

Possession Limits

Daily Possession Limits shall not exceed one day's legal catch limit. Fish are considered to be in your possession and part of your daily limit when they are in your boat, livewell, stringer, camp, or residence, in transit or elsewhere. *(The catch & retain rules have changed see "Livewells")*. Included in your daily catch limit are those fish that are given away and/or consumed that day (i.e. shore lunches). An angler must not have "eaters" in addition to the daily limit

Transporting or Storing Fish

When fishing where size limits are applicable: Keep your fish whole while on the water/ice. For shore lunches, only the fish which are to be eaten, are to be cleaned. Once you are off the water/ice for the day, you can clean, fillet and package your fish. All filleted fish **must** be identifiable as to type of species and number of fish in a package. **The fillet length must be measurable.** Fish fillets are to be kept whole, laid flat, and there should be no more than one fish (two fillets) to a package. About one square inch of skin should be left on each fillet. Packages must be separate and it's best if they're made of a clear plastic material.

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Please check your Sport Fishing Summary for all fishing regulations before you go fishing.

For more information, contact the

Geraldton Area Office:

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**TO REPORT VIOLATIONS, PLEASE CALL THE
MNR TIPS LINE 1-877-847-7667**

Sport Fishing Regulations



S- Sport Fishing Licence C- Conservation Fishing Licence

Walleye

S: 4 of which only **one** can be greater than 46 cm (18.1").
C: 2 of which **one** can be greater than 46 cm.



Open season for walleye is the 3rd Saturday in May to April 14th.

Northern Pike **Open all year**

Zone 2: **S:** 4 of which none can be between 70 and 90 cm (27.5" and 35.4") and only **one** can be greater than 90 cm (35.4").
C: 2 of which **none** can be between 70 and 90 cm and only **one** can be greater than 90 cm.



Zone 3 & 7: **S:** 6 of which only 2 are greater than 61 cm (24") of which only 1 is greater than 86 cm (33.9").
C: 2 not more than 1 > 61 cm, none > 86 cm.

Yellow Perch

Note: There is no closed season

S: Fifty (50)
C: Twenty-five (25)

Stringers are for Keepers.

Once a fish is put on a stringer or chain, that fish should **never** be released. Research has shown that even after a short period of time on a stringer, a released fish will usually die, even if it appears to be healthy and swims away.

Sturgeon

Zone 2: Open Season: July 1st to April 30th
S: 0 C: 0

Exception: All waters draining into Lake Nipigon including Little Jackfish R. beginning at the dam at Mojikit Lake. **Closed All Year**

Zone 3: Open Season: July 1st to April 15th
S: 0 C: 0

Zone 7: Closed All Year

Exception: All waters north of Hwy 11 and east of Hwy 584. Open season July 1st to April 30th.
S: 0 C: 0

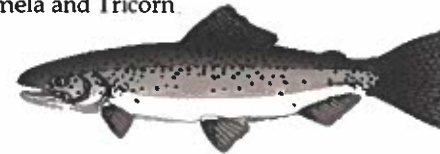
Rainbow Trout

Zone 2: **S:** 5 **C:** 2
No closed season.

Zone 3: There is no open season.

Zone 7: **S:** 1** **C:** 0
No closed season.

** Note: on the following stocked lakes the Sport Fish Licence Limit: is 5 and the Conservation Licence Limit is 2: A-620-A, A-717, Balancing, Boobas, Hartley, Hilder, Leana, Lukinto, Margo, Pamela and Tricorn



Brook Trout

Zone 2: **S:** 5 of which only one can be over 30 cm (11.8")
C: 2 of which only one can be over 30cm.
Open Season: January 1st to Labour Day

Zone 3: **S:** 5 **C:** 2 No size limits.

Open Season: January 1st to Sept. 15th

Zone 7: **S:** 5 of which only 2 can be greater than 30 cm with only one being greater than 40 cm. (15.8")

C: 2 of which only one can be greater than 30 cm and none can be greater than 40 cm.

Open Season: January 1st to Labour Day (Sept.)

Brook /Splake /Rainbow/Brown /Lake Trout

S: five (5) in any combination thereof, but not more than two (2) may be lake trout (lake specific regulations also apply)

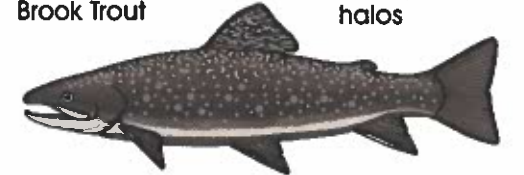
C: 2 not more than one (1) may be lake trout

Stocked Brook Trout (Lake Specific)

In the specific lakes listed below there is **no closed season** for brook trout and size limits do **not** apply.
S: 5 C: 2

Boobas	E-11	E-206
Hartley	Hilder	Hob
Johnny	Jo-Jo(Minnow)	Leana
Middleton	Mile 30	Post
Tricorn		

Brook Trout



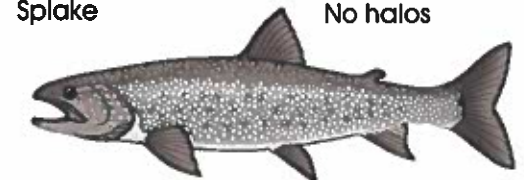
Red spots with halos

Square Tail

Splake

Zone 2, 3 & 7: **S:** 5 **C:** 2 No closed season

Splake



Red to pink spots
No halos

Forked Tail

Smallmouth Bass

Open all year

Zone 2: **S:** 2 must be < 35 cm (13.8") from Dec 1st to June 30th and 4 no size limit from July 1st to Nov 30th.

C: 1 must be < 35cm from Dec 1st to June 30th and 2 no size limit from July 1st to Nov 30th.



Zone 3 & 7: **S:** 6 **C:** 2 No size limits

Whitefish

Zone 2 & 3: S: 12 C: 6

Zone 7: S: 25 C: 12

Angling Season: Open All Year

Note: No longer need a separate dip net licence.

Lake Trout

Open Season for lake trout is January 1st to September 30th for all zones.

Zone 2: S: 2 C: 1

During September only 1 > 56cm (22.1")

Note: See below for lake specific exceptions.

Zone 3: S: 3 C: 1

Zone 7: S: 2 C: 1

Note: See below for lake specific exceptions.



Lake Specific Exceptions - Lake Trout

McLeod and Raynar Lakes open all year

Note: These exceptions apply to the entire season.

S: You are allowed to keep one lake trout over 56 cm (22.1") within your possession limit of 2 fish on the following lakes:

C: The conservation limit is one of any size.

Fernow	McKay	Superb
I-100 (South)	Opichuan	Troutfly
Luella	O'Sullivan	

S: You are allowed to keep one lake trout from the following lakes:

Faircloth	Grehan	Little Pic
Merpaw	Sun	Yuca

C: is 0

Note: Non-residents camping on Crown Land in FMZ's 2; 3; 4; 5 & 6 must follow conservation limits. It does not apply in FMZ 7.

Livewells

A person who is angling from a boat which has a livewell may now selectively live release more bass, walleye and pike than their daily limit.

Walleye & Pike: the Daily Possession Limit & Conservation Limit must not be exceeded at any one time & must comply with any applicable size limits.

Bass: While on the water, you may now hold up to 6 bass in a livewell even if the limit is 4 fish but all bass must comply with any applicable size limits.

It is illegal to transport live fish over land other than baitfish. **Drain your Livewell!**

Fish Sanctuaries

Esnagami River from the northern boundary of Esnagami Township north to the second set of rapids: fishing is prohibited from March 1st to June 14th.

Kawashkagama River from Abamasagi Lake to 100m above Albert Falls: fishing is prohibited from April 1st to June 14th.

Upper Twin Lake (Pete's Bay) beginning at the intersection of Shamokan Creek and the rail line road continuing downstream to include all of Pete's Bay of Upper Twin Lake: fishing is prohibited from April 1st to June 14th.

Onaman Lake: Closed to all species from March 1st to May 31st.

Bait

It is illegal to sell baitfish or leeches without a commercial bait licence.

Only resident anglers may trap bait fish or leeches for personal use in their BMZ of primary residence & may only use one trap & it must be clearly marked with the angler's name & address.

All non-bait species must be immediately released back into the water.

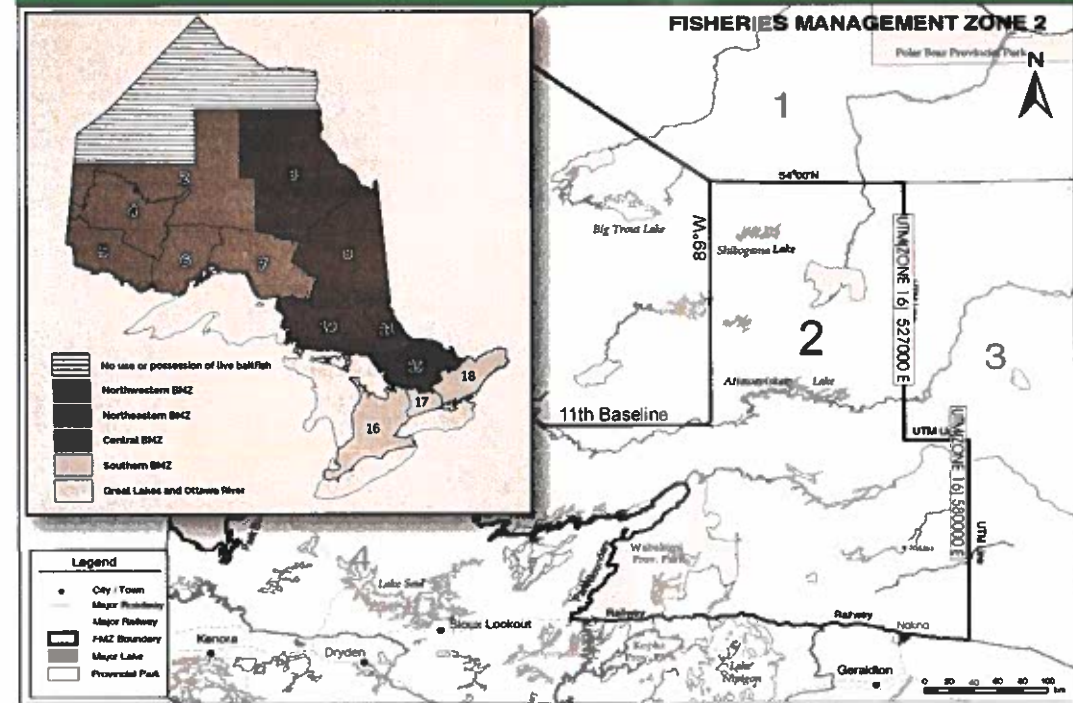
Crayfish can only be used in the waters where caught and cannot be transported over land.

It is illegal to bring crayfish, salamanders, live fish or live leeches into Ontario for use as bait.

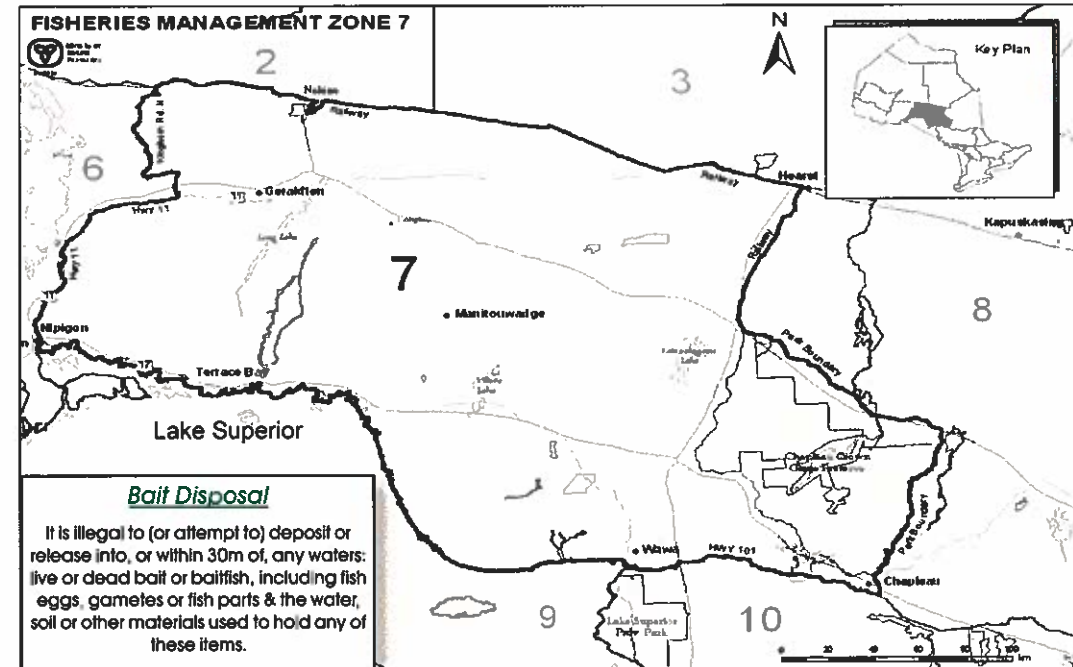
Baitfish and Leech Possession Limits: 120 includes those caught and/or purchased.

Zone 2&6: Smelt may not be used or possessed for use as bait. Except dead smelt may be used in Lake Nipigon, Nipigon River and tributaries.

Fisheries Management Zones 2,3&7



NOTE: A small portion of FMZ 3 is located in the Geraldton Area, east of FMZ 2 (see map above).



Bait Disposal

It is illegal to (or attempt to) deposit or release into, or within 30m of, any waters: live or dead bait or baitfish, including fish eggs, gametes or fish parts & the water, soil or other materials used to hold any of these items.

FMZ 2

In the east, the southern boundary is the old CNR line that runs through Nakina.

Note: Upper Twin, Lower Twin and Cordingley Lakes are located in Zone 2.

New Bait Rules

Live or Dead Baitfish or leeches cannot be brought into the NWBMZ unless preserved.

Only Residents of the NWBMZ can harvest baitfish or leeches.

If your primary residence is not in NWBMZ you must purchase bait within the NWBMZ & keep the receipt & can only keep the bait for two weeks.

The receipt must list the location and date it was obtained, commercial licence number and quantity of baitfish or leeches obtained.

FMZ 7

Note: The northwest boundary is located along the Kinghorn Road.