



Upper Red Lake State Waters Winter Angling Regulations

Effective, December 2011 – February 2012

Walleye

- Four walleye daily limit; fish 17 to 26 inches must be immediately released.
- A statewide possession limit may only include four Red Lake walleye (only one larger than 26 inches).

Northern pike

- All northern pike 26 to 44 inches must be immediately released.
- Anglers may possess three pike, only one larger than 44 inches.

Possession and on-the-water consumption

- While on the ice, all harvested walleye and northern pike must be intact and measurable, unless a person is in the act of preparing the fish for a meal on the ice.
- If walleye or northern pike are prepared for a meal, anglers are required to retain measurable carcasses, which count toward the possession limit for the remainder of the fishing day.
- Do not allow whole fish or carcasses to freeze together in buckets or bags since both need to be measurable. Pack them in snow or ice shavings in a bucket or cooler inside the fish house or vehicle to prevent freezing.
- Anglers are required to properly dispose of carcasses before harvesting additional fish the following day. It is illegal to dispose of fish carcasses on or under the ice.

Notice: The Red Lake Nation has stocked lake sturgeon into Lower Red Lake annually since 2007. Currently, these fish range up to 30 inches in length, and are protected on all waters of the Red Lakes. If you catch one, it must be immediately returned to the water.

Boundary Information

Those portions of Red Lake located within the Red Lake Indian Reservation are closed to non-band members except by special authorization of the tribal council.

When fishing near the reservation boundary, using a GPS unit will ensure compliance.

State anglers: The actual boundary is not a true north-south line. To simplify, it is recommended that State anglers stay east of the longitudinal coordinate of **94° 43' 12.0" W** to ensure they are on State waters.

Everyone fishing near the boundary is responsible for knowing his/her location.

**Turn in Poachers
1-800-652-9093**

Unless licensed to do so, it is unlawful in the state of Minnesota to buy or sell game fish, whitefish, or cisco. The exceptions are smelt and fish obtained under a commercial, private hatchery, or aquatic farm license. If you are approached with or witness such illegal activity, please call TIP, Inc. or a local conservation officer with details.



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