



Saskatchewan  
Anglers' Guide

2017

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## Minister's Message



*Scott Moe  
Minister of Environment*

I would like to welcome you to a new season of sport fishing in Saskatchewan.

Saskatchewan's fishery is a priceless legacy, and it is the ministry's goal to maintain it in a healthy, sustainable state to provide diverse benefits for the province. As part of this commitment, a portion of all angling licence fees are dedicated to enhancing fishing opportunities through the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund (FWDF). One of the activities the FWDF supports is the operation of the Saskatchewan Fish Culture Station, which plays a key role in managing a number of Saskatchewan's sport fisheries. To meet the province's current and future stocking needs, a review of the station's aging infrastructure was recently completed, with a multi-year plan for modernization and refurbishment to begin in 2017.

In response to the ongoing threat of aquatic invasive species, the ministry has increased its prevention efforts on several fronts, including increasing public awareness, conducting watercraft inspections and monitoring high-risk waters. I ask everyone to continue their vigilance against the threat of aquatic invasive species by ensuring that your watercraft and related equipment are cleaned, drained and dried prior to moving from one body of water to another.

Responsible fishing today ensures fishing opportunities for tomorrow. I encourage all anglers to do their part by becoming familiar with this guide and the rules and regulations that pertain to your planned fishing activity.

Have a great fishing year!

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## How To Use This Guide

### 2017 Saskatchewan Anglers' Guide

The anglers' guide is available each year from the Ministry of Environment to provide an up-to-date synopsis of the limits, season dates, closed waters, regulations, new programs and other relevant information of interest to anglers. This synopsis is neither a legal document nor a complete summary of the current rules and regulations that pertain to sport fishing in Saskatchewan, and is intended to serve as a general reference only. Complete copies of acts and regulations are available in print and electronically from the Saskatchewan Queen's Printer (see page 8).

### How to Use This Guide

Before your fishing trip, review this guide to understand the rules and regulations that pertain to sport fishing in this province.

1. What's new for 2017: Become familiar with all regulatory changes (page 3).
2. General regulations (and licensing requirements): These apply to the entire province and must be complied with at all times (pages 6 to 10).
3. Special (water-specific) regulations: Refer to pages 14 to 32 for the water you plan to fish, as special or water-specific regulations may apply. If the water you plan to fish is:
  - Listed in the special regulations tables, you must comply with the general regulations and any special regulations that are identified for that water.
  - Not listed in the special regulations tables, it is subject to general regulations only.
4. **Please note that regulatory changes for 2017 appear in the guide in bolded red print with an asterisk (\*).**

Free

Fishing Weekends

July 8 and 9, 2017

February 17, 18 and 19, 2018

**CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY  
YOUR BOAT**

See pages 4 and 5 for invasive species information.

## What's New For 2017

- Fees for all Saskatchewan angling licences will increase effective April 1, 2017 (see page 6). This is the first increase to angling licence fees since 2004.
- The Lac la Ronge Endorsement and Harvest Ledger is no longer required to fish on Lac la Ronge or Hunter Bay. Catch-and-release (CR) CR1 limits for Lac la Ronge and Hunter Bay remain in effect (see page 6).
- Donations to the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund can now be made through HAL, the province's automated hunting, angling and trapping licence system (see page 5).

## Proposed Changes for 2018

- **Change the following CR1 water to CR2:** Wollaston Lake.
- **Madge Lake:** To better protect spawning-sized walleye and increase potential recruitment, reductions to both the walleye upper size and catch limits are being considered for Madge Lake in 2018. Other considerations include removing the current 38 cm minimum size restriction for walleye, and reviewing the mandatory use of barbless hooks. Any potential changes will be dependent upon the results of a population assessment planned for Madge Lake in 2017.
- **Diefenbaker Lake Tailwaters:** from Gardner Dam to 12.5 km downstream (Enbridge pipeline crossing) at approximately N 51°21' W 106°59' – stocked trout limit 1. A reduced stocked trout limit of 1 for this area will help to distribute angler harvest of these fish.

## Whirling Disease

Whirling disease is an infectious fish disease caused by a microscopic parasite that has recently been discovered for the first time in Canada in the province of Alberta. None of Saskatchewan's native fish species are susceptible to this disease, nor is it a health concern for humans, birds or mammals; it can cause mortality in some stocked trout species such as rainbow and brown trout. Regulations are in place to control the movement of fish into and within Saskatchewan. The ministry will continue to work with its federal and provincial partners on preventing the spread of this disease into the province. Remember that it is illegal to move live fish into and within Saskatchewan without proper authorization (see page 10).

## Fish Kills

In most instances, fish kills in Saskatchewan are the result of natural causes such as low dissolved oxygen levels in the water. If you observe a sudden and unexpected mass die-off of fish in any of Saskatchewan's public waters, please report it as quickly as possible to the nearest Ministry of Environment office.

# Stop Aquatic Invasive Species



zebra mussels

see page  
5 for more  
info

## CLEAN + DRAIN + DRY YOUR BOAT

Aquatic invasive species such as zebra mussels and quagga mussels pose a serious threat to our waters and fish resources.

Whether returning home from out of province, coming to visit or moving between waters within the province make sure to:

### CLEAN

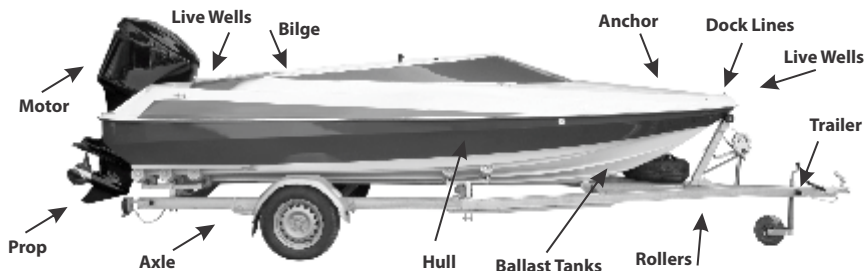
and inspect watercraft and gear. Remove all visible plants, animals and mud. Rinse using high pressure, hot tap water 50°C (120°F).

### DRAIN

all onboard water from watercraft including the motor, livewell, bilge and bait buckets and leave plugs out during transport and storage.

### 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, crayfish and worms in the trash and dump bait bucket water on land.



**To report suspect invasive species, please contact the nearest Ministry of Environment office or call the TIP Line.**

saskatchewan.ca

1-800-667-7561

#5555 SaskTel Cell

saskatchewan.ca/tip



## Automated Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence (HAL) System

Angling licences are available online anytime at [saskatchewan.ca/fishing](http://saskatchewan.ca/fishing), through private issuers, Ministry of Environment and select provincial park offices, or by phone using a credit card at 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.). Please allow 10 business days for delivery.

Licence purchases can be made simply by accessing your existing account using your HAL identification number or your previously registered secondary identification number. Do not create a second account. If you require assistance with your identification, call 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.).

Donations can now be made to the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund (FWDF) through HAL to help maintain Saskatchewan's fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. Contributions can be directed to the FWDF's fish enhancement and/or wildlife development programs. All monies directed to the fish enhancement program will be used to upgrade aging infrastructure at the province's fish culture station, which is estimated to cost \$14 million over the next eight years.

## Aquatic Invasive Species

An invasive species is a non-native organism that causes environmental or economic harm when introduced into a new ecosystem. Zebra mussels are of particular concern to our province as they have become established in Manitoba and North Dakota, and more recently have been detected in Montana. These small mussels, originally from Europe, cause billions of dollars in damage to North America each year.

Over the past few years, the ministry, along with several partner agencies, has monitored a number of high-risk waters within the province for the presence of adult and juvenile mussels, with no invasive mussels having been detected to date. The ministry also continues to inspect watercraft throughout the province for invasive mussels. Individuals are reminded that watercraft inspections are mandatory when an officer requests one.

Under certain conditions, aquatic invasive species including adult zebra and quagga mussels can survive out of water for days. To prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species, and to help protect Saskatchewan waters – remember to practice **CLEAN, DRAIN, DRY** on your boats, trailers and other fishing, boating and water sports equipment before returning home from out-of-province, coming to visit or moving between waters within the province.

**DISPOSE** of all unwanted bait in the trash and never release leftover leeches or crayfish, or any aquarium pets, plants or water into our lakes, rivers or wetlands.

# Licensing Fees and Requirements

<b>Saskatchewan Resident</b> (see definition on page 11)	<i>All licences include GST (goods and services tax)</i>
Age 16 to 64	
- Annual.....	<b>\$37.00</b>
- 3 day (consecutive days - southern and central zones only) .....	<b>\$19.00</b>
- 1 day (southern and central zones only).....	<b>\$13.00</b>
Senior (65 or older) - no licence required.....	N/A
Youth (under 16) - no licence required.....	N/A
<b>Canadian Resident</b> (see definition on page 11)	
Age 16 and older	
- Annual.....	<b>\$75.00</b>
- 3 day (consecutive days - southern and central zones only) .....	<b>\$40.00</b>
- 1 day (southern and central zones only).....	<b>\$20.00</b>
Youth (under 16) - no licence required .....	N/A
<b>Non-Resident</b> (see definition on page 11)	
Age 16 and older	
- Annual.....	<b>\$100.00</b>
- 3 day (consecutive days - southern and central zones only) .....	<b>\$50.00</b>
- 1 day (southern and central zones only).....	<b>\$25.00</b>
Youth (under 16) - no licence required.....	N/A
<b>Competitive Fishing Event Licence</b> (see page 36) .....	Free

## Duplicate Licences

- Duplicate licences may be printed online, at a Ministry of Environment office (no charge) or at a private licence issuer.

## Senior Licensing

- Saskatchewan resident seniors 65 years or older who produce proof of age and Saskatchewan residency do not require a licence to angle.
- Seniors from out of province are required to purchase an angling licence.
- Seniors still must meet all other fishing regulations.

## Lac la Ronge Endorsement and Harvest Ledger

The angling endorsement licence and harvest ledger requirement for all of Lac la Ronge, including Hunter Bay has been removed effective April 1, 2017. The lake trout population in these waters has recovered sufficiently to warrant the removal of this additional licence type and harvest restriction. The ministry surveyed past endorsement licence holders prior to making this change. CR1 limits for Lac la Ronge and Hunter Bay remain in effect.



# Season Dates and General Limits

## Season Dates

2017-18	Open	Close
Southern Zone	May 5, 2017	March 31, 2018
Central Zone	May 15, 2017	March 31, 2018
Northern Zone	May 25, 2017	April 15, 2018

\*See pages 15 to 32 for alternate season dates for certain waters. Example “*Lake of the Prairies*” opens on May 13 in 2017.

## Catch Limits

General limits apply to most Saskatchewan waters. Special limits on specific waters are listed on pages 15 to 32. “Limit” refers to the maximum number of fish you are allowed to retain or have in your possession. Anglers may possess no more than one limit of each fish species at any time. This includes fish that are eaten or given away for that particular day and all fish that are at your camp, being transported by or for you, or fish that are in storage. To determine fish length, measure the fish's total length with its tail pinched (see page 38).

## General Limits

arctic grayling	2	only one may exceed 35 cm
bigmouth buffalo	0	
burbot	8	
channel catfish	2	
goldeye/mooneye	8	
lake trout	3	only one may exceed 65 cm
largemouth bass	2	
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/sauger/saugeye	4	only one may exceed 55 cm
whitefish	8	

\*Stocked trout species include brook, brown, cutthroat, rainbow, splake and tiger trout.

## Catch-and-Release Angling Limits

Catch-and-release (CR) designated water types 1, 2 and 3 are included in the special regulations section on pages 14 to 32 of the guide. These reduced angling limits or CR designations have been implemented on many waters across the province to help protect or sustain a fishery. Barbless hooks are mandatory on all CR waters, as well as on Athapapuskow, Caddis, Madge and Tobin lakes and Lake of the Prairies.

# Summary of Saskatchewan's Fishing REGULATIONS

Sport fishing in Saskatchewan is regulated by *The Fisheries Regulations under The Fisheries Act (Saskatchewan), 1994*. Below is a summary of the major regulations anglers should be aware of. For more information about *The Fisheries Regulations* and *The Fisheries Act*, ask a conservation officer.

Complete copies of acts and regulations may be obtained from the Queen's Printer at [qp.gov.sk.ca](http://qp.gov.sk.ca) or call toll-free (in Saskatchewan) 1-800-226-7302.

## General Prohibitions

*It is unlawful to:*

- sport fish without possessing a valid Saskatchewan angling licence unless the angler is under 16 years of age or a Saskatchewan resident senior;
- use another person's licence to fish;
- falsify information on a licence;
- backdate or otherwise alter a licence;
- fail to produce a licence upon request of a conservation officer or an RCMP officer;
- assist or fish with individuals who are fishing for food pursuant to their Treaty or Aboriginal rights, unless the rights bearing person(s) do 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 is a member of their immediate family;
- 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;
- fish with more than one line during open water season;
- use more than four hooks on one line (a lure with a gang of hooks is considered one hook);
- be more than 25 m (27.3 yds) from your fishing line;
- be in any place where your fishing line(s) are not visible at all times;
- possess or use any spring-loaded gaff or spring-loaded hook;
- use a dipnet except to land fish taken by angling;
- use lights, firearms, chemicals, electric shockers or explosives to catch or kill fish;
- take fish by snaring or snagging;
- grapple or use hands alone to take or attempt to take fish;
- use fish traps or nets to take fish, unless specifically licensed to do so;
- fish within 23 m (25 yds) downstream from any constructed

dam or obstacle except where there is a ministry sign allowing fishing;

- angle on the Saskatchewan portion of boundary waters without a valid Saskatchewan angling licence, unless otherwise specified;
- sell, waste or barter fish taken by angling;
- fail to stop a vehicle or boat when requested or signaled by a conservation officer or an RCMP officer;
- tamper with or take fish from a net, trap or holding device without the owner's permission; and
- import into Saskatchewan or transport within Saskatchewan any live fish or live fish eggs.

### **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, jurisdictions known to harbour viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS), require proof that the fish are certified free of VHS;
- live leeches or crayfish may not be imported into Saskatchewan. Only leeches and crayfish originating within Saskatchewan may be used as live bait. Canadian and non-resident anglers must provide proof to an officer (upon request) that their live bait was purchased in Saskatchewan;
- frogs and salamanders 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 and the fish from which the parts were taken must be dead and included in your limit;
- earthworms or night crawlers may

be imported and used as live bait. However, they must be shipped in a soil-free medium such as peat moss or shredded paper.

### **Ice Fishing**

- two lines may be used when ice fishing but they must at all times remain within 25 m (27.3 yds) and in sight of the person who has set or is using them;
- only gaffs with a J-hook end may be used to land fish while ice fishing but they cannot exceed 1.5 m (1.6 yds) in length;
- ice fishing shelters south of Highway 16 must be removed from the ice no later than March 15 and ice fishing shelters north of Highway 16 must be removed no later than March 31;
- storing or leaving ice fishing shelters on Crown land or on private land without the landowner's consent is not permitted; and
- ice fishing shacks must have the owner's complete name, address and phone number in legible letters that are at least 2.5 cm (1 in) high on the outside of the shack.

### **Bow Fishing**

- bow fishing season is open from April 20 to March 31;
- 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, wasted or abandoned on Crown or private land without the landowner's consent;
- fish arrows must be attached to the bow or archer with a line strong enough to retrieve impaled fish; and
- a bow and arrow is defined as a firearm and cannot be used or possessed in:

- > provincial and regional parks or provincial recreation sites; or
- > a federal migratory bird sanctuary (call Environment and Climate Change Canada at 306-836-2022 for further information).
- no underwater spear fishing is allowed within 100 m (109 yds) of a buoyed swimming area.

### Don't Transfer Live Fish

It is illegal to transfer live fish.

Introduced fish species can harm the ecological balance of established fish communities. Only ministry fisheries biologists may authorize the movement of live fish within Saskatchewan. Anglers can help safeguard provincial fisheries by reporting anyone relocating fish or using live fish for bait. To prevent the spread of undesired fish species and fish disease:

- do not move live fish or their eggs;
- do not use live fish as bait; and
- do not import live fish.

### Angling Infractions

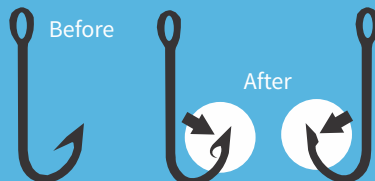
Penalties under *The Fisheries Act* are fines to a maximum of \$100,000, imprisonment up to 12 months, or both. For certain offences, violators may be issued a summary offence ticket with a voluntary payment option, while other more serious offences may require a court appearance. Automatic licence suspensions of one to five years for serious offences were implemented in 2014 and fines for these offences increased.

## Underwater Spear Fishing

- anyone possessing a valid Saskatchewan angling licence may underwater 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 to the diver by a line not exceeding five m (5.5 yds) in length 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 is not permitted;
- all underwater spear fishers must display a scuba diver's flag while fishing; and

## How to Make a Barbless Hook

Barbless hooks, mandatory on all catch-and-release waters in Saskatchewan, are easier to remove and may help to minimize fish mortalities. Crimp barbs with pliers.



## Definitions

**Angler:** a person who angles or fishes.

**Angling:** fishing with a line and hook or a rod, line and hook; bow fishing; or underwater spear fishing.

**Bait:** any substance used to attract fish by scent or flavour.

**Barbless hook:** a hook without barbs or one that has its barbs completely compressed against the shaft of the hook so that the barbs are not functional, not including those barbs on the shank of the hook that are intended for holding bait.

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

**Competitive fishing event:** an angling competition, including a tournament or derby, where there are 25 or more entrants, and prizes are awarded on the basis of fish caught.

**Derby:** a competitive fishing event where fish are caught and killed.

**Fish:** fin fish, shellfish and crustaceans in any life stage, including eggs.

**Hook:** a single or multi-pointed hook on a common shaft or an artificial lure that has one or more single or multi-pointed hooks attached as part of it.

**Immediate family member:** one's father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, child, spouse or common-law spouse.

**Length:** the distance from the tip of a fish's nose to the end of the tail, with the lobes of the tail compressed or pinched together.

**Limit:** the maximum number of fish you are allowed to retain or have in your possession.

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

**Retained:** a fish that is not immediately released to the body of water from which it was taken, and includes fish given away or eaten for shore lunch.

**Saskatchewan resident:** a person who is a Canadian resident, has their principal residence in Saskatchewan and has lived in Saskatchewan 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.

**Shore lunch:** fish consumed on the day it was caught.

**Snagging:** fishing with a hook or hooks so manipulated as to intentionally pierce and hook a fish in any part of the body other than the mouth.

**Tournament:** a competitive fishing event where fish are caught and released.

**Waste:** taking improper care of fish that results in spoilage or deterioration so that the fish are unfit for human consumption.

## Packaging Your Catch for Transport

Species limits are a vital part of fisheries management. In order to enforce these limits, conservation officers must be able to count and measure your fish.

Approved methods of transporting fish include: (1) whole (round); (2) headless dressed; and (3) fillets.

- Anglers must package their fish for transport in such a way that it can be readily unwrapped, separated, identified, measured and counted.
- It is illegal to can or block freeze fish outside of the home.
- All dressed fish and fillets must have, at least, a 2.5 cm (1 in) square patch of skin with scales intact from a portion of the body other than the belly. Fish packaged in this manner can be easily identified.
- Fillets must remain intact or whole for transport and cannot be cut into pieces.



### (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

## Transport and Storage of Fish

Fish in cold storage count towards your limit. Frozen fish in cold storage should be packaged in such a way that they can be counted and identified. A person who stores and/or transports fish for another 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. For best quality, fish should be packed in ice when caught.

## Export of Fish

Anyone transporting fish, taken by angling, out of Saskatchewan must possess a valid Saskatchewan angling licence. The only exceptions are First Nations or Métis people who have an existing Aboriginal right to fish for food in Saskatchewan waters or children under the age of 16 and Saskatchewan resident seniors. If fish are shipped before or after you leave the country, your name, address, angling licence number and a list of contents must be attached, in plain view, on the outside of the container. Fish transported from Saskatchewan must be easily identified according to species and number and length, as specified in the section “Packaging Your Catch for Transport” on page 12.

Non-resident anglers returning to the U.S. from Saskatchewan should note that U.S. federal law prohibits the importation of fish taken, possessed, purchased, sold or transported in violation of Canadian or American laws. Non-resident U.S. anglers should check with U.S. Customs officials or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information on regulations governing the importation and transportation of fish into the United States. Non-resident anglers from other countries must obey the import laws of their country when returning home.

## Purchase of Fish

Fish may be purchased for personal consumption from a licensed commercial fisher or a licensed fish processor and be accompanied by proof of purchase (invoice, sales slip), which includes:

- seller's name, address and licence number;
- name of the water where the fish were caught;
- fish species and form in which purchased, e.g. round, dressed, filleted;
- quantity and sale price of fish; and
- date of purchase provided by the fisher or processor.

# Management Zones and Special Regulations

## Using Zone Regulation Information

Saskatchewan is divided into three management zones for angling regulation purposes. All lakes intersected by the zone borders fall into the zone immediately north of the border. Look for the name of the water body you intend to fish on pages 15 through 32. If the water body is listed, you must follow general regulations and special regulations listed. General regulations apply to all unlisted provincial waters. New regulations for a specific waterbody have the waterbody's name in **bolded red and an asterisk (\*)** beside the waterbody's name. Finally, a number-letter combination found after the water body name is the location of the waterbody on the map provided on the zone page, e.g. Bell Pond - 4A.

## Catch-and-Release (CR) Waters

<b>CR1</b>	arctic grayling	1	
	lake trout	2	only one may exceed 65 cm - 25.4"
	northern pike	3	only one may exceed 75 cm - 29.3"
	walleye/sauger/saugeye	2	only one may exceed 55 cm - 21.5"
	For all other fish species limits, see pages 7 and 15 to 32.		
<b>CR2</b>	arctic grayling	1	which cannot exceed 35 cm - 13.7"
	lake trout	2	none may exceed 65 cm - 25.4"
	northern pike	3	none may exceed 75 cm - 29.3"
	walleye/sauger/saugeye	2	none may exceed 55 cm - 21.5"
	For all other fish species limits, see pages 7 and 15 to 32.		
<b>CR3</b>	Limit of one fish only per day which can be either an:		
	arctic grayling	1	which cannot exceed 35 cm - 13.7"
	or lake trout	1	which cannot exceed 65 cm - 25.4"
	or northern pike	1	which cannot exceed 75 cm - 29.3"
	or walleye/sauger/saugeye	1	which cannot exceed 55 cm - 21.5"
For all other fish species limits, see pages 7 and 15 to 32.			

## Barbless Hooks are Mandatory

Barbless hooks are mandatory on all catch-and-release waters in Saskatchewan, as well as Athapapuskow, Caddis, Madge and Tobin lakes and Lake of the Prairies. Contact your local conservation officer for clarification of all regulations.

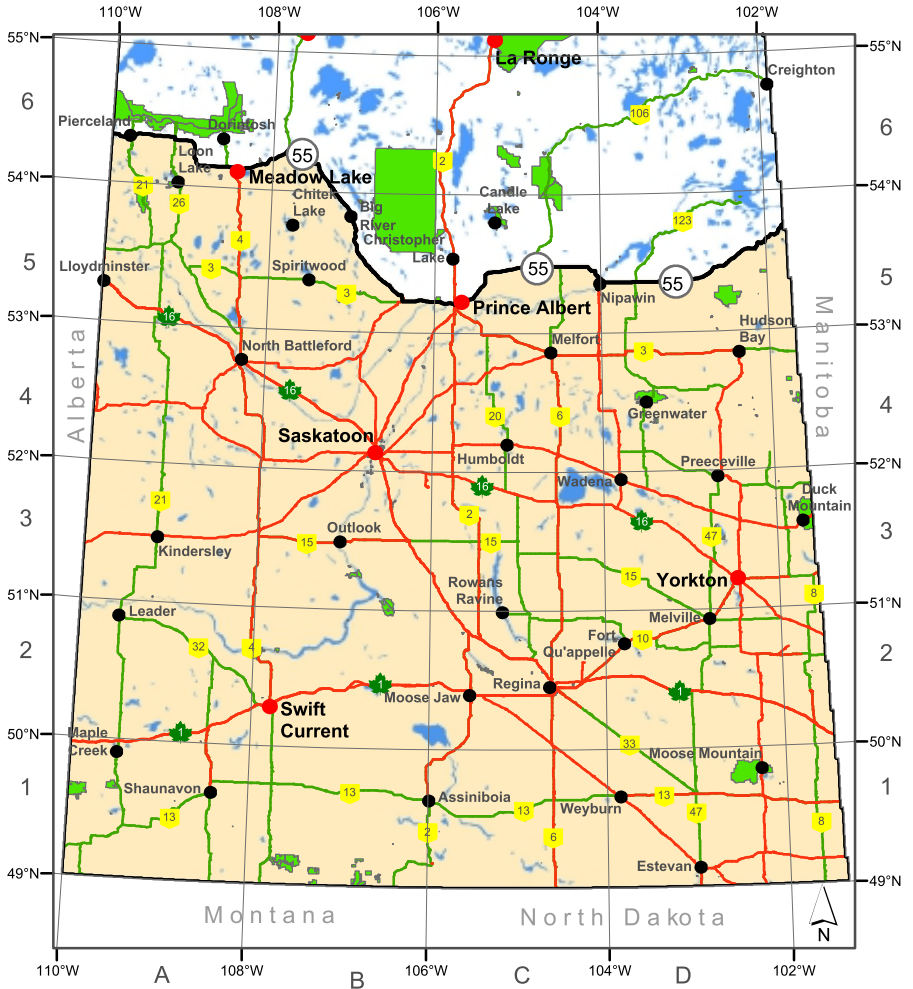


# Southern Zone - Special Regulations

**2017-18 Season Dates: May 5, 2017 - March 31, 2018**

See page 14 for catch-and-release (CR) water species limits.

Contact your local conservation officer for clarification of all regulations.



## Legend

### Compliance Area Office

- Headquarters
- Area Office



Fishing Zone



Provincial/Federal Parks

Primary Highway

Secondary Highway

Lakes and Rivers

0 37.5 75 150 225 300  
Kilometres

# Southern Zone

Indicates CR Water

Indicates Stocked Trout Water - Open all year

Please note: all dates are inclusive.

Water	Map	Special Regulation	Water	Map	Special Regulation
Bauman Reservoir	2B	stocked trout; open all year	Cowan River	6B	river section between Cowan Dam and highway 55 centerline : closed April1 - May 14
Bell Pond	4A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year			
Biggar Pond	4B	stocked trout limit 2; open all year			
Birch Lake	1D	electric boat motors only	Cutknife Pond	4A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Blackstrap Reservoir	3B	CR1 limits. Perch limit 10, burbot limit 4, whitefish limit 4. Central causeway and 100m on either side - closed to angling all year	David Laird Pond	4A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			Deer Lake	5B	stocked trout; open all year
			Dellwood Reservoir	3C	CR1 limits. Perch limit 10
			Denzil Pond	4A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Boiler Creek	1A	stocked trout limit 2	Dr. Mainprize Pond	1D	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Bradwell Reservoir	3B	CR1 limits. Perch limit 10	Eagle Creek Pond	4B	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Brightwater Creek	3B	section of creek upstream of the west boundary of Sec. 21, Twp. 30 - closed March 1 to May 14	Exner Lake	6A	stocked trout; open all year
			Fishing Lake	3D	CR1 limits
			Five Mile Dam	2A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Brightwater Reservoir	3B	CR1 limits. Perch limit 10	Hay Meadow Creek	1C	stocked trout limit 2
Broderick Reservoir	3B	CR1 limits. Perch limit 10	Hudson Bay Pond	4D	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Buffalo Pound Lake	2C	perch limit 10	Iroquois Lake	5B	whitefish limit 4
Buffalo Pound Pond	2C	stocked trout limit 2; open all year. Boat motors prohibited	Kerobert Reservoir	3A	stocked trout; open all year
			Kipling Reservoir	2D	stocked trout; open all year
Burton Lake	4C	electric boat motors only	Lac Eauclaire	5B	lake trout limit 0 from September 10 to November 10
Chitek Lake	5B	walleye limit 3. Indian Bay closed to all fishing all year	Lady Lake	4D	stocked trout; open all year
Chris Johnson Lake (Miracle Lake)	3D	CR1 limits. Perch limit 10	Lake Diefenbaker	3B	Irrigation Bay, within Coteau Bay : closed March 1 to May 14
Coal Pit - SPC - C	1D	stocked trout; open all year	Lake of the Prairies	3D	on Lake of the Prairies upstream from Shellmouth Dam, including the Assiniboine River to 1.6 km south of Highway 357 ( <i>next page</i> )
Condie Reservoir	2C	perch limit 10. Boat motors prohibited			
Constance Lake	5B	stocked trout; closed April 1 to May 4			

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<b>Lake of the Prairies</b> <i>(continued)</i>	3D	walleye / sauger limit 4 (in combination), only one may exceed 70 cm and none may be between 45 and 70 cm; pike limit 6, none of which may exceed 75 cm; perch limit 25. Sizes are total length without tail pinched. Mandatory use of barbless hooks. Either a Saskatchewan or Manitoba angling licence is valid on lake. Season opens May 13.	<b>Loch Leven</b> <i>(continued)</i>	1A	closed to angling April 1 to May 31 and October 1 to November 30
			<b>Lusland Pond</b>	4A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			<b>Macklin Borrow Pit</b>	4A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			<b>Macklin Pond</b>	4A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			<b>Madge Lake</b>	3D	mandatory use of barbless hooks. No walleye 38 cm or less can be retained
			<b>Maidstone Pond</b>	5A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			<b>Mantario Pond</b>	2A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			<b>McLaren Lake</b>	2A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
			<b>Melfort Pond</b>	4C	stocked trout limit 2
<b>Last Mountain Lake</b>	3C	on 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 including all waters of Lewis creek lying west of 105°17' 20" - closed March 1 to May 14	<b>Melville Reservoir</b>	2D	perch limit 10. Electric boat motors only
			<b>Ministikwin Lake</b>	5A	whitefish limit 4, walleye limit 3. Waters around Bear Island: closed April 1 to June 30
			<b>Moose Mountain Creek</b>	1D	creek from Moose Mountain Lake downstream to #361 grid road bridge: closed April 1 to May 14
<b>Lisieux Pond</b>	1C	stocked trout limit 2; open all year	<b>Moose Mountain Pond</b>	1D	stocked trout; open all year
<b>Little Fishing Lake</b>	5A	whitefish limit 4	<b>Moosomin Reservoir</b>	2D	CR1 limits. Perch limit 10
<b>Little Jackfish Lake</b>	3D	electric boat motors only	<b>Nesland Lake</b>	5B	stocked trout limit 3; open all year
<b>Lloydminster Pond</b>	5A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year	<b>Olson Lake</b>	5B	stocked trout; open all year
<b>Loch Leven</b>	1A	stocked trout limit 2; open all year Boat motors over 5 hp prohibited Southern 50 m of lake... <i>(cont.)</i>	<b>Oscar Creek</b>	4B	stocked trout limit 2
			<b>Oyama Reservoir</b>	2C	perch limit 10

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Peck Lake	5A	whitefish limit 4. Southwest Bay - closed December 15 to January 15	Steep Creek Pond	5C	stocked trout; open all year
Pike Lake	3B	boat motors over 10hp prohibited	Steistol Lake	4D	stocked trout; open all year. Boat motors prohibited
Poplar Ridge Lake	5B	stocked trout; open all year	Suffern Lake	4A	stocked trout; open all year
Rafferty Reservoir	1D	walleye limit 3. Perch limit 10	Swift Current Pond	2B	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Redberry Pond	4B	stocked trout limit 2; open all year	Tisdale Borrow Pit	4D	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Reid Lake	2A	Perch limit 10. On Reid Lake and its tributaries and Swift Current Creek upstream to Highway 37 - closed March 15 to May 4	Tisdale Trout Pond	4C	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Round Lake	5A	stocked trout; closed April 1 to May 4	Waldheim Pond	4B	stocked trout limit 2; open all year
Saskatoon Trout Pond	4B	stocked trout limit 1	White Bear Reservoir	2A	stocked trout; open all year
Scott Reservoir	4A	stocked trout; open all year	Wilson Lake	3D	stocked trout; open all year
Smuts Lake	4B	maximum boat speed 25 km/hr	Wynard Reservoir	3C	stocked trout; open all year
			Yonker Lake	4A	stocked trout; open all year
			Zelma Reservoir	3C	CR1 limits. Perch limit 10

## Why Size-based Limits?

Size-based limits are used in Saskatchewan to regulate fishing pressure and harvest of fish. The appropriate use of a specific size limit depends on factors such as: fish reproduction, growth, mortality rates, habitat and fishing pressure.

**Upper (maximum) size limit:** (reduced or zero harvest of fish over a certain length)

- Protects spawning-sized fish to increase potential recruitment and abundance.
- Widely applied to Saskatchewan's waters for walleye, northern pike, lake trout and grayling.

**Minimum size limit:** (fish under a certain length must be released)

- Allows small fish in populations with poor reproduction to reach maturity before being subjected to harvest.
- Applied to Saskatchewan's waters on a limited basis.

**Protected slot limit:** (fish within a designated length range must be released)

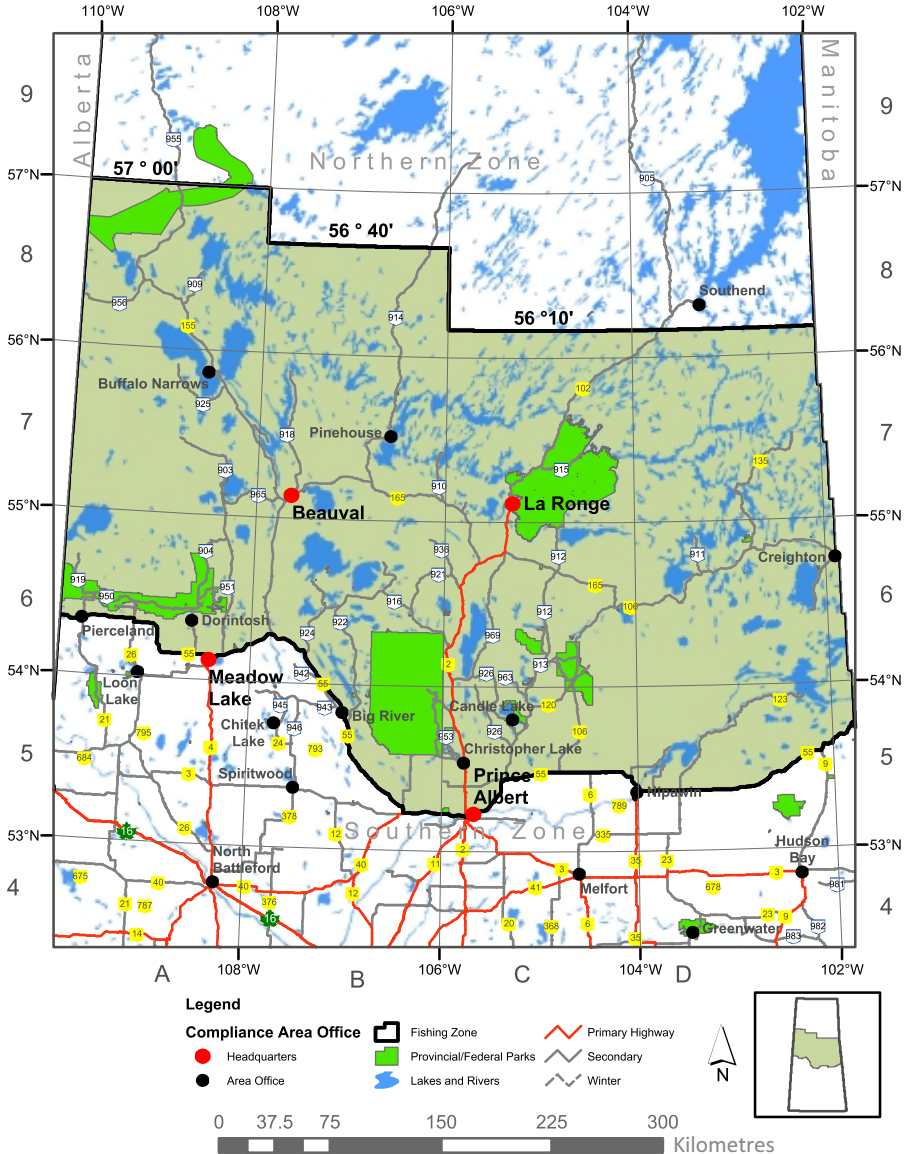
- Typically used in populations with good natural reproduction where growth of small, densely populated fish is slow.
- Applied to Saskatchewan's waters on a limited basis.

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See page 14 for catch-and-release (CR) water species limits.

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Water	Map	Special Regulation	Water	Map	Special Regulation
Amisk Lake	6D	see Sturgeon Weir River	Big Sandy Lake	6C	walleye limit 1
Atchison Lake	6A	stocked trout, open all year	Bittern Lake	5C	walleye limit 3
Athapapuskow Lake	6D	walleye/sauger limit 4 (combined) none may exceed 55 cm; northern pike limit 6, none may exceed 75 cm; lake trout limit 2, none may exceed 65 cm. A Saskatchewan or Manitoba angling licence is valid on the Saskatchewan part of the lake. Mandatory barbless hooks.	Blair Lake	8C	(56°08' 104°26') CR1 limits
			Broad Creek	6A	from Keeley Lake to Highway 903 : walleye limit 3
			Burtlein Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year. Boat motors over 5 hp prohibited
			Caddis Lake	6C	stocked trout limit 2, only one may exceed 55 cm; open all year. Use of barbless hooks is mandatory
Attree Lake	6D	see Sturgeon Weir River	Camp Ten Lake	6B	stocked trout; open all year
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 March 1 to May 31	Candle Lake	5C	walleye limit 3, only one may exceed 50 cm (see Fisher creek)
			Canoe Lake	7A	walleye limit 1. Closed March 1 to May 14. Jans Bay, Wepooskow Bay and Narrows – closed to all fishing all year
Ballantyne River	6D	river and part of Ballantyne Bay of Deschambault Lake extending approximately 1.5 km north and 1 km east of the river mouth and then south to the shore – closed March 1 to June 15	Caribou Creek	6C	Between Upper and Lower Fishing Lakes – closed April 1 to May 31
			Carl Creek	6A	walleye limit 3
Baptiste Lake	8B	(56°11' 106°25') CR3 limits	Chachukew Lake	7D	Medicine Rapids – closed March 1 to May 31
Beatty Lake	6B	stocked trout, open all year	Chopper Lake	6C	closed to all fishing all year
Berna Lake	7C	stocked trout, open all year	Churchill Lake	7A	walleye limit 3
Besnard Lake	7B	200 m on each side of the narrows bridge and all of Mercer Bay – closed to angling all year			

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Cold Lake	6A	walleye limit 3, none may be less than 50 cm; northern pike limit 1, which must be over 63 cm; lake trout limit 1, which must be over 75 cm – lake trout limit 0 from September 15 to November 15; whitefish limit 10; perch limit 15. No use or possession of any gaff. Either a Saskatchewan or Alberta angling licence is valid on the lake	Dingwall Lake	7C	(55°29' 104°36') CR3 limits
			Dog Lake	6B	stocked trout; open all year
Cold River	6A	between Cold and Pierce Lakes – walleye limit 3; lake trout limit 1, which must be over 75 cm. Closed September 15 to November 15	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 all fishing all year
			Dorothy Lake	6C	stocked trout; closed April 1 to May 14
Cora Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year	Douglas Lake	6D	boat motors prohibited
Cornelle Lake	6D	Carter Bay – closed March 1 to May 31	Downton Lake	7C	stocked trout; open all year
Cub Creek	6C	between Dupueis and Little Bear Lakes – closed April 1 to May 31	Dunajski Lake	7C	(55°00' 104°37') CR3 limits
De Balinhard Lake	6A	walleye limit 3	East Trout Lake	6C	northern pike limit 4; lake trout limit 0 from September 10 to November 10
Delaronde Lake	6B	walleye limit 3	Easterby Lake	7C	(55°34' 105°28') CR3 limits
Deschambault Lake	6D	see Ballantyne, Oskikebuk and Puskwakau rivers and Fisher and Palf creeks	Eldridge Lake	7D	(55°12' 103°57') CR1 limits
			Emmeline Lake	7B	(55°00' 106°22') CR3 limits
			Eyahpaize Lake	7D	(55°35' 105°35') CR3 limits
Diamond Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year. Electric boat motors only	Feldspar Lake	7C	stocked trout; open all year
Dillon River	7A	walleye limit 3	Fern Lake	6A	stocked trout limit 5, only one may exceed 55 cm; open all year

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Water	Map	Special Regulation	Water	Map	Special Regulation
<b>Fifth Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3	<b>Iskwatam Lake</b>	7D	southwest bay of Iskwatam Lake at 55°33'30" 103°08'30", including small river entering from Pow Lake – closed March 1 to May 31
<b>First Mustus Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3			
<b>Fisher Creek</b>	5C	creek and part of Candle Lake near creek mouth – closed March 15 to May 14. Boat motors prohibited between Candle Lake and Highway 265. Walleye limit 3, only one may exceed 50 cm			
<b>Fisher Creek</b>	6D	creek and all of Fisher Bay east of 103°29' on Deschambault Lake – closed March 1 to June 15	<b>Iskwatikan Lake</b>	7C	CR1 limits
<b>Flotten Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3	<b>Jackson Lake</b>	7C	(55°28' 105°38') CR3 limits
<b>Flotten River</b>	6A	walleye limit 3	<b>Jade Lake (Big and Little)</b>	6C	stocked trout; open all year. Electric boat motors only
<b>Fourth Mustus Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3	<b>Jan Lake</b>	6D	unnamed long narrow bay on the northeast shore of the main part of Jan Lake, northeast of Busted Island, at 54°58' 102°52'45" – closed March 1 to May 31
<b>Frobisher Lake</b>	8A	including Simonds Channel; walleye limit 3			
<b>George Lake</b>	8B	(56°14' 106°20') CR1 limits	<b>Jean Lake</b>	8B	(56°11' 106°28') CR3 limits
<b>Gordon Lake</b>	7B	(55°50' 106°28') CR2 limits	<b>Jeannette Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3
<b>Greig Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3	<b>Jet Lake</b>	6B	stocked trout; open all year
<b>Gross Lake</b>	7C	(55°29' 104°36') CR3 limits	<b>Johannsen Lake</b>	7D	(55°38' 103°47') CR3 limits
<b>Hackett Lake</b>	6B	walleye limit 3	<b>Johnston Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3
<b>Hanson Lake</b>	6D	see Bad Carrot Lake	<b>Junction Lake</b>	6C	stocked trout; open all year
<b>Head Lake</b>	7C	(55°16' 105°34') CR1 limits	<b>Keeley Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3
<b>Hildred Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3	<b>Keeley River</b>	7A	between Jans Bay of Canoe Lake and 55°N – closed to all fishing all year
<b>Hirtz Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3			
<b>Houlding Lake</b>	7C	(55°04' 104°04') CR3 limits	<b>Kimball Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3
<b>Humphrey Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3	<b>Kit Lake</b>	6C	stocked trout; open all year
			<b>Konuto Lake</b>	6D	CR1 limits; closed April 1 to June 30
			<b>Lac des Iles</b>	6A	walleye limit 3



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Water	Map	Special Regulation	Water	Map	Special Regulation	
Lac la Ronge	7C	CR1 limits; barbless hooks are mandatory. See Montreal and Potato rivers	Mistohay Creek	6A	walleye limit 3	
			Mistohay Lake	6A	walleye limit 3	
			Mitchell Lake	7C	(55°04' 104°21') CR3 limits	
Lac Ile a la Crosse	7B	walleye limit 3	Moise Lake	7D	stocked trout; open all year	
Land Lake	7C	(55°25' 104°42') CR3 limits	Montreal Lake	6C	walleye limit 1	
Lepine Lake	6A	walleye limit 3	Montreal River	7C	from Highway 2 bridge centerline to Lac la Ronge and part of Lac la Ronge – closed to angling all year	
Lepp Lake	7D	(55°13' 103°58') CR1 limits				
Lewis Lake	8C	(56°09' 104°55') CR3 limits				
Little Lake	6A	walleye limit 3	Mountain Lake	7C	see Twin Falls	
Little Raspberry Lake	6A	stocked trout; open all year	Mullock Lake	7C	stocked trout; open all year	
Lussier Lake	7C	stocked trout; open all year	Musker Pond	5C	stocked trout limit 2; open all year. Boat motors prohibited	
Mackie Lake	5C	stocked trout; open all year. Boat motors over 5 hp prohibited	Muskike Lake	7D	closed March 1 to May 31	
McCall Lake	7D	(55°09' 102°23') CR3 limits	Negan Lake	7D	stocked trout; open all year	
McCulloch Lake	7D	(55°34' 103°41') CR3 limits	Nemeiben Lake	7C	(55°20' 105°20') CR1 limits	
McCusker River	7A	closed March 1 to June 30	Nesootao (Twin) Lake	6A	walleye limit 3	
McEwen Lake	8C	(56°09' 104°51') CR1 limits	Nipawin Lake	5C	stocked trout; open all year. Boat motors over 5 hp prohibited	
McRobbie Lake	6E	stocked trout; open all year				
Meadow Lake	6A	reduced walleye/ lake trout limits; see table for specific waters	Nipekamew Lake	6C	northern pike limit 4	
Provincial Park			Nisbet Pond	5C	stocked trout limit 2; open all year. Boat motors prohibited	
Mekawap Lake	7C	stocked trout; open all year	Niska Lake & Channel	7A	closed March 1 to June 30	
Mercer River	7B	from Mercer Lake to Besnard Lake including Mercer Bay of Besnard Lake – closed to angling all year		Nistum Lake	6D	stocked trout; open all year
				Niven Lake	6A	walleye limit 3
Merritt Lake	6D	see Oskikebuk River	Nunn Lake	7C	(55°16' 105°34') CR1 limits	
Mid Lake	6D	stocked trout; open all year. Boat motors prohibited	Opal Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year. Electric boat motors only	

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Water	Map	Special Regulation	Water	Map	Special Regulation
Oskikebuk River	6D	east side of narrows in West Arm of Deschambault Lake to south bay of Oskikebuk Lake, including Merritt Lake – closed March 1 to June 15	<b>Pine Lake</b> ( <i>continued</i> )	6C	boat motors over 5 hp prohibited
Otter Creek	6A	walleye limit 3	<b>Pinehouse Lake</b>	7B	all waters of an unnamed bay lying south of a straight line joining a point of land at 55°21'28" 106°44'05" to the northwest point on 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". Also, all waters of the Massinahigan River from Pinehouse Lake to 1 km west of the Highway 914 bridge and all waters of the Tippo River from the confluence of the Massinahigan River to 55°18'50" 106°43'40" – closed April 1 to June 20
Otter Lake	7C	Rattler Bay of Otter Lake and Stewart River south of Ducker Lake: closed April 1 to June 15			
Palf Creek	6D	creek and Hidden Bay of Deschambault Lake extending 1 km south and 2 km west of narrows: closed March 1 to June 15			
Park Lake	7D	(55°07' 103°49') CR3 limits			
Paull Lake	8C	(56°08' 104°48') CR3 limits			
Pear Lake	5C	stocked trout; open all year			
Peitahigan Lake	6A	walleye limit 3			
Peltier Lake	7D	(55°34' 105°04') CR3 limits	<b>Piprell Lake</b>	6C	stocked trout; open all year
<b>Peter Pond Lake</b> (Big and Little)	7A	walleye limit 3. 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	<b>Pointer Lake</b>	7D	(55°38' 103°45') CR3 limits
Pierce Lake	6A	walleye limit 3, lake trout limit 2	<b>Potato Lake</b>	6C	Including lower Potato Lake; closed April 1 to May 31
Pilling Lake	7D	(55°36' 103°44') CR3 limits	<b>Potato River</b>	7C	river section at approximate 55°01' 105°15' closed April 1 to May 31. Lower part of Potato River and part of Lac La Ronge within 1 km of river mouth: closed to angling all year
Pine Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year...(cont.)			

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Pow Lake	7D	closed March 1 to May 31	Smoothstone River	7B	river section from 55°18'30" 106°37'30" to Pinehouse Lake and the portion of Pinehouse Lake within a 2 km radius of the Smoothstone River mouth – closed April 1 to June 20
Primrose Lake	6A	closed to angling all year			
Propp Lake	7C	(55°42' 104°09') CR3 limits			
Puskwakau River	6D	river and part of Ballantyne Bay of Deschambault Lake – closed March 1 to June 15			
Ranger Lake	5C	stocked trout; open all year	Snell Lake	6B	stocked trout; open all year
Redmond Lake	6A	walleye limit 3.	Stanley Lake	6A	walleye limit 3
Ridge Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year	Stapleford Lake	7C	(55°31' 105°08') CR3 limits
Road Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year	Stewart Lake	7C	(55°34' 105°33') CR3 limits
Round Lake (53°20' 106°01'02")	B5	perch limit 25, only 10 may exceed 25 cm	Stewart River	7C	see Otter Lake
Rush Lake	6A	walleye limit 3	Stratton Lake	7C	(55°31' 105°05') CR3 limits
Rusty Creek	6A	walleye limit 3			
Rusty Lake	6A	walleye limit 3			
Sapphire Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year. Electric boat motors only			
Sand Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year	Sturgeon Weir River	6D	river south of Highway 106 including Attree Lake and part of Amisk Lake near river mouth: closed October 1 to May 31
Sandy Lake	7B	stocked trout; open all year	Swanson Lake	8B	(56°10' 106°20') CR3 limits
Sealey Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year	Tatukose Creek	6A	walleye limit 3
Second Mustus Lake	6A	walleye limit 3	Ted's Lake	6B	stocked trout; open all year
Sedge Lake	6B	stocked trout; open all year	Terra Lake	6B	stocked trout; open all year
Sergent Lake	6A	walleye limit 3	Third Mustus Lake	6A	walleye limit 3
Shannon Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year	Tobin Lake	5D	from E.B. Campbell to Francois Finley dams including the Petaigan River - walleye/sauger limit 3 (combined), none may be between 55 - 86 cm; pike limit 4, none may be between 75 - 115 cm..(next page)
Shirley Lake	6B	stocked trout; open all year			
Singh Lake	6C	stocked trout; open all year			
Smoothstone Lake	6B	walleye limit 1			

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<b>Tobin Lake</b> <i>(continued)</i>	5D	Mandatory use of barbless hooks Closed April 1 to May 14	<b>Unnamed Lake</b> (Woody)	6C	(55°25' 105°28') CR3 limits
<b>Torch Lake</b>	5C	walleye limit 3; only one may exceed 50 cm. Closed April 1 to June 15	<b>Unnamed Lake</b>	6A	(54°27' 108°35') walleye limit 3
			<b>Unnamed Lake</b>	6A	(54°28' 108°39') walleye limit 3
			<b>Unnamed Lake</b>	7D	(55°08' 102°23') CR3 limits
<b>Turvey Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3	<b>Unnamed Lake</b>	7D	(55°10' 102°21') CR3 limits
<b>Twin Falls</b>	7C	From the westerly tip of the island upstream and the bay located downstream of twin Falls extending to the southwest tip of Eynew Island including Early Bay; closed April 1 to June 15	<b>Unnamed Lake</b>	7D	(55°13'54" 103°03'48") – closed April 1 to May 31
			<b>Unnamed Lake</b>	7D	(55°13'57" 103°04'03") closed April 1 to May 31
			<b>Unnamed Lake</b>	7D	(55°19'30" 102°35') CR3 limits
			<b>Unnamed Lake</b>	7C	(55°46' 105°26') CR3 limits
<b>Unnamed Lake</b> (Eva)	7C	(55°31' 105°31') CR3 limits	<b>Unnamed Lake</b>	7C	(55°46' 105°34') CR3 limits
<b>Unnamed Lake</b> (Heika)	7C	(55°32' 105°29') CR3 limits	<b>Unnamed Lake</b>	7B	(56°11' 106°21') CR3 limits
<b>Unnamed Lake</b> (Luttge)	7C	(55°32' 105°30') CR3 limits.	<b>Vivian Lake</b>	6A	stocked trout; open all year
<b>Unnamed Lake</b> (Leuzinger)	7C	(55°32' 105°30') CR3 limits	<b>Wapawekka Lake</b>	6C	walleye limit 2. 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... <i>(next page)</i>
<b>Unnamed Lake</b> (Nice)	6A	(54°33' 108°35') walleye limit 3			
<b>Unnamed Lake</b> (Two Williams)	7C	(55°28' 105°13') CR3 limits			
<b>Unnamed Lake</b> (Vermont)	7C	(55°27' 105°32') CR3 limits			
<b>Unnamed Lake</b> (Wildgoose)	6C	(55°29' 105°25') CR3 limits			
<b>Unnamed Lake</b> (Wood Duck)	6C	(55°30' 105°28') CR3 limits			

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<b>Wapawekka Lake</b> <i>(continued)</i>	6C	Bay east of 104°20'25" – closed March 1 to June 15	<b>Whiteswan Lakes</b>	6C	lake trout limit 1. Whelan Bay closed to angling September 10 to November 10
<b>Waterhen Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3			
<b>Waterhen River</b>	6A	walleye limit 3, lake trout limit 2			
<b>Wells Lake</b>	7C	(55°33' 105°37') CR3 limits	<b>Wood Lake</b>	7D	Grassy Narrows – closed March 1 to May 31
<b>Weyakwin Lake</b>	6C	walleye limit 3	<b>Wye Lake</b>	6A	walleye limit 3
			<b>Wykes Lake</b>	7D	(55°32' 103°33') CR3 limits
			<b>Zander Lake</b>	8A	(56°39' 108°05') CR3 limits

## Same Fish, Different Saskatchewan Waters

**There is a vast difference between growth rates in fish from northern and southern waters.** Fish grow slowly in our cold northern waters as this comparison of 10-year old walleye, northern pike and lake trout shows. This results in an extremely low replacement of fish in northern waters. For this reason, anglers are encouraged to practice catch-and-release fishing for large fish, especially in the north.



Walleye



Northern Pike



Lake Trout

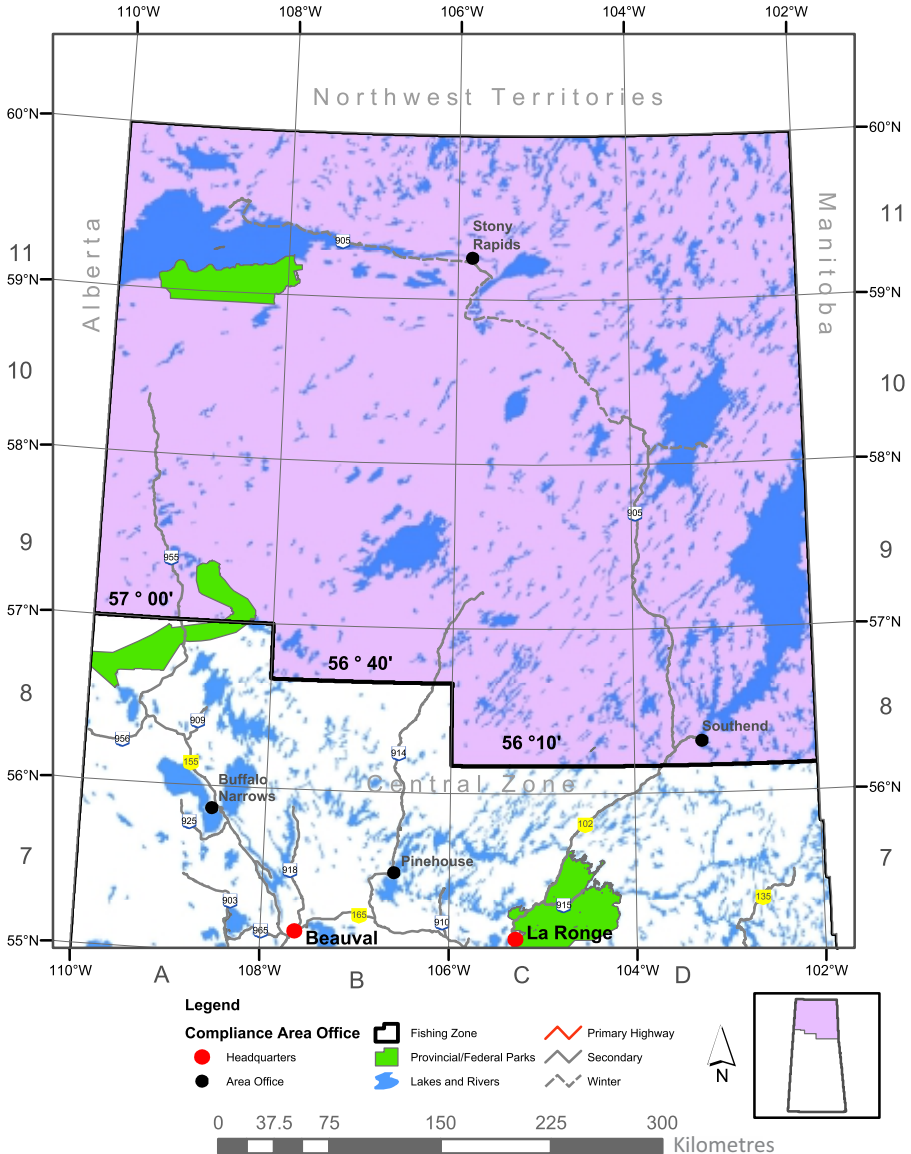
●	Reindeer Lake 52.2 cm (20.6 in)	Reindeer Lake 64.0 cm (25.2 in)	Reindeer Lake 54.2 cm (21.3 in)
●	Lac la Ronge 56.6 cm (22.3 in)	Lac la Ronge 85.3 cm (33.8 in)	Lac la Ronge 67.4 cm (26.5 in)
●	Tobin Lake 69.3 cm (27.3 in)	Tobin Lake 101.3 cm (39.9 in)	Whelan Bay 78.0 cm (30.7 in)

# Northern Zone - Special Regulations

**2017-18 Season Dates: May 25, 2017 - April 15, 2018**

See page 14 for catch-and-release (CR) water species limits.

Contact your local conservation officer for clarification of all regulations.



# Northern Zone

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Water	Map	Special Regulation	Water	Map	Special Regulation
Ahenakew Lake	10D	(58°02' 103°55') CR3 limits	Cree River (58°57' 105°47')	10C	CR1 limits: Giles Lake to Wapata Lake
Alces Lake	11A	(59°41' 108°21') CR3 limits	Crooked Lake	10D	(58°43' 103°56') CR3 limits
Amber Lake	9A	stocked trout; open all year	Dodge Lake	11C	(59°50' 105°36') CR3 limits
Anderson Lake	8C	(56°32' 105°22') CR3 limits	Dube Lake	10C	(58°35' 105°04') CR3 limits
Babiche Lake	10D	(58°56' 103°34') CR3 limits	Duncan Lake (57°34' 104°15')	9C	CR1 limits: on Duncan Lake at the junction of the Geikie and Wheeler Rivers
Bannock Lake	10D	(58°51' 102°42') CR3 limits	Dunnet Lake	9D	(57°28' 103°32') CR3 limits
Bentley Lake	10D	(58°51' 103°22') CR3 limits	Durrant Lake	10C	(58°34' 104°25') CR3 limits
Bird Lake	9C	(57°52' 104°21') CR3 limits	Ed's Lake	9A	stocked trout; open all year
Boland Lake	9D	(57°52' 103°50') CR1 limits	Engler Lake	11B	(59°08' 106°52') CR2 limits
Brakewell Lake	9D	(57°30' 103°43') CR3 limits	Eynard Lake	11C	(59°58' 105°47') CR3 limits
Briggs Lake	9C	(57°53' 104°38') CR3 limits	Fond du Lac River (59°17' 106°00')	10D	CR1 limits: Wollaston Lake to the south end of Redwillow Rapids at 58°31' 103°34'; CR3 limits: Kosdaw Lake to Crooked Lake
Cairns Lake	9D	(57°39' 103°19') CR3 limits	Fontaine Lake	11B	(59°42' 106°27') CR2 limits
Carlson Creek (57°47' 104°47')	9C	CR3 limits: 57°47'15" 104°47' to 57°52' 104°48'	Fontaine Lake	9A	stocked trout; open all year
Causier Lake	9D	(57°31' 103°49') CR3 limits	Forsyth Lake	10C	(58°37' 104°42') CR3 limits.
Charcoal Lake	10D	(58°49' 102°22') CR3 limits	Geikie River (57°18' 104°40')	9C	CR1 limits: Wollaston Lake to the north end of Duncan Lake at 57°33' 104°12'
Charles Lake	9D	(57°23' 103°36') CR3 limits	Ghana Lake	8D	(56°40' 103°28') CR3 limits
Cochrane River (58°45' 103°00')	10D	CR1 limits: Wollaston Lake to Bigstone Rapids at 58°49' 102°45'	Gillespie Lake	9D	(57°06' 103°28') CR3 limits
Collins Creek (58°10' 103°45')	10D	CR1 limits: Kewen Lake to Wollaston Lake	Gow Lake	8C	(56°28' 104°29') CR1 limits
Compulsion River (57°40' 103°24')	9D	CR1 limits: Wollaston Lake to point on river at 57°33' 103°37'	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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Water	Map	Special Regulation	Water	Map	Special Regulation
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: Forsyth Lake to Umfreville Lake	Little Yalowega Lake	9C	(57°48' 104°53') CR2 limits
			Lloyd Lake	9A	(57°22' 108°57') CR2 limits
Hedman Lake	9D	(57°09' 103°05') CR3 limits	Lower Foster Lake	8C	(56°33' 105°23') CR2 limits
Hobson Lake	8B	(56°49' 106°11') CR2 limits	Lucie Lake	9D	(57°40' 103°52') CR3 limits
Hodges Lake	9C	(57°20' 104°50') CR1 limits	MacFarlane River (59°12' 107°58')	11B	CR2 limits: river mouth on Athabasca Lake at 59°12' 107°58' to midpoint of first rapids 10 km upstream at 59°08' 107°53'
Holmesa-Court Lake	8C	(56°15' 105°02') CR3 limits			
Hooker Lake	10D	(58°13' 102°45') CR3 limits			
Horvath Lake	8D	(56°51' 103°27') CR3 limits			
Hull Lake	10D	(58°09' 102°28') CR3 limits			
Hydichuk Lake	10D	(58°03' 102°46') CR3 limits	MacKenzie Lake	9D	(57°50' 102°43') CR2 limits
Jackson Lakes	9D	(57°46' 103°34') CR1 limits	Manson Lake	10D	(58°39' 103°16') CR3 limits
Johnson Lake	9C	(57°26' 104°11') CR3 limits	Many Islands Lake	11D	(59°42' 102°10') CR1 limits
Johnston Lake	10C	(58°16' 104°46') CR2 limits	Mathison Lake	10C	(58°29' 104°54') CR2 limits
Kalheim Lake	10D	(58°52' 102°01') CR3 limits	Mawdsley Lake	8B	(56°47' 106°07') CR2 limits
Kane Lake	8D	(56°54' 103°32') CR3 limits	McConnell Lake	9D	(57°50' 103°35') CR3 limits
Kernaghan Lake	10C	(58°40' 104°10') CR3 limits	McDonald Creek (58°48' 105°08')	10C	CR1 limits: McDonald Creek to Pattysan Lake
Kerslake Lake	10D	(58°16' 102°41') CR3 limits	McDonald Lake	8C	(56°15' 104°41') CR1 limits
Kewen Lake	10D	(58°11' 103°51') CR3 limits	McDonald River	9D	(57°39' 104°39') CR3 limits
Kidd Lake	10D	(58°00' 103°52') CR3 limits	McIntyre River	11C	CR1 limits: from rapids to Pinkham Lake (59°18' 104°04')... (next page)
Kimiwan Lake	11C	(59°56' 105°54') CR3 limits			



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

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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: 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	Vollhoffer Lake	9C	(57°35' 104°54') CR3 limits
Tremblay Lake	8C	(56°28' 104°42') CR1 limits	Wapata Lake	10C	(58°51' 105°43') CR1 limits
Umpherville Lake	9C	(57°53' 104°19') CR3 limits	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'
Umpherville River (58°05' 103°48')	10D	CR1 limits: Wollaston Lake to the north end of Ahenakew Lake at 58°05' 103°50'			
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: Durrant Lake to Theriau Lake; CR3 limits: 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

## Be An Ethical Angler

Ethical anglers learn to fish responsibly because they consider the rights of others and the need to protect and conserve our natural heritage.

### Ethical anglers:

- know and obey fishing regulations, which serve to protect the resource and to spread the harvest among all anglers;
- understand the need for a personal code of 'unwritten laws' since laws cannot cover all situations;
- know that fish are a valuable resource and do not waste them;
- learn techniques to handle fish to ensure their survival, if released;
- co-operate and are courteous with all resource users, including other anglers, swimmers, boaters and landowners;
- appreciate the environment and keep it clean, leaving fishing sites in good condition; and
- ensure good fishing for future generations by limiting their overall catch.

### Limiting Your Overall Catch

When large numbers of fish are caught and released, anglers should voluntarily limit their overall catch. If catch is not limited, an angler can kill in excess of their daily limit. Research has shown that fish may die after being released for a variety of reasons. Most fish experience physiological stress when caught and even though the fish may appear healthy or swim away upon release, delayed mortality may occur due to stress or injury. Even with careful handling, up to 10 per cent of released fish die afterwards. To estimate delayed mortality, count one fish killed for every 10 fish released. This mortality, combined with the number of fish kept, will provide an estimate of total fish kill. When the total fish kill equals the daily limit for a particular species, anglers should consider stopping their fishing activity, or effort should be diverted to another species.

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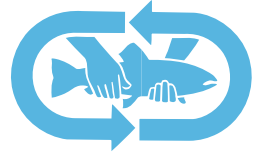
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# Catch-and-Release Fishing



Catch-and-release (CR) fishing has increased in popularity in Saskatchewan over the past number of years. Results from the most recent survey of recreational fishing in Canada indicate that 98 per cent of anglers in Saskatchewan practice some form of catch and release. Therefore, it is important that CR techniques follow scientifically-based best practices and result in limited delayed mortality to the fish.

Factors such as handling, hook placement and environmental conditions are variables that can influence post-release mortality. In order to minimize fish mortality, follow these suggestions for effective CR fishing.

## Proper Tools for Effective Catch-and-Release

- Have the proper tools close at hand. This includes needle nose pliers, hemostats, or special hook-removing devices, line cutters for deeply hooked fish, landing net or cradle, wet cloth glove and camera (if taking a picture).
- 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.

## 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 using intentionally light tackle to prolong a fight.
- CR fishing in depths greater than 9 m (30 ft) should be avoided, as most Saskatchewan fish species, other than lake trout, 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 live/dead bait or other organic materials (e.g. dough balls, corn, etc.) when CR fishing 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 Handling Techniques for Effective Catch-and-Release

- Minimizing air exposure may be one of the single 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 (under 30 seconds) and as little as possible. 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 bruising and other injuries.
- Do not hold or support a fish's weight by the gills, gill cover or the 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 it, 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 livewell management is crucial to ensure good fish survival. 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 well-aerated livewell to 0.1 kg of fish per litre of water or roughly one pound of fish per gallon of water. Limiting retention time of fish in a livewell can also help to reduce stress and improve post-release mortality.
- Use common sense when releasing fish. If a fish is bleeding or cannot be revived, count that fish towards your limit, if regulations allow it.



# Fisheries Information

## 2015 Survey of Recreational Fishing in Canada

Preliminary results from the Recreational Fishing Survey will be available some time in 2017. Statistics collected from the survey provide managers with valuable information for making fisheries management decisions. The ministry would like to thank all anglers who participated in the survey.

## Fish Population Monitoring

Fisheries management in Saskatchewan largely depends on indirect measurements to assess population status. Standardized capture techniques are used, which allow for comparisons of general abundance, growth and survival of fish populations over time. Gill nets and trap nets are the most common sampling gear used in the province.

In 2016, the Ministry of Environment conducted fish population surveys on a number of waters in the province. A summary of the survey results (Fish Facts 2016) is available on our website at [saskatchewan.ca/fishing](http://saskatchewan.ca/fishing).

Yellow or orange coloured markers identify the location of test nets. When fishing or boating, stay clear of nets and refrain from tampering with the markers or nets.

## Fish Stocking

Fish stocking is a management tool available for biologists to manage or manipulate fish populations, with the success of any fish stocking program being variable and influenced by a variety of factors. Stocking cannot be used to sustain a fishery above the productive capability of the lake or the species.

In 2016, the Saskatchewan Fish Culture Station in Fort Qu'Appelle stocked approximately 14.5 million fish into 150 waters. A detailed stocking summary for 2016 that includes the numbers and species of fish stocked along with the receiving waters is available on our website at [saskatchewan.ca/fishing](http://saskatchewan.ca/fishing).

## Competitive Fishing Events

A Competitive Fishing Event (CFE) is a fishing event with 25 or more participants who angle for the purpose of winning prizes or money. All CFEs require ministry approval.

Organizers can seek approval for their event by either:

- a) Providing the ministry with a completed notification form of their pending event if the event meets the ministry's CFE standard operating requirements; or
- b) Applying for a CFE licence if the event does not meet the ministry's CFE standard operating requirements.

CFE forms and documents, including the ministry's CFE standard operating requirements are available at Ministry of Environment offices and at [saskatchewan.ca/fishing](http://saskatchewan.ca/fishing) or may be requested by email at [cfe@gov.sk.ca](mailto:cfe@gov.sk.ca). All completed notification and application forms are to be submitted to the

ministry 30 days prior to the event. In addition, a completed summary form of the event's operations is due to the ministry within 30 days following the event.

## **Mercury in Fish**

Mercury is a naturally occurring element found in the earth's bedrock and soils and may enter the environment through industrial and human activities. Mercury can accumulate in the muscle of fish, with large predatory species such as pike and walleye tending to accumulate the highest amounts. Frequent consumption of fish with elevated mercury is a potential human health concern, especially for infants and unborn children who may be exposed to mercury through their mothers.

Guidelines for the consumption of game fish that contain mercury can be obtained by visiting [saskatchewan.ca/fishing](http://saskatchewan.ca/fishing) or by contacting Ministry of Environment offices.

## **Free Fishing Weekends** (July 8 and 9, 2017 and February 17 to 19, 2018)

To encourage more people to experience one of the province's premier outdoor activities, each year Saskatchewan offers free fishing weekends where anyone may fish without an angling licence in any of Saskatchewan's public waters that are open to sport fishing. Free fishing weekends will take place on July 8 and 9, 2017 and on February 17, 18 and 19, 2018.

Please note that regular angling limits and sport fishing laws are in effect and you must purchase an angling licence if you plan to export any fish from Saskatchewan. Free fishing weekends do not apply in national parks.

## **Fish and Wildlife Development Fund**

The fish enhancement component of the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund (FWDF) is funded by 30 per cent of the revenue generated from the sale of angling licences, with a primary focus on habitat management and population enhancement.

Over the past decade, the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) has operated under agreement with the FWDF to deliver the provincial fish enhancement program which more recently has included operation of the Saskatchewan Fish Culture Station in Fort Qu'Appelle. FWDF program oversight, policy development, fish stocking plans and ownership of the Fish Culture Station remains with the ministry.

In 2015, the SWF commissioned an independent review of the Fish Culture Station to assess its current state and develop a plan for modernization, refurbishment and replacement of aging infrastructure. Recommendations include an eight-year capital improvement plan with an estimated total cost of \$14 million. These proposed improvements will lead to operating efficiencies and cost savings for the Fish Culture Station and help the ministry meet its fish stocking requirements.

Several FWDF aeration projects are operated each winter to help maintain fish populations. These systems may result in areas of open water or thin, unsafe ice conditions. Please exercise caution and observe all warnings. For more information contact the SWF at 306-692-8812.

## Weigh Your Fish With a Ruler

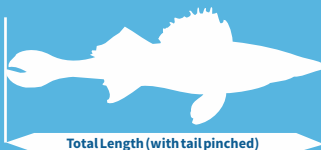
Fish can sometimes be harmed when weighed. To protect your fish, take a length measurement. With this chart you can quickly determine the approximate weight of your fish using a ruler or tape measure.

If you measure your fish by length, use the table below to convert to an equivalent weight. For example, a walleye 66 cm in length would weigh approximately 3 kg. If you measure your fish in inches, use the conversion chart below. For example, a walleye 33 inches in length would be ( $33 \times 2.54 = 83.8$  cm) which is roughly 6.44 kg or ( $6.44 \times 2.21$ ) = 14.2 lbs.

TOTAL LENGTH		APPROXIMATE WEIGHT, KG				
cm	in	Perch	Grayling	Walleye	Lake Trout	Pike
20	7.80	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.07
28	10.9	0.31	0.22	0.18	0.17	0.18
36	14.0	0.67	0.46	0.41	0.37	0.36
44	17.2	1.25	0.85	0.79	0.72	0.64
52	20.3		1.41	1.36	1.24	1.04
60	23.4		2.18	2.16	1.98	1.56
68	26.5			3.24	2.98	2.23
76	30.0			4.65	4.29	3.06
84	32.8			6.44	5.94	4.07
92	35.9				8.00	5.28
100	39.0				10.50	6.70
120	46.8				19.03	11.28
140	54.6					17.51

### How to Measure a Fish

Lay the fish on its side, with the mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together. Measure the length in a straight line along a flat surface from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail.



#### To Convert:

- Centimetres to Inches = multiply by 0.39
- Inches to Centimetres = multiply by 2.54
- Kilograms to Pounds = multiply by 2.21
- Pounds to Kilograms = multiply by 0.45



# Saskatchewan Angler Awards

## Saskatchewan Angling Registry

The registry is a program delivered by the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) that recognizes anglers for catching trophy-size fish in Saskatchewan's public waters. Eligible species meeting the minimum size requirements may be entered in the Catch and Release or Catch and Keep categories. All qualifying entries will receive a certificate and will be entered into a prize draw. For more information or to enter a fish, contact the SWF at 306-692-8812 or go to [swf.sk.ca](http://swf.sk.ca).

## Saskatchewan Catch-and-Release Certificates

These certificates recognize the conservation efforts of anglers who catch and release large fish.

- All fish must be legally angled within Saskatchewan. Fish that do not survive when released are not eligible.
- Application forms are available at [saskatchewan.ca/fishing](http://saskatchewan.ca/fishing). Anglers may submit one application per species. Application forms must be received within 30 days of the catch.
- Ministry representatives will be the final judge of all applications, and reserve the right to publish names and addresses of certificate recipients.

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### Minimum Qualifying Sizes

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(Approximate)	Length		Weight	
	(cm)	(in)	(kg)	(lb)
Arctic grayling	35	13.7	0.5	1.1
Brook trout	45	17.6	1.1	2.4
Brown trout	45	17.6	1.1	2.4
Burbot	55	21.5	1.6	3.5
Channel catfish	65	25.4	2.5	5.5
Goldeye	40	15.6	0.7	1.5
Lake trout	65	25.4	2.6	5.7
Largemouth bass	40	15.6	1.2	2.7
Northern pike	75	29.3	2.9	6.4
Perch	30	11.7	0.4	0.9
Rainbow trout	50	19.5	1.8	4.0
Splake	45	17.6	1.1	2.4
Walleye	55	21.5	1.6	3.5
Whitefish	55	21.5	1.8	4.0

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## Winter Ice Safety

Apply the following guidelines, and use caution and common sense:

- before you leave, always tell someone where you will be fishing and when you plan to return;
- try to fish with other anglers rather than alone;
- test the ice thickness before you travel on it and check with other local anglers for information about the water body;
- ice does not freeze at a uniform thickness and ice strength can vary considerably from one area to another due to air temperature, water currents (especially around the mouths of streams and rivers), pressure cracks, springs, old holes and heavy snow insulation;
- particularly in the early part of the winter season, ice near shore is often much thicker and safer than ice further out onto the lake;
- heavy snow cover can insulate the ice below and cause the ice to form much more slowly;
- if driving on the ice, drive slowly, keep the windows down and apply brakes gradually; and
- wear proper cold weather apparel and layer clothing to stay warm. Assemble some safety gear for emergencies such as a cell phone, ice picks, a throw rope, flares and a life jacket or flotation suit.

### 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. Visit [saskatchewan.ca/fishing](https://www.saskatchewan.ca/fishing).



4" (10 cm)

1 person



8" (20 cm)

snowmobile



12" (30 cm)

automobile, 2 tonnes



12"+ (>30 cm)

heavy truck



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## Boat safety - are you prepared for a day on the water?

Before heading out on the water, be prepared and keep these simple safety tips in mind:

- Always wear a Canadian-approved lifejacket while boating. It could save your life. Make sure it fits properly and that all buckles, straps, zippers and fabric are in good condition.
- Be prepared. Ensure all required safety equipment is onboard, works well and is within easy reach. If you find missing or broken equipment, fix or replace it before you go.
- Take a boating safety course. Learn basic boating safety knowledge and understand the “rules of the road.” If operating a motorized boat, get a Pleasure Craft Operator Card or another approved form of operator competency. It's the law. Also, remember to have your proof of competency onboard the boat while underway.
- Check local weather forecasts and be ready to change your plans if the weather turns bad.
- Know the waterway. Reefs, stumps, rocks, changing water levels and sandbars are examples of hazards you need to know about. Carry local marine charts, if available, or ask someone who knows the waterway well about any hidden hazards.
- Does your boat need a pleasure craft licence? In Canada, all boats powered by motors 7.5 kW (10 hp) or more, must be licensed. This licence is free and is good for 10 years. In an emergency, search and rescue personnel can access information about your boat using the licence number, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- File a sail plan. Tell someone you trust where you are going and when you will be back.
- Check your fuel supply. Remember the rule: 1/3 to go, 1/3 to return and 1/3 in reserve.
- Respect the limits of your boat. Follow the guidelines on the boat's compliance label. Don't overload or carry more weight or people than listed.
- Boat sober. Operating a boat while impaired is dangerous and an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada.

For more information, please visit the Transport Canada Office of Boating Safety website at [tc.gc.ca/boatingsafety](https://tc.gc.ca/boatingsafety).

# Fish of Saskatchewan



**Arctic grayling** (*Thymallus arcticus*)  
Purple iridescence on sides, large dorsal fin. Average weight: 0.5 kg (1.1 lb). Record Size: Kept: 1.96 kg (4.32 lb), Fond du Lac River, 1966; Released: 55 cm (21.65 in), Grease River, Lake Athabasca, 2002.



**Bigmouth Buffalo** (*Ictiobus cyprinellus*)  
Large mouth at tip of snout with no barbels present. Large scales on body with soft-rayed fins. Average weight: 3 to 6 kg (6.6 to 13.23 lb).



**Brook trout** (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)  
Sides have white and red spots surrounded by blue haloes. Average weight: 0.5 to 1 kg (1.1 to 2.2 lb). Record Size: Kept: 3.4 kg (7.5 lb), Loch Leven, 2004; Released: No record.



**Brown trout** (*Salmo trutta*)  
Tail square, not forked, light brown with black and rusty spots. Average weight: 1 to 2.5 kg (2.2 to 5.5 lb). Record Size: Kept: 11.79 kg (26.0 lb), Lake Diefenbaker, 2015; Released: 74.3 cm (29.25 in), Shannon Lake, 2001.



**Bullhead (brown & black)** (*Ictalurus nebulosus & melas*)  
Tail square, not forked, four pairs of barbels (whiskers) present. Average weight: Less than 1 kg (2.2 lb). Record Size: Kept: 1.63 kg (3.6 lb), Round Lake, 1994; Released: No record.



**Burbot** (*Lota lota*)  
Head flattened, single barbel below mouth. Average weight: 1 to 1.5 kg (2.2 to 3.3 lb). Record Size: Kept: 11.4 kg (25.1 lb), Lake Diefenbaker, 2010. All tackle world record. Released: No record.



**Carp** (*Cyprinus carpio*)

Large heavy scales on body, two pairs of barbels at edge of mouth. Average weight: 1 to 5 kg (2.2 to 11 lb). Record Size: Kept: 18.2 kg (40.1 lb), Last Mountain Lake, 1986; Released: No record.



**Channel catfish** (*Ictalurus punctatus*)

Tail deeply forked, four pairs of barbels (whiskers) present. Average weight: 1 to 2 kg (2.2 to 4.4 lb). Record Size: Kept: 8.85 kg (19.5 lb), Qu'Appelle River, 2005; Released: 91.44 cm (36 in), Qu'Appelle River, 2009.



**Cutthroat trout** (*Oncorhynchus clarki*)

Bright red/orange streak found on throat. Average weight: 0.5 to 1.5 kg (1.1 to 3.3 lb). Record Size: Kept: 3.94 kg (8.69 lb), Loch Leven, 2004; Released: No record.



**Goldeye** (*Hiodon alosoides*)

Silver to dark blue in colour with large, bright yellow eyes. Leading edge of dorsal fin above anal fin. Average weight: Less than 0.5 kg (1.1 lb). Record Size: Kept: 1.54 kg (3.4 lb), Blackstrap Reservoir, 1989; Released: 49.5 cm (19.5 in), North Saskatchewan River, 2015.



**Lake trout** (*Salvelinus namaycush*)

Deeply forked tail fin, colour is dark grey-green with light spots. Average weight: 1 to 2.5 kg (2.2 to 5.5 lb). Record Size: Kept: 24.6 kg (54.23 lb), Wollaston Lake, 1995. Released: 132 cm (51.97 in), Lake Athabasca, 2000.



**Largemouth bass** (*Micropterus salmoides*)

Large head and mouth, spiny dorsal fin. Average weight: 0.5 to 1.5 kg (1.1 to 3.3 lb). Record Size: Released: 61 cm (24 in), Boundary Reservoir, 1990.



**Mooneye** (*Hiodon tergisus*)

Similar in appearance to goldeye, but with leading edge of dorsal fin ahead of anal fin. Average weight: less than 0.5 kg (1.1 lb).



**Northern pike** (*Esox lucius*)

Body long and torpedo shaped, large mouth with many sharp teeth. Average weight: 1 to 2.5 kg (2.2 to 5.5 lb). Record Size: Kept: 19.41 kg (42.8 lb), Lake Athabasca, 1954; Released: 141 cm (55.5 in), Miron Lake, 2008.



**Rainbow trout** (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

Mature fish have a pink/red band on each side. Average weight: 0.5 to 2 kg (1.1 to 4.4 lb). Record Size: Kept: 21.8 kg (48 lb), Lake Diefenbaker, 2009. All tackle world record. Released: 68.58 cm (27 in), Lake Diefenbaker, 1999.



**Rock bass** (*Ambloplites rupestris*)

Body is deep and narrow, eyes are red/orange in colour. Average weight: less than 0.5 kg (1.1 lb). Record Size: Kept: 0.99 kg (2.18 lb), Round Lake, 1995; Released: No record.



**Sauger** (*Sander canadense*)

No white lobe on lower tail fin, dorsal fin with black spots. Average weight: Less than 0.5 kg (1.1 lb). Record Size: Kept: 3.55 kg (7.83 lb), South Saskatchewan River, 1990; Released: 58 cm (22.83 in), Tobin Lake, 2002.



**Splake** (Brook trout/Lake trout hybrid)

Body greenish in colour, with yellowish spots and heavy body. Average weight: 1 to 2 kg (2.2 to 4.4 lb). Record Size: Kept: 6.0 kg (13.23 lb), Fern Lake, 1988; Released: No record.



**Smallmouth bass** (*Micropterus dolomieu*)

Colour may vary from green to olive with dark vertical bars along the side. Spiny dorsal fin. Average weight: 1.35 kg (2.98 lb). Record size: Released: 50 cm (19.75 in), Konuto Lake, 2012.



**Lake Sturgeon** (*Acipenser fulvescens*)

Shark-like tail fin, five rows of heavy sharp plates under skin. Four barbels found in front of extendable sucker-like mouth. Average weight: 3 to 10 kg (6.6 to 22 lb).



**Tiger trout** (Brook trout/Brown trout hybrid)

Yellow/brown in colour, worm-shaped vermiculations on sides. Average weight: 0.5 to 1 kg (1.1 to 2.2 lb). Record Size: Kept: 5.0 kg (11 lb), Nesland Lake, 2009; Released: 65.4 cm (25.75 in), Piprell Lake, 2009.



**Walleye** (*Sander vitreus*)

White mark on lower lobe of tail fin, spiny dorsal fin. Average weight: 0.5 to 1.5 kg (1.1 to 3.3 lb). Record Size: Kept 8.3 kg (18.3 lb), Tobin Lake, 2005, World ice fishing record; Released: 96.5 cm (38 in), Tobin Lake, 1997.



**Lake whitefish** (*Coregonus clupeaformis*)

Small head, nose overhangs lower jaw, silvery in colour. Average weight: 0.5 to 1.5 kg (1.1 to 3.3 lb) Record Size: Kept: 5.96 kg (13.15 lb), Lake Diefenbaker, 2015; Released: No record.

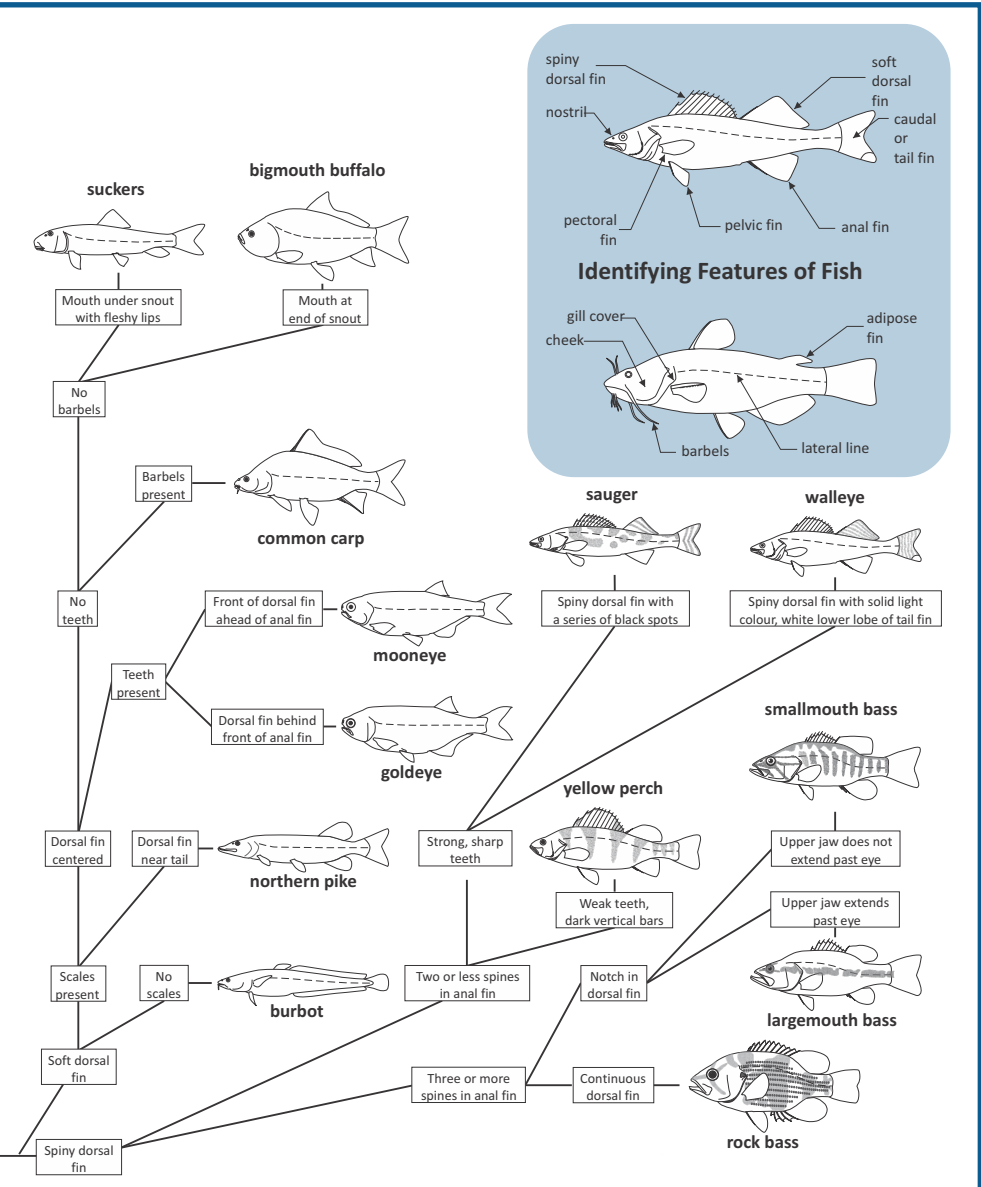


**Yellow perch** (*Perca flavescens*)

Golden colour with black bars, spiny dorsal fin. Average weight: 0.2 to 0.5 kg (0.44 to 1.1 lb). Record Size: Kept: 1.26 kg (2.77 lb) St. Brieux Lake, 2012; Released: No record.









# Are you putting your campfire out safely?



**Did you know that in Saskatchewan last year, 46 wildfires were linked to campfires?**

Why? Because many people don't follow all the steps to safely extinguish their campfires.

Pour water on the coals until they float. Stir. Add more water.

If you spot a fire, call the toll-free number immediately.

[saskatchewan.ca/fire](https://saskatchewan.ca/fire) | 1-800-667-9660 | 911



Have a question?

Call **1-800-567-4224** (in North America)

or email **centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca**

## Ministry of Environment Offices

If you need fishing information or wish to report a fishing violation, contact the nearest Ministry of Environment office listed below. The area code for all numbers is 306.

Assiniboia	642-7242	Melville	728-7480
Beauval	288-4710	Moose Jaw	694-3659
Big River	469-2520	Moose Mountain	577-2600
Buffalo Narrows	235-1740	Nipawin	862-1790
Candle Lake	929-8400	North Battleford	446-7416
Christopher Lake	982-6250	Outlook	867-5560
Creighton	688-8812	Pierceland	839-6250
Dorintosh	236-7680	Pinehouse	884-2060
Duck Mountain	542-5500	Preeceville	547-5660
Estevan	637-4600	Prince Albert	953-2322
Fort Qu'Appelle	332-3215	Regina	787-2080
Greenwater Lake	278-3515	Rowan's Ravine	725-5200
Hudson Bay	865-4400	Saskatoon	933-6240
Humboldt	682-6726	Shaunavon	297-5433
Kindersley	463-5458	Southend	758-6255
La Ronge	425-4234	Spiritwood	883-8501
Leader	628-3100	Stony Rapids	439-2062
Lloydminster	825-6430	Swift Current	778-8205
Loon Lake	837-2410	Wadena	338-6254
Maple Creek	662-5434	Weyburn	848-2344
Meadow Lake	236-7557	Yorkton	786-1463
Melfort	752-6214		

## Services to Anglers

Environment Inquiry Line . . . . .	1-800-567-4224
Tourism Saskatchewan	
- Regina area . . . . .	306-787-2300
- Toll-free North America . . . . .	1-877-237-2273
Information Services Corporation . . . . .	1-866-275-4721
- Regina area . . . . .	306-787-2799
Boating Safety . . . . .	1-800-267-6687
Saskatchewan Outfitters Association . . . . .	306-668-1388
Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation . . . . .	306-692-8812



# Going fishing? Remember your licence.

**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?**

Remember: contact our confidential, 24-hour Turn In Poachers (TIP) service if you notice someone fishing in closed spawning areas, exceeding the limit, or using illegal gear. All reports are investigated.

Call the toll-free number or submit a report online.

[saskatchewan.ca/tip](http://saskatchewan.ca/tip) | 1-800-667-7561 | SaskTel Cell #5555

