

## PART Fis 401 CHAPTER DEFINITIONS

**Readopt with amendment and renumber Fis 401.01, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as Fis 401.01(a), cited and to read as follows:**

Fis 401.01 Chapter Definitions.

(a) “Angling” means those methods of taking fish defined in RSA 207:1, I-a.

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.011, effective 4-6-18 (Document #12510), as Fis 401.01(b) to read as follows:**

(b) “Artificial bait” means any fishing bait constructed by humans as an imitation or substitute for natural bait or fish forage and includes, but is not limited to spinners, spoons, poppers, plugs, jigs, and plastic, rubber, or other artificial imitations of natural bait. “Artificial bait” does not include “fly” as defined in RSA 207:1 VII.

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.02, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as Fis 401.01(c) to read as follows:**

(c) “Bag limit” and “creel limit” means “bag limit and creel limit” as defined in RSA 207:1, II.

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.021, effective 4-6-18 (Document #12510), as Fis 401.01(d) to read as follows:**

(d) “Bait” means dead or live natural bait whether in part or whole and includes but is not limited to fish, mollusks, crustaceans, amphibians, invertebrates, reptiles, or their progeny or eggs, and power bait or any ingestible substance.

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.022, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as Fis 401.01(e) to read as follows:**

(e) “Black bass” means largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*) and smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*).

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.031, effective 4-6-18 (Document #12510), as Fis 401.01(f) to read as follows:**

(f) “Cast of artificial flies” means no more than 3 flies.

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.04 and Fis 401.05, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as Fis 401.01(g) and Fis 401.01(h) to read as follows:**

(g) “Culling” means the act of exchanging a fish for one of the same species already in possession.

(h) “Cusk fishing device” means a device for storing line in a manner which is not free running and is securely attached to said device and to which is attached a sinker weighing at least one ounce not more than 6 inches above, and independent of, an attached single hook with one hook point for the attachment of bait.

**Readopt with amendment and renumber Fis 401.06, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as Fis 401.01(i) to read as follows:**

(i) “Fly fishing” means fishing by trolling or casting with only fly rod, fly reel, fly line combination, to include Tenkara, with an artificial fly or cast of artificial flies attached and does not include the use of spinning, spincast, and casting rods and reels and lead core lines.

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.07 through Fis 401.09, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as Fis 401.01(g) and Fis 401.01(h) to read as follows:**

(j) “Ice fishing” means taking freshwater fish during the open season through manmade openings in the ice by the use of ice fishing devices.

(k) “Ice fishing device” means any device used to take fish through the ice including a tip up, jig stick, rod in hand, or handline exclusive of a set line and cusk fishing device.

(l) “Ice-in” means that period when the surface of a body of water or a portion thereof is covered with sufficient ice to safely support a person.

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.19, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as Fis 401.01(m) to read as follows:**

(m) “Manmade opening” means a hole in the ice made by an ice cutting tool, including but not limited to augers, chisels, and saws, that is used for ice fishing and does not include areas that remain ice free due to current and movement created by dock aerators, bubblers, fans, and similar devices.

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.10 through Fis 401.15, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as Fis 401.01(n) through Fis 401.01(s) to read as follows:**

(n) “Minimum length” means the shortest total length of a fish allowed to be taken. The term includes “minimum total length”.

(o) “Net” means any open fabric constructed of string, cord, thread, or wire knotted or woven together in such a way as to be capable of entraining or entrapping fin fish.

(p) “Personal use” means the utilization by an individual for noncommercial purposes, not for sale or barter.

(q) “Set line” means any unattended line which is placed in the freshwaters of the state, including through the ice, for the purpose of taking fish which is not under the direct view and control of the person placing said line.

(r) “Single hook artificial lure” means an artificial lure with one single hook with not more than 3 hook points.

(s) “Snagging” means the taking or attempting to take any fish by foul hooking, that is, hooking the fish in any part of the body other than inside the mouth. The term includes “snatching” and “lifting”.

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.151, effective 4-6-18 (Document #12510), as Fis 401.01(t) to read as follows:**

(t) “Tandem fly” means 2, single pointed hooks dressed with feathers, hair, thread, tinsel, or any similar material and joined together by a single strand of wire or line, one behind the other to form a single artificial fly to which no spinner, spoon, or similar device is added.

**Adopt Fis 401.01(u) to read as follows:**

(u) “Tenkara” means a style of fly fishing that uses flies, a telescoping rod of bamboo, fiberglass, or composite material, and a short length of line without backing. This line is attached to the tip of the rod. The rod does not have guides or a reel seat.

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.16 through Fis 401.18, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as Fis 401.01(v) through Fis 401.01(x) to read as follows:**

(v) “Tip-up” means a fishing device for storing line designed to be set through the ice and to indicate when something has disturbed the bait attached thereto.

(w) “Total length” means the greatest possible length of the fish with mouth closed and caudal, tail, or fin rays squeezed together to give the maximum over-all measurement.

(x) “Tributary” means any waters flowing directly or indirectly into a waterbody.

**Readopt and renumber Fis 401.181, effective 4-6-18 (Document #12510), as Fis 401.01(y) to read as follows:**

(y) “Trolling” means angling by trailing a line from a vessel, as defined in RSA 270-D:1, XI, being propelled by machinery, electric, or manual power.

**Readopt with amendment and renumber Fis 401.03, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as Fis 401.01(z) follows:**

(z) “Trout” means brook, rainbow, brown, and golden trout, and all their hybrids.

**Readopt Fis 402.01 through Fis 402.05, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), to read as follows:**

Fis 402.01 Snagging Prohibited. No person shall take any fish from the freshwaters of the state by snagging. Any fish accidentally snagged shall be immediately returned to the water.

Fis 402.02 Culling Prohibited. No person shall cull any fish taken from the freshwaters of the state except as permitted under Fis 503.06.

Fis 402.03 Set Line Prohibited. No person shall take any fish from the freshwaters of the state by the use of a set line.

Fis 402.04 Possession Exceeding Daily Bag Limit.

(a) No person shall have in possession, while fishing a stream, pond, or lake, or when leaving such waters, more than one day's legal bag limit of fish.

(b) Such possession shall be prima facie evidence that those fish exceeding one day's legal bag limit, but less than the 2 day's legal bag limit prohibited by RSA 207:5, were unlawfully taken by the possessor.

Fis 402.05 Closed Waters Near Fish Hatcheries. All waters above and below all state fish hatcheries, from a posted point 200 feet upstream, to a posted point 200 feet downstream, shall be closed to all fishing.

**Repeal Fis 402.09, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as follows:**

~~[Fis 402.09 Hours for Taking. The taking of brook trout, lake trout, lake trout hybrids and salmon between 2 hours after sunset and one hour before sunrise shall be prohibited.]~~

**Readopt with amendment and renumber Fis 402.10 and Fis 402.11, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), as Fis 402.09 and Fis 402.10, to read as follows:**

Fis 402.09 Bob Houses. In addition to the requirements of RSA 211:17-a relative to identification markings on any smelt shanty or bob house, each shanty or bob house shall be marked on the outside approximately halfway up on each side with 12 square inches of reflective material.

Fis 402.10 Use of Gaff Prohibited. No person shall use a gaff in any freshwater of the state to take fish.

**Readopt with amendment and renumber Fis 402.12, effective 4-6-18 (Document #12510) as Fis 402.11, to read as follows:**

Fis 402.11 Trolling Restriction. While anglers are being guided, as defined in RSA 207:1, XII and XIII, and taking freshwater fish by trolling, as defined in Fis 401.01(y), the number of lines being used for angling shall not exceed the legal number of lines allowed for each angler, excluding the guide(s).

**Readopt Fis 403.01 through Fis 403.04 and Fis 403.08 through Fis 403.10, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), to read as follows:**

Fis 403.01 Statement of Applicability.

(a) The minimum sizes and daily bag limits specified in this part shall apply:

- (1) To all state waters except on boundary waters lying between this state and another state; and
- (2) Only during such periods when such waters are open to the taking of fish under Fis 406 and Fis 407.

(b) The minimum size and bag limits for species not listed in this part shall be as specified for specific waterbodies under Fis 406 and Fis 407.

Fis 403.02 General Restrictions for Length Limits. Whenever a length limit is specified, the head and tail of the fish shall remain intact while on or leaving the waters of the state.

Fis 403.03 Black Bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*, *M. salmoides*).

(a) The daily bag limit for black bass shall be:

- (1) From January 1 to March 31, 2 fish, of which only one bass may be greater than 16 inches;
- (2) From April 1 to May 14 and June 16 to June 30, 2 fish;
- (3) From July 1 to December 31, 5 fish; and
- (4) Between May 15 to June 15, all black bass shall be immediately released unharmed at the site of catch to the waters from which taken.

Fis 403.04 Walleye (*Sander vitreus*).

- (a) The daily bag limit for walleye shall be 2 fish.
- (b) The minimum length for walleye shall be 18 inches.

Fis 403.08 Pickrel (*Esox niger*, *Esox americanus americanus*).

(a) The daily bag limit for pickerel shall be 10 fish.

(b) There shall be no limits on length or weight of pickerel taken.

Fis 403.09 Northern Pike (*Esox lucius*).

(a) The minimum length for northern pike shall be 28 inches, except in Jericho Lake, Berlin as specified in Fis 406.05(f)(10).

(b) The daily bag limit for northern pike shall be one fish, except in Jericho Lake, Berlin as specified in Fis 406.05(f)(9).

Fis 403.10 Smelt (*Osmerus mordax*). The daily bag limit for smelt shall be 2 quarts liquid measure of whole, with head and tail intact, freshwater smelt in the 24 hours between 12 o'clock noon one day and 12 o'clock noon the following day except as otherwise provided in Fis 502.

**Readopt with amendment Fis 403.11, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), to read as follows:**

Fis 403.11 Trout. The daily limit for trout, as defined in Fis 401.01(z), taken in freshwaters of the state shall not exceed 5 fish or 5 pounds, whether taken from a single waterbody or several waterbodies. More restrictive limits specified in Fis 406 and Fis 407 shall apply to specific waterbodies.

**Readopt Fis 403.12, Fis 405.01 through Fis 405.03, and Fis 405.05, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), to read as follows:**

Fis 403.12 Lake Trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*) and Salmon (*Salmo salar*). The aggregate daily limit for lake trout and salmon taken in freshwaters of the state shall not exceed 2 fish whether taken from a single waterbody or several waterbodies. More restrictive limits specified in Parts Fis 406 and 407 shall apply to specific waterbodies.

Fis 405.01 Statement of Applicability. During the open season, fish shall be taken from the freshwaters of the state only by angling or by ice fishing except as listed below or as specified in RSA 211:9 and 211:2.

Fis 405.02 Black Bass.

(a) In the freshwaters of the state open to the taking of fish, black bass may be taken by angling and ice fishing as follows:

- (1) During the period beginning June 16 and ending May 14, black bass may be taken by the use of bait, flies, and artificial lures; and
- (2) During the period beginning May 15 and ending June 15, black bass shall be taken only by artificial lures and flies.

Fis 405.03 Carp. In addition to angling and ice fishing, carp may be taken by bow and arrow with cord attached from the Merrimack River and Mascoma Lake.

Fis 405.05 Smelt.

(a) In accordance with RSA 211:2-e, freshwater smelt shall be taken by angling only, except as otherwise provided in Fis 406, Fis 407, and Fis 502.

(b) Smelt shall not be taken from the freshwaters of the state by any method from March 15 through June 15 except as otherwise provided in Fis 406, Fis 407, and Fis 502.

(c) Each person taking freshwater smelt shall at all times keep their individual take in a separate unbreakable container marked with their name, except that an angler, while actually fishing for a species other than smelt, shall be permitted to keep live bait smelt in an unmarked container.

(d) A person shall not take smelt while using a boat being propelled by mechanical power.

**Readopt with amendment Fis 406.01, effective 11-28-19 (Document #12933), to read as follows:**

Fis 406.01 Ponds, Lakes, and Tributaries.

(a) The taking of fish from a lake or pond or a tributary as named in Table 400.1 below shall be subject to all of the following restrictions:

- (1) All of the general restriction provisions of Fis 402;
- (2) All of the limits for particular species contained in Fis 403;
- (3) The methods of taking contained in Fis 405, unless a more restrictive provision appears in the table below;
- (4) Unless a different rule provision is cited in the table below, the restrictions for a lake or pond as set forth in Fis 406.05(a); and
- (5) Unless a different rule provision is cited in the table below, the restrictions for a tributary as set forth in Fis 406.06(a).

(b) Commercial or organized activities conducted upon any lake or pond or its tributaries listed in Table 400.1 below shall also be subject to the rules specified in Fis 500.

Table 400.1 PONDS AND LAKES TABLE

POND/LAKE NAME(S)	TOWN(S)	POND RULES, Fis 406.05(a), unless otherwise noted	TRIBUTARY RULES, Fis 406.06(a), unless otherwise noted
Adder/Hopkins Pond	Andover	Fis 406.02(a)	
Airport Pond	Whitefield	Fis 406.02(a)	
Archery Pond	Allenstown	Fis 406.03(c)	
Back Lake	Pittsburg	Fis 406.02(a)	
Barbadoes Pond	Madbury	Fis 406.02(a)	
Basin Pond	Chatham	Fis 406.02(a)	
Bear Brook Pond, Big Bear	Errol	Fis 406.02(a)	
Bear Brook Pond, Little Bear	Wentworth Location	Fis 406.03(a)	
Belknap Recreation Area Pond	Gilford	Fis 406.02(a)	
Big Brook Bog	Pittsburg	Fis 406.03(a)	
Black Mountain Pond	Sandwich	Fis 406.02(a)	
Black Pond	Lincoln	Fis 406.02(a)	
Blue Pond	Madison	Fis 406.02(a)	
Bog, Little/Fourteen & Half Pond	Odell	Fis 406.02(a)	
Boundary Pond	Pittsburg	Fis 406.03(a)	

Bragg Pond	Millsfield	Fis 406.02(a)	
Butterfield Pond	Wilmot	Fis 406.02(a)	
Campton Pond/Unnamed	Campton	Fis 407.02(e)	
Carr Pond	Clarksville	Fis 406.02(a)	
Carter Pond	Bean's Purchase	Fis 406.02(a)	
Center Pond	Nelson	Fis 406.02(a)	
Chapin Pond	Newport, Claremont	Fis 406.03(a)	
Clarksville Pond	Clarksville	Fis 406.03(a)	
Clough Pond	Loudon	Fis 406.02(a)	
Coldrain Pond	New Durham	Fis 406.03(a)	
Cold Spring/Abbott Forest Pond	Stoddard	Fis 406.02(a)	
Cole Pond	Enfield	Fis 406.03(b)	
Connecticut Lake, 1	Pittsburg	Fis 406.04(c)	
Connecticut River			Fis 407.01(a)
Connecticut Lake, 2	Pittsburg	Fis 406.04(c)	
Connecticut Lake, 3	Pittsburg	Fis 406.04(c)	
Conservation Pond	Wentworth	Fis 406.02(a)	
Conway Lake	Conway, Eaton	Fis 406.04(k)	
Coon Brook Bog	Pittsburg	Fis 406.03(a)	
Conner Pond	Ossipee	Fis 406.02(a)	
Corser Pond	Errol	Fis 406.02(a)	
Cranberry Bog Pond	Columbia	Fis 406.02(a)	
Dan Hole Pond, Big	Ossipee, Tuftonboro	Fis 406.04(c)	
Deering Reservoir	Deering	Fis 406.05(d)	Fis 406.06(b)
Devils Washbowl	Odell	Fis 406.03(a)	
Diamond Pond, Big	Stewartstown	Fis 406.04(c)	
Diamond Pond, Little	Stewartstown	Fis 406.02(a)	
Dublin Lake/Monadnock Pond	Dublin	Fis 406.02(a)	
Dummer Pond, Big	Dummer	Fis 406.02(a)	
Dummer Pond, Little	Dummer	Fis 406.02(a)	
Duncan Lake	Ossipee	Fis 406.02(a)	
Dustin Pond	Wentworth's Location	Fis 406.02(a)	
East Inlet	Pittsburg	Fis 406.02(a)	
Echo Lake	Franconia	Fis 406.02(a)	
Ethan/Willey Pond	Bethlehem	Fis 406.07(a)	
Exeter Reservoir/Water Works Pond	Exeter	Fis 406.02(a)	
Falls Pond	Albany	Fis 406.02(a)	
Ferrin Pond	Weare	Fis 406.02(a)	
Flat Mountain Pond	Waterville	Fis 406.02(a)	
Four Mile Pond	Dix's Grant	Fis 406.02(a)	
Francis Lake	Pittsburg	Fis 406.04(c)	
Connecticut River	Clarksville		Fis 407.01
French Pond	Henniker	Fis 406.02(a)	
Gilmore Pond	Jaffrey	Fis 406.02(a)	
Gould Pond	Hillsboro	Fis 406.05(a)	

Sand Brook	Hillsboro		Fis 407.01
Granite Lake/Munsonville Pond	Nelson, Stoddard	Fis 406.04(c)	
Greely Pond, Upper	Livermore	Fis 406.02(a)	
Greenough Pond, Big	Wentworth Location	Fis 406.04(a)	
Greenough Pond, Little	Wentworth Location	Fis 406.07(a)	
Guinea Pond	Sandwich	Fis 406.02(a)	
Halfmile Pond	Enfield	Fis 406.02(a)	
Hall Pond, Lower	Sandwich	Fis 406.02(a)	
Hall Pond, Middle	Sandwich	Fis 406.02(a)	
Hall Pond, Upper	Sandwich	Fis 406.03(b)	
Harris Pond	Pittsburg	Fis 406.02(a)	
Hatch/Hidden Pond	Eaton	Fis 406.02(a)	
Hellgate Pond	Second College Grant	Fis 406.02(a)	
Hopkins Pond/Adder	Andover	Fis 406.02(a)	
Hot Hole Pond	Loudon, Concord	Fis 406.02(a)	
Hoyt's Pond	Madbury	Fis 406.03(a)	
Hunkins Pond	Sanbornton	Fis 406.02(a)	
Hunts Pond	Hancock	Fis 406.02(a)	
Jacquith Pond	Pittsburg	Fis 406.02(a)	
Jericho Lake	Berlin	Fis 406.05 (f)	
Jones Pond	Middleton	Fis 406.03(c)	
Judd Pond	Clarksville	Fis 406.02(a)	
Kiah Pond	Sandwich	Fis 406.02(a)	
Lime Pond	Columbia	Fis 406.03(b)	
Lonesome Lake	Lincoln	Fis 406.02(a)	
Long Pond	Eaton	Fis 406.02(a)	
Long Pond	Errol	Fis 406.02(a)	
Long Pond	Benton	Fis 406.02(a)	
Long Pond	Croydon	Fis 406.02(a)	
Long Pond	Lempster	Fis 406.02(a)	
Long Pond	Millsfield	Fis 406.02(a)	
Lucas Pond	Northwood	Fis 406.02(a)	
Manning Lake/Guinea Pond	Gilmanton	Fis 406.05(d)	Fis 406.06(b)
Meador Pond/Wachipauka Lake	Warren	Fis 406.02(a)	
Merrymeeting Lake	New Durham	Fis 406.04(a)	
Middle Pond	Pittsburg	Fis 406.02(a)	
Millen Lake	Washington	Fis 406.02(a)	
Millsfield Pond, Big	Millsfield	Fis 406.02(a)	
Millsfield Pond, Little/Moose	Millsfield	Fis 406.03(a)	
Mirror Lake	Whitefield, Dalton	Fis 406.02(a)	
Moose Falls Flowage	Pittsburg	Fis 406.02(a)	
Moose Pond	Pittsburg	Fis 406.03(a)	
Morey Pond	Andover	Fis 406.02(a)	
Mountain Pond	Brookfield	Fis 406.02(c)	
Mountain Pond	Lyman	Fis 406.02(a)	
Mountain Pond	Chatham	Fis 406.02(a)	
Mt. Williams Pond	Weare	Fis 406.02(a)	



Mud Pond	Easton	Fis 406.02(a)	
Munn Pond	Errol	Fis 406.02(a)	
Nathan Pond	Dixville	Fis 406.02(a)	
Newfound Lake	Bristol, Alexandria, Bridgewater, Hebron	Fis 406.04(b)	
Nubanusit Lake	Hancock, Nelson	Fis 406.04(c)	
Oliverian Pond	Benton	Fis 406.02(a)	
Orange Pond	Orange	Fis 406.02(a)	
Ossipee Lake Including Berry Bay, Broad Bay, and Leavitt Bay	Ossipee, Freedom	Fis 406.04(j)	
Pea Porridge Pond	Madison	Fis 406.05(d)	Fis 406.06(b)
Peaked Hill Pond	Thornton	Fis 406.02(a)	Fis 406.06(a)
Perch Pond	Campton	Fis 406.02(a)	
Perry Pond	Pittsburg	Fis 406.03(a)	
Phillips Pond	Odell	Fis 406.03(a)	
Pike Pond	Stark	Fis 406.02(a)	
Pleasant Lake	New London	Fis 406.02(b)	
Pleasant/Waukeena Pond	Danbury	Fis 406.02(a)	
Pond of Safety	Randolph	Fis 406.02(a)	
Profile Lake	Franconia	Fis 406.03(b)	
Province Pond	Chatham	Fis 406.02(a)	
Rand Pond	Goshen	Fis 406.02(a)	
Round Pond	Pittsburg	Fis 406.02(a)	
Russell Pond	Woodstock	Fis 406.02(a)	
Rust Pond	Wolfeboro	Fis 406.05(d)	
Saco Lake	Carroll	Fis 406.03(a)	
Saltmarsh Pond	Gilford	Fis 406.02(a)	
Sand Pond/Echo Lake	Lempster, Marlow	Fis 406.02(a)	
Sandy Pond	Richmond	Fis 406.05(d)	Fis 406.06(b)
Sawyer Pond, Big	Livermore	Fis 406.02(a)	
Sawyer Pond, Little	Livermore	Fis 406.02(a)	
Scotts Bog	Pittsburg	Fis 406.03(a)	
Sessions Pond	Dummer	Fis 406.02(a)	
Shaw Pond	Franklin	Fis 406.02(a)	
Shawtown/Shaw Pond	Freedom	Fis 406.03(b)	
Sheehan Flowage Pond	Clarksville	Fis 406.02(a)	
Shoal Pond	Lincoln	Fis 406.07(a)	
Signal Pond	Errol	Fis 406.02(a)	
Silver Lake	Madison	Fis 406.04(a)	
Silver Lake	Harrisville, Nelson	Fis 406.04(c)	
Simmons Pond	Warner	Fis 406.02(a)	
Sky Pond	New Hampton	Fis 406.03(b)	
Smith Pond	Washington	Fis 406.02(a)	
Solitude Lake	Newbury	Fis 406.02(a)	
South Pond	Stark	Fis 406.05(g)	

Spectacle Pond	Groton, Hebron	Fis 406.02(a)	
Spofford Lake	Chesterfield	Fis 406.05(b)	Fis 406.06(c)
Spoonwood Lake	Nelson	Fis 406.02(a)	
Squam Lake, Big Including the Squam Channel	Holderness, Center Harbor, Sandwich, Moultonborough	Fis 406.04(g)	
Squam Lake, Little Including the Squam River above the outlet dam in Ashland	Holderness, Ashland	Fis 406.04(a)	
Stacy/Trout Pond	Freedom	Fis 406.02(a)	
Star Lake	Springfield	Fis 406.05(c)	Fis 406.06(c)
Stirrup Iron Pond	Salisbury	Fis 406.03(a)	
Stone Pond	Marlborough, Dublin	Fis 406.02(a)	
Stonehouse Pond	Barrington	Fis 406.03(a)	
Stratford Bog Pond	Stratford	Fis 406.02(a)	
Stub Hill Pond	Pittsburg	Fis 406.02(a)	
Success Pond	Success	Fis 406.02(a)	
Sunapee Lake	Newbury, New London, Sunapee	Fis 406.04(i)	Fis 406.06(e)
Suncook Lake	Barnstead	Fis 406.05(d)	Fis 406.06(b)
Sunset Lake/Places Pond	Alton, Gilmanton	Fis 406.05(d)	Fis 406.06(b)
Swains Pond	Wentworth	Fis 406.02(a)	
Swanzey Lake	Swanzey	Fis 406.02(a)	
Sweat Pond	Errol	Fis 406.02(a)	
Three Ponds, Lower	Ellsworth, Warren	Fis 406.02(a)	
Three Ponds, Middle	Ellsworth, Warren	Fis 406.02(a)	
Three Ponds, Upper	Ellsworth, Warren	Fis 406.02(a)	
Trio Pond, Lower 1&2	Odell	Fis 406.02(a)	
Trio Pond, Upper 3	Odell	Fis 406.03(a)	
Trout Pond	Lyme	Fis 406.02(a)	
Unknown Pond	Pittsburg	Fis 406.03(a)	
Waukewan Lake/Measley Pond	Meredith, New Hampton	Fis 406.05(e)	Fis 406.06(a)
Webster Lake	Franklin	Fis 406.05(d)	Fis 406.06(b)
West Branch Pond/Terrill Dam	Pittsburg	Fis 406.03(a)	Fis 406.06(a)
Whitcomb Pond	Odell	Fis 406.02(a)	
White Pond	Wilmot	Fis 406.02(a)	
White Pond	Ossipee	Fis 406.03(a)	
Whittemore Lake	Bennington, Greenfield	Fis 406.02(a)	
Willard Pond	Antrim	Fis 406.03(a)	
Winnepesaukee Lake	Alton, Center Harbor, Gilford, Laconia, Meredith, Moultonborough, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro	Fis 406.04(f)	

Front Bay, also known as Back Bay from the Main St Bridge to the dam at Berry's Mill	Wolfeboro	Fis 406.04(a)	
Except: the lake area within 500 ft of the Smith River and 500 feet on either side of the Main St Bridge in Wolfeboro		Fis 406.04 (f)	
Paugus Bay		Fis 406.04(d)	
Weirs Channel		Fis 406.04(e)	
Merrymeeting River (tributary)			Fis 407.01
Winnisquam Lake	Belmont, Sanbornton, Laconia, Tilton, Meredith	Fis 406.04(h)	Fis 406.06(a)
Winnepesaukee River			Fis 407.01
Winona Lake	Meredith, New Hampton, Center Harbor	Fis 406.05(e)	Fis 406.06(a)
Wright Pond	Pittsburg	Fis 406.03(a)	
York Pond	Berlin	Fis 406.05(c)	Fis 406.06(d)
All other ponds & lakes		Fis 406.05(a)	Fis 406.06(a)

**Readopt with amendment Fis 406.04, effective 4-18-17 (Document #12161), to read as follows:**

Fis 406.04 Lake Trout and Salmon Waters.

(a) The taking of fish from this waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) This waterbody shall be managed for lake trout and salmon;
- (2) The open season for taking fish shall be all year round subject to the following restrictions:
  - a. From January 1 to March 31, the waterbody shall be open to the taking of all species, except salmon and smelt, subject to the following restrictions:
    1. Fish shall only be taken by ice fishing;
    2. The combined daily bag limit for all trout species, including lake trout, shall be 2 fish;
    3. Only one hook with bait, as described in Fis 405.07(a), or an artificial lure or flies may be used to take fish through the ice; and
    4. No more than 2 ice fishing devices shall be used, except that in addition, a person may use 6 cusk fishing devices to take cusk as specified in Fis 405.04;
  - b. From April 1 through September 30, the waterbody shall be open to the taking of all species, except smelt, by all legal methods. The combined daily bag limit for lake trout, salmon, and trout shall be 2 fish;

- c. From October 1 through December 31, the waterbody shall be open to the taking of all species except lake trout, brook trout, salmon and lake whitefish;
  - d. From October 1 through December 31, trolling to take fish shall be prohibited;
  - e. From April 1 to December 31, no person shall take fish through the ice, from the ice, or supported by the ice;
  - f. The open season for taking smelt shall be from June 16 through March 14; and
  - g. When trolling to take fish:
    - 1. Only one artificial bait, one fly, one tandem fly, or one bait shall be used per rod; and
    - 2. Only a single hook with a single hook point shall be used with bait;
  - (3) The minimum length for trout and salmon shall be 15 inches;
  - (4) The minimum length for lake trout shall be 18 inches; and
  - (5) For all species other than trout, lake trout, and salmon, the limits and methods of taking shall be as provided in Fis 403 and Fis 405.
- (b) The taking of fish from this waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be subject to the restrictions specified in Fis 406.04(a) except:
- (1) The minimum length for lake trout shall be 15 inches; and
  - (2) The areas of the lake that lie within 500 feet of Cockermouth River and Fowler River shall be closed to all fishing from October 16 through December 31.
- (c) The taking of fish from this waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be subject to the following restrictions:
- (1) This waterbody shall be managed for lake trout, salmon, or both;
  - (2) The open season for taking fish shall be all year round subject to the following restrictions:
    - a. From January 1 to March 31, the waterbody shall be open to the taking of all species, except salmon and smelt, subject to the following restrictions:
      - 1. Fish shall only be taken by ice fishing;
      - 2. The combined daily bag limit for all trout species, including lake trout, shall be 2 fish;
      - 3. Only one hook with bait, as described in Fis 405.07(a), or an artificial lure or flies may be used to take fish through the ice; and
      - 4. No more than 2 ice fishing devices shall be used, except that in addition, a person may use 6 cusk fishing devices to take cusk as specified in Fis 405.04;
    - b. From April 1 through September 30, the waterbody shall be open to the taking of all species, except smelt, by all legal methods. The combined daily bag limit for lake trout, salmon, and trout shall be 4 fish, of which no more than 2 fish may be lake trout, salmon, or both;

- c. From October 1 through December 31 the waterbody shall be open to the taking of all species except lake trout, trout, salmon, and lake whitefish;
- d. From October 1 through December 31, trolling to take fish shall be prohibited;
- e. From April 1 to December 31, no person shall take fish through the ice, from the ice, or supported by the ice; and
- f. The open season for taking smelt shall be from June 16 through March 14;

(3) The minimum length for salmon shall be 15 inches;

(4) The minimum length for lake trout shall be 18 inches;

(5) Yellow perch shall not be used for bait; and

(6) For all species other than trout, lake trout, and salmon, the limits and methods of taking shall be as provided in Fis 403 and Fis 405.

(d) This waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be managed for lake trout, salmon, or both and, in addition to the restrictions in Fis 406.04(a), the area of Paugus Bay which lies between the railroad trestle which crosses Paugus Bay at its south end and the Lakeport Dam in the city of Laconia shall be closed to all fishing October 1 to March 31.

(e) This waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be managed for lake trout, salmon, or both and, in addition to the restrictions in Fis 406.04(a), the area of open water that is not normally covered by ice in winter at the Weirs channel shall be closed to all fishing from October 1 to March 31.

(f) This waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be managed for lake trout, salmon, or both, and, in addition to the restrictions in Fis 406.04(a), the following areas of the lake shall be closed to all fishing October 16 through December 31:

(1) The lake area within 500 feet of Gunstock River, Poor Farm Brook, Melvin River, Merrymeeting River, Mink Brook, and Smith River ; and

(2) The lake area of Lake Winnepesaukee 500 feet on either side of the Main Street bridge in Wolfeboro.

(g) This waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be managed for lake trout, salmon, or both and, in addition to the restrictions in Fis 406.04(a), the area of the lake that lies within 500 feet of Barville Brook shall be closed to all fishing from October 16 through December 31.

(h) This waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be managed for lake trout, salmon, or both and, in addition to the restrictions in Fis 406.04(a), the area of the lake that lies within 500 feet of Winnepesaukee River shall be closed to all fishing from October 16 through December 31.

(i) This waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be managed for lake trout, salmon, or both and, in addition to the restrictions in Fis 406.04(a), the area of the lake that lies within 500 feet of Otter Brook shall be closed to all fishing from October 16 through December 31.

(j) This waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be managed for lake trout, salmon, or both and, in addition to the restrictions in Fis 406.04(a), the area of the lake that lies within 500 feet of Bearcamp River shall be closed to all fishing from October 16 through December 31.

(k) This waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be managed for lake trout, salmon, or both and, in addition to the restrictions in Fis 406.04(a), the area of the lake that lies within 500 feet of the outlet dam shall be closed to all fishing from October 16 through December 31.

**Readopt with amendment Fis 406.05 through Fis 406.07, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), to read as follows:**

Fis 406.05 Other Waterbodies.

(a) The taking of fish from this waterbody, as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b), shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) The waterbody shall be open to the taking of all species, except salmon, lake trout, and smelt, all year round by all legal methods;
- (2) The open season for taking smelt shall be June 16 through March 14;
- (3) The open season for taking salmon shall be April 1 through September 30;
- (4) The open season for taking lake trout shall be January 1 through September 30;
- (5) The daily bag limit for salmon and lake trout shall be no more than 2 fish, whether 2 of a single species or one of each species;
- (6) The minimum length for salmon shall be 15 inches;
- (7) The daily limit for trout in open water shall be 5 fish or 5 pounds of fish, whichever limit shall first be reached, and 2 fish through the ice;
- (8) The minimum length for lake trout shall be 18 inches;
- (9) The daily limit for all other species shall be as provided in Fis 403; and
- (10) No more than 6 ice fishing devices shall be used to take fish while ice fishing, except that in addition, a person may use 6 cusk fishing devices to take cusk as specified in Fis 405.04.

(b) The taking of fish from this waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) This waterbody shall be closed to the taking of all fish October 16 through March 31;
- (2) The open season for taking all species except smelt shall be from April 1 through October 15;
- (3) From April 1 through October 15, no person shall take fish through the ice, from the ice, or from any object supported by the ice;
- (4) The open season for taking smelt shall be June 16 through October 15;
- (5) The daily limit for trout shall be 2 fish;
- (6) The daily limit for all other species shall be as provided in Fis 403.

(c) This waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be closed to all fishing.

(d) The taking of fish from this waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) The waterbody shall be open to the taking of all species, except salmon, lake trout, and smelt, all year round by all legal methods;
  - (2) The open season for taking salmon shall be April 1 through September 30;
  - (3) The open season and methods for taking smelt shall be as follows:
    - a. From June 16 through March 14, smelt shall be taken by angling only; and
    - b. From March 15 through April 30, smelt shall only be taken:
      1. By means of a dip net not over 18 inches in diameter; and
      2. Between the hours of sunset and 12 midnight;
  - (4) The daily limit for trout in open water shall be 5 fish or 5 pounds of fish, whichever limit shall first be reached, and 2 fish through the ice;
  - (5) The daily limit for all other species shall be as provided in Fis 403; and
  - (6) No more than 6 ice fishing devices shall be used to take fish while ice fishing, except that in addition, a person may use 6 cusk fishing devices to take cusk as specified in Fis 405.04.
- (e) The taking of fish from this waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be subject to the following restrictions:
- (1) The waterbody shall be open to the taking of all species, except salmon, lake trout, and smelt, all year round by all legal methods;
  - (2) The open season for taking salmon shall be April 1 through September 30;
  - (3) The open season for taking lake trout shall be January 1 through September 30;
  - (4) The daily limit for salmon and lake trout shall be no more than 2 fish, whether 2 of one single species or one of each species;
  - (5) The minimum length for salmon shall be 15 inches;
  - (6) The daily limit for trout shall be 2 fish;
  - (7) The open season for taking smelt shall be June 16 through March 14;
  - (8) The minimum length for lake trout shall be 18 inches;
  - (9) The daily limit for all other species shall be as provided in Fis 403; and
  - (10) No more than 6 ice fishing devices shall be used to take fish while ice fishing, except that in addition, a person may use 6 cusk fishing devices to take cusk as specified in Fis 405.04.
- (f) The taking of fish from this waterbody, as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b), shall be subject to the following restrictions:
- (1) The waterbody shall be open to the taking of all species, except salmon, lake trout, and smelt, all year round by all legal methods;
  - (2) The open season for taking smelt shall be June 16 through March 14;

- (3) The open season for taking salmon shall be April 1 through September 30;
  - (4) The open season for taking lake trout shall be January 1 through September 30;
  - (5) The daily bag limit for salmon and lake trout shall be no more than 2 fish, whether 2 of a single species or one of each species;
  - (6) The minimum length for salmon shall be 15 inches;
  - (7) The daily limit for trout in open water shall be 5 fish or 5 pounds of fish, whichever limit shall first be reached, and 2 fish through the ice;
  - (8) The minimum length for lake trout shall be 18 inches;
  - (9) The daily limit for all other species shall be as provided in Fis 403, except the daily limit for northern pike shall be 3 fish;
  - (10) The minimum length for northern pike shall be 20 inches; and
  - (11) No more than 6 ice fishing devices shall be used to take fish while ice fishing, except that in addition, a person may use 6 cusk fishing devices to take cusk as specified in Fis 405.04.
- (g) The taking of fish from this waterbody, as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b), shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) The waterbody shall be open to the taking of all species, except salmon, lake trout, and smelt, all year round by all legal methods;
- (2) The open season for taking smelt shall be June 16 through March 14;
- (3) The open season for taking salmon shall be April 1 through September 30;
- (4) The open season for taking lake trout shall be January 1 through September 30;
- (5) The daily bag limit for salmon and lake trout shall be no more than 2 fish, whether 2 of a single species or one of each species;
- (6) The minimum length for salmon shall be 15 inches;
- (7) The daily limit for trout in open water shall be 5 fish or 5 pounds of fish, whichever limit shall first be reached, and 2 fish through the ice;
- (8) The minimum length for lake trout shall be 15 inches;
- (9) The daily limit for all other species shall be as provided in Fis 403; and
- (10) No more than 6 ice fishing devices shall be used to take fish while ice fishing, except that in addition, a person may use 6 cusk fishing devices to take cusk as specified in Fis 405.04.

Fis 406.06 Tributaries to Lakes and Ponds.

- (a) Tributaries to this waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be managed for trout subject to the following restrictions:
- (1) The open season for taking of all species, except salmon and smelt, shall be January 1 through October 15;



- (2) The daily limit for trout shall be 5 fish or 5 pounds of fish whichever limit shall first be reached;
  - (3) The open season for taking smelt shall be January 1 through March 14 and June 16 through October 15;
  - (4) Open season for taking salmon shall be from April 1 through September 30;
  - (5) The daily bag limit for salmon shall be 2 fish;
  - (6) The minimum length for salmon shall be 15 inches;
  - (7) Fishing through the ice, from the ice, or from any object supported by the ice, shall be prohibited; and
  - (8) The daily limit for all other species shall be as provided in Fis 403.
- (b) Tributaries to this waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall:
- (1) Be subject to the restrictions in paragraph (a) above; and
  - (2) Be open to the taking of smelt from March 15 through April 30 as follows:
    - a. By means of a dip net, not over 18 inches in diameter;
    - b. Freshwater smelt shall only be taken between the hours of sunset and 12 midnight; and
    - c. The daily limit for smelt shall be 2 quarts liquid measure of whole, with head and tail intact, freshwater smelt.
- (c) The tributaries to this waterbody shall be closed to all fishing.
- (d) Tributaries to this waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be subject to the restrictions in paragraph (a) above, except tributaries within the boundaries of the York Pond fish hatchery shall be closed to all fishing.
- (e) Tributaries to this waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be subject to the restrictions in paragraph (a) above, except that all tributaries shall be closed to all fishing from October 16 through May 31.

Fis 406.07 Wild Trout Waters.

- (a) The taking of fish from this waterbody as referenced in Table 400.1 in Fis 406.01(b) shall be subject to the following restrictions:
- (1) The open season for taking all species shall be the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April through Labor Day;
  - (2) Only single hook artificial lures and flies shall be used and all hooks shall be barbless or have all barbs pinched; and
  - (3) All fish shall be immediately released unharmed to the water.

**Readopt Fis 408.01, Fis 408.03, Fis 408.05 through Fis 408.11, and Fis 408.13, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), to read as follows:**

Fis 408.01 Validity of Licenses.

(a) Vermont resident fishing licenses and New Hampshire fishing licenses shall be deemed valid for the taking of fish in the Connecticut River. For the purposes of this, “Connecticut River” means all waters of the river including the bays, set backs, and tributaries, only to the first highway bridge crossing said tributaries on the Vermont and New Hampshire sides.

(b) A person holding a New Hampshire non-resident license shall only take fish from that portion of the Connecticut River east of the Vermont low water mark.

(c) A person holding a Vermont non-resident license shall only take fish from that portion of the Connecticut River west of the Vermont low water mark.

Fis 408.03 Salmon.

(a) For the purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) “Angling” means fishing with hook and line which is personally attended;
- (2) “Fly fishing” means angling with the use of a single or double, side by side, hook whose gape does not exceed 1/2 inch, dressed with hair, feathers, tinsel, thread, yarn, or similar material and provided that additional weight is not built into the fly in its construction, as in a weighted nymph, and no additional weight or other attachments such as spinners or swivels are attached to the hook, leader or line;
- (3) “River” means the main stem of the Connecticut River from the Massachusetts and New Hampshire border north to the base of the dam at Lake Francis in Pittsburg, New Hampshire;
- (4) “Snagging”, “snatching”, “lifting”, or “jigging” means the taking or attempting to take any fish by foul hooking, that is, hooking the fish in any part of the body other than inside the mouth;
- (5) “Take” or “taking” means killing or capturing or otherwise rendering into possession; and
- (6) “Commission” means the Connecticut River Atlantic Salmon Commission established under RSA 213:A-1, Article III.

(b) Connecticut River Basin Atlantic salmon licensing requirements shall be as follows:

- (1) No person shall take, attempt to take, assist in taking, or possess, on the waters or the shores of the river or any of its tributaries, any Atlantic salmon without first having obtained a Connecticut River Basin Atlantic salmon license from the fish and game department or its agent;
- (2) Such license shall be issued by the fish and game department on forms provided by the commission and shall be valid during the calendar year of issue;
- (3) No person shall be issued such license unless such person has first obtained a valid fishing license for all species required by the fish and game department;
- (4) The fee for such license shall be \$10.50, \$.50 of which shall be retained by the fish and game department; and
- (5) Such license shall be displayed in a conspicuous manner on the outer garment at all times when angling for Atlantic salmon.

(c) The seasons, methods, and limits shall be as follows:

- (1) No person shall take or attempt to take from the river or possess on the waters or shores of the river any Atlantic salmon except at such times as the commission declares an open season in the river or in specified areas of the river;
  - (2) The fish and game department shall issue Connecticut River Atlantic salmon tags at no additional cost to the holders of the Connecticut River Basin Atlantic salmon license. The number of tags issued to each individual license holder by the fish and game department shall be as set forth in regulations promulgated by the commission. Any person taking any Atlantic salmon in the main stem of the Connecticut River shall immediately attach thereto a Connecticut River salmon tag and the possession of an Atlantic salmon on the waters or shores of the river without such tag attached and the removal of such tag prior to preparation for consumption shall be prohibited;
  - (3) During any open season declared by the commission, Atlantic salmon shall be taken by fly fishing only, the minimum length for Atlantic salmon shall be 15 inches and the daily and seasonal creel limit shall be as determined by the commission upon declaration of any open season;
  - (4) Any Atlantic salmon taken under the provisions of this shall be presented to the fish and game department or its agent;
  - (5) The snagging of Atlantic salmon shall be prohibited;
  - (6) The taking of Atlantic salmon with the aid of an artificial light shall be prohibited;
  - (7) The use of open or closed face spinning reels, spin cast reels, free spool reels, bait casting reels, similar devices, or lead core lines shall be prohibited;
  - (8) No Atlantic salmon shall be taken within 250 feet of any dam or fishway;
  - (9) The use of a gaff to land Atlantic salmon is prohibited; and
  - (10) All Atlantic salmon taken contrary to subparagraphs (1) through (9) above shall be immediately returned, without avoidable injury, to the water from which taken.
- (d) Nothing in these rules shall prohibit a duly authorized state, federal, or commission employee, acting within the scope of official employment, from taking or possessing Atlantic salmon for the purposes of research, management, or propagation.
- (e) Any person who violates any provision of these rules shall be subject to the penalties set forth in RSA 206:19-a.

Fis 408.05 Walleye or Pike Perch.

- (a) There shall be no closed season for taking walleye, by all legal methods, except as provided in Fis 408.10.
- (b) No person shall take walleye 16 to 18 inches in length.
- (c) The daily bag limit shall be 4 fish of which only one may be larger than 18 inches.

Fis 408.06 Pickereel.

- (a) There shall be no closed season for taking pickerel, by all legal methods, except as otherwise provided in Fis 408.10.
- (b) The daily bag limit shall be 10 fish.

Fis 408.07 Horned Pout (*Ameiurus nebulosus*).

(a) There shall be no closed season for taking horned pout by all legal methods, except as otherwise provided in Fis 408.10.

(b) There shall be no length or weight limits.

(c) The daily bag limit shall be 25 horned pout.

Fis 408.08 Carp. There shall be no closed season for taking carp by any legal method or by means of long bow, and arrow with cord attached, in that part of the Connecticut River beginning at the point on the northern boundary of Grafton County in New Hampshire which is directly opposite the town of Concord, Vermont, and ending to the south at the Massachusetts border.

Fis 408.09 Ice Fishing for Certain Species.

(a) A person shall be permitted to take all species except salmon through the ice during the open season for such species, except as otherwise provided in Fis 408.10.

(b) No more than 6 ice fishing devices shall be used to take fish while ice fishing.

Fis 408.10 Closed Season in Certain Portion of River.

(a) The Connecticut River shall be closed to the taking of all species from October 16 to December 31, in the portion of the river beginning at the confluence of the Upper Ammonoosuc River and the Connecticut River in Northumberland and ending at the northern boundary of the town of Canaan, Vermont.

(b) From a point 1600 feet upstream from the bridge in North Stratford, upstream to a point 250 feet below the Lyman Falls Dam in North Stratford, and marked by a sign, the following restrictions shall apply:

(1) Fishing shall be permitted by artificial lures and flies only;

(2) All lures and flies shall have barbless hooks or have all barbs pinched so that they will not interfere with removal of the hook from the fish; and

(3) All fish shall be immediately released unharmed to the waters.

Fis 408.11 Liability for Prosecution. Violators of the provisions of this part shall be liable to prosecution under the laws of New Hampshire, or, alternatively, may be liable to prosecution under Vermont law.

Fis 408.13 Northern Pike.

(a) Northern pike less than 28 inches total length shall not be taken.

(b) The daily bag limit shall be one fish.

**Readopt with amendment Fis 408.14, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), to read as follows:**

Fis 408.14 Fishways Closed. Fishways on the Connecticut River shall be closed as follows:

(a) Vernon Dam in Vernon, Vermont and Hinsdale, New Hampshire shall be closed to all fishing 150 feet below the dam; and

(b) Wilder Dam in Wilder, Vermont and Lebanon, New Hampshire shall be closed to all fishing 150 feet below the dam.

**Readopt Fis 408.15, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), to read as follows:**

Fis 408.15 Method of Taking in Open Water. Any person fishing in open water shall use no more than 2 lines.

**Readopt with amendment Fis 408.16, effective 1-1-14 (Document #10425), to read as follows:**

Fis 408.16 Other Species of Fish.

(a) There shall be no closed season for taking black crappie (*Pomoxis nigromaculatus*), white perch (*Morone americana*), yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*), horned pout, or sunfish (*Lepomis auritus*, *L. gibosus*, or *L. macrochirus*) by all legal methods, except as otherwise provided in Fis 408.10.

(b) The daily bag limit for black crappie shall be 25 fish.

(c) The daily bag limit for white perch shall be 25 fish.

(d) The daily bag limit for yellow perch shall be 25 fish.

(e) The daily bag limit for sunfish shall be 25 fish.

(f) The aggregate daily limit for black crappie, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, and horned pout shall not exceed 50 fish.

(g) There shall be no limits on length or weight of black crappie, white perch, yellow perch, or sunfish taken.

**Readopt Fis 409.01 through 409.03, effective 1-1-14 (Document # 10425), to read as follows:**

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Fis 409.01 Waters Included.

(a) The following bodies of water, lying in the towns identified and subject to the rules specified in this part, shall be designated as Massachusetts-New Hampshire interstate waters:

- (1) Bent Pond in Winchester, New Hampshire and Warwick, Massachusetts;
- (2) Long Pond in Pelham, New Hampshire and Dracut, Massachusetts;
- (3) Lake Monomonac in Rindge, New Hampshire and Winchendon, Massachusetts;
- (4) Robbins Pond in Rindge, New Hampshire and Winchendon, Massachusetts; and
- (5) Tuxbury Pond in South Hampton, New Hampshire and Amesbury, Massachusetts.

Fis 409.02 Seasons for All Species. There shall be no closed season for taking any species, by all legal methods, in Massachusetts-New Hampshire interstate waters.

Fis 409.03 Black Bass.

(a) The daily bag limit shall be:

- (1) From January 1 to March 31, 2 fish, of which only one black bass may be greater than 16 inches; and

- (2) From April 1 to May 14 and June 16 to June 30, 2 fish; and
  - (3) Five fish from July 1 to ice-in.
- (b) From May 15 through June 15, all black bass shall:
- (1) Be immediately released unharmed at the site of capture; and
  - (2) Be taken by artificial lures and flies only.

**Readopt with amendment Fis 409.04, effective 1-1-14 (Document # 10425), to read as follows:**

Fis 409.04 Other Species of Fish.

- (a) There shall be no closed season for taking black crappie, white perch, yellow perch, horned pout, or sunfish by all legal methods.
- (b) The daily bag limit for black crappie shall be 25 fish.
- (c) The daily bag limit for white perch shall be 25 fish.
- (d) The daily bag limit for yellow perch shall be 25 fish.
- (e) The daily bag limit for horned pout shall be 25 fish.
- (f) The daily bag limit for sunfish shall be 25 fish.
- (g) The aggregate daily limit for black crappie, white perch, yellow perch, sunfish, and horned pout shall not exceed 50 fish.
- (h) There shall be no limits on length or weight of black crappie, white perch, yellow perch, horned pout or sunfish.
- (i) The taking of northern pike shall be subject to the following:
  - (1) The minimum total length shall be 28 inches; and
  - (2) The daily bag limit shall be one fish.
- (j) The taking of walleye shall be subject to the following:
  - (1) The minimum total length shall be 18 inches; and
  - (2) The daily bag limit shall be 2 fish.

**Readopt Fis 409.05, effective 1-1-14 (Document # 10425), to read as follows:**

Fis 409.05 Pickereel.

- (a) The daily bag limit shall be 10 fish.
- (b) There shall be no limits on length or weight for pickerel.

**APPENDIX**

<b>Rule</b>	<b>Specific State Statute the Rule Implements</b>
Fis 401.01	RSA 206:10, I
Fis 402.01	RSA 206:10, I
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Fis 402.09 - Repeal	RSA 206:10, I
Fis 402.09 (formerly Fis 402.10)	RSA 206:10, I
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Fis 406.04	RSA 206:10, I
Fis 406.05	RSA 206:10, I
Fis 406.06	RSA 206:10, I
Fis 406.07	RSA 206:10, I
Fis 408.01	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5
Fis 408.03	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5; RSA 213-A
Fis 408.05	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5
Fis 408.06	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5
Fis 408.07	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5

<b>Rule</b>	<b>Specific State Statute the Rule Implements</b>
Fis 408.08	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5
Fis 408.09	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5
Fis 408.10	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5
Fis 408.11	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5
Fis 408.13	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5
Fis 408.14	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5
Fis 408.15	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5
Fis 408.16	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:5
Fis 409.01	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:4
Fis 409.02	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:4
Fis 409.03	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:4
Fis 409.04	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:4
Fis 409.05	RSA 206:10, I; RSA 211:4