

Open-Water Hook and Line Regulations: 1837 Ceded Territory in Minnesota

This is a summary of some of the more important tribal hook and line regulations for the open-water fishing season in the Minnesota portion of the 1837 ceded territory. This does not summarize all the regulations that may apply. If you have questions, contact your tribal office or the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) at 715-682-6619.

Open Water Fishing means all fishing other than fishing through an artificial hole in the ice.

Hook and Line means a rod and reel or similar device including a tip up and hand held lines, and includes trolling. No more than six lines with a maximum of two hooks or lures per line may be used. Lines may not be left unattended for a period of more than one hour. Additional regulations apply to the use of setlines and set or bank poles.

Permits: A general fishing permit is all that is necessary for open-water hook and line fishing and can be picked up at your tribal conservation department or headquarters. You should also carry your tribal picture identification card when fishing and present it upon request to enforcement personnel.

Live Bait: The following species may not be used as live bait: carp, goldfish, redhorse, freshwater drum, burbot, bowfin, garfish, buffalo fish, lamprey, alewife, gizzard shad, smelt, goldeye, mooneye, carsucker, quillback, ruffe, or crayfish. Minnows or bait fish may not be released on any waters or shores.

BAG AND SIZE LIMITS FOR OPEN-WATER HOOK AND LINE FISHING:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Size Limit</u>
Northern Pike, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, and Walleye	10 per person per day	Any size
Sturgeon	1 per person per year (all methods). June 1 to March 1 season. Register and tag by 5:00 p.m. of working day following harvest. Harvest allowed only on St. Croix River below Taylor Falls.	45" minimum size limit.
Muskellunge	2 per person per day	40" minimum size limit
White Bass, Rock Bass, Bluegill, Crappie, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch, Yellow Bass, Catfish, Cisco, Whitefish, Rough fish	None	Any size
Lake Trout	5 per person per day	Any size
Trout and Salmon (except Lake Trout)	5 per person per day in aggregate. Spring ponds open from first Saturday in May to September 30. All other waters open from January 1 to September 30.	Any size
Paddlefish or Spoonbill Catfish	No open season	

Cleaning Boats: All aquatic vegetation should be removed from boats and trailers before entering or when leaving ceded territory waters.