

Open-Water Hook and Line Regulations: Ceded Territory in Wisconsin

This summary of hook and line fishing regulations is based on the Model Off-Reservation Conservation Code of the Wisconsin bands of Lake Superior Chippewas. Your Tribal Council may enact regulations that are more restrictive than those summarized here. For more specific information, contact your Tribal Conservation Department 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 such as a hand held line, and includes trolling. No more than 6 lines with a maximum of two hooks or lures per line may be used.

Permits: No tribal member shall fish pursuant to this ordinance without possessing a valid fishing permit. Contact your Tribal Conservation Department.

Live Bait: The following species may not be used as live bait: carp, goldfish, redbreast, freshwater drum, burbot, bowfin, garfish, buffalo fish, lamprey, alewife, gizzard shad, smelt, goldeye, mooneye, carpsucker, quillback, or crayfish.

Possession Limit: The possession limit for hook and line caught fish is double the daily bag limit.

Fish Refuges: Tribal fish refuges generally parallel state fish refuges. State fish refuges are posted by the Wisconsin DNR. Check with your Tribal Conservation Department for more information.

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

<u>Species</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Bag Limit</u>	<u>Size Limit</u>
Smallmouth Bass and Largemouth Bass	Year around	10 per person per day	None
Sturgeon	June 1 to March 1	1 per person per year (all methods).	45" minimum size (Sturgeon must be registered and tagged by 5:00 p.m. of working day following harvest.)
Muskellunge	Year around	None	First fish any size; thereafter at least half the catch must be at least 32" in length
Walleye, Northern Pike, White Bass, Rock Bass, Bluegill, Crappie, Pumpkinseed, Yellow Perch, Bullheads, Yellow Bass, Catfish, Cisco, Whitefish, Rough fish	Year around	None	None
Lake Trout	Year around	2 per person per day	26" minimum size
Trout and Salmon (except Lake Trout) in Lake Superior tributaries	Generally, 1st Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30. Special early and extended seasons apply to some Lake Superior tributaries.	10 per person per day in aggregate, of which only 2 may be rainbow trout	Generally, 6" minimum size. Other size limits apply on the Brule River (Douglas County) and during early and extended seasons.
Trout and Salmon (except Lake Trout) all other waters except spring ponds	January 1 to September 30	5 per person per day in aggregate	None
Trout and Salmon (except Lake Trout) in spring ponds	1st Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 per person per day in aggregate	None
Paddlefish		No open season	

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