

Winter Spearing and Fishing Regulations: 1837 Ceded Territory in Minnesota

This is a summary of some of the more important tribal spearing and ice fishing regulations for the 1997 winter 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.

Ice Fishing means fishing through an artificial hole in the ice.

Season: The winter fishing season includes the period from ice-in to ice-out.

Ice Holes: While fishing using hook and line, the ice hole cannot be larger than 12 inches in diameter. While spearing, the hole cannot be larger than 24 by 36 inches. Uncovered holes must be marked.

Ice Fishing House: Must be equipped with a latch so the door can be opened from the outside whenever the house is occupied. The owner's name and address or the owner's drivers license number must be displayed on the outside of the house on a durable license tag. House or other enclosure must be removed from any body of water on or before March 1 except that portable shelters may be used while ice fishing after March 1 provided the shelter is removed daily from the ice.

Methods allowed: Fishing pole, tip-up, or spear. Spears must have a minimum of three barbed tines, each of which are at least 4.5 inches long.

Permits: A general fishing permit is all that is necessary for winter fishing or spearing and can be picked up your at the tribal conservation department or headquarters. You should also carry your Tribal I.D. when fishing during winter and present it upon request to enforcement personnel.

Sharing Gear: Do not share any ice fishing gear, including any spear, with any member who is not a member of one of the Bands unless the person is part of your immediate family and the person is legally fishing under state law.

Bag and Size Limits:

<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 yeas (all methods) June 1 to March 1 season. Register and tag by 5:00 pm of working day following harvest.	45" minimum size limit.
Muskellunge	2 per person per day.	40" minimum - Mille Lacs only Any size - all other waters.
White Bass, Rock Bass, None Bluegill, Crappie, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch Yellow Bass, Catfish, Cisco, Whitefish		Any size.
Lake Trout	5 per person per day	Any size.