Sebago Lake Fishing Regulations

1982

DAILY LIMIT ON
OPEN-WATER FISHING

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NON-RESIDENT FISHING LICENSE FEES FOR 1982

- Combination hunting and fishing: $88.00
- Season, age 16 and older: $31.00
- Season, 12 to 15 years of age (incl.): $4.50

* This is the only non-resident license of any kind that may be exchanged; for $11.00, it may be exchanged for a Season license.

MAINE FISHING RECORDS

- BUCK TROUT 8 lbs. 8 oz. Chase Pond 1979
- BROWN TROUT 19 lbs. 7 oz. SEBAGO LAKE 1958
- LAKE TROUT (TOGUE) 31 lbs. 8 oz. Beech Hill Pond 1958
- LANDLOCKED SALMON 22 lbs. 8 oz. SEBAGO LAKE 1907 (world's record)
- SMALLMOUTH BASS 8 lbs. Thompson Lake 1970
- LARGEMOUTH BASS 11 lbs. 10 oz. Moose Pond 1968
- WHITE PERCH 14 lbs. 10 oz. Messalonskee Lake 1949 (world's record)
- CHAIN PICKEREL 6 lbs. 11 oz. Androscoggin Lake 1976
- WHITEFISH 7 lbs. 8 oz. SEBAGO LAKE 1958
- CUSK 17 lbs. 8 oz. Moosehead Lake 1979

EXCERPTS FROM THE STATE BIOLOGIST'S 1981 ANNUAL REPORT ON SEBAGO LAKE:

Salmon growth continues to break all records since the Fishery Division began to keep records at SEBAGO LAKE back in 1957. Salmon in 1981 averaged 23.8 inches in length and 3 pounds, 15 ounces in weight. 4-year-old salmon...averages 24.4 inches long and 5½ pounds in weight! Togue...averaging 26.4 inches in length and 7 pounds, 11 ounces in weight. The largest togue reported weighed 18 pounds, 14 ounces...many "old time fishermen"...who have fished the lake for 50 years or more...could not remember when larger salmon were taken. Even some of the old angler records...on people who "trained up" from Boston to fish SEBAGO LAKE in the early 1900s, were not any more impressive than the 1981 records. A few larger salmon were caught back in those days, but the average salmon caught was similar in size to those caught in 1981. Salmon have to weigh at least 6 pounds to qualify for the "One That Didn't Get Away Club", and...I can guess that somewhere between 50 and 60 entries were made into this club in 1981."

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Sincerely,

[Signature]
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Commissioner
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MAINE’S LANDLOCKED SALMON

by Al Raychard

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and
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Any fisherman who wants to try his luck casting a fly or trolling a streamer for landlocked salmon (Salmo-salar Sebago) should understand his best chances for success lie within the State of Maine. While other states and countries provide this species as a prized gamefish, none offers the fisherman the diversity of water habitat or as many lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams to as does Maine—the original home of the landlocked salmon in the United States.

At last count, over 250 Maine waters maintained landlocked salmon as a principal resource. Lakes and ponds from the size of Moosehead and Sebago to Swan Lake in Swanville, and rivers and streams from the size of the Crooked River to the West Branch of the Penobscot are available. Each offers something special, something unique, and provides varied angling opportunities to fishermen of all interests.

One of the most popular ways of fishing for landlocked salmon, however, is with a fly rod, whether it be on a lake or a river. The use of streamers, bucktails, wet flies, nymphs, and dry flies in moving water, and either long-shanked or tandem trolling flies on lakes, is a traditional Maine tactic innovated by our fishing ancestors before the outboard motor arrived. It is equally as popular and productive today, with many landlocked salmon waters restricted to the use of artificial lures, which includes flies or fly fishing only.

For equipment, those fishing rivers and streams will need a fly rod 8 to 8½ feet long designed for a 6- or 7-weight line, leaders with tippets ranging from one-half-pound test to two-pound test, and a host of flies in different designs. Casting streamers and bucktails such as the Gray Ghost, Black Ghost, Red and White, Supervisor, Mickey Finn, Nine-Three, and the White and Yellow Marabou in sizes 6 to 10 during periods of high water are excellent.

Unlike its close relative the Atlantic salmon, the landlocked will readily accept a wide variety of flies throughout much of the Maine open-water fishing season if they are presented and used correctly.

Stream and river fishing for landlocked salmon is usually best from mid-April through the months of May and June over much of the state, and perhaps into mid-July in a select few spots. After that, action tapers off until September when crisp nights and fall rains cool water temperatures and salmon start to prepare for their spawning run.
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For equipment, a fly rod 8½ to 9 feet in length, a reel capable of taking a level-8 sinking weight line plus 100 yards of backing will be needed. Leaders should be made of level 8-pound test monofilament and should be no less than 30 feet long. Long-shanked, or tandem-streamer flies and bucktails, such as the Gray and Black Ghost, Red and White, Mickey Finn, Miss Sharon, Senator Muskie, Supervisor, Nine Three, Grand Laker, Red Gray Ghost, and Green Ghost are all popular flies. Troll any streamer fly at a good speed with one line always in prop wash.

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by Al Raychard

A survey conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife several years ago concluded that brook trout (Salvelinus fontinalis) were the most popular gamefish among residents and nonresident fishermen.

That the brook trout would be considered the number one gamefish among Maine fishermen is not surprising. It is generally accepted by the fishing fraternity that Maine contains one of the best native trout fisheries remaining in the United States, perhaps the best and most abundant, and the species is readily available. Other states may argue, but one thing is certain. Few other states offer as many waters with native strains of brook trout and few other states, if any, can boast that the brook trout is the most popular and sought-after gamefish among its resident and visiting fishermen.

Characteristically, brook trout will be found in small brooks, in streams, large rivers, lakes, and ponds which offer sufficient feed, clean water, and relative cool temperatures throughout the year. In Maine, however, the most popular havens for fishermen are secluded and remote ponds in the backcountry that offer not only productive trout fishing but a picture-postcard setting and atmosphere as well. For Maine fishermen, the western and northern counties of the state have hundreds of such waters.

Fishing a remote Maine trout pond is one of the most rewarding experiences of the angling world. On such a retreat a person can escape from the busy world and find peace and freedom. Such ponds are often frequented by moose, loons, and other animals, birds and waterfowl. There is no better place to observe wildlife in its natural state. For many, the trout fishing is simply an extra bonus.

To others, however, and I would say the majority, the fishing opportunities are the main attraction, and understandably so. To have a native brook trout rise to a dry fly or accept a sub-surface offering is a unique thrill.

Historically, the brook trout has been a principal adversary of fly fishermen. Modern anglers have found squaretails to be receptive to lures and bait. But on remote ponds the fly rod, dry fly, streamer, bucktail, and wet fly are the most popular tools of trade. As a matter of fact, the majority of better native trout ponds in western and northern Maine are indeed restricted to fly fishing only.

Brook trout will, of course, accept a wide variety of flies. In the spring, from mid-to-late May to early June when water temperatures are still cold, the big trout will be cruising close to shore and often close to the surface in search of bait fish. Patterns such as the Muddler, Hornburg, Black Nose Dace, Light and Dark Edson Tigers and Tri-Color in sizes 6 to 10 used with a sinking or sinking-tip line are good selections.

Later on, when water temperatures close to the surface start to warm, trout will cling to the spring holes; wet flies are best then. When insect life becomes active, in June and July, dry flies are best, particularly during a hatch, and in the early morning and late afternoon when a pond is flat calm.

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Accessibility to Maine’s remote ponds is limited. A four-wheel-drive vehicle and an updated map of the area are often a must. Fishermen may also hire the services of a float plane in several popular fishing regions such as Rangeley, Jackman, Moosehead Lake, Shin Pond, and Ashland.

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