

PERMITS TO HARVEST AND SELL YELLOW PERCH ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS

1. Permittee and crew members must have a valid Maine fishing license.
2. Permittee must be present when gear is tended.
3. Harvest of Yellow Perch is permitted by dip net, seine, spear, and trap net only in waters contained on the approved list (see attached "Lakes Where it is Legal to Commercially Harvest Yellow Perch").
4. All harvested yellow perch must be killed prior to transporting away from the water where captured.
5. Up to four waterbodies may be listed on permit. (The area between dams on a river is considered a single waterbody).
6. No more than two trap nets may be placed in a single water body at the same time under this permit.
7. Trap nets shall not be immersed prior to April 1st and must be removed by the Friday prior to Memorial Day weekend.
8. All unattended gear shall be clearly labeled with permittee's name and address.
9. Gear and storage containers may be examined by the Maine Warden Service or MDIFW Fisheries Biologists.
10. Species not covered by this permit shall be released immediately upon tending of gear.
11. All holders of a Yellow Perch harvest permit are required to submit an annual report of their fishing activity and catch information to the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife by December 31st of each year. Failure to submit a report by the deadline will result in the suspension of your privilege to obtain permits next season.
12. This permit does not give the permittee the right to use fishing gear on private property against the wishes of the property owner. You must receive written permission from appropriate landowner(s) prior to using any gear.
13. Portions of islands and submerged land immediately surrounding islands in the Penobscot River are part of the Penobscot Indian Nation Reservation, and portions of lands in the St. Croix drainage include portions of the Passamaquoddy Reservation. You must receive permission from tribal authorities and/or appropriate landowner(s) prior to using any gear.

TRAP NET DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS FOR OPERATION

For this definition, a "trap net" means a containment device made of wire or flexible mesh with a funnel-shaped entrance designed to intercept and retain fish in a confined space.

For this definition, a "seine" means an ordinary commercial-type minnow seine, not exceeding 1,200 square feet, used vertically to enclose fish when its ends are brought together or drawn ashore.

1. No portion of any trap net may be constructed with:
 - a. Soft, flexible, non-rigid netting material with a mesh larger than 3/8 inch square (equal to 3/4 inch stretch mesh).
 - b. Rigid coated wire material that is larger than 5/4 inch x 5/4 inch.
2. A trap net may have a "box", or area of confinement, no larger than 100 cubic feet.
3. Each trap net must be equipped with one or more escape panels with minimum openings of 1 inch x 5 inch to allow fish smaller than six inches (6") in length to escape. These escape panels must be in the "box" or area of confinement, must be unobstructed, and must be submerged at all times.
4. No more than two trap nets may be placed in a single water body under this permit.
5. All trap nets shall be clearly marked with one or more buoys and the owner's name and address shall be clearly placed on at least one of those buoys.
6. Season: Trap nets shall not be immersed prior to April 1st and must be removed by the Friday prior to Memorial Day weekend.
7. All trap nets shall be tended at least once every 72 hours and all non-target fish or animals must be released unharmed back into the water from where they came.
8. Trap nets must be fixed/secured gear and may not be placed in a river, stream, or brook in such a manner so as to block, or obstruct, more than 1/3 of the stream channel (wetted width) at any time. Trap nets, or any portion of these nets, must be a minimum of 50 feet apart.
9. Trap nets, or any portion of these nets, may not be placed within 150 feet of any dam (including beaver dams or debris dams). They also shall not be placed so as to obstruct boat launch areas, boating channels, swimming areas, or other areas used by recreationists.
10. Any unwanted dead fish covered by this permit must be immediately removed from the area and disposed of in a legal, safe, sanitary manner.
11. It is illegal to transport aquatic plants or fragments of aquatic plants, fish, or fish eggs. Permittee must remove plants or plant fragments, fish or fish eggs from all nets and gear before leaving the waterbody.
12. Permittee must follow the Maine Fish and Wildlife Biosecurity Protocols issued with this permit prior to moving from one waterbody to another.

WATERS WHERE THE COMMERCIAL HARVEST YELLOW PERCH IS PERMITTED

ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
ANDROSCOGGIN LAKE	LEEDS	3,826
ROUND POND	TURNER	12
SANDY BOTTOM POND	TURNER	25
SUTHERLAND POND	SABATTUS	53

AROOSTOOK COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
ALDER LAKE	CHAPMAN	160
COUNTY ROAD LAKE	NEW LIMERICK	25
CRYSTAL LAKE	HERSEY	137
FAULKNER LAKE	WESTON	70
FLINN POND	T1 R5 WELS	269
GLANCY LAKE	NEW LIMERICK	22
HAYWIRE POND	T1 R5 WELS	25
MACWAHOCK LAKE (UPPER)	SHERMAN	269
MATTASEUNK LAKE	MOLUNKUS TWP	576
MUD POND	T15 R9	63
REED POND	MACWAHOC PLT	19
SKITACOOK LAKE	T4 R3 WELS	435

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
BROWNS POND	SEBAGO	96

FRANKLIN COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
CLOUTMAN POND	RANGELEY	20
DRURY POND	TEMPLE	32
GAMMON POND	FREEMAN TWP	97
HORSESHOE POND	COBURN GORE	37
ROUND POND	CHESTERVILLE	13
SHALLOW POND	JIM POND TWP	52

HANCOCK COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
ALLEN POND	T35 MD	83
BRACEY POND	T34 MD	14
BRANDY POND	T39 MD	723
BURNT POND	OTIS	70
DEER LAKE	T34 MD	38
DUCK POND	FRANKLIN	45
EAGLE LAKE	T34 MD	260
GASSABIAS LAKE	T41 MD	896
GREEN LAKE #1	T35 MD	83
HORSESHOE LAKE	T35 MD	202
OXHEAD POND (MIDDLE)	T40 MD	38
PATTEN POND (UPPER)	ORLAND	361
ROCKY POND	T22 MD	666
ROCKY POND (LITTLE)	ELLSWORTH	61

HANCOCK COUNTY (CONTINUED)

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
SABAO LAKE (LOWER)	T35 MD	755
STILES LAKE	T35 MD	51
THURSTON POND	BUCKSPORT	141
UNKNOWN LAKE	T4 MD	58
WEBB POND (LITTLE)	WALTHAM	77

KENNEBEC COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
ANDERSON (EVERS) POND	AUGUSTA	12
BUKER POND	LITCHFIELD	75
CHINA LAKE	CHINA	3,845
DUTTON POND	CHINA	57
HAMILTON POND	BELGRADE	19
JIMMY POND	LITCHFIELD	40
MARANACOOK LAKE	WINTHROP	1,673
MUD POND	WINSLOW	122
SAND POND	LITCHFIELD	177
SHED POND	MANCHESTER	37
TAYLOR POND	MOUNT VERNON	83
THREEMILE POND	CHINA	1162
TOGUS POND	AUGUSTA	648
WEBBER POND	VASSELBORO	1,201
WOODBURY POND	LITCHFIELD	436

KNOX COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
MACES POND	ROCKPORT	29
CHICKAWAUKIE POND	ROCKPORT	352
HOBBS POND	HOPE	272
ROUND POND	UNION	250
SENNEBEC POND	APPLETON	511
SEVEN TREE POND	UNION	523
SPRING (MUDDY) POND	WASHINGTON	18
WASHINGTON POND	WASHINGTON	551

LINCOLN COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
DEER MEADOW POND	JEFFERSON	51
MEDOMAK POND	WALDOBORO	228
MUSQUASH POND	JEFFERSON	29
TRAVEL POND	JEFFERSON	102

OXFORD COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
HUNT POND	FRYEBURG	25
MUD POND	OXFORD	19
PEPPERPOT POND	ADAMSTOWN TWP	50
PLAIN POND	PORTER	16
SOUTH POND	BUCKFIELD	49

PENOBSCOT COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
BEN ANNIS POND	HERMON	25
CENTER POND	LINCOLN	192
CENTER POND	DIXMONT	14
CUT LAKE	T7 R6 WELS	294
FIELDS POND	ORRINGTON	182
FLATIRON POND	T3 R9 NWP	284
GARLAND POND	GARLAND	102
HATCH (MANSELL) POND	ALTON	10
HERMON POND	HERMON	461
HOLLAND POND	ALTON	92
HOT POND	T6 R7 WELS	70
LA POMKEAG LAKE (LOWER)	T8 R7 WELS	91
LA POMKEAG LAKE (UPPER)	T8 R7 WELS	217
MEDUNKEUNK LAKE	T2 R9 NWP	67
MOWER POND	CORINNA	75
NOLLESEMIC LAKE	HOPKINS ACAD GRANT	660
NUMBER THREE POND	T3 R1 NBPP	666
PATTEN POND	HAMPDEN	46
PICKEREL POND	ALTON	77
PLYMOUTH	PLYMOUTH	480
PUG LAKE (LOWER)	LAKEVILLE PLT	70
PUG LAKE (UPPER)	LAKEVILLE PLT	50
RUSH POND	HERSEYTOWN TWP	243
SEBASTICOOK LAKE	NEWPORT	4288
SALMON STREAM LAKE (LITTLE)	T1 R6 WELS	218
WADLEIGH POND	T4 INDIAN PURCHASE 97	
WEBSTER POND	WEBSTER PLT	40
WHITEHOUSE LAKE	T7 R7 WELS	218

PISCATAQUIS COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
BADGER POND	WILLIMANTIC	15
BARTLETT POND	T10 R9 WELS	77
COOPER POND	TA R10 WELS	271
CUXABEXIS LAKE	T5 R 12 WELS	592
DAGGETT POND	T7 R14 WELS	461
JAQUITH POND	BROWNVILLE	45
LONGLEY POND	T6 R13 WELS	749
ROUND POND	T7 R14 WELS	375
UMBAZOOKUS LAKE	T6 R13 WELS	1590

SAGADAHOC COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
NEQUASSET LAKE	WOOLWICH	392
SEWALL POND	ARROWSIC	46

SOMERSET COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
CAMBRIDGE POND	CAMBRIDGE	38
FAHI POND	EMBDEN	196
FLAGSTAFF LAKE	FLAGSTAFF TWP	20,300
HALFMOON POND	ST ALBANS	36
LILY (MERRILL) POND	CONCORD TWP	25
SHAW POND (LOWER)	T3 R4 BKR WKR	64

SOMERSET COUNTY (CONTINUED)

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
ST JOHN LAKE (LITTLE)	T5 R20 WELS	90
STAFFORD POND	HARTLAND	122
STARBIRD POND	HARTLAND	103

WALDO COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
BASIN POND	MONROE	19
CHISHOLM POND	PALERMO	41
COLBY POND	LIBERTY	26
LAWRY POND	SEARSMONT	83
QUANTABACOOK LAKE	SEARSMONT	693
SANDY (FREEDOM) POND	FREEDOM	430
THISTLE POND	MONROE	12
UNITY POND	UNITY	2528
WASHINGTON POND	WASHINGTON	551

WASHINGTON COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
BARROWS LAKE	CRAWFORD	281
BOWLES LAKE	T31 MD BPP	64
CHAIN LAKE (FIRST)	T26 ED BPP	336
CHAIN LAKE (SECOND)	T26 ED BPP	589
CHAIN LAKE (THIRD)	T26 ED BPP	157
FULTON LAKE	NORTHFIELD	96
GREENLAND POND (BIG)	DANFORTH	86
MACHIAS LAKE (FIFTH)	T36 MD BPP	1069
OTTER LAKE	WESLEY	44
OXBROOK LAKE (UPPER)	T6 R1 NBPP	422
PICKEREL POND	TOPSFIELD	39
POSSUM POND	T26 ED BPP	30
RAND LAKE	ROBBINSTON	18
ROARING LAKE	WHITING	51
SUCKER LAKE	DANFORTH	256

YORK COUNTY

<u>LAKE</u>	<u>TOWN</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
BRIMSTONE POND	ARUNDEL	12
COX POND	SOUTH BERWICK	18
DEERING POND	SANFORD	26

Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

Yellow Perch Harvest Report Log

Yellow Perch harvesters are required to report their fishing/catch information to the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. All of the data submitted as part of the report is for scientific purposes only. Report information and will remain confidential, except that the commissioner may disclose data released in a form that is statistical or general in nature. Harvesters should report their information on the log forms provided with their permit; additional forms can be requested from the Department or photocopied as needed from the originals you received. Reports must be submitted to Jerrod Parker, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 04333 (or by email: Jerrod.Parker@maine.gov) by **December 31st of each year**. However, we would advise you to send in your report in when you complete your season, as any person who fails to report **will be prohibited from obtaining a Yellow Perch Harvest Permit the next year**. Remember to file a report **even if you did not fish during the current season**.

Instructions for Yellow Perch Harvest Report Log

- Harvesters need to report their full name, permit #, address, and telephone #.
- Information is to be recorded for each day, each water fished and for each individual net, in other words data cannot be combined to include more than 1 day or multiple waters/nets. If multiple waters and/or nets are fished on the same date, then a separate entry is required for each water and each net.
- Be sure to record information on zero catch days, which still provides the Department with valuable information on fish abundance and catch rates.
- Data to be recorded for each Yellow Perch trapping event includes:

Date – the month/day/year of each trip.

Town – Town name where the deployed gear is located.

County – County name where the deployed gear is located.

Name of Waterbody – name of the primary waterbody listed on harvest permit where gear is deployed (ex. Unity Pond). For purposes of this permit, a “Waterbody” is considered a lake, pond or large river and its tributaries.

Gear Location – name of the actual tributary/stream/brook where gear is located; please be specific as possible (ex. Bithers Brook at Rte. 202 crossing). GPS coordinates are preferred.

Gear Type – the type of gear used on the date and water recorded (i.e. trap-net, fyke-net, hoop-net, dip-net, spear). Please list specific type of gear used and whether it is rigid wire or net material.

Amount Harvested – report the quantity in pounds and include the total number of Yellow Perch, so that we can estimate the average size of the Yellow Perch you harvested.

Other Species Observed – record any observations about other species that were captured and released on the date and water specified, please include approximate numbers. (for example: “2 dozen sunfish released”)

Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW)

General procedures to minimize the spread of aquatic plants, animals, and pathogens

Since the introduction and spread of certain aquatic animals and plants to our inland waters has the potential to do great harm, **it is illegal** to knowingly transfer them from one body of water to the next. These guidelines are designed to minimize the potential spread of aquatic plants, animals, and pathogens by those individuals that work on the inland waters of our state.

Personnel working with aquatic organisms in state waters should maintain a high standard of biosecurity. Biosecurity is defined as, “practical steps that can be taken to minimize the spread of unwanted organisms.” Preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species and diseases of aquatic animals amongst state waters is a directive of the highest priority.

- Brush and use water at the loading/unloading site of the water body to rinse soil, biofilms, egg masses, and other biota before removing gear and equipment for transport. Cleaner equipment is more effectively disinfected.
- Always visually inspect and remove by hand all plants and organisms from gear and equipment before leaving the work site.
- Gear and equipment must be disinfected before transporting to the next water. The disinfection area should be established away from surface waters of the state and other environmentally sensitive areas that could be harmed by disinfection work. Ideally the disinfection area should be of excellent drainage or percolation at a location in which a garden hose is accessible.

Disinfection of gear and Equipment

- Vehicles, ATV's, snowmobiles - Trucks, ATV's, and snowmobiles should be washed at car wash facilities. Washing frequency should be reasonably periodic.
- Boats, trailers - Remove drain plug and drain bilge water from boats at loading/unloading site of the water body. Boats and trailers can be washed at car wash facilities. Washing frequency should be reasonably periodic.
- Personal equipment and gear – Gear and Equipment should be sprayed with a hose to remove soil and organics prior to disinfection. Disinfection for most equipment is best accomplished with submersion in a solution of household bleach and water at a concentration of 1 oz. bleach/ gallon of water in a large trash can. Non-water absorbing gear and equipment can be sprayed with disinfectant to thoroughly soak all surfaces. Use of equipment that comes in constant contact with waters of the state, such as waders, dip nets, seines, gloves, etc., should be allowed to set in solution for 10 minutes before rinsing. Chlorinated water should be neutralized with sodium thiosulfate prior to disposal. Disinfection water should never be dumped into waters of the state. ***Personal protection gear such as gloves and eye protection should always be worn and equipment manufacturer information for proper cleaning method should be consulted.*** Virkon per manufacturer directions or rubbing alcohol can be substituted where appropriate.
- Water absorbing equipment and gear made with porous materials- To be effective, disinfection should be by submersion with a disinfectant as described above or as an alternative, nets can be soaked in a salt brine (3%) overnight to destroy freshwater aquatic organisms. When possible, nets are to be cleaned, brined, rinsed, and dried in sunlight between uses.

Reporting Requirements

Aquatic animals - Identification of invasive aquatic species should be reported to MDIFW. Contact: Francis Brautigam (207) 287-5263.

Aquatic plants - Unknown species or plants known to be aquatic nuisance species should not be transported unless placed in a sealed container. Small specimens may be transported to the Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection for species identification. Contact: John McPhedran (207) 287-2813.