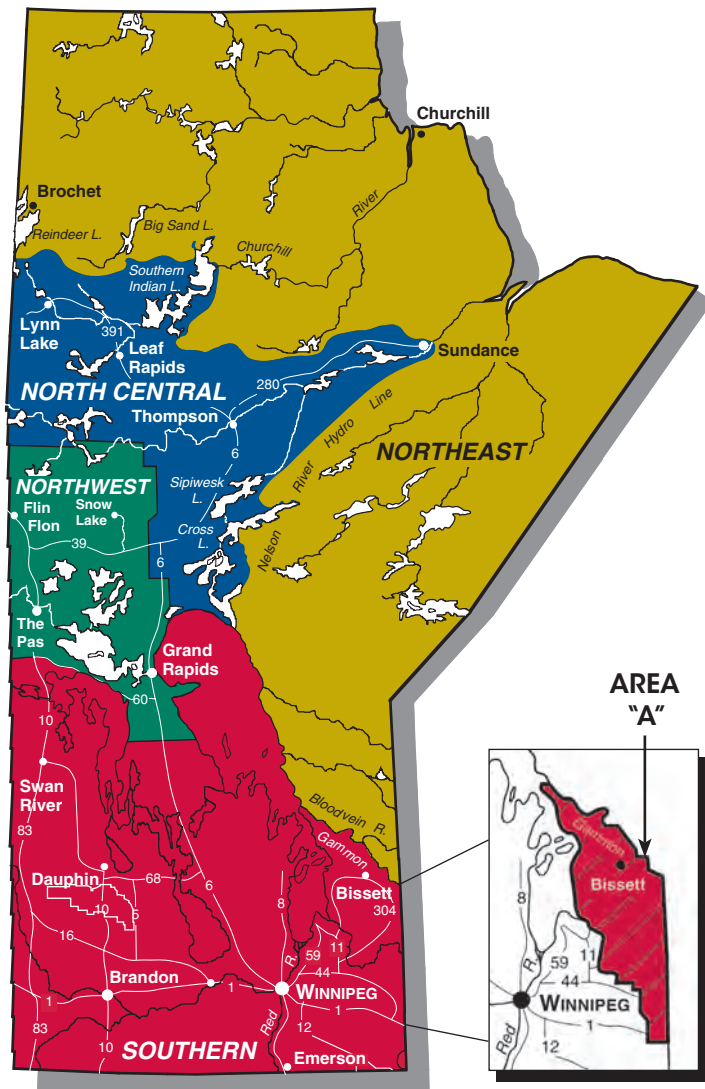
- Northern Pike
- Lake Trout
- Walleye
- Arctic Grayling

Big game hunting:

- Spring & Fall Bear
- Fall Moose



## Fishing Divisions



### SEASONS

	<b>Southern Division</b> Generally closed from April 1 to and including May 9. Season opens May 10.
	<b>Northwest Division</b> Generally closed from May 1 to and including May 16. Season opens May 17.
	<b>North Central Division</b> Generally closed from May 1 to and including May 16. Season opens May 17.
	<b>Northeast Division</b> Generally open to angling all year.

## 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 4).
- All lake trout must be released between September 15 and October 15.
- All lake trout over 65 cm must be released.

### HIGH QUALITY MANAGEMENT

High Quality Management Waters in the Southern Division are listed below. All have limits of 4 walleye/sauger, 4 pike and 2 smallmouth bass with the exception of that portion of the Winnipeg River described below in which the limit is 0 for smallmouth bass.

- ◆ Echo Lake
- ◆ Shoe Lake
- ◆ Saddle Lake
- ◆ Side Saddle Lake
- ◆ Winnipeg River from Ontario Boundary to Point Du Bois Dam (including Green Bay). All pike between 75 cm and 110 cm must be released.

### STOCKED 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 Conservation and Water Stewardship Office (see page 15).

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 \*.

* Antons Lake - trout limit is two.	Kinch Creek
Bagguley Lake	Kingfisher Lake
Bear Lake (W of Caddy L)	Lac du Bonnet Ponds
Beautiful Lake	~ Lake One
* Beaver Lake (Duck Mountain)	~ Lake Two (S. of Crowduck)
Birch River (E of Porcupine Forest)	Lake 400
Black Beaver Lake	Laurie Lake - all lake trout smaller than 25 cm must be released.
Blueberry Pond	Limestone Pond
Bower Lake	* Little McBride Lake (NW of Boggy Ck)
Bowsman River	* Lyons Lake (S of W Hawk L)
* Camp Lake (NE of Falcon Lake)	* McHugh Lake - trout limit is one, no natural bait.
Childs Lake - all lake trout smaller than 25 cm must be released.	Milner Ridge Pond
* Corstophine Lake - trout limit is one and all trout over 45 cm must be released, no natural bait.	Mirror Lake (Porcupine Forest)
Davidson Lake	Nick Lake (Porcupine Forest)
Dorothy Pond	North Duck River
East Blue Lake (Duck Mountain)	O'Hanly Pond
* East Goose Lake (S of Roblin)	Olson Lake (Porcupine Forest)
Eternal Springs (lower and upper ponds)	* Patterson Lake - trout limit is one and all trout over 45 cm must be released, no natural bait.
Forbes Lake - lake trout limit is one.	* Perch Lake (Duck Mountain) - all bass and trout must be released.
Garland River	* Persse Lake - trout limit is two, no natural bait.
Gass Lake (Porcupine Forest)	Pine River (Duck Mountain)
George Lake - lake trout limit is one.	* Pybus Lake - trout limit is one and all trout over 45 cm must be released, no natural bait.
Glad Lake (Duck Mountain)	Quartz Pond
Gull Pond (Duck Mountain)	
Gull Pond (N of Camp Morton)	
Hadashville Pond	
* Hunt Lake	

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

## 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"

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 Walleye Regulation Applies

## 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.

**Beaver Lake** - walleye limit is 2 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released.

**Bell 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.**

**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.** See Beaver, Singush, and Wellman lakes for specific regulations.

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

◆ **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.

**Gull Lake (near Beaconia)** - all pike over 60 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.

**Kenton Reservoir** - walleye limit is 4; all walleye shorter than 35 cm 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 limit is 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 5).

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

**Mink Creek** - see Dauphin Lake.

**Minnedosa Lake** - see Wahtopanan 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.

**North Stepprock 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.**

**Ochre River** - see Dauphin Lake.

**Overflowing River** - walleye limit is 4 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released. 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.** See Bell, North Stepprock and Whitefish lakes for specific regulations.



**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** - walleye limit is 4 and all walleye between 45 cm and 70 cm must be released. 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.

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

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

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

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

**Wahtopanah 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 Wahtopanah Lake and the Little Saskatchewan River from PTH 24 to the Trans-Canada Pipeline crossing on Wahtopanah 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** - walleye limit is 4. 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 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** - smallmouth bass limit is 2; only 1 may exceed 40 cm.



## 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. Clean up after others. The fine for littering in Manitoba is \$190.

## Protection of Privacy Act

Personal information collected on angling licences 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 and Water Stewardship.

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: 204-945-4170.

## 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 checkpoints in co-operation 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.....	\$300
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# 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.
- No live bait fish allowed.
- All lake trout over 65 cm must be released.
- All pike over 75 cm must be released.
- All walleye over 55 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.

**These limits apply to all waterbodies in Grass River Provincial Park excluding Reed Lake (see Reed Lake regulation).**

Alberts Lake	Koblun Lake	Rail Lake
Bacon Lake	Lac Aimee	Sewell Lake
Buzz Lake	Loonhead Lake	Snow Lake
Cacholotte Lake	McGhee Lake	Squall Lake
Centre Lake	McLeod Lake	Tait Lake
Cook Lake	Mikanagan Lake	Tramping Lake
Corley Lake	Morgan Lake	Twin Lake
Crow Lake	Niblock Lake	Vickers Lake
Deep Lake	Norris Lake	Wabishkok Lake
Dolomite Lake	Pineroot River	Whitefish Lake
Dow Lake	Podruski Lake	Woosey Creek
File Lake	Pothier Lake	Woosey Lake

## 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 Conservation and Water Stewardship Office (see page 15).

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

## LAKE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

**Athapapuskow Lake** - walleye limit is 4. 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. Pickerel Bay and Pickerel Bay Channel are closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including May 31.

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

**Burntwood Lake** - walleye limit is 4 and pike limit is 4.

**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 and including May 16.

**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 Missipisew and Wuskatasko Rivers)** - walleye limit is 4 and pike limit is 4. Closed to all fishing from April 1 to and including June 30.

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

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

**Kissinging Lake and its tributaries, including Bartlett Lake** - lake trout limit is 1, walleye limit is 4 and pike limit is 4. 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.

**Morgan Lake** - closed to all fishing from May 1 to and including June 30.

**Morton Lake** - walleye limit is 2 and pike limit is 2. 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** - walleye limit is 4 and pike limit is 4. Closed to all fishing from April 1 to and including June 30.

**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.

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

**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. 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 June 30.

**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 June 30.

**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.

Alto Lake	Hunter Lake	Numakoos Lake
Berge Lake	Joey Lake	Paint Lake and its tributaries
Black Trout Lake	Lasthope Lake	Plumbtree Lake
Border Lake	Laurie Lake	Preston Lake
Chicken Lake	Laurie River (from Sask. border east to the railway line)	Pyta Lake
Clarke Creek and Lake	Leftbrook Lake	Running Bear Lake
Conlin Lake	Little Brightsand Lake	Sickle Lake
Cousins Lake	Little Chipewyan Lake	Teal Lake
Dafoe Lake	Liz Lake	Tenklei Lake
Dunphy Lake	McGranachan Lake	Tod Lake
Eager Lake	Matheson Lake	Tractor Lake
Eden Lake	McGavock Lake	Turnbull Lake
Frances Lake	Mooswa Creek and Lake	Van Lake
Ghost Lake	Motrik Lake	Vanderkerckhove Lake
Goldsand Lake	Nesbitt Lake	Velde Lake
Goose Hunting Lake		Willis Lake
Grass River from Bald Eagle Lake to Witchai Lake		Zed Lake

### STOCKED TROUT LAKES

No bow fishing, dip netting, or seining are allowed on stocked trout waters. Annual stocking lists are available from your local Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship Office (see page 15). 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	* Gemmell Lake	* Mid Lake
Crater Lake	Hambone Lake	Upper Oswagan Lake
* Digney Lake	Hidden Lake	
Esler Lake No.1	Leaf Lake	
Esler Lake No.2	Little Troy 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 downstream of Kettle Generating Station** - 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	* Goose Lake	North Knife Lake
Aikens Lake	Gunisao Lake	* Nueltin Lake
Amphibian Lake	Harrop Lake	Opimiegoka Lake
Anishinabe Lake	Head Leaf Lake	Otter Lake
Apisko Lake	* High Hill Lake	Pelletier Lake
* Askey Lake	Holmes Lake	Poplar River (from Wrong Lake to Ontario border)
Assapan Lake	Horseshoe Lake	* Putahow Lake
Assinika Lake	Jensen Lake	* Putahow River (between Putahow Lake and Nueltin Lake)
* Bagg Lake	Joint Lake	* Ragged Basin Lake
Bain Lake	* John Osborn Lake	Recluse Lake
* Bangle Lake	Kagipo Lake	Red Willow Lake
Baralzon Lake	Kakeenokamak Lake	Rorke Lake
Bear Lake	Kanapakaksis Lake	Sasaginnigak Lake
Bear Head Lake	* Kapusta Lake	Sawdon Lake
Bennett Lake	* Kasmere Lake	Semmens Lake
Black Currant Lake	Kautunigan Lake	* Shannon Lake
* Blevins Lake	Keschismeeneko Lake	* Silsby Lake
Bolton Lake	Kistigan Lake	* Snyder Lake
* Booth Lake	Knee Lake	South Knife Lake
Brad Lake	Lewis Lake	Sparrowhawk Lake
Brisebois Lake	Little Duck Lake	Stag Lake
Brownstone Lake	Little Stull Lake	Stevens Lake
Burnie Lake	Long Lake (Berens River)	Stull Lake
Campbell Lake	MacLeod Lake	* Thanout Lake
Caron Lake	* MacMillan Lake	* Thlewiaza River (from Fort Hall Lake to Nueltin Lake)
Carr-Harris Lake	McMurray Lake	Thomas Lake
Carroll Lake	Manapaywi Lake	Thunder Lake
* Chatwin Lake	Mantricia Lake	* Tice Lake
* Corbett Lake	Maria Lake	* Timewe Lake
Craven Lake	Max Lake	Tseeteli Lake
Cobham River from the border downstream to Elliot Lake	Meat Lake	Utik Lake
Commonwealth Lake	Molson Lake including Paimusk Creek and all other tributaries	Viking Lake
Douglas Lake	Munroe Lake	Warrington Lake
Eakins Lake	* Muskasew Lake	Waskaioiwaka Lake
Eardley Lake	* Muskosemunomin Lake	Wendigo Lake
Edmund Lake	* Nahili Lake	Whiskey Jack Lake
Egenolf Lake	Nejanilini Lake	Wrong Lake
Elliot Lake	Nicklin Lake	
Fairy Rock Lake		
Fishing Lake		
* Fort Hall Lake		
Gammon River		
Gods Lake		

### LAKE SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

**Bear 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.

**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.

**Nueltin 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.

**Utik 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.

## Angling Programs and Special Events in 2014/2015

Below is a list of activities to be held in Manitoba in 2014 and 2015 that provide people with opportunities to learn more about angling. For additional information, see page 16 for a list of websites to visit.

### LEARN TO FISH

Winnipeg's Community Services Department, in cooperation with Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, 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 please call 311 or toll free 1-877-311-4974.

### FAMILY FISHING WEEKENDS

Summer and Winter Family Fishing Weekends will be held on June 14-15, 2014 and February 14-16, 2015 across Manitoba (excluding federal parks). During these weekends, 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, who would normally require one. Please note specific lake regulations. For more information, call 204-945-6784.

### WINNIPEG FISH FESTIVAL

Winnipeg's Community Services Department and Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship, with assistance from the Manitoba Wildlife Federation, will again be holding the annual Winnipeg Fish Festival on July 5, 2014 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 please call 311 or toll free 1-877-311-4974.

### BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN

On May 23 - 25, 2014, 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 on this workshop and other activities and programs, such as the Manitoba Recreational Fishing League for youth, contact the Manitoba Wildlife Federation office at 204-633-5967 or visit mwf.mb.ca.

## 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 and Water Stewardship 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 information, please contact the nearest Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship office, or telephone 204-945-6784 in Winnipeg, 1-800-214-6497 outside Winnipeg or visit [manitoba.ca/conservation](http://manitoba.ca/conservation).

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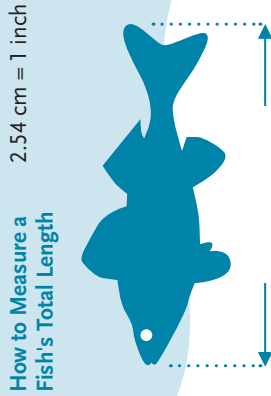


# Travel Manitoba Master Angler Program

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How to Measure a  
Fish's Total Length



## 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)
Goldeye.....	35.5 cm (14 in)	40.5 cm (16 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)
Tiger Trout.....	51 cm (20 in)	61 cm (24 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 **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). Photos only need to be 10x15 cm (4x6 in).

# 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 with a measuring device or some object of standard size. Photos only need to be 10x15 cm (4x6 in).
- New for 2014 - Qualifying fish must be officially submitted at**  
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No changes in the length stated in the application form will be accepted.
- 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, entries may not be listed if they have not been received within one month of the date when the fish was caught.
- 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:  
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Email: MasterAngler@travelmanitoba.com

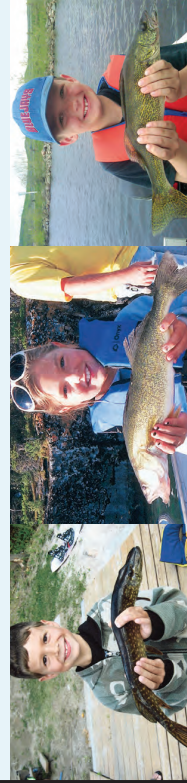


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For More Information, phone **Travel Manitoba** at (204) 927-7822 toll-free at 1-800-665-0040, or visit [fishhuntmanitoba.com/master-angler](http://fishhuntmanitoba.com/master-angler)

## Li'l Angler Program Rules

- Applicant must be 12 years of age or younger. Maximum of one entry and award per individual.
- Fish must be caught in Manitoba by angling for recreation in accordance with Provincial Angling Regulations.
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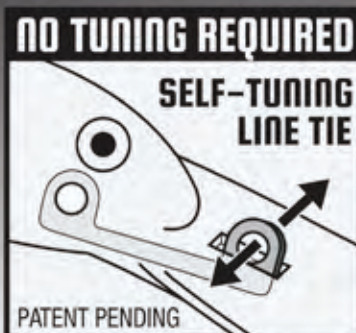
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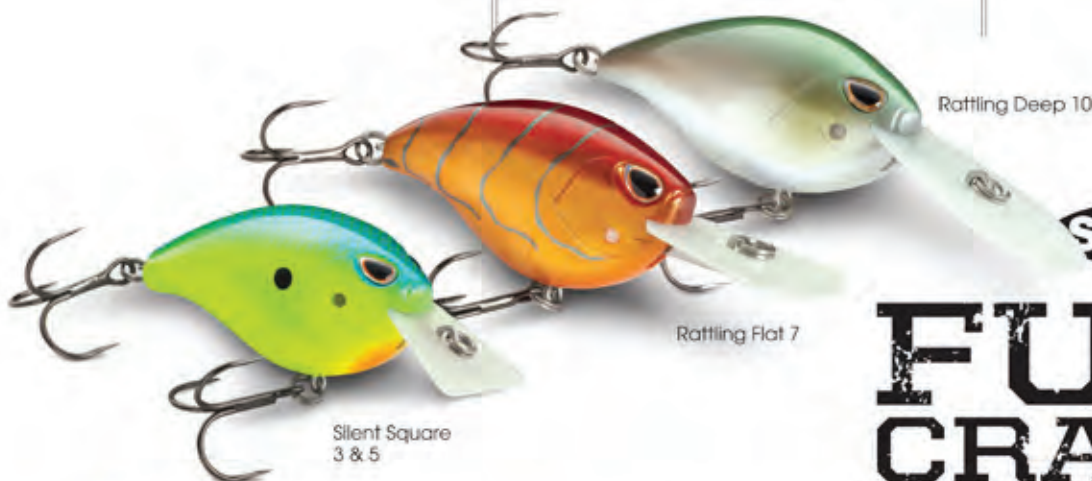
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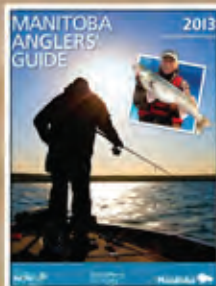
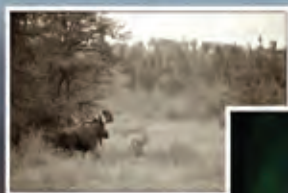
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**Zebra Mussels** - Adults physically attach to surfaces in larger numbers and are costly and difficult to remove. Zebra mussels can clog water intakes, damage watercraft engines and foul hulls. Young zebra mussels are microscopic and can hitchhike in water remaining in bilge, livewells and bait buckets.



Zebra mussels attached to a watercraft prop.



A zebra mussel.

**Rusty Crayfish** - Highly aggressive rusty crayfish can displace native crayfish and fish by eliminating spawning and nursery habitat by reducing aquatic vegetation. Never use crayfish as bait.

**It is illegal to possess any species of live crayfish in Manitoba.**



A rusty crayfish. Note the rusty round patch on carapace before tail and black tips on claws.

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A large mass of spiny waterfleas attached to fishing line.



A spiny waterflea (not to scale).

**Prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species by taking a few important precautions before launching and before leaving:**

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- **Rinse** using high pressure, very hot tap water for several minutes - preferably 50°C (120°F).

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**DRY** watercraft and equipment for at least 5 days in the hot summer sun, 18 days in the spring/fall, or freeze for 3 days (if rinsing is not available).

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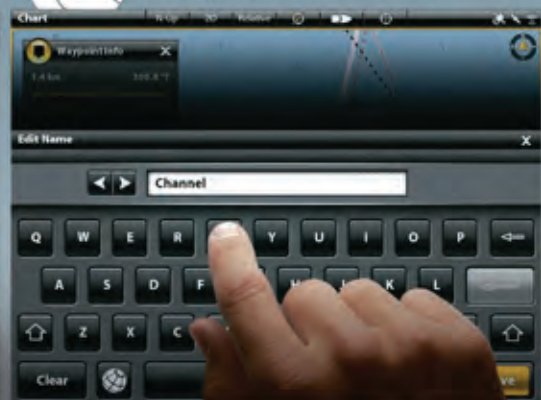
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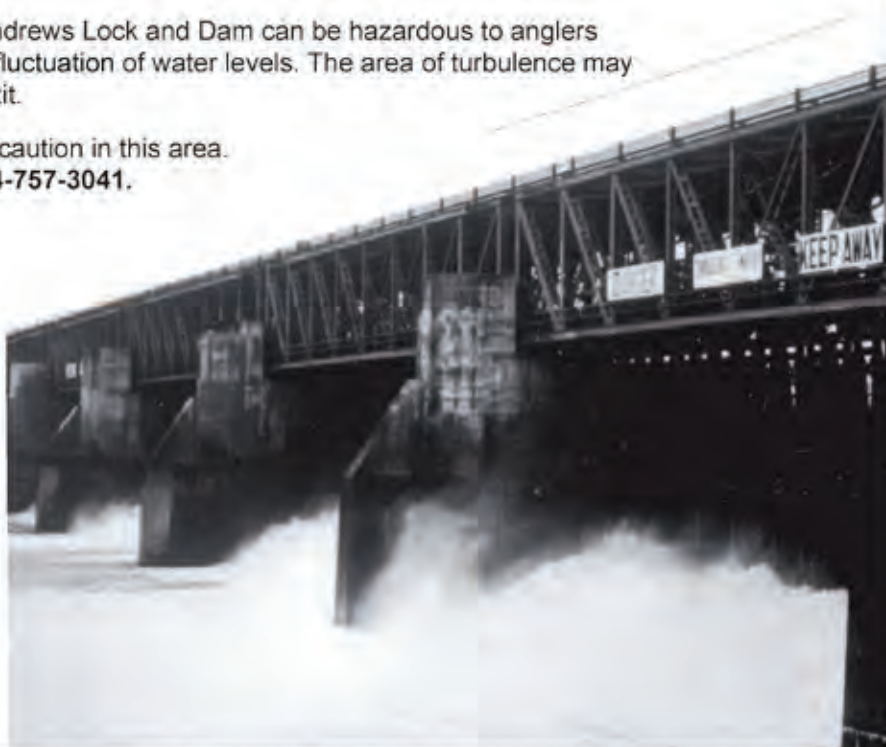
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