



Saskatchewan Anglers Guide

2026-27



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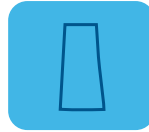
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Estimating fish weight



Angling definitions



Fish of Saskatchewan



HABISask mapping

Land acknowledgement

Saskatchewan is situated on the territories of Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10 – the traditional lands of the Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Dakota, Lakota and Nakota Nations, and the home of the Métis. We are committed to advancing reconciliation and acknowledge and respect Indigenous Nations' exercise of Aboriginal and Treaty rights. We recognize that our waters and fishery are a public resource shared by all people and provide sustenance, recreation, cultural significance and economic benefits.

Have a question?

Email the Ministry of Environment Public Inquiry Centre at centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca

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Introduction

This guide is intended for use as a reference and is not a legal document. The contents of this guide apply from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027; however, there may be updates to the online version of the guide following the release of the printed version. It is the responsibility of the angler to be informed of any changes prior to fishing. Up-to-date guides and more information can be found at saskatchewan.ca/fishing.

The general regulations in this guide apply to all provincial Crown waters in Saskatchewan, excluding federal waters (e.g. Prince Albert National Park). If you plan to fish a water that is listed in the special regulations, you must comply with any additional restrictions identified for that water. More information can be found in the regulations sections of this guide.

 **Free Fishing Weekends**
 July 11-12, 2026
 February 12-14, 2027

What's new for 2026-27

- Cutarm Reservoir - closed March 16 to May 5, 2026. All permanent ice shacks must be removed by March 1, 2026
- Loch Leven - southern 150 m closed to angling April 1 to May 31, 2026 and October 1 to November 30, 2026
- Waldheim Pond - Closed November 1 to May 5, 2026

Annual angling licences will now require a \$20 (\$21 with applicable GST) Angling Habitat Certificate. One and three-day licences will require a \$5 (\$5.25 with applicable GST) certificate with each licence to further support fisheries enhancement and protection.

Proposed changes for 2027-28

The following changes are proposed for the 2027-28 angling season:

- Steep Creek Pond – stocked trout limit two, open all year
- Meadow Lake Provincial Park – Walleye limit two, only one may exceed 55 cm; northern pike limit three, only one over 75 cm on all waterbodies within the park
- Grant Devine (Alameda) Lake – Walleye limit three, only one may exceed 55 cm
- Province wide – Burbot limit four

Please email your feedback to guide@gov.sk.ca by September 1, 2026, and include which waterbody or area you are providing feedback on in the email subject line.

Aquatic Invasive Species

Aquatic invasive species (AIS), such as zebra and quagga mussels, pose a significant threat to Saskatchewan. AIS can easily be spread to new waterbodies by watercraft, water-related equipment and infrastructure that has not been properly cleaned, drained and dried. Once introduced, AIS can seriously impact the fisheries resource, as well as cost millions of dollars annually to manage. Although Saskatchewan is currently free from zebra and quagga mussels, they have invaded many lakes and rivers across North America, including waterbodies in both Manitoba and North Dakota.

Anyone transporting watercraft, or any water-related equipment or infrastructure such as docks, boatlifts and barges into Saskatchewan should call 1-800-567-4224 for inspection information prior to launching or installing this equipment in Saskatchewan, or any other waterbody in western Canada.

HABISask

Hunting, Angling and Biodiversity Information of Saskatchewan ([HABISask](#)) is a client-centred, online mapping tool available on your desktop or mobile device. Angling features include water body locations, fish species presence, fish stocking history, special regulations, bathymetric (underwater depth) map links, fisheries management zones, fisheries biologist management areas and conservation officer field offices. For more information, visit saskatchewan.ca/fishing.

Going fishing? Remember to purchase your licence.

Purchasing a licence



Angling licences are available:

- Online: saskatchewan.ca/fishing
- In-person: at a Government of Saskatchewan field office, select provincial parks or private issuers
- By phone: 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.)
(Please allow 10 business days for delivery)



If purchasing online, you will require a Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence (HAL) System account. If you have an existing account, use your HAL identification number or your previously registered secondary identification number. You do not need to create a new account if you have previously registered for HAL. If you require assistance, call 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.).

Did you know that 30 per cent of all angling licence revenue goes into the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund to help manage our fisheries resources?

Turn in Poachers and Polluters

If you notice someone fishing in closed spawning areas, exceeding the limit or using illegal gear, contact our confidential TIPP line at 1-800-667-7561 or submit a report online to saskatchewan.ca/TIPP. All reports are investigated.

All licences include
GST (goods and
services tax)

Licensing fees and requirements

Fisheries Habitat Certificate for all anglers Age 16 to 64 (details below)	
Annual Fisheries Habitat Certificate	\$21
Short-Term (one-day or three day) Fisheries Habitat Certificate	\$5.25
Canadian Armed Forces veteran	Not required
Saskatchewan resident (details below)	
Age 16 to 64	
- Annual (*auto renewal option available in HAL self-serve)	\$42
- Three-day (consecutive days)	\$21
- One-day	\$15
Canadian Armed Forces veteran (details below)	Free
Senior (65 and older) - no licence required	
Youth (under 16) - no licence required	
Canadian resident (details below)	
Age 16 and older	
- Annual	\$86
- Three-day (consecutive days)	\$46
- One-day	\$23
Canadian Armed Forces veteran (details below)	Free
Youth (under 16) - no licence required	
Non-resident (details below)	
Age 16 and older	
- Annual	\$115
- Three-day (consecutive days)	\$57
- One-day	\$28
Youth (under 16) - no licence required	
*Note: Annual angling licences expire March 31, 2027.	

Saskatchewan resident: A person who is a Canadian resident with a principal residence in Saskatchewan and has lived in the province for three months immediately preceding the date of licence purchase or is a regular member of the Canadian Armed Forces who was a Saskatchewan resident when recruited or deployed from the province.

Canadian resident: A person who has a principal residence elsewhere in Canada and is a Canadian citizen or has lived in Canada for 12 months immediately preceding the date of licence purchase.

Non-resident: A person who is not a Saskatchewan or Canadian resident.

Senior: A Saskatchewan resident 65 years of age or older who produces proof of age and Saskatchewan residency does not require an angling licence, but must meet all other fishing regulations. Out-of-province seniors require a licence.

Canadian Armed Forces veteran: A veteran is a Saskatchewan or Canadian resident who is a former member of the Canadian Armed Forces, has successfully undergone basic training and has been honourably discharged.

For more information on eligibility requirements, please visit
saskatchewan.ca/fishing.

Season dates and general limits

Season dates

2026-27

Southern Zone

Central Zone

Northern Zone

Open

May 5, 2026

May 15, 2026

May 25, 2026

Close

March 31, 2027

March 31, 2027

April 15, 2027

**See pages 10 to 27 for alternate season dates for certain waters. For example, Lake of the Prairies opens on May 9, 2026.*

Catch limits

- Limit refers to the maximum number and size of fish you are allowed to retain or have in your possession. Anglers may not possess more than the limit of each fish species for both size and number of fish. This includes fish that are eaten or given away that day, as well as all fish that are at your camp, being transported by or for you, or fish that are in storage.
- General limits apply to most provincial Crown waters in Saskatchewan. However, some waters have special regulations that further restrict angler harvest or activity. These exceptions to the general regulations must be complied with when fishing any of the listed waters (see page 10-27).
- Fish length: measure the fish's total length with its tail pinched.

General limits

Arctic grayling	2	only one may exceed 35 cm
Bigmouth buffalo	0	
Burbot	8	
Channel catfish	1	which cannot exceed 60 cm
*Goldeye	8	
Lake trout	3	only one may exceed 65 cm
Largemouth bass	0	
Northern pike	5	only one may exceed 75 cm
Perch	25	
Rock bass	6	
*Stocked trout	5	all species combined
Smallmouth bass	0	
Sturgeon	0	
*Walleye	4	only one may exceed 55 cm
Whitefish	8	
*Goldeye includes mooneye		
*Stocked trout species include brook, brown, rainbow and tiger trout and splake		
*Walleye includes sauger and saugeye		

Releasing fish

All fish that cannot be legally retained must be immediately released back into the waters from which they were taken, in a manner that causes the least harm to the fish. For example, a species or size of fish for which the limit is zero or any fish caught after you have already retained your limit of that fish species.

Summary of Saskatchewan fishing regulations

Sport fishing in Saskatchewan is regulated by *The Fisheries Regulations* that are made pursuant to *The Fisheries (Saskatchewan) Act, 2020*. Below is a summary of the major regulations, which apply to all provincial Crown waters and roadways in Saskatchewan (excluding federal waters (e.g. Prince Albert National Park)) and must be complied with at all times. It is the angler's responsibility to be aware of and comply with any other local, provincial or federal regulations regarding access to waterbodies, watercraft operation and other activities associated with angling. Complete copies of the Act and Regulations may be obtained from Publications Saskatchewan at publications.saskatchewan.ca or by calling 1-800-226-7302.

General prohibitions

It is unlawful to:

- Angle without possessing a valid Saskatchewan angling licence, unless the angler is under 16 years of age, a Saskatchewan resident senior or an individual with a recognized Treaty or Aboriginal right to fish for food in Saskatchewan.
- Fail to produce a licence upon the request of an officer (digital or paper).
- Fish on the Saskatchewan portion of boundary waters without a valid Saskatchewan angling licence, unless otherwise specified.
- Fail to stop a vehicle or watercraft (boat, canoe, kayak, dinghy or any other water-based vessel) when requested by an officer.
- Fail to stop and submit to an inspection station when transporting watercraft.
- Assist or fish with individuals who are fishing for food pursuant to their Treaty or Aboriginal rights. This does not apply if:
 - The rights-bearing person(s) does not exceed the maximum number or size of fish permitted by angling under these regulations; or
 - The accompanying person has a recognized Treaty or Aboriginal right to fish for food in Saskatchewan; or
- The accompanying person is a member of their immediate family (immediate family members include the individual's father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, child, spouse or common-law spouse).
- Possess fish taken for food by an individual under their Treaty or Aboriginal fishing rights, unless you are a member of their immediate family or have a Treaty or Aboriginal right to fish for food in Saskatchewan.
- Fish in closed waters or during a closed season.
- Take more fish than the limit specifies (limit includes fish stored or eaten for shore lunch).
- Take more than the Saskatchewan limit of fish on boundary waters with Alberta, Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and Prince Albert National Park, unless otherwise specified.
- Transport fish taken by angling that are skinless, cut or packaged so that the species, number and length cannot be determined.
- Sell, waste or barter fish taken by angling.
- Fish with more than one line in open waters.
- Be more than 25 metres (27.3 yards) from your fishing line.
- Be in any place where your fishing line is not visible at all times.

- Use more than four hooks on one line (a lure with a gang of hooks is considered one hook).
- Possess or use any spring-loaded gaff or spring-loaded hook.
- Use a dipnet to take fish, except to land fish taken by angling.
- Collect crayfish for any purpose, including consumption.
- Use lights, firearms, chemicals, electric shockers or explosives to catch or kill fish. Only a light that is part of a lure attached to a line used in angling may be used to attract fish.
- Take fish by snaring or snagging.
- Grapple or use only your hands to take or attempt to take fish.
- Use fish traps or nets to take fish, unless specifically licensed to do so.
- Tamper with or take fish from a net, trap or holding device without the owner's permission.
- Fish within 100 metres (109 yards) of any net, trap or fish-holding device.
- Fish in any manner within 23 metres (25 yards) downstream from the lower entrance to any fishway, obstruction or leap.
- Import into Saskatchewan or transport within Saskatchewan any live fish or live fish eggs.
- Transport watercraft on a highway if it has a blocked drainage hole in the lower hull or bilge.
- Live leeches may not be imported into Saskatchewan. Only leeches originating within Saskatchewan may be used as live bait. Canadian and non-resident anglers must provide proof (upon request) that their live bait was purchased in Saskatchewan.
- Frogs, salamanders and crayfish may not be used as bait.
- The non-edible parts of a fish legally taken by angling (such as the eye, belly skin or internal organs) can be used as bait. The fish from which the parts were taken must be dead and included in your limit.
- A plant protection import permit from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is required to import night crawlers into Canada. For more information, email cfia.ias-eee.acia@canada.ca.

Ice fishing

- Two lines may be used when ice fishing, but they must be within sight and 25 metres (27.3 yards) of the person who set or is using them.
- Only gaffs with a J-hook end may be used to land fish while ice fishing, and the gaffs cannot be more than 1.5 metres (1.6 yards) long. Use or possession of a spear on ice-covered waters is prohibited.
- Ice fishing shelters south of Highway 16 must be removed from the ice no later than March 15. Ice fishing shelters north of Highway 16 must be removed no later than March 31.
- Storing or leaving ice fishing shelters on public land, or on private land without the landowner's consent, is prohibited.
- Ice fishing shelters left unattended on the ice must have the owner's full name, address and phone number in legible letters at least 2.5 centimetres (one inch) high on the outside of the shack.

Fishing with bait

- Live fish may not be used as bait. Only baitfish that are dead and have been commercially frozen or preserved may be used.
- All frozen fish to be used as bait in Saskatchewan (including smelt) that originate from Ontario, Quebec, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania or Wisconsin require proof that the fish are certified-free of viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS).

Bow fishing

- Bow fishing season is open all year.
- A valid Saskatchewan angling licence is required.
- Bow fishing is permitted for carp and suckers only – the taking of game fish and bigmouth buffalo by bow and arrow is prohibited.
- No fish taken by bow fishing may be released or wasted. The unauthorized disposal of fish taken by bow fishing is prohibited on public or private land.
- Fish arrows must be attached to the bow or archer with a line strong enough to retrieve impaled fish.

Underwater spear fishing

- Anyone possessing a valid Saskatchewan angling licence may spear fish in Saskatchewan waters.
- Species limits are the same as those for hook and line angling.
- No fish taken by spear fishing may be released.
- Pneumatic guns may be used for spear fishing in Saskatchewan.
- No fish may be taken by underwater spear fishing unless the diver is submerged or swimming in the water.
- Spears shall be secured to the gun or the diver by a line not exceeding five metres (5.5 yards) and of sufficient strength to withstand the operating tension of the spear gun.
- The use of explosive charges or any gas, other than air, as a spear gun propellant are not permitted.
- All underwater spear fishers must display a scuba diver's flag while fishing.
- No underwater spear fishing is allowed within 100 metres (109 yards) of a buoyed swimming area.

Don't transfer live fish – it's the law

Transferring and introducing live fish into Saskatchewan waters is prohibited and can result in significant impacts to our fisheries. If you suspect anyone of transferring or introducing live fish into provincial waters, please contact the Turn in Poachers and Polluters (TIPP) line at 1-800-667-7561 or visit saskatchewan.ca/TIPP.

Have a question?

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Management zones and special regulations

Saskatchewan is divided into three management zones for angling regulation. A number-letter combination after the water's name corresponds to the map location on the zone page. All lakes intersected by zone borders fall into the zone immediately north of that border.

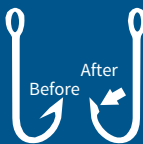
The waterbodies listed in the following tables have special, individual regulations that further restrict angler use. These special regulations are specific for each listed waterbody and must be complied with when fishing those waters. **New regulations for a specific waterbody have the waterbody's name in red along with an asterisk (*).**

Catch-and-release (CR) waters

Zone	Species	Limit	Information	
CR1	Arctic grayling	1		
	Lake trout	2	only one may exceed 65 cm	
	Northern pike	3	only one may exceed 75 cm	
	Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye	2	only one may exceed 55 cm	
	For all other fish species limits, see pages 6 and 11 to 28.			
CR2	Arctic grayling	1	which cannot exceed 35 cm	
	Lake trout	2	none may exceed 65 cm	
	Northern pike	3	none may exceed 75 cm	
	Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye	2	none may exceed 55 cm	
	For all other fish species limits, see pages 6 and 11 to 28.			
CR3	Limit of one fish only per day, which can be either an:			
	Arctic grayling	1	which cannot exceed 35 cm	
	or	Lake trout	1	which cannot exceed 65 cm
	or	Northern pike	1	which cannot exceed 75 cm
	or	Walleye/Sauger/Saugeye	1	which cannot exceed 55 cm
	For all other fish species limits, see pages 5 and 10 to 27.			

Barbless hooks are mandatory

Barbless hooks are required on all catch-and-release (CR) waters in Saskatchewan, as well as Lake of the Prairies, Athapuskow and Tobin lakes.



Southern zone - special regulations



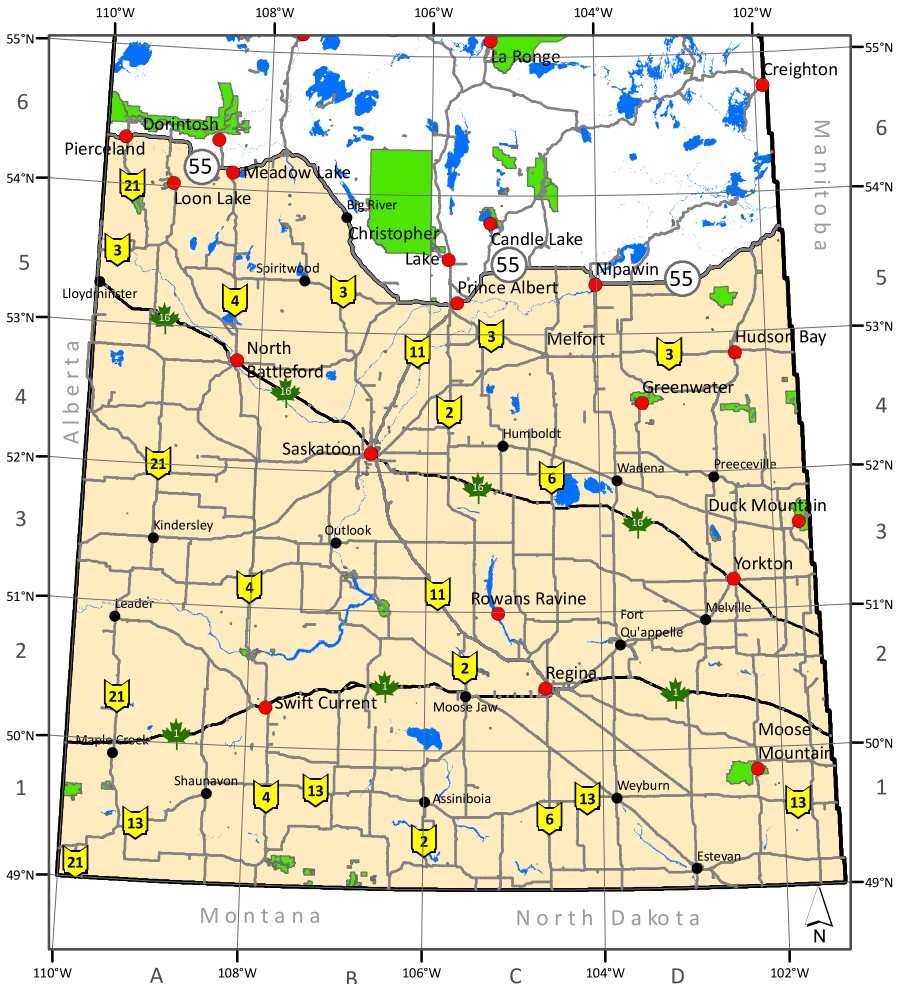
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See page 9 for catch-and-release (CR) water species limits.

Contact your local Government of Saskatchewan field office

or the Inquiry Centre at centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca for clarification of all regulations.



Legend

Compliance Area Office

- Area Office with Front Counter Service
- Area Office



Fishing Zone



Provincial/Federal Park



Lakes and Rivers



Major Highway



Primary Highway


0 37.5 75

150 225

300

Kilometers

 Indicates CR water


 Indicates stocked trout water - open all year

Please note: all dates are inclusive.

Water	Map	Special regulation	Water	Map	Special regulation
Assiniboia Reservoir	C1	Perch limit 10	Buffalo Pound Lake	2C	Perch limit 10
Battle Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm	Calf Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm
Bauman Reservoir	2B	Stocked trout; open all year	Caton Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm
Bear Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm	Chitek Lake	5B	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm; Indian Bay closed to all fishing all year
Belanger Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm	Chris Johnson Lake (Miracle)	3D	Pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm; perch limit 10
Bell Pond	4A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year	Coal Pit - SPC - C	1D	Stocked trout; closed April 1 to May 4
Big Jumbo Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Condie Reservoir	2C	Perch limit 10
Biggar Pond	4B	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year	Conglomerate Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm
Bill's Lake	4D	Stocked trout; open all year	Constance Lake	5B	Stocked trout limit 3; closed April 1 to May 4
Blackstrap Reservoir	3B	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm; perch limit 10; whitefish limit 4; burbot limit 4; central causeway and 100 m on either side closed to angling all year	Cowan River	6B	River section between Cowan Dam and Highway 55 centerline closed to angling April 1 to May 14
Boiler Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm	*Cutarm Reservoir	2D	Closed March 16 to May 4. Ice fishing shelters must be removed by March 1
Bone Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm	Cutknife Pond	4A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Bradwell Reservoir	3B	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm; perch limit 10	David Laird Pond	4A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Brightwater Creek	3B	Creek upstream from the west boundary of Sec. 21, Twp. 30, Rge. 4 closed to angling March 1 to May 14	Deer Lake	5B	Stocked trout; open all year
Brightwater Reservoir	3B	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm; perch limit 10	Dellwood Reservoir	3C	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm; perch limit 10
Broderick Reservoir	3B	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm; perch limit 10	Denzil Pond	4A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Buffalo Pound Pond	2C	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year	Dr. Mainprize Pond	1D	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			Eagle Creek Pond	4B	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			Exner Lake	6A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm; open all year
			Fishing Lake	3D	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm

New regulations for a specific waterbody marked in red with an asterisk (*).

 Indicates CR water

 Indicates stocked trout water - open all year

Please note: all dates are inclusive.

Water	Map	Special regulation	Water	Map	Special regulation
Five Mile Dam	2A	Stocked trout limit 2, only 1 over 43 cm; open all year	Last Mountain Lake	3C	Big Arm Bay and its tributaries lying west of 105°18'9" and Last Mountain Creek between main PFRA control structure and Last Mountain Lake, and Lewis Creek west of 105°17'20", closed to angling March 1 to May 14
Fairwell Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm			
Frenchman River	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm			
Greenwater Lake	4D	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm			
Harley Pond	1D	49°4' 102°47'; closed to angling all year			
Hay Meadow Creek	1C	Stocked trout limit 2			
Hudson Bay Pond	4D	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year	Lisieux Pond	1C	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Iroquois Lake	5B	Whitefish limit 4	Little Fishing Lake	5A	Whitefish limit 4
Kerrobert Reservoir	3A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year	Little Jumbo Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Kipling Reservoir	2D	Stocked trout; open all year	Lloydminster Pond	5A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Lady Lake	4D	Stocked trout; open all year	*Loch Leven	1A	Stocked trout limit 2, only 1 over 43 cm; open all year; southern 150 m of lake closed to angling April 1 to May 31 and October 1 to November 30
Lake Diefenbaker	3B	Irrigation bay of Coteau Bay closed to angling March 1 to May 14			
Lake Diefenbaker Tailwaters	3B	Stocked trout limit 1 on river section between Gardiner Dam and Enbridge pipeline crossing at 51°21' 106°59'			
Lake of the Prairies	3D	Lake upstream from the Shellmouth Dam, including the Assiniboine River to 1.6 km south of Highway 357: walleye /sauger limit 4 (combined), none may exceed 45 cm; pike limit 4, none may exceed 75 cm; perch limit 25 (sizes are total length without tail pinched); mandatory barbless hooks. Manitoba or Saskatchewan licence is valid on lake; season opens on the Saskatchewan part of the lake May 9	Lower Makwa Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
			Luseland Pond	4A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			Macklin Borrow Pit	4A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			Macklin Pond	4A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			Madge Lake	3D	Walleye limit 4, only 1 over 55 cm and none may be 38 cm or less
			Maidstone Pond	5A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			Mantario Pond	3A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			Marean Lake	4D	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm
			Melfort Pond	4C	Stocked trout limit 2; closed April 1 to May 4

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Water	Map	Special regulation	Water	Map	Special regulation
Melville Reservoir	2D	Perch limit 10	Round Lake	5A	Stocked trout; closed April 1 to May 4
Ministikwan	5A	Walleye limit 2; only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only one over 75 cm; whitefish limit 4; waters around Bear Island closed to angling April 1 to June 30	Saskatoon Trout Pond	4B	Stocked trout limit 1
			Scott Reservoir	4A	Stocked trout; open all year
Moose Mountain Creek	1D	Creek from Moose Mountain Lake to #361 grid road bridge closed to angling April 1 to May 14	Shuard Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm
			Steep Creek Pond	5C	Stocked trout; open all year
Moosomin Reservoir	2D	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm; perch limit 10	Steistol Lake	4D	Stocked trout; open all year
			Sucker Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm
Nesland Lake	5B	Stocked trout limit 3; closed April 1 to May 4	Suffern Lake	4A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm; open all year
Olson Lake	5B	Stocked trout; open all year	Swift Current Pond	2B	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Oscar Creek	4B	Stocked trout limit 2	Swift Current Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm
Peck Lake	5A	Whitefish limit 4; Southwest Bay closed to angling December 15 to January 15	Tisdale Borrow Pit	4D	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			Tisdale Trout Pond	4C	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Picnic Lake	5A	Stocked trout; closed April 1 to May 4	Upper Makwa Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Pine Cree Creek	1A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm	Waldheim Pond*	4B	Stocked trout; closed November 1 to May 5
Poplar Ridge Lake	5B	Stocked trout; open all year	White Bear Reservoir	2A	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Rafferty Reservoir (McDonald Lake)	1D	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm; perch limit 10	Wilson Lake	3D	Stocked trout; closed April 1 to May 4
Redberry Pond	4B	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year	Wynard Reservoir	3C	Stocked trout; open all year
Reid Lake	2A	Perch limit 10; Reid Lake and its tributaries and Swift Current Creek upstream to Highway 37 closed to angling March 15 to May 4	Yonker Lake	4A	Stocked trout; open all year
			Zelma Reservoir	3C	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm; perch limit 10

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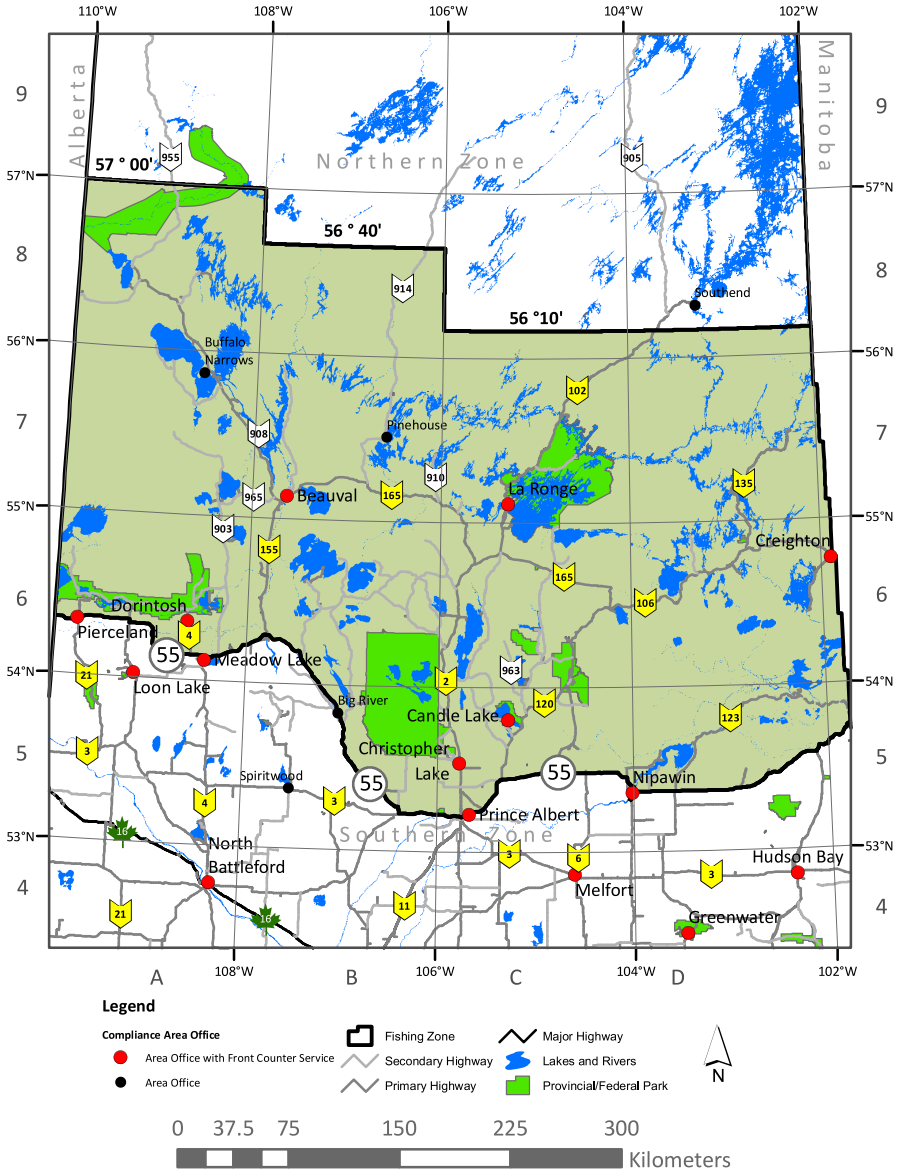
Central zone - special regulations



2026-27 season dates: May 15, 2026 to March 31, 2027

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Amisk Lake	6D	See Sturgeon Weir River	Ballantyne River	6D	and 1 km east of the river mouth and then south to the shore closed to all fishing March 1 to June 15
Atchison Lake	6A	Stocked trout; open all year	<i>(continued)</i>		
Athapapuskow Lake	6D	Walleye/sauger limit 4 (combined), none may exceed 55 cm; pike limit 4, none may exceed 75 cm; lake trout limit 1, none may exceed 65 cm; Saskatchewan or Manitoba angling licence is valid on the Saskatchewan part of the lake; mandatory barbless hooks	Baptiste Lake	8B	(56°11' 106°25') CR3 limits
Attree Lake	6D	See Sturgeon Weir River	Barker Lake (includes Devil, McNichol, Otter)	7C	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm
Bad Carrot Lake	6D	Bad Carrot Lake and River and part of Bertrum Bay of Hanson Lake within 1 km of Bad Carrot River mouth closed to angling March 1 to May 31	Beatty Lake	6B	Stocked trout; open all year
Ballantyne Bay	6D	All waters of Ballantyne Bay of Deschambault Lake lying south of a straight line joining a jut of land on the east shore of the bay at 54°34'24" 103°33'43" to the most southeast point on Williams Island and a point of land on the west shore of the bay at 54°34'24" 103°37'4" closed to all fishing March 1 to June 15	Berna Lake	7C	Stocked trout; open all year
Ballantyne River	6D	River and part of Ballantyne Bay of Deschambault Lake extending approximately 1.5 km north... <i>(cont)</i>	Besnard Lake	7B	200 m on each side of the narrows bridge and all of Mercer Bay closed to angling all year
			Big Sandy Lake	6C	Walleye limit 1
			Bittern Lake	5C	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
			Blair Lake	8C	(56°08' 104°26') CR1 limits
			Broad Creek	6A	See Keeley Lake
			Burtlein Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year
			Caddis Lake	6C	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm; open all year
			Camp Ten Lake	6B	Stocked trout; open all year
			Candle Lake	5C	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 50 cm (see Fisher creek)
			Canoe Lake	7A	Walleye limit 1; closed to angling March 1 to May 14, except Jans Bay, Wepooskow Bay and Narrows are closed to all fishing all year
			Caribou Creek	6C	From Upper to Lower Fishing Lake closed to angling April 1 to May 31

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Carl Creek	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Devil Lake (includes Barker, McNichol, Otter)	7C	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm
Chachukew Lake	7D	Medicine Rapids closed to all fishing March 1 to May 31	Diamond Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year
Chopper Lake	6C	Closed to all fishing all year	Dillon River	7A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Churchill Lake	7A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Dingwall Lake	7C	(55°29' 104°36') CR3 limits
Churchill River	7C	See Barker, Devil, McNichol and Otter Lakes – aggregate limit	Dog Lake	6B	Stocked trout; open all year
Cold Lake (including Cold River between Cold Lake and Pierce Lake)	6A	Walleye limit 3, none may be less than 50 cm; pike limit 1, which must be over 63 cm; lake trout limit 1, which must be between 65 – 70 cm; lake trout limit 0 from September 15 to November 15; whitefish limit 10; perch limit 15; use or possession of any gaff prohibited; Saskatchewan or Alberta angling licences are valid	Dore Lake	6B	Walleye limit 1, which must be 55 cm or greater; all waters of Bazill Bay (54°42' 107°32') lying south of a straight line joining a point of land on the west bank of Bazill Bay at 54°44'32" 107°33'10" to the northern tip of Smith Island in Bazill Bay and the northern tip of a point of land on the east bank of Bazill Bay at 54°43'42" 107°27'14" closed to angling all year
Cora Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year	Dorothy Lake	6C	Stocked trout; closed April 1 to May 14
Corneille Lake	6D	Carter Bay west of 102°41'21" closed to all fishing March 1 to May 31	Douglas Lake	6D	No boats allowed
Cub Creek	6C	From Dupueis Lake to Little Bear Lake closed to angling April 1 to May 31	Downton Lake	7C	Stocked trout; open all year
De Balinhard Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Dunajski Lake	7C	(55°00' 104°37') CR3 limits
Delaronde Lake	6B	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	East Trout Lake	6C	Lake trout limit 2, only 1 over 65 cm; lake trout limit 0 from September 10 to November 10; pike limit 4, only 1 over 75 cm
Deschambault Lake	6D	See Ballantyne Bay, Ballantyne, Oskikebuk Puskwakau rivers and Fisher and Palf creeks	Easterby Lake	7C	(55°34' 105°28') CR3 limits
			Eldridge Lake	7D	(55°12' 103°57') CR1 limits

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Emerald Pond	6C	Stocked trout limit 2; closed April 1 to May 14	Head Lake (including Nemeiben Lake)	7C	(55°16' 105°34') CR1 limits. Limit is inclusive of fish caught on both lakes
Emmeline Lake	7B	(55°00' 106°22') CR3 limits	Hildred Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Eyahpaise Lake	7D	(55°35' 105°35') CR3 limits	Hirtz Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Feldspar Lake	7C	Stocked trout; open all year	Houlding Lake	7C	(55°04' 104°04') CR3 limits
Fern Lake	6A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm; open all year	Humphrey Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Fifth Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Iskwatam Lake	7D	Southwest bay of Iskwatam Lake at 55°33'30" 103°08'30", including small river entering from Pow Lake, closed to all fishing March 1 to May 31
First Mustus Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Iskwatikan Lake	7C	CR1 limits
Fisher Creek	5C	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 50 cm; creek and part of Candle Lake near creek mouth closed to angling March 15 to May 14	Jackson Lake	7C	(55°28' 105°38') CR3 limits
Fisher Creek	6D	Creek and all of Fisher Bay east of 103°29' on Deschambault Lake closed to all fishing March 1 to June 15	Jade Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year
Flotten Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Jan Lake	6D	Unnamed long narrow bay on the northeast shore of the main part of Jan Lake, northeast of Busteed Island, at 54°58' 102°52'45" closed to all fishing March 1 to May 31; Brock Bay and water surrounding Harper Island from point west of Harper Island at 54°52'51" 103°0'46" to the northern most tip of Harper Island at 54°53'1" 103°0'12" to the point southeast of Harper Island at 54°52'4" 102°59'29" closed to angling March 1 to June 15
Flotten River	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm			
Fourth Mustus Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm			
Frobisher Lake	8A	Including Simonds Channel, Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm			
George Lake	8B	(56°14' 106°20') CR1 limits			
Gordon Lake	7B	(55°50' 106°28') CR2 limits			
Greig Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Jean Lake	8B	(56°11' 106°28') CR3 limits
Gross Lake	7C	(55°29' 104°36') CR3 limits	Jeannette Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Hackett Lake	6B	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Jet Lake	6B	Stocked trout; open all year
Hanson Lake	6D	See Bad Carrot Lake			

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Johannsen Lake	7D	(55°38' 103°47') CR3 limits	Matheson Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Johnston Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	McCall Lake	7D	(55°09' 102°23') CR3 limits
Junction Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year	McCulloch Lake	7D	(55°34' 103°41') CR3 limits
Keeley Lake (including Broad Creek to Hwy 903)	6A	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm	McCusker River	7A	Closed to all fishing March 1 to June 30
Keeley River	7A	Between Jans Bay of Canoe Lake and 55°N closed to all fishing all year	McEwen Lake	8C	(56°09' 104°51') CR1 limits
Kimball Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	McNichol Lake (includes Barker, Devil, Otter)	7C	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm
Kit Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year	McRobbie Lake	6E	Stocked trout; open all year
Konuto Lake	6D	CR1 limits; closed to all fishing April 1 to June 30	Mekawap Lake	7C	Stocked trout; open all year
Lac des Iles	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Meadow Lake Provincial Park	6A	Reduced walleye / lake trout limits; see tables for specific waters
Lac la Ronge	7C	CR1 limits; mandatory barbless hooks; see Montreal / Potato rivers	Mercer River	7B	Mercer Lake to Besnard Lake including Mercer Bay of Besnard Lake closed to angling all year
Lac Ile a la Crosse	7B	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Merritt Lake	6D	See Oskikebuk River
Land Lake	7C	(55°25' 104°42') CR3 limits	Mid Lake	6D	Stocked trout; open all year
Lepine Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Mistohay Creek	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Lepp Lake	7D	(55°13' 103°58') CR1 limits	Mistohay Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Lewis Lake	8C	(56°09' 104°55') CR3 limits	Mitchell Lake	7C	(55°04' 104°21') CR3 limits
Little Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Moise Lake	7D	Stocked trout; open all year
Little Bear Lake	6C	Lake trout limit 2, only 1 over 65 cm; lake trout limit 0 from September 10 to November 10	Montreal Lake	6C	Walleye limit 1
Little Raspberry Lake	6A	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm; open all year	Montreal River	7C	Highway 2 bridge centerline to Lac la Ronge and part of Lac la Ronge closed to angling all year
Lussier Lake	7C	Stocked trout; open all year	Mountain Lake	7C	See Twin Falls
Mackie Lake	5C	Stocked trout; open all year	Mullock Lake	7C	Stocked trout; open all year
			Musker Pond	5C	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year

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Muskike Lake	7D	Closed to all fishing March 1 to May 31	Palf Creek	6D	Creek and Hidden Bay of Deschambault Lake extending 1 km south and 2 km west of narrows closed to all fishing March 1 to June 15
Negan Lake	7D	Stocked trout; open all year			
Nemeiben Creek (River)	7C	(55°18.2' 105°12.2') CR1 limits	Park Lake	7D	(55°07' 103°49') CR3 limits
Nemeiben Lake (including Head Lake)	7C	CR1 limits. Limit is inclusive of fish caught on both lakes	Paull Lake	8C	(56°08' 104°48') CR3 limits
Nesootao Lake (Twin)	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Pear Lake	5C	Stocked trout; open all year
Nipawin Lake	5C	Stocked trout limit 3, only 1 over 43 cm; open all year	Peitahigan Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Nipekamew Lake	6C	Pike limit 4, only 1 over 75 cm	Peltier Lake	7D	(55°34' 105°04') CR3 limits
Nisbet Pond	5C	Stocked trout limit 2; open all year	Peter Pond Lake (Big and Little)	7A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm; narrows from Fleury Point to Sandy Point, including Vee Bay, Kisis Channel from Peter Pond Lake to Churchill Lake and southern part of Peter Pond Lake adjacent to Niska Channel closed to all fishing March 1 to June 30
Niska Lake & Channel	7A	Closed to all fishing March 1 to June 30	Pierce Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm; lake trout limit 1, which must be between 65 – 70 cm
Nistum Lake	6D	Stocked trout; open all year	Pilling Lake	7D	(55°36' 103°44') CR3 limits
Niven Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Pine Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year
Nunn Lake	7C	(55°16' 105°34') CR1 limits	Pinehouse Lake	7B	All waters of an unnamed bay lying south of a straight line from a point of land at 55°21'28" 106°44'05" to the northwest point of an island at 55°21'10" 106°42'00" and from the southern tip of that island to a point of land at 55°20'24"...(<i>next page</i>)
Opal Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year			
Oskikebuk River	6D	From south bay of Oskikebuk Lake to narrows in west arm of Deschambault Lake at 103°42', including Merritt Lake, closed to all fishing March 1 to June 15			
Otter Creek	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm			
Otter Lake (includes Barker, Devil, McNichol)	7C	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm; pike limit 3, only 1 over 75 cm; Rattler Bay of Otter Lake and Stewart River south of Ducker Lake closed to angling April 1 to June 15			

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Pinehouse Lake <i>(continued)</i>	7B	including the Massinahigan River from Pinehouse Lake to 1 km west of the Highway 914 bridge and the Tippo River from the confluence of the Massinahigan River to 55°18'50" 106°43'40" closed to angling April 1 to May 31	Rush Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
			Rusty Creek	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
			Rusty Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
			Sapphire Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year
			Sand Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year
			Sandy Lake	7B	Stocked trout; open all year
Piprell Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year	Sealey Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year
Pointer Lake	7D	(55°38' 103°45') CR3 limits	Second Mustus Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Potato Lake	6C	Including Lower Potato Lake, closed to angling April 1 to May 31	Sedge Lake	6B	Stocked trout; open all year
			Sergent Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Potato River	7C	All waters of the Potato River closed to angling April 1 to May 31, except river section east of 105°15'50" and part of Lac La Ronge within 1 km of river mouth closed to angling all year	Shannon Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year
			Shirley Lake	6B	Stocked trout; open all year
			Singh Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year
			Smoothstone Lake	6B	Walleye limit 1
Pow Lake	7D	Closed to all fishing March 1 to May 31	Smoothstone River	7B	River section from 55°18'30" 106°37'30" to Pinehouse Lake and part of Pinehouse Lake within a 2 km radius of the Smoothstone River mouth closed to angling April 1 to June 20
Primrose Lake	6A	Closed to angling all year			
Propp Lake	7C	(55°42' 104°09') CR3 limits	Snell Lake	6B	Stocked trout; open all year
Puskwakau River	6D	All waters of the Puskwakau River closed to all fishing March 1 to June 15 (see Ballantyne Bay)	Stanley Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
			Stapleford Lake	7C	(55°31' 105°08') CR3 limits
Ranger Lake	5C	Stocked trout; open all year	Stewart Lake	7C	(55°34' 105°33') CR3 limits
Redmond Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Stewart River	7C	See Otter Lake
Ridge Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year	Stratton Lake	7C	(55°31' 105°05') CR3 limits
Road Lake	6C	Stocked trout; open all year	Sturgeon Weir River	6D	South of Highway 106,(next page)
Round Lake (53°20' 106°02')	5B	Perch limit 25, only 10 may exceed 25 cm			

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Sturgeon Weir River <i>(continued)</i>	6D	including Attree Lake and part of Amisk Lake near river mouth, closed to angling October 1 to May 31	Unnamed Lake (Luttge)	7C	(55°32' 105°30') CR3 limits.
			Unnamed Lake (Leuzinger)	7C	(55°32' 105°30') CR3 limits
Swanson Lake	8B	(56°10' 106°20') CR3 limits	Unnamed Lake (Nice)	6A	(54°33' 108°35') walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Tatukose Creek	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm			
Ted's Lake	6B	Stocked trout; open all year	Unnamed Lake (Two Williams)	7C	(55°28' 105°13') CR3 limits
Terra Lake	6B	Stocked trout; open all year			
Third Mustus Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Unnamed Lake (Vermont)	7C	(55°27' 105°32') CR3 limits
Tobin Lake	5D	E.B. Campbell Dam to Francois Finley Dam, including the Petaigan River: walleye/sauger limit 3 (combined), only 1 over 86 cm, none may be between 55-86 cm; pike limit 4, only 1 over 115 cm, none may be between 75-115 cm; mandatory barbless hooks; closed to angling April 1 to May 14	Unnamed Lake (Wildgoose)	6C	(55°29' 105°25') CR3 limits
			Unnamed Lake (Wood Duck)	6C	(55°30' 105°28') CR3 limits
			Unnamed Lake (Woody)	6C	(55°25' 105°28') CR3 limits
			Unnamed Lake	6A	(54°27' 108°35') walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
			Unnamed Lake	6A	(54°28' 108°39') walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Torch Lake	5C	Walleye limit 3; only 1 over 50 cm; closed to angling April 1 to June 15			
Turvey Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm	Unnamed Lake	7D	(55°08' 102°23') CR3 limits
Twin Falls	7C	From the westerly tip of the island upstream and the bay located downstream of Twin Falls to the southwest tip of Eyinew Island, including Early Bay, closed to angling April 1 to June 15	Unnamed Lake	7D	(55°10' 102°21') CR3 limits
			Unnamed Lake	7D	(55°13'54" 103°03'48") closed to angling April 1 to May 31
			Unnamed Lake	7D	(55°13'57" 103°04'03") closed to angling April 1 to May 31
			Unnamed Lake	7D	(55°19'30" 102°35') CR3 limits
Unnamed Lake (Eva)	7C	(55°31' 105°31') CR3 limits	Unnamed Lake	7C	(55°46' 105°26') CR3 limits
Unnamed Lake (Heika)	7C	(55°32' 105°29') CR3 limits	Unnamed Lake	7C	(55°46' 105°34') CR3 limits

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Unnamed Lake	7B	(56°11' 106°21') CR3 limits	Waterhen Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
Vivian Lake	6A	Stocked trout; open all year	Waterhen River	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm; lake trout limit 2, only 1 over 65 cm
Wapawekka Lake	6C	Walleye limit 2, only 1 over 55 cm, all creeks and associated lakes flowing into Horn Bay (54°55' 104°07') of Wapawekka Lake and Horn Bay from 54°55'26" east to the western tip of an island at 54°55'27" 104°7'13" and from the eastern tip of that island south to the mainland at 54°55'17" 104°06'56" and the creek that flows into Radar Bay (54°56' 104°24') of Wapawekka Lake and the portion of Radar Bay east of 104°20'25" closed to angling March 1 to June 15	Wells Lake	7C	(55°33' 105°37') CR3 limits
			Weyakwin Lake	6C	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
			Whiteswan Lakes	6C	Lake trout limit 1; Whelan Bay closed to angling September 10 to November 10
			Wood Lake	7D	Including Grassy Narrows closed to all fishing March 1 to May 31
			Wye Lake	6A	Walleye limit 3, only 1 over 55 cm
			Wykes Lake	7D	(55°32' 103°33') CR3 limits
			Zander Lake	8A	(56°39' 108°05') CR3 limits

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Ice thickness guidelines

Any activity on ice comes with a risk. Test the ice thickness and follow these guidelines to determine if it is safe to proceed.



4" (10 cm)

one person



8" (20 cm)

snowmobile



12" (30 cm)

automobile
(approx. 2000 kg)

12"+ (>30 cm)

heavy truck

Please remember these are guidelines only. Ice conditions often change rapidly and can present serious safety risks. Visit saskatchewan.ca/fishing for more information on ice safety.

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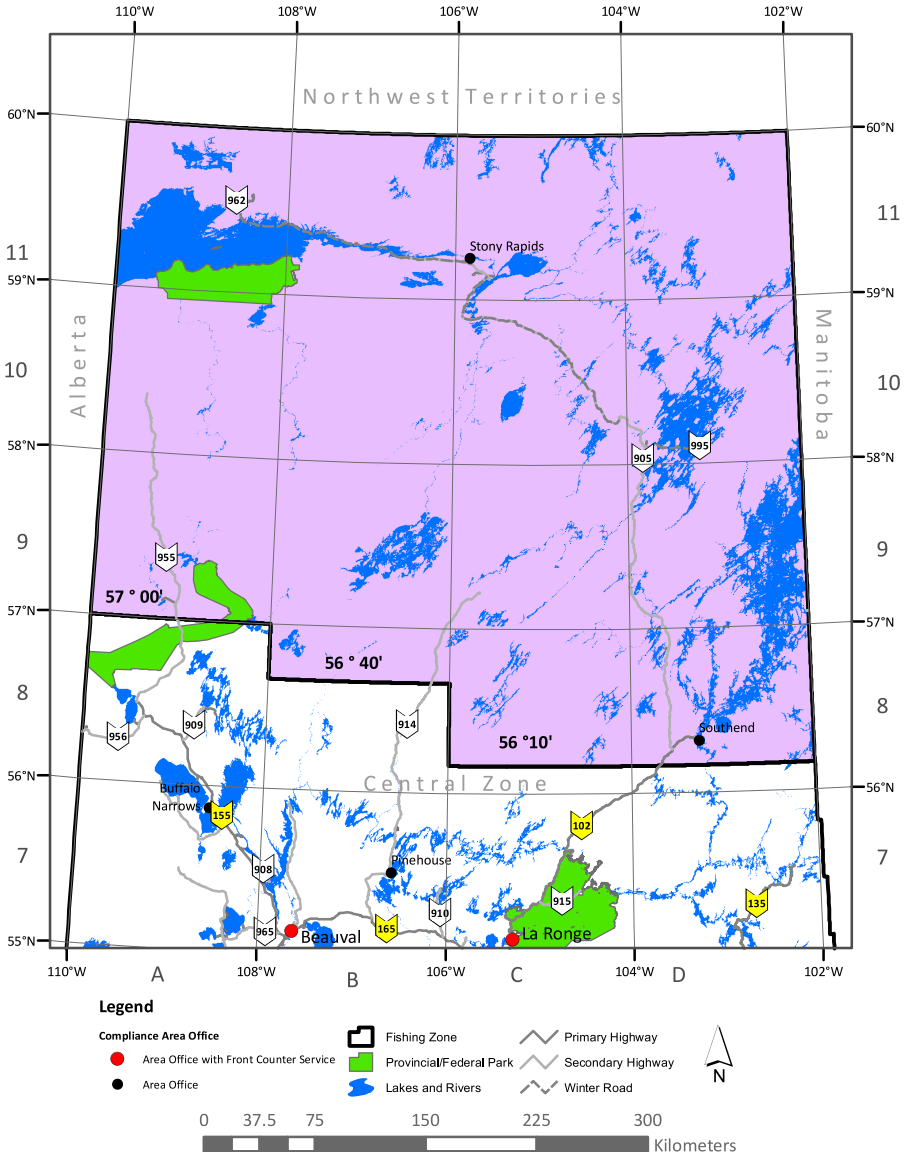
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Ahenakew Lake	10D	(58°02' 103°55') CR3 limits	Cree River	10C	CR1 limits from Giles Lake to Wapata Lake
Alces Lake	11A	(59°41' 108°21') CR3 limits	(58°57' 105°47')		
Amber Lake	9A	Stocked trout; open all year	Crooked Lake	10D	(58°43' 103°56') Cr3 limits
Anderson Lake	8C	(56°32' 105°22') CR3 limits	Dodge Lake	11C	(59°50' 105°36') CR3 limits
Babiche Lake	10D	(58°56' 103°34') CR3 limits	Dube Lake	10C	(58°35' 105°04') Cr3 limits
Bannock Lake	10D	(58°51' 102°42') CR3 limits	Duncan Lake	9C	CR1 limits on Duncan Lake at the junction of the Geikie and Wheeler Rivers
Bentley Lake	10D	(58°51' 103°22') CR3 limits	(57°34' 104°15')		
Bird Lake	9C	(57°52' 104°21') CR3 limits	Dunnet Lake	9D	(57°28' 103°32') CR3 limits
Boland Lake	9D	(57°52' 103°50') CR1 limits	Durrant Lake	10C	(58°34' 104°25') CR3 limits
Brakewell Lake	9D	(57°30' 103°43') CR3 limits	Ed's Lake	9A	Stocked trout; open all year
Briggs Lake	9C	(57°53' 104°38') CR3 limits	Engler Lake	11B	(59°08' 106°52') CR2 limits
Cairns Lake	9D	(57°39' 103°19') CR3 limits	Eynard Lake	11C	(59°58' 105°47') CR3 limits
Carlson Creek	9C	CR3 limits from 57°47'15" 104°47' to 57°52' 104°48'	Fond du Lac River	10D	CR1 limits from Wollaston Lake to the south end of Redwillow Rapids at 58°31' 103°34'; CR3 limits from Kosdaw Lake to Crooked Lake
(57°47' 104°47')			(59°17' 106°00')		
Causier Lake	9D	(57°31' 103°49') CR3 limits	Fontaine Lake	11B	(59°42' 106°27') CR2 limits
Charcoal Lake	10D	(58°49' 102°22') CR3 limits	Fontaine Lake	9A	Stocked trout; open all year
Charles Lake	9D	(57°23' 103°36') CR3 limits	Forsyth Lake	10C	(58°37' 104°42') CR3 limits
Cochrane River	10D	CR1 limits from Wollaston Lake to Bigstone Rapids at 58°49' 102°45'	Geikie River	9C	CR1 limits from Wollaston Lake to the north end of Duncan Lake at 57°33' 104°12'
(58°45' 103°00')			(57°18' 104°40')		
Collins Creek	10D	CR1 limits from Kewen Lake to Wollaston Lake	Ghana Lake	8D	(56°40' 103°28') CR3 limits
(58°10' 103°45')			Gillespie Lake	9D	(57°06' 103°28') CR3 limits
Compulsion River	9D	CR1 limits from Wollaston Lake to point on river at 57°33' 103°37'	Gow Lake	8C	(56°28' 104°29') CR1 limits
(57°40' 103°24')			Grandin Lake	11C	(59°46' 105°58') CR3 limits
Conacher Lake	9D	(57°20' 103°01') CR2 limits			
Corson Lake	10D	(58°44' 103°45') CR3 limits			
Costigan Lake	8B	(56°11' 106°21') CR2 limits			
Crampean Lake	10D	(58°15' 102°54') CR3 limits			

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Granger Lake	10C	(58°33' 105°12') CR2 limits	Kirkpatrick Lake	9C	(57°54' 104°39') CR3 limits
Grayson Lake	8C	(56°17' 104°37') CR1 limits	Kirsch Lake	9C	(57°56' 105°16') CR1 limits
Hannah Lake	11D	(59°06' 102°34') CR3 limits	Klemmer Lake	10D	(58°21' 102°45') CR3 limits
Haresign Lake	8C	(56°52' 105°56') CR2 limits	Kosdaw Lake	10C	(58°55' 104°01') CR3 limits
Hasbala Lake	11D	(59°57' 102°00') CR3 limits	Kroeker Lake	10D	(58°17' 102°56') CR3 limits
Hastings Lake	8C	(56°54' 105°27') CR3 limits	Lampin Lake	10D	(58°09' 103°54') CR3 limits
Hatchet Lake	10D	(58°38' 103°40') CR3 limits	Le Drew Lake	10D	(58°34' 103°55') CR3 limits
Hawkrock River (58°55' 104°47')	11C	CR1 limits from Forsyth Lake to Umfreville Lake	Little Yalowega Lake	9C	(57°48' 104°53') CR2 limits
Hedman Lake	9D	(57°09' 103°05') CR3 limits	Lloyd Lake	9A	(57°22' 108°57') CR2 limits
Hobson Lake	8B	(56°49' 106°11') CR2 limits	Lower Foster Lake	8C	(56°33' 105°23') CR2 limits
Hodges Lake	9C	(57°20' 104°50') CR1 limits	Lucie Lake	9D	(57°40' 103°52') CR3 limits
Holmesa-Court Lake	8C	(56°15' 105°02') CR3 limits	MacFarlane River (59°12' 107°58')	11B	CR2 limits from river mouth on Athabasca Lake at 59°12' 107°58' to midpoint of first rapids 10 km upstream at 59°08' 107°53'
Hooker Lake	10D	(58°13' 102°45') CR3 limits	MacKenzie Lake	9D	(57°50' 102°43') CR2 limits
Horvath Lake	8D	(56°51' 103°27') CR3 limits	Manson Lake	10D	(58°39' 103°16') CR3 limits
Hull Lake	10D	(58°09' 102°28') CR3 limits	Many Islands Lake	11D	(59°42' 102°10') CR1 limits
Hydichuk Lake	10D	(58°03' 102°46') CR3 limits	Mathison Lake	10C	(58°29' 104°54') CR2 limits
Jackson Lakes	9D	(57°46' 103°34') CR1 limits	Mawdsley Lake	8B	(56°47' 106°07') CR2 limits
Johnson Lake	9C	(57°26' 104°11') CR3 limits	McConnell Lake	9D	(57°50' 103°35') CR3 limits
Johnston Lake	10C	(58°16' 104°46') CR2 limits	McDonald Creek (58°48' 105°08')	10C	CR1 limits from McDonald Creek to Pattyson Lake
Kalheim Lake	10D	(58°52' 102°01') CR3 limits	McDonald Lake	8C	(56°15' 104°41') CR1 limits
Kane Lake	8D	(56°54' 103°32') CR3 limits	McDonald River	9D	(57°39' 104°39') CR3 limits
Kernaghan Lake	10C	(58°40' 104°10') CR3 limits	McIntyre River	11C	CR1 limits from rapids to Pinkham Lake (59°18' 104°04')... <i>(next page)</i>
Kerslake Lake	10D	(58°16' 102°41') CR3 limits			
Kewen Lake	10D	(58°11' 103°51') CR3 limits			
Kidd Lake	10D	(58°00' 103°52') CR3 limits			
Kimiwan Lake	11C	(59°56' 105°54') CR3 limits			

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Water	Map	Special regulation	Water	Map	Special regulation
McIntyre River (59°18' 104°09') <i>(continued)</i>	11C	and to rapids 17 km upstream (59°22' 104°02'), including a southwest bay at 59°18' 104°12'	Otherside River <i>(continued)</i>	11B	point of river 1 km upstream of Richards Lake (59°12' 107°14')
Michael Lake	9D	(57°51' 104°00') CR3 limits	Patterson Lake	11D	(59°56' 102°18') CR1 limits
Middle Foster Lake	8C	(56°38' 105°25') CR3 limits	Paull Lake	8C	(56°08' 104°48') CR3 limits
Misaw Lake	11D	(59°52' 102°30') CR1 limits	Pawliuk Lake	9C	(57°50' 104°41') CR3 limits
Moffatt Lake	10D	(58°17' 103°47') CR3 limits	Pearce Lake	9D	(57°45' 102°44') CR2 limits
Moore Lakes	9C	(57°27' 105°03') CR3 limits	Pipestone Lake	9B	(57°54' 106°35') CR1 limits
Morell Lake	9D	(57°37' 103°46') CR3 limits	Poulton Lake	9C	(57°50' 104°27') CR3 limits
Morwick Lake	9D	(57°30' 103°19') CR3 limits	Premier Lake	11B	(59°53' 106°05') CR3 limits
Mullin Lake	9D	(57°37' 103°17') CR3 limits	Pritchard Lake	8D	(56°45' 103°33') CR3 limits
Mullins Lake	10C	(58°09' 104°51') CR3 limits	Reilly Lake	9D	(57°12' 103°10') CR2 limits
Murphy Lake	10C	(58°26' 104°21') CR3 limits	Reindeer Lake	9D	(57°30' 102°15') CR1 limits
Myers Lake	9C	(57°24' 105°27') CR3 limits	Reindeer River	8D	River south of 56°10' 103°11' closed to angling March 31 to May 14
Nokomis Lake	9D	(57°00' 103°00') CR3 limits	Reisner Lake	9D	(57°47' 103°35') CR3 limits
Nordbye Lake	11D	(59°04' 103°30') CR3 limit s	Reynolds Lake	9D	(57°56' 102°45') CR3 limits
Obst River (58°51' 103°35')	10C	CR3 limits from Waterfound Bay to river narrows 15 km upstream at 58°49' 103°52'	Richards Lake	11B	(59°10' 107°10') CR2 limits
Oliver Lake	8D	(56°56' 103°22') CR3 limits	Riou River (59°08' 106°44')	11B	CR2 limits from Richards Lake to point on river 1 km upstream of Engler Lake
Oman Lake	11C	(59°42' 106°45') CR3 limits	Rupert Lake	8C	(56°54' 105°03') CR3 limits
Oriordan Lake	9D	(57°40' 103°47') CR3 limits	Rutherford Lake	9D	(57°21' 103°17') CR3 limits
Otherside River (59°16' 106°55')	11B	CR2 limits from river mouth at Otherside Bay on Athabasca Lake defined by a small point of land on the northwest shore of Otherside Bay (59°16' 106°55') to the...(cont.)	Salaba Lake	9D	(57°45' 103°41') CR3 limits
			Scott Lake	11B	(59°55' 106°18') CR3 limits
			Scrim Lake	10D	(58°34' 103°26') CR3 limits
			Scutt Lake	9D	(57°38' 103°37') CR1 limits
			Selwyn Lake	11C	(60°00' 104°30') CR3 limits
			Shagory Lake	11C	(59°53' 104°58') CR3 limits

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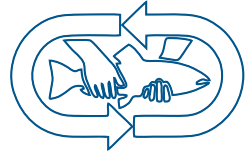
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Water	Map	Special regulation	Water	Map	Special regulation
Simpson Lake	9D	(57°41' 103°37') CR3 limits	Unnamed Lake	9D	(57°42' 103°08') CR3 limits
Sovereign Lake	11C	(59°57' 105°39') CR3 limits	Unnamed Lake	9C	(57°43' 104°56') CR3 limits
Spence Lake	9D	(57°33' 103°34') CR3 limits	Unnamed Lake	10D	(58°33' 104°03') CR3 limits
Swan Lake	9D	(57°33' 103°03') CR3 limits	Virgin River (57°02' 108°17')	9A	CR1 limits on all rapids outflowing from Careen Lake (57°00' 108°17'), including 100 m upstream and downstream of rapids
Tadei Lake	8B	(56°48' 106°01') CR2 limits			
Thrift Lake	10D	(58°44' 103°24') CR3 limits			
Torwalt Lake	10D	(58°18' 103°53') CR3 limits			
Townsend Lake	9C	(57°38' 104°44') CR3 limits			
Tremblay Lake	8C	(56°28' 104°42') CR1 limits	Vollhoffer Lake	9C	(57°35' 104°54') CR3 limits
Umpherville Lake	9C	(57°53' 104°19') CR3 limits	Wapata Lake	10C	(58°51' 105°43') CR1 limits
Umpherville River (58°05' 103°48')	10D	CR1 limits from Wollaston Lake to the north end of Ahenakew Lake at 58°05' 103°50'	Ward Creek (58°37' 104°40')	10C	CR2 limits between mouth of Forsyth Lake at 58°37' 104°40' and unnamed lake 50 km upstream at 58°23' 104°51'
Unnamed Lake	10D	(58°19'30" 103°48'30") CR3 limits	Ward Lake	10C	(58°35' 104°35') CR3 limits
Unnamed Lake	8C	(56°16' 104°45') CR2 limits	Waterbury Lake	10C	(58°10' 104°22') CR2 limits
Unnamed Lake	10D	(58°20' 103°51'30") CR3 limits	Waterfound Bay	10C	(58°48' 104°03') CR3 limits
Unnamed Lake	9C	(57°36' 104°18') CR3 limits	Waterfound River (58°28' 104°35')	10C	CR1 limits from Durrant Lake to Theriau Lake; CR3 limits from Waterfound Bay to Durrant Lake
Unnamed Lake	10D	(58°01' 103°46') CR3 limits			
Unnamed Lake	9D	(57°02'57" 103°17'00") CR3 limits			
Unnamed Lake	9D	(57°03'21" 103°17'37") CR3 limits	Wayo Lake	11B	(59°56' 106°21') CR3 limits
Unnamed Lake	9C	(57°25'26" 104°56'39") CR3 limits	West Lake	8D	(56°51' 103°20') CR3 limits
Unnamed Lake	9C	(57°26'50" 104°57'14") CR3 limits	Whigham Lake	10C	(58°48' 104°25') CR3 limits
Unnamed Lake	9C	(57°27'20" 104°57'11") CR3 limits	Wollaston Lake	10D	(58°15' 103°15') CR1 limits
Unnamed Lake	9C	(57°27'25" 104°58'06") CR3 limits	Yalowega Lake	9C	(57°48' 104°53') CR2 limits
Unnamed Lake	9C	(57°27'27" 104°57'23") CR3 limits	Zengle Lake	9D	(57°55' 102°33') CR2 limits
Unnamed Lake	9C	(57°27'36" 104°56'24") CR3 limits	Zimmer Lake	9C	(57°09' 105°33') CR2 limits

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Catch-and-release fishing



Catch-and-release fishing continues to increase in popularity in Saskatchewan. It is important to follow best practices to limit injuries or death. Factors such as handling, hook placement and environmental conditions can influence post-release mortality.

Proper tools for effective catch-and-release

- Needle nose pliers, hemostats or special hook-removing devices.
- Line cutters for deeply hooked fish.
- Landing net or cradle. Landing nets or cradles should be constructed with non-abrasive, knotless materials such as rubber or tangle-free coated nylon. Cradles are recommended for larger fish such as pike.
- Wet cloth glove and camera (if you want to take a picture).

Angling techniques for effective catch-and-release

- Land the fish as quickly as possible to avoid fish exhaustion. The tackle used should match the size of the fish targeted; avoid intentionally using light tackle to prolong the catch.
- Catch-and-release fishing in depths greater than nine metres (30 feet) should be avoided. Most Saskatchewan fish species are unable to rapidly adjust to the changes in water pressure as they are pulled towards the surface, resulting in greater mortality of released fish.
- Venting of distended swim bladders, or fizzing, is discouraged, as it can cause stress and has the potential to harm other internal organs.
- Use unscented artificial lures rather than bait or other organic materials (e.g. dough balls, corn) to minimize deep hooking of fish.
- Limit your angling during periods of extreme heat or cold, as extreme temperatures can contribute to post-release mortality.

Fish and Wildlife Development Fund

Donations can be made to the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund (FWDF) to help maintain Saskatchewan's fish and wildlife populations. Contributions can be directed to the FWDF's fish enhancement and/or wildlife development programs. Monies directed to fish enhancement will be used for priority fisheries programs, such as upgrading the aging infrastructure at the Saskatchewan Fish Hatchery and the development of a walleye culture facility. A tax receipt will be issued for contributions of \$20 or more. Log into your HAL account to make a donation.

Fish handling techniques for effective catch-and-release

- Minimizing air exposure is one of the most important factors in limiting post-release mortality. Ideally, fish should be released without removing them from the water.
- Single, barbless and/or circle hooks can help reduce handling time and air exposure.
- Handle the fish as quickly and as little as possible (ideally, less than 30 seconds). Use a wet cloth glove or wet hand to prevent damage to the fish's protective mucus coating.
- Once a fish is landed, be careful not to let it flop around, as this can lead to injuries.
- Do not hold or support a fish's weight by the gills, gill cover or eyes. If a fish must be held, hold it in a horizontal position, with one hand placed under the forward belly area and the other hand gently around the tail area. This will help minimize damage to the fish's spine and internal organs.
- If a fish is hooked in a vital area such as the gullet, gill or eye, consider keeping the fish if regulations allow, as post-release survival of these fish is greatly reduced.
- If you must release a deeply hooked fish, consider cutting the line close to the hook and follow proper release techniques.
- Hold a fish horizontal in the water until it is fully revived and swims away on its own. Move the fish in an S-shaped pattern to run water through its gills.
- If you must release fish that have been retained in a livewell, proper management of your livewell is crucial. Stress from prolonged confinement and low dissolved oxygen levels from overcrowding and/or warm water can result in higher mortality rates. Limit the number of fish in a livewell to 0.1 kg of fish per litre of water, or roughly one pound of fish per gallon of water. Limiting retention time in a livewell can also help reduce stress and improve post-release mortality.
- If a fish is bleeding or cannot be revived, count that fish towards your limit if regulations allow.

Packaging your fish for transport



(1) Whole (Round)

- head and entrails intact
- can be easily counted and identified



(2) Headless Dressed

- head and entrails removed
- can be easily counted and identified



(3) Fillets

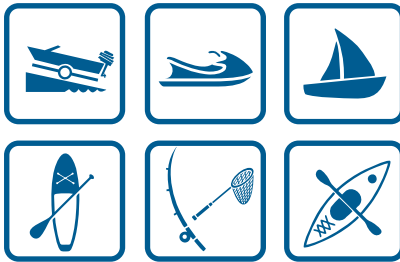
- at least 2.5 cm (1 in) patch of skin and scales intact on body (not belly)
- only two fillets per package
- can be easily counted and identified

A person who stores and/or transports fish for another angler must clearly identify on the package in ink, the name, address and fishing licence number of the owner and the number of fish in the package.



Help keep aquatic invasive species out of our waters.

Clean, drain and dry all aquatic equipment.



Before returning home from out of province, visiting Saskatchewan or moving between waters within the province, make sure to:

CLEAN

all visible plants, animals and mud.

DRAIN

all onboard water and leave plugs out during transport – it's the law.

DRY

your watercraft and all related gear for at least five days in the hot sun if rinsing is not available. Dispose of unwanted leeches and worms in the trash and dump bait bucket water on land.



To report suspect invasive species, call the
TIPP Line toll-free at 1-800-667-7561.