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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Whitefish and Cisco Sport Gill Netting Regulations
(Whitefish netting license required)

- Whitefish and Cisco (also known as Tullibee) netting is open to Minnesota residents only.
- Participants must be in possession of a valid Minnesota angling license and the $10 netting license.
- Only one gill net, not exceeding 100 feet in length and 3 feet in width may be used by a netter at any given time.
- One end of net must have a pole, stake, or buoy projecting at least two feet above the water or ice surface.
- Nets must have an identification tag attached near the first float of the end projecting from the water/ice.
- Identification tags must be at least 2½ inches by 5/8 inch permanently bearing net owner's name and address.
- Nets may not be set or lifted between sunset and sunrise.
- All gill nets must be tended at least every 24 hours and can only be set and lifted by the licensee.
- Nets may not be set in any water deeper than six feet and cannot be set within 50 feet of another net.
- Minimum gill net mesh size varies among lakes – be sure to check the attached schedules.
- A person may not have angling equipment in possession while netting.
- Rough fish, as defined by Minnesota Statute 97A.015, Subd. 43, caught in the net may be retained. All other non-target fish taken while netting must be returned to the water immediately.
- Nets used in waters infested by spiny water fleas and/or zebra mussels may <u>not</u> be used in <u>any</u> other waters.
- Nets used in waters designated infested by other species (not spiny water fleas and/or zebra mussels) must be dried for a minimum of 10 days or frozen for 2 days before using in a different water body.
- Nets should be transported in sealed container.
- Whitefish and Cisco taken by sport gill netting may not be bought, sold, or used as bait.
- Within the Leech Lake Reservation, the possession limits are 25 whitefish and 50 cisco.
- Net placement should not inhibit use of the lake by other boaters.

Seasons Open for Taking Whitefish and Cisco by Netting
Schedules Designating Open Seasons for Certain Waters

Please refer to the following pages for waters that will, or may, be open to Whitefish and Cisco netting in 2020. The waters listed in Schedule I may be open during 2020. Net harvest allowances in Schedule I lakes varies from year-to-year based on assessments of game fish abundance, climatic conditions that affect the vulnerability of game fish to accidental harvest, and abundance of Whitefish and Cisco. Schedule II water bodies exhibit less variability and are therefore opened and closed on a pre-determined schedule. Unless otherwise noted, the names of the bodies of water refer to lakes.

Schedule I Water Bodies

All water bodies listed in this schedule are to be opened and closed on a 48 hour notice posted at the lake accesses and other public places. Lakes in **bold** and marked with asterisk (*****) are designated infested with spiny water fleas and/or zebra mussels (see footnote about net use in these lakes). The table below indicates the minimum mesh size (based on stretch measures) allowed on each lake.

Name	DOW #	County	3.5 Inches	1.75 Inches
Balsam, Big	31-0259	Itasca		X
Basswood*	38-0645	Lake		X
Bear Island	69-0115	St. Louis		X
Deer	31-0719	Itasca	X	
Devil Track*	16-0143	Cook	X	
Ely (Closed for 2020)	69-0660	St. Louis		X
Fall*	38-0811	Lake		X
Green* (Closed for 2020)	34-0079	Kandiyohi	X	
Greenwood*	16-0077	Cook		X
Mille Lacs* (Closed for 2020)				
Ida*	21-0123	Douglas	X	
Nashwauk	31-0192	Itasca		X
Newton*	38-0784	Lake	X	
Ojibway	38-0640	Lake		X
Poplar	16-0239	Cook	X	
Rachel	21-0160	Douglas		X
Shagawa*	69-0069	St. Louis	X	
Side	69-0933	St. Louis		X
South Sturgeon	31-0003	Itasca		X
Straight	03-0010	Becker	X	
Turtle	31-0725	Itasca	X	
Vermilion* *(all except Pike Bay, south and west of a north-south line at narrowest portion between Echo Point and Punchers Point.)*	69-0378	St. Louis	X	

**** Nets used in spiny water fleas and/or zebra mussel infested waters are not to be used in any other waterbody.***

Schedule 1 Lakes open for recreational netting of whitefish and cisco (tullibee). The lake name, Division of Waters number (DOW#), County where lake is located, responsible DNR Area Fisheries Office, and the netting opening and closing dates are denoted or have yet To Be Announced (TBA). Mesh restrictions are noted in the table above.

Lake Name	DOW#	County	Area Fisheries Office	Opens	Closes
Big Balsam	31-0259	Itasca	Grand Rapids	TBA	TBA
Basswood	38-0645	Lake	Tower	TBA	TBA
Bear Island	69-0115	St. Louis	Tower	TBA	TBA
Deer	31-0719	Itasca	Grand Rapids	TBA	TBA
Devil Track	16-0143	Cook	Grand Marais	TBA	TBA
Ely	69-0660	St. Louis	Tower	Closed to netting	
Fall	38-0811	Lake	Tower	TBA	TBA
Green	34-0079	Kandiyohi	Spicer	Closed to netting	
Greenwood	16-0077	Cook	Grand Marais	TBA	TBA
Mille Lacs	48-0200	Mille Lacs	Mille Lacs	Closed to netting	
Ida	21-0123	Douglas	Glenwood	TBA	TBA
Nashwauk	31-0192	Itasca	Grand Rapids	TBA	TBA
Newton	38-0784	Lake	Tower	TBA	TBA
Ojibway	38-0640	Lake	Tower	TBA	TBA
Poplar	16-0239	Cook	Grand Marais	TBA	TBA
Rachel	21-0160	Douglas	Glenwood	TBA	TBA
Shagawa	69-0069	St. Louis	Tower	TBA	TBA
Side	69-0933	St. Louis	Tower	TBA	TBA
South Sturgeon	31-0003	Itasca	Grand Rapids	TBA	TBA
Straight	03-0010	Becker	Park Rapids	TBA	TBA
Turtle	31-0725	Itasca	Grand Rapids	TBA	TBA
Vermilion	69-0378	St. Louis	Tower	TBA	TBA

Schedule II Water Bodies

Schedule II waters are open based on one of three netting schedules listed below. Netting period designations (A, B, and C) are defined below and designated as "Open Dates" in the following table. Lakes in **bold** and marked with asterisk (*****) are designated infested with spiny water fleas and/or zebra mussels (see footnote about net use in these lakes). The table below indicates the minimum mesh size allowed (based on stretch measures) on each lake.

A = Open second Friday of October through First Sunday of December **(Oct. 9, 2020 to Dec. 6, 2020)**
B = Open first Friday of November through second Sunday of December **(Nov. 6, 2020 to Dec. 13, 2020)**
C = Open second Friday of November through second Sunday of December **(Nov. 13, 2020 to Dec. 13, 2020)**

Name	DOW #	County	3.5 Inches	1.75 Inches	Open Dates
Ball Club	31-0812	Itasca	X		B
Bass	18-0358	Crow Wing	X		B
Bass *(north basin & Snyder Bay to the narrows)*	31-0576	Itasca	X		B
Bass, Big (Closed for 2020)	11-0474	Cass		X	B
Beltrami	04-0135	Beltrami	X		B
Bemidji, Little	03-0234	Becker	X		B
Benedict	29-0048	Hubbard	X		B
Black Bear*	18-0140	Crow Wing		X	B
Blackduck	04-0069	Beltrami	X		B
Blackwater	11-0274	Cass	X		B
Bowstring*	31-0813	Itasca	X		B
Bowstring, Little	31-0758	Itasca	X		B
Boy	11-0143	Cass	X		B
Brule	16-0348	Cook		X	A
Buffalo	03-0350	Becker	X		C
Buzzle	04-0297	Beltrami		X	B
Caribou*	16-0141	Cook	X		A
Carr	04-0141	Beltrami	X		B
Cass*	04-0030	Beltrami	X		B
Clear	18-0364	Crow Wing		X	B
Clearwater	04-0343	Beltrami	X		B
Cotton	03-0286	Becker	X		B
Crane*	69-0616	St. Louis		X	A
Crooked	11-0494	Cass	X		B
Crooked	18-0041	Crow Wing	X		B
Crow Wing, Fifth & Sixth *(channel between)*	29-0092 and 29-0093	Hubbard	X		B
Crow Wing, Seventh & Eighth *(channel between)*	29-0091 and 29-0072	Hubbard	X		B
Crow Wing, Ninth	29-0025	Hubbard	X		B
Crystal*	56-0749	Otter Tail	X		C
Curfman*	03-0363	Becker	X		B
Cut Foot Sioux*	31-0857	Itasca	X		B
Deer	04-0230	Beltrami	X		B
Deer	31-0334	Itasca	X		B
Detroit*	03-0381	Becker	X		B
Eagle	18-0099	Crow Wing		X	B
Elbow	69-0744	St. Louis	X		A
Elbow	03-0159	Becker	X		C
Eunice*	03-0503	Becker	X		B
Fish*	56-0768	Otter Tail	X		C
Fish Hook	29-0242	Hubbard	X		B
Floyd*	03-0387	Becker	X		B

Franklin*	56-0759	Otter Tail	X		C
Gilstad	04-0024	Beltrami	X		B
Graham	56-0368	Otter Tail	X		B
Grant	04-0217	Beltrami		X	B
Graves	31-0624	Itasca	X		B
Gull*, *including Wilson's Bay*	11-0305	Cass	X		B
Gull, Upper*	11-0218	Cass	X		B
Hanging Horn, Big	09-0038	Carlton		X	B
Howard	11-0472	Cass		X	B
Ice Cracking	03-0156	Becker	X		C
Isabella	38-0396	Lake	X		A
Island	29-0254	Hubbard	X		B
Jack	11-0400	Cass		X	B
Jessie	31-0786	Itasca	X		B
Jewett*	56-0877	Otter Tail	X		C
Kabekona	29-0075	Hubbard	X		B
Kabetogama*	69-0845	St. Louis		X	A
Kimble*	18-0361	Crow Wing		X	B
Kitchi*	04-0007	Beltrami	X		B
Lake of the Woods*	39-0002	Lake of the	X		A
Leaf, East	56-0116	Otter Tail	X		C
Leaf, Middle	59-0116-01	Otter Tail	X		C
Leaf, West	56-0114	Otter Tail	X		C
Leavitt	11-0037	Cass	X		B
Leech, *including Kabekona Bay and all other bays*	11-0203	Cass	X		A
Lida*	56-0747	Otter Tail	X		C
Lizzie*	56-0760	Otter Tail	X		C
Long*	03-0383	Becker	X		B
Long*	29-0161	Hubbard	X		B
Long*	56-0784	Otter Tail	X		C
Long, Lower South	18-0136	Crow Wing	X		B
Long, North*	18-0372	Crow Wing	X		B
Many Point	03-0158	Becker	X		B
Maple	31-0773	Itasca	X		B
Margaret*	11-0222	Cass	X		B
Marquette	04-0142	Beltrami	X		B
Maud*	03-0500	Becker	X		B
McCraney	44-0080	Mahnomen	X		B
Melissa*	03-0475	Becker	X		B
Moore	03-0152	Becker	X		B
Movil	04-0152	Beltrami	X		B
Murphy	56-0229	Otter Tail	X		B
Namakan* *(Closed in the Narrows between Namakan And Sandpoint Lake)*	69-0693	St. Louis		X	A
Net	03-0336	Becker	X		B
Oak	29-0060	Hubbard	X		B
Ossawinamakee*	18-0352	Crow Wing	X		B
Pelican*	18-0308	Crow Wing	X		B
Pelican, Big*	56-0786	Otter Tail	X		C
Pike	03-0139	Becker	X		B
Pike, East	16-0042	Cook		X	A
Pike Bay*	11-0415	Cass	X		B
Pillager	11-0320	Cass		X	B
Pimushe	04-0032	Beltrami	X		B
Pine, Big	56-0130	Otter Tail	X		C

Pine, Little	56-0142	Otter Tail	X		C
Pine Mountain	11-0411	Cass		X	B
Plantaganette	29-0156	Hubbard	X		B
Pokegama	31-0532	Itasca		X	B
Portage	11-0476	Cass		X	B
Portage	18-0050	Crow Wing	X		B
Potato & Eagle *(Channel Between)*	29-0243 and 29-0256	Hubbard	X		B
Prairie	69-0848	St. Louis		X	B
Pughole (Little Thunder)	11-0061	Cass		X	B
Rainy*	69-0694	St. Louis		X	A
Round	03-0155	Becker	X		B
Round*	18-0373	Crow Wing	X		B
Round	31-0896	Itasca		X	B
Rush Island	31-0832	Itasca	X		B
Sand, Big*	31-0826	Itasca	X		B
Sand Point* *(Except the narrows Between Sand Point & Namakan Lakes, and Sand Point & Vermilion Lakes)*	69-0617	St. Louis		X	A
Sandy	04-0307	Beltrami	X		B
Sandy, Big	01-0062	Aitkin	X		B
Sauk, Big*	77-0150	Todd	X		B
Silver Island	38-0219	Lake	X		A
Snyder	44-0045	Mahnomen	X		B
Spring	31-0789	Itasca		X	B
Stalker	56-0437	Otter Tail	X		C
Star	18-0359	Crow Wing	X		B
Star*	56-0385	Otter Tail	X		C
Steamboat	11-0504	Cass	X		B
Strawberry	03-0323	Becker		X	B
Sucker, Lower	11-0313	Cass	X		B
Swan	31-0067	Itasca		X	B
Ten Mile	11-0413	Cass		X	C
Thunder	11-0062	Cass	X		B
Tulaby	44-0003	Becker	X		B
Turtle, Big	04-0159	Beltrami	X		B
Turtle, Little	04-0155	Beltrami	X		B
Turtle River Lake	04-0111	Beltrami	X		B
Twin Lakes	31-0190	Itasca	X		B
Wabedo	11-0171	Cass	X		B
Washburn	11-0059	Cass	X		B
White Earth	03-0328	Becker	X		B
Wimer	56-0355	Otter Tail	X		C
Winnibigoshish*	11-0147	Cass	X		B
Winnibigoshish, Little* *(except those portions within One-fourth mile of river channels)*	31-0850	Itasca		X	B
Wolf, Big*	04-0079	Beltrami	X		B
Woman	11-0201	Cass	X		B

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