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GRAND PORTAGE BAND OF CHIPPEWA
CONSERVATION CODE

TITLE IV. FISHING REGULATIONS

Section 1. Angling

1.1 Open Water.

1.1.1 The taking of fish with attended lines shall not exceed six (6) lines per person.

1.1.2 Snagging by Band Members shall be allowed during the Summer and Fall Seasons so long as the daily bag limits are adhered to. Snagging is prohibited during the Spring Spawning Season.

1.1.3 Trot Lines that meet the requirements of this Code shall be allowed.

1.2 Ice.

1.2.1 The taking of fish with attended lines shall not exceed six (6) lines per person.

1.2.2 Holes for angling through the ice shall not exceed 12 inches in diameter.

1.2.3 Tip-ups are permitted for ice fishing.

1.2.4 Fish houses and portable shelters must be plainly marked with the owner's name.

1.2.5 Fish houses must be removed from the ice no later than March 15, unless a later or earlier date is established by the Conservation Department, with approval of the Reservation Tribal Council, except that portable shelters may be used thereafter, but must be removed from the ice daily. In the event that an earlier date is established, the Conservation Department shall post a notice.

1.2.6 The accidental snagging of any fish while angling through the ice shall be a legal means of taking fish. The taking of fish by use of a snagline, snagpole, or a cluster of fish hooks shall not be permitted.

Section 2. Spearing

2.1 Open Water - Game Fish.

2.1.1 The Permit for spearing shall be an Grand Portage Band I. D. Card. Except as otherwise provided herein, no Band Member shall use or possess any spear on any body of water unless the Band Member possesses a valid I. D. Card.

2.1.2 The use of artificial lights while spearing game fish is permitted.

2.1.3 No Band Member shall possess any fish harvesting devices, other than a spear, while engaged in spearing.

2.1.4 Band Members shall not take fish with a spear that does not meet the requirements of this Code except that a Band Member may use a spear with barbed tines which are smaller than otherwise required when fishing exclusively for pan fish.

2.2 Open Water - Non-Game Fish.

2.2.1 Band Members shall not take fish with a spear that does not meet requirements of this Code.

2.2.2 Band members may spear non-game fish in any open water, unless otherwise prohibited.

2.2.3 The use of artificial light is permitted.

2.3 Ice - Non-Game and Game Fish.

2.3.1 The spearing of fish through the ice will not require a permit.

2.3.2 Band Members shall not take fish with a spear that does not meet the requirements of this Code.

2.3.3 Fish houses and portable shelters must be plainly marked with the owners' name.

2.3.4 Fish houses must be removed from the ice no later than March 15, unless a later or earlier date is established by the Conservation Department, with approval of the Reservation Tribal Council, except that portable shelters may be used thereafter, but must be removed from the ice daily. In the event that an earlier date is established, the Conservation Department shall post a notice.

2.3.5 The use of tip-ups of angling for fish around or within the same fish house used for spearing is permitted.

2.3.6 The use of artificial lights is permitted in the taking of fish through the ice.

2.3.7 Spearing holes shall not exceed 24 inches by 36 inches.

2.4 Non-Members. Non-members shall not take fish by spearing within the Grand Portage Reservation.

Section 3. Fish Traps - Dip Nets - Seines

3.1 Fish traps, dip nets and seines shall not be used on any inland waters.

3.2 The taking of game fish with a fish trap, dip net or seine shall be by Permit only and only on the adjacent waters of Lake Superior.

3.3 Fish traps shall not exceed 36 inches in diameter or 52 inches in length. Each wing, or lead of the trap shall not exceed 72 inches in length. Each trap must bear the Band Member's name on a metal tag which is no less than 5/8 inch by 2 inches and not thinner than 30 gauge.

3.4 A dip net shall not exceed 36 inches in diameter.

3.5 A seine's mesh shall be no larger than 3/8 inches when stretched.

3.6 A Band Member, with a valid I. D. Card, shall check his/her traps one (1) time during each continuous 24 hour period in which the fish trap is set, or more frequently as water temperatures may require so as to avoid death and spoilage of any fish taken in the trap.

3.7 Non-members shall not be allowed to fish with fish traps, dips or seines.

Section 4. Fishing With Gill Nets

4.1 Gill nets shall not be used on any inland lake or stream.

4.2 The taking of fish by gill net shall be by Permit only. No Band Member may use or possess a gill net unless the Band Member possesses an I. D. Card.

4.3 All fish caught in gill nets shall be reported on catch sheets provided by the Natural Resources Department

4.4 No Band Member shall fish with any gill net unless the gill net is marked in the following manner:

4.4.1 Each gill net shall be marked with two markers(bouys), one on the inside of the net and one on the outside;

- 4.4.2 The Band Member's name must be clearly printed on each bouy
- 4.4.4 Each gill net must be checked at least once every 72 hour period.

4.5 Each gill net used for taking fish shall not exceed 2000 feet in total length and the mesh size shall be not smaller than 4.5 inches when stretched for Lake trout and whitefish , 1.50 inch stretch for herring, 1.75 inch stretch for menominee and 2.5 inch stretch for chubs.

4.6 Non-members shall not take fish with gill nets.

Section 5. Bait Fishing - Minnows/Leeches

5.1 Personal Use. Persons may take minnows for their own use with dips, nets, traps or seines. Seines may not be over 25 feet long or more than 148 meshes deep with 1/4 inch bar measure or more than 197 meshes deep with 3/16 inch bar measure. Traps in use must have a metal tag bearing the name and address of the owner.

5.1.1 Minnows may not be taken from designated trout waters except with an Band I.D. Card.

5.1.2 All persons may take and possess no more than 400 minnows or leeches for their own personal use.

5.1.3 Any net that meets the requirements of this Code may be used by Band Members to take minnows or leeches. Non-members shall not take minnows or leeches with any net.

5.1.4 Any trap that meets the requirements of this Code may be used by Band Members to take minnows or leeches. Non-members shall not take minnows or leeches with any trap.

5.1.5 The minnow or leech trap must bear the name of the Band Member on a metal tag not less than 5/8 inch by 2 inches and not thinner than 30 gauge.

5.1.6 Minnow or leeches must be handled, transported or held in a manner that will reasonably ensure that they are kept alive and healthy and will not cause waste or wanton destruction of the natural resource.

5.1.7 Any unharmed game fish incidentally taken in the minnow/leech net or trap shall be promptly returned to the water.

5.2 Commercial Use.

5.2.1 No minnows or leeches may be taken for commercial purposes from any inland waters.

5.2.2 A permit is required for the taking and possessing of more than 400 minnows or leeches.

5.2.3 Any net or trap that meets the requirements of this Code may be used to take minnows or leeches.

5.2.4 The minnow trap, leech trap, fish trap or net must bear the Name of the Band Member on a metal tag no less than 5/8 inch by 2 inches and no thinner than 30 gauge.

5.2.5 Minnows or leeches shall be handled, transported or held in a manner that will reasonably ensure that they will be kept alive and healthy and will not cause waste or wanton destruction of the natural resources.

5.2.6 Non-members shall not be allowed to take and/or possess minnows or leeches for commercial purposes.

5.3 Possessing live minnows or using them for bait on designated trout lakes is prohibited.

Section 6. Daily Limits And Possession

6.1 Taking fish by fishing, spearing, trapping, dip net or seine will be limited to the seasons established herein. The Reservation Tribal Council shall establish daily bag limits and may, in its discretion, modify the season for any species. The daily bag limit and/or any modification of a season for a species shall be posted fourteen (14) days prior to the beginning of the season and written notice shall be provided to each person issued a Fishing Permit.

6.2 No person may possess or transport more than the daily limit of fish as allowed.

SPECIES	OPEN SEASONS	Non Band Member LIMIT	
Northern Pike	Same as MN.	3 not more than 1 over 30"	
Walleye and Sauger	Same as MN.	6 not more than 1 over 24"	
Smallmouth Bass	Same as MN.	6	
Rock Bass	Continuous	30	Whitefish
Continuous	No Limit		
Smelt	Continuous	No Limit	Salmon - streams
Continuous	No Limit		
Salmon - lakes	Same as MN.	10 combined	
Lake Trout	Same as MN.	3	Trout - including
Splake	Continuous	5	
Coaster Brooktrout	May 11-September 1	1 (release all BKT less than 20") (Below first barrier)	
Sturgeon	No Open Season		

Section 7. Special Regulations For Inland Waters

The following special regulations shall apply to the taking of fish from inland waters including border waters, but not including Lake Superior.

7.1 No Commercial Harvest of Fish. There shall be no taking of fish for commercial purposes from inland waters.

7.2 No Netting. There shall be no taking of fish with the use of any type of net from inland waters.

Section 8. Regulations Applicable to All Fishing

The following regulations shall apply to all fishing:

8.1 There shall be no taking of any fish during that species' spawning season. No gill nets shall be placed in any river or stream or within 300 feet of the outlet of any river or stream from the opening day in May until June 15, both dates inclusive, unless such placement is approved by the Conservation Department.

8.2 No person shall interfere with any fish egg collection sites.

8.3 No fish may be taken by means of netting within 1,000 feet of the mouth of any tributary stream entering Lake Superior. There will be no netting for Rainbow trout on weekends during the month of April.

Section 9. Prohibited Methods

The fishing methods permitted by these regulations are the only authorized methods. Non-members may fish by any methods unless specifically prohibited. Prohibited harvest methods, include but are not limited to, spear guns, firearms, electro-shocking, toxic substances, and unattended lines.

Section 10. Prohibited Baits

The following live fish or animals are prohibited for use as bait: carp, redhorse, freshwater drum, buffalo fish, lamprey, alewife, gizzard shad, smelt, goldeye, river ruffe, white perch and rusty crayfish.

Section 11. Fishing Permits

All non-band members shall be required to obtain an annual fishing permit from the Conservation Department. The permit must be in the person's possession whenever fishing, assisting, possessing, or transporting fish taken from within the Grand Portage Reservation.

Section 12. Ice Fishing

All shelters, which include dark houses and fish houses, placed on the ice must have the complete name, address of the owner plainly and legibly printed on the outside in letters and figures at least 3 inches in height, except portable shelters must have a metal Identification Tag attached to the exterior side of the door of the shelter.

12.1 Ice fishing shelters shall be equipped with a latch that will permit a door to be readily opened from the outside at all times while the enclosure or shelter is occupied.

12.2 Taking fish by angling or with tip-ups is prohibited while spearing fish in a dark house, fish house or portable shelter.

12.3 No Band Member may erect a dark house, fish house or shelter within 10 feet of an existing dark house, fish house or shelter.

12.4 Storing or leaving fish houses or dark houses on public waters is prohibited.

Section 13. Commercial Fishing

13.1 Fish properly taken under a proper Commercial Fishing Permit may be possessed, bought, sold or transported in any quantity anywhere within the State of Minnesota with proper Grand Portage tags during any open season. Such fish may be frozen or cured during open season, and when so cured or frozen, may be transported, bought or sold at any time.

13.2 When shipping fish taken under a Commercial Fishing Permit, the parcel must be plainly marked on the outside, stating the name, address and the kind and number of the fish contained in the package. The waybill or receipt issued by any common carrier to a shipper shall specify the number and species of fish so shipped.

13.3 The Reservation Tribal Council may, in its discretion, limit the number of Commercial Fishing Permits issued during any given year, and may further regulate the manner of commercial fishing, the type of fish taken and the amount of take under any Commercial Fishing Permit.

13.4 All Band Members commercially fishing shall possess and have upon their persons while fishing, possessing or transporting fish an annual commercial fishing permit. Non-members shall not take fish for commercial purposes.

13.5 Commercial taking of fish non-gaming species shall be allowed only in designated waters. Game fish species incidentally taken in connection with commercial fishing may not be sold outside the boundaries of the Grand Portage Reservation e.g. Coaster Brooktrout, Walleye, Sturgeon.