



Background: DEC is regularly told by anglers that there are too many special fishing regulations and that our fishing guide is too complex. In an effort to make our fishing regulations more understandable and less complex, DEC has proposed a suite of changes that will reduce the number of special regulations while still providing the protections needed to provide sustainable fisheries. Some of these changes involve changing the statewide regulations for certain species and eliminating special regulations that are no longer necessary. This does not mean there will be no special regulations, just less. Waters that require unique management prescriptions will still be managed with special regulations to achieve desired fisheries objectives. Other suggested changes include opening the season for all sportfish on a hard date and allowing ice fishing in waters inhabited by trout in most of the state. The changes presented in this rulemaking proposal can be grouped into seven distinct categories as follows:

Brown Trout and Rainbow Trout in Ponds: Establish a new statewide regulation for brown trout and rainbow trout in ponds to allow year-round fishing and employ a five fish no minimum size daily limit, only 2 of which can be longer than 12".

Why? Brown and rainbow trout pond fisheries in the state are sustained exclusively through stocking. A majority of these waters are already open for fishing year-round using through the use of a special regulation. Additionally, some waters are managed via special regulation for put and take fisheries, while others are managed for put-grow-and take fisheries. The daily limit of 5, no minimum size (only 2 longer than 12") strategy provide the best of both worlds, allowing immediate harvest while also stretching out the number of larger fish than can be harvested amongst more anglers.

If adopted, this proposal would significantly reduce the number of individual lakes and ponds (148) managed via a special regulation, reduce the overall number of lake and pond trout special regulations in the fishing regulations guide to 18, and eliminate 33 county-wide special regulations.

Additional information on this aspect of the proposal can be found in Appendix 1.

Brook Trout in Ponds: Institute a standalone statewide regulation for brook trout in ponds, employing an April 1 – Oct 15 Season, five fish no minimum size daily limit, only 2 of which can be longer than 12".

Why? Unlike brown trout and rainbow trout, our state's brook trout ponds are a mix of self-sustaining and stocking sustained waters. These are a unique resource largely found only in New York and Maine. DEC is continually striving to increase the number of self-sustaining brook trout ponds. Closing the season after October 15 helps protect spawning fish and also prevents overharvest of brook trout, which are highly vulnerable to ice fishing. Implementing the daily limit of 5, no minimum size (only 2 longer than 12") aspect of

the regulation allows more anglers the opportunity to catch larger fish while still providing for ample overall harvest. It also aligns with the harvest rules for other trout, making our regulations more consistent.

Additional information on this aspect of the proposal can be found in Appendix 1.

Atlantic Salmon: Change the statewide regulation for Atlantic Salmon to allow for year-round harvest.

Why? Similar to brown trout and rainbow trout, most Atlantic Salmon waters are sustained through stocking. As such, many waters are already open to year-round fishing through the use of a special regulation. Implementing this aspect of the proposal will reduce the number of Atlantic Salmon waters managed under special regulations by 32.

Additional information on this aspect of the proposal can be found in Appendix 2.

Lake Trout: Change the statewide regulation for lake trout to allow for year-round harvest.

Why? Most of the state's significant lake trout fisheries are already open year-round through the use of a special regulation.

Additional information on this aspect of the proposal can be found in Appendix 3.

Season Dates: Change the opening dates for selective species from select Saturdays to hard dates as follows:

- a. May 1 for Walleye, Northern Pike, Pickerel and Tiger Musky
- b. June 1 for Muskellunge
- c. June 15 for Great Lakes Muskellunge
- d. June 15 for Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass

Why? Currently fishing season opening dates vary between species with some occurring on a hard calendar date while others on a designated Saturday. DEC was interested in knowing if having all openers on hard dates would make it easier for anglers to remember and make trip planning easier. Based on the results of a survey conducted in 2021, which over 19,000 people responded to, hard dates for openers are generally preferred by anglers.

Ice fishing: Allow ice fishing unless specifically prohibited in all but 9 Adirondack counties where the existing regulation prohibiting ice fishing in waters inhabited by trout will remain.

Why? The current ice fishing regulation depended on anglers knowing if a water was inhabited by trout or not. The proposed regulation allows anglers to definitively know if they can ice fish a water or not in most of the state, making ice fishing regulation less confusing. Because of the preponderance of Brook Trout ponds, both stocked and wild, in the 9 Adirondack Counties, the existing regulation is necessary to protect these resources.

Miscellaneous Rule Changes:

- a. Increase the daily walleye limit on Oneida Lake from 3 fish per day to 5 fish per day
- b. Decrease the daily steelhead limit on the Lower Niagara River from 3 fish per day to 2 fish per day
- c. Establish a no limit all year season and minimum size limit of 12" on walleye for Skaneateles Lake
- d. Ban snatching and spearing in select waters.

Why?

- a. The walleye population on Oneida Lake has exceeded 1 million adult fish. Reverting to statewide regulations will afford anglers additional harvest opportunity while not impacting the population.
- b. This change is to correct a previous rule change omission.
- c. Walleye have been illegally introduced into Skaneateles Lake. DEC hopes to curtail the expansion of walleye population by allowing for liberal harvest.
- d. Snatching and spearing, which are non-angling methods of take, are not commonly used.

Appendix 1. Proposed Trout Pond Fishing Regulations

Background

New York currently manages 159 individual ponds and lakes with 22 different special trout regulations. In addition, 33 counties have county-wide special trout regulations for ponded waters. Upon evaluation and discussion between biologists, it was revealed that the current agglomeration of varying management strategies on whole does little to improve upon the management of these individual resources. Many of the current special regulations are based on limited survey information and are inconsiderate of the variabilities that exert fluctuations in the fishery. In many instances we are most likely managing at a level much more granular than necessary to garner realistic benefits.

Given this current state, the Bureau of Fisheries embarked on a process to determine if New York's trout fishing regulations for ponded waters could be streamlined to reduce complexity but also provide the measures needed for sustainable management and optimal enjoyment. Every special and county trout pond/lake fishing regulation was examined and questioned regarding need and outcome. Our evaluation revealed that many waters currently managed with special regulations could be converted to statewide regulations fashioned to provide a broad balance between resource protection and opportunity. It was also determined that given our management platforms for the three different trout species categorized as "trout," brook trout should be managed differently than rainbow and brown trout and splake.

The narrative below documents the current state of regulations associated with the management of New York's lake and ponds and provides a structure for a potential new regulatory strategy.

Current trout management regulations for ponded water

The comprehensive review of the State's Inland ponded trout (brown trout, rainbow trout and brook trout and splake) management and regulations (excluding the Finger Lakes) reveals the following:

Trout regulation summary

The current statewide trout regulation is *Trout, April 1-October 15, Minimum Length-any size, Daily Limit-5*. Although it is a statewide regulation, it is not universally used across the state and has been preempted with regional, county, and individual waterbody specific regulations. Currently, the statewide regulation is only being used on waters in Region 3, 4, and 5. It is also used to manage ponded trout waters in in Region 6, but only where the use of baitfish is prohibited. Exceptions to the use of the statewide regulation for trout in ponds and lakes are as follows:

- Region 1 counties are managed with a *Trout, all year, Minimum Length-any size, Daily Limit-3* special regulation in lakes and ponds.
- Regions 6, 7, 8 and 9 ponded waters are currently managed with a *Trout, April 1-October 15, Daily Limit-5 trout with no more than 2 longer than 12"* special regulation.
- 159 lakes and ponds across the state are currently managed with one of 22 special regulation variations that differ from the special regulations stated above (see Table 1).

Existing lake and pond trout special regulation variations

The following is a list of the lake and pond trout/brook trout special regulations and the number of lakes and ponds they apply to:

Table 1: Trout/brook trout regulation variations on Inland ponds and lakes (except Finger Lakes)

Trout/Brook Trout regulation variation	# of lakes and ponds variation applies to
Brook Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only	1
Brook Trout, Catch and Release only	1
Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"	19
Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3	37
Trout, All year, Minimum Length-18", Daily Limit-1	1
Trout, All year, Minimum Length-9", Daily Limit-3	1
Trout, All year, Minimum Length-9", Daily Limit-5	6
Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-3	1
Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5	55
Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only	1
Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"	2
Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Minimum Length-10", Daily Limit-3	1
Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3	3
Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5	3
Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only	2
Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-10", Daily Limit-3	1
Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-2, Artificial lures only	2
Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3	11
Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only	4
Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only	4
Trout, April 1–Sept 30, Minimum Length-10", Daily Limit-3	4
Trout, April 1–Sept 30, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-2 fish to include only 1 over 21"	1
Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"	31 county-wide regulations

- Of the 22 trout regulation variations, 18 variations apply to 6 or fewer lakes or ponds. Many of the variations are slight changes in either season, minimum length, daily limit, or artificial lures only that likely result in no measurable difference in the fishery.
- Many of the special regulations are aged have not been evaluated since their implementation.
- The most used variation (55 lakes and ponds); *Trout, all year, minimum length-none, daily limit-5*; simply extends the statewide regulation to all year and allows ice fishing.
- The second most used variation (37 lakes and ponds); *Trout, all year, minimum length-12", daily limit-3*; is the most used Put-Grow-and-Take regulation where ice fishing is allowed.
- The third most used variation (19 lakes and ponds); *Trout, all year, daily limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"*; extends the most common county-wide regulation to all year to allow for ice fishing. This regulation also spreads out the catch of stocked 2-year-old stocked trout among anglers.
- Most of the other remaining variations are generally used to extend the fishing opportunity provided by stocked trout.

Brook trout

- Brook trout fisheries are a combination of stocked and wild self-sustaining fisheries. There are approximately 50 lakes and ponds with wild self-sustaining populations, 47 lakes and ponds that have the potential for self-sustaining populations, and 321 stocked lakes and ponds managed for put-grow-and-take. The number of ponds that have the potential for self-sustaining populations is based on the best available data, but that number would most likely increase with more surveying.
- Brook trout in ponds are primarily managed under the existing statewide trout regulation (390 out of 418 brook trout ponds statewide).
- 28 individual brook trout lakes and ponds are managed under special regulation.
- Over 400 brook trout ponds also have both 'ice fishing prohibited' and 'baitfish prohibited' regulations to protect brook trout.

Brown and rainbow trout

- Brown and rainbow trout are managed as put-and-take and put-grow-and-take fisheries. They are not managed for self-sustaining populations in lakes and ponds.
- 248 lakes and ponds are stocked with catchable-sized brown and/or rainbow trout in the spring, including 45 where 12" or longer trout are stocked.
- 128 individual brown and rainbow trout lakes and ponds are managed under special regulation.
- Brown and rainbow trout are stocked fisheries that are often managed with all year regulations that allow for ice fishing.

Brook trout and brown/rainbow trout are managed and regulated differently. Combining brook, brown, and rainbow trout into a single "trout" statewide regulation complicates regulations because more special regulations are needed to account for the difference in management between the trout species.

Proposal to amend trout regulations for Inland lakes and ponds

- Create distinct regulations for Brook Trout versus and Brown and Rainbow Trout.
- Establish a statewide 'Brook Trout in lakes and ponds' regulation from April 1 to October 15 with a daily limit of 5 fish any size but with no more than 2 trout longer than 12".
- Establish a statewide 'Rainbow and Brown Trout in lakes and ponds' regulation all year with a daily limit of 5 fish any size with no more than 2 longer than 12".
- Eliminate 142 waterbody special regulations (see table 4) for trout and manage those waters under the proposed statewide regulations.
- Eliminate all 33 county-wide lake and pond trout regulations in DEC Regions 1, 6, 7, 8 and 9 and manage those waters under the proposed statewide regulations.
- Modify 10 existing lake and pond trout special regulations (see table 2).

Rationales

Distinct regulations for ponded waters

Brook trout and brown/rainbow trout are managed and regulated differently. Splitting the "trout" statewide regulation into separate brook trout and brown/rainbow trout statewide regulations allows for the creation of statewide regulations that align with the management of a greater number of fisheries, reducing the need for special regulations.

Brook trout are managed to achieve self-sustaining populations where possible and put-grow-and-take fisheries if not possible. They are highly vulnerable to being caught through the ice. To protect wild brook trout during their spawning season and protect them during the vulnerable ice fishing season, a closed season from October

16 through March 31 is appropriate. The closed season is also consistent with 'ice fishing prohibited' regulations on most brook trout waters.

Brown and rainbow trout are managed as stocked fisheries where there is no biological reason to close the season. Most of the "trout" special regulations are brown and rainbow stocked waters where the season has already been extended to all year. Creation of a statewide all-year season where ice fishing is permitted for brown and rainbow trout aligns the statewide regulation with how the species are generally already being managed in lakes and ponds.

The existing difference between how brook trout and brown/rainbow trout are managed seasonally creates a logical split of the existing statewide "trout" regulation into a 'brook trout statewide' regulation and a 'brown/rainbow trout statewide' regulation based on open season.

Approximately 34 ponded waters are inhabited by brook trout and another trout or salmon that is proposed to have a year-round open season. Ice fishing is prohibited on these waters. While fishing is permitted on these waters from October 16 to ice in, targeting of brook trout would be prohibited. DEC will also be examining the stocking policies for these multi species waters to determine if a single species can satisfy desired management outcomes.

Proposed statewide harvest regulation

The proposed statewide harvest regulation for both brook trout and brown/rainbow trout in lakes and ponds is a daily limit of 5 with no more than 2 longer than 12". This proposed harvest regulation is a hybrid approach that serves both put-and-take and put-grow-and-take management purposes. It is primarily a cross between the existing statewide daily limit of 5 trout at any size and the minimum length-12", daily limit of 3 trout special regulations. Multiple other slight special regulation variations are also included in this cross. The proposed regulation allows anglers to harvest freshly stocked trout for put-and-take fisheries as the current statewide regulation does. By limiting harvest of trout greater than 12" in put-grow-and-take waters, the proposed regulation:

- Allows some immediate harvest of catchable sized stocked trout.
- Spreads out the catch of stocked trout that have grown to 12" or longer.
- Spreads out the immediate harvest of stocked 2-year-old trout (45 lakes and ponds).
- Spreads out the catch of larger, more prized brook trout.

For both self-sustaining and stocked brook trout ponds, the proposed '5 fish with no more than 2 longer than 12" harvest' regulation is more restrictive for most ponds with the exception of a handful of brook trout ponds managed under special harvest regulations. For ponds where few if any brook trout grow larger than 12", the opportunity to harvest brook trout is essentially the same as it currently is. For the few ponds where brook trout growth is exceptional and anglers may catch more than 2 brook trout longer than 12", the harvest of these larger, more prized brook trout will be spread out among more anglers.

The proposed '5 fish with no more than 2 longer than 12" harvest' regulation provides most of the benefits of both the existing statewide regulation and the special regulations it is proposed to replace. This hybrid approach allows 143 waterbody and 33 county-wide special regulations to be consolidated into consistent simple to understand statewide regulations.

Proposed changes to existing lake and pond trout special regulations

Ten waters with existing trout regulations, including 2 previously managed under a county-wide trout regulation, are proposed to be modified.

Table 2: Trout waters where the trout regulation is proposed to be modified

Region	Water Name	Current regulation	Proposed regulation
1	HARDS LAKE	Trout, all year, Minimum Length-none, Daily Limit-3 <i>(note: this is the existing County-wide trout regulation)</i>	Rainbow and Brown Trout, April 1 through October 15, Daily limit-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
			Brook Trout, April 1 through October 15, Catch and Release only
3	ALDER LAKE	Trout, April 1–Sept 30, Minimum Length-10", Daily Limit-3	Trout, April 1 through September 30, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-2, Artificial lures only
3	CRYSTAL LAKE	Trout, April 1–Sept 30, Minimum Length-10", Daily Limit-3	Trout, April 1 through September 30, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-2, Artificial lures only
3	ECHO LAKE	Trout, April 1–Sept 30, Minimum Length-10", Daily Limit-3	Trout, April 1 through September 30, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-2, Artificial lures only
3	HODGE POND	Trout, April 1–Sept 30, Minimum Length-10", Daily Limit-3	Trout, April 1 through September 30, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-2, Artificial lures only
4	HUGGINS LAKE	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-2, Artificial lures only	Trout, April 1 through September 30, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-2, Artificial lures only
4	PEPACTON RESERVOIR	Trout, April 1–Sept 30, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-2 fish to include only 1 over 21"	Trout, April 1 through October 15, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-2 fish to include only 1 over 21"
4	TROUT POND (CABLES LAKE)	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-2, Artificial lures only	Trout, April 1 through September 30, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-2, Artificial lures only
6	Crystal Pond	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12" <i>(note: this is the existing County-wide trout regulation)</i>	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Daily Limit-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12"
			Trout, Oct 16-March 31, Catch and release only
8	PARK STATION POND	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-none, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

The rationale for the changes to existing trout special regulations in lakes and ponds are:

- Hards Lake: The Carmans River, a Stocked-Extended trout stream, flows into Hards Lake. Both Hards Lake and the Stocked-Extended portion of the Carmans River lie within Southaven County Park. To simplify regulations, the trout regulations for Hards Lake were aligned with both the same harvest

regulation as the Carmans River (Rainbow and Brown Trout, April 1 through October 15, Daily limit-3 with no more than 1 longer than 12”) and the brook trout catch-and-release regulation.

- **Catskill Brook Trout Ponds:** Brook trout ponds in the Catskill Mountains are a scarce resource with only the following 6 ponds: Alder Lake, Crystal Lake, Echo Lake, Hodge Pond, Huggins Lake and Trout Pond (Cables Lake). Special regulations will remain in place to provide additional protections to these regionally scarce resources; however, the regulations were slightly modified to align the special regulations in Region 3 and 4 brook trout ponds.
- **Pepacton Reservoir:** The season for Pepacton Reservoir was extended to October 15 to align the harvest season with its tributary harvest season. The rest of the special regulation was retained to provide a trophy fishery.
- **Crystal Pond:** Crystal Pond is a small pond with ample Public Fishing Rights that bisects the Wild-Quality reach of the Crystal Creek. Because the trout in Crystal Pond are a result of the wild trout population in Crystal Creek, Crystal Pond is proposed to be regulated with the same regulations as a Stocked-Extended trout stream.
- **Park Station Pond:** Park Station Pond occasionally receives surplus brook trout brood stock that have no reproduction potential in the pond. Therefore, all species of trout, including brook trout, are permitted to be harvested all year at the proposed ‘5 trout with no more than 2 longer than 12”’ regulation.

Retained ponded trout water regulations

Thirteen individual lake and pond trout regulations are proposed to be retained (not changed). Regulations that were retained and the rationale for retaining those special regulations are as follows:

Table 3: Retained Poned trout water regulations

Region	Water Name	Retained regulation	Rationale for retention
1	LAUREL LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3	Laurel Lake and Deep Pond are the only ponds on Long Island that produces trout up to 20". Regulation retained to maintain this scare resource.
1	Deep Pond	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3	
3	CROTON FALLS RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-18", Daily Limit-1	This regulation maintains a trophy fishery.
5	LAKE CHAMPLAIN AND TRIBUTARIES TO THE 1ST BARRIER	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3	Regulation retained for consistency with Vermont on this border water.
5	LITTLE TUPPER LAKE	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only	Regulation retained because Little Tupper Lake and Rock Pond are original source ponds for the propagated Little Tupper strain of brook trout. These populations are currently imperiled due to the introduction of largemouth bass.
5	ROCK POND (HAMILTON COUNTY)	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only	
6	HORN LAKE	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only	Regulation retained to provide additional protections to the source population of the propagated Horn Lake strain of brook trout.
6	MASSAWEPIE CONSERVATION EASEMENT - ALL WATERS	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3	Regulation retained to protect easily accessible waters that include hatchery brood stock waters and

Region	Water Name	Retained regulation	Rationale for retention
	EXCEPT INLAND TROUT STREAMS (applies to 6 ponds)		water with heritage brook trout populations.

Waters where trout special regulations are proposed to be deleted

Table 4: Pondered waters where trout special regulations in are proposed to be deleted

Region	Water Name	Regulation proposed to be deleted
1	EAST (SWAN) LAKE	Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Minimum Length-10", Daily Limit-3
3	AMAWALK RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	ASHOKAN RESERVOIR	Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	ASKOTI LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	BLUE LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	BOG BROOK RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	BOYD CORNERS RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	CROSS RIVER RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	DIVERTING RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	EAST BRANCH RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	HESSIAN LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	HONK LAKE	Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	KENSICO RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	LAKE GILEAD	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	LAKE GLENEIDA	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	LAKE HUNTINGTON	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	LOCH SHELDRAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	MIDDLE BRANCH RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	MONGAUP POND	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	MORGAN LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-3
3	MUSCOOT RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	NEVERSINK RESERVOIR	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	NEW CROTON RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	ROUND LAKE (ORANGE COUNTY)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	ROUNDOUT RESERVOIR	Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	SKANNATATI LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	SYLVAN LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	TITICUS RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	UPTON LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	WALTON LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
3	WEST BRANCH RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
3	WHITE LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
4	ARNOLD LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4, 6	BEARDSLEY LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	BIG POND	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3

Region	Water Name	Regulation proposed to be deleted
4	CANNONSVILLE RESERVOIR	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	COLGATE LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-9", Daily Limit-3
4	GILBERT LAKE	Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	GLASS LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	GREENS LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	HOLDING POND	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-10", Daily Limit-3
4	LITTLE POND	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	LONG POND (RENSSELAER COUNTY)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	MALLET POND	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	MUD POND (TOWN OF COLCHESTER)	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	QUEECHY LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	SCHOHARIE RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	SECOND POND (RENSSELAER COUNTY)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4	THOMPSONS LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
5	BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	BRANT LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	BRANT LAKE MILL POND	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	BRANT LAKE OUTLET	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	CANADA LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	CHAZY LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	CONNERY POND (TOWN OF NORTH ELBA)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	EAGLE LAKE (ESSEX COUNTY)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	EAGLE LAKE (HAMILTON COUNTY)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	EAST CAROGA LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	FORKED LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5,6	FOURTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-9", Daily Limit-5
5	GILMAN LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	GLEN LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	GREAT SACANDAGA LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	GREEN LAKE (FULTON COUNTY)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	HOUR POND	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only
5	INDIAN LAKE (TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	JABE POND	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only
5,6	KYSER LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
5	LAKE ABANAKEE (TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	LAKE CLEAR (FRANKLIN COUNTY)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	LAKE COLBY	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	LAKE EATON	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	LAKE GEORGE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5

Region	Water Name	Regulation proposed to be deleted
5	LAKE LUZERNE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	LAKE PLEASANT	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	LEWEY LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5, 6	LIMEKILN LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	LITTLE JABE POND	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only
5	MEACHAM LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	MOREAU LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	MOUNTAIN POND (TOWN OF BRIGHTON)	Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Catch and Release only, Artificial lures only
5	NORTHVILLE POND	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	PALMER POND (WARREN COUNTY)	Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	PARADOX LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	PEAKED MOUNTAIN POND	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only
5	RAQUETTE LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	ROUND LAKE TO THE BOUNDARY WITH LITTLE TUPPER LAKE	Brook Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only
5	SACANDAGA LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	SCHROON LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	SEVENTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	SIXTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	SOUTH POND (HAMILTON COUNTY)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	THIRTEENTH LAKE	Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	TROUT LAKE (WARREN COUNTY)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	UPPER CHATEAUGAY LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	UTOWANA LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	WEST CAROGA LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
5	WEST LAKE (FULTON COUNTY)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
6	ALLEN POND	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
4, 6	BEARDSLEY LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
6	EVERGREEN LAKE	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-none, Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only
6	FIRST LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-9", Daily Limit-5
5,6	FOURTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-9", Daily Limit-5
6	HIDDEN LAKE	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only
6	HINCKLEY RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
5,6	KYSER LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
6	LAKE BONAPARTE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-9", Daily Limit-5
6	LAKE OZONIA	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3

Region	Water Name	Regulation proposed to be deleted
5, 6	LIMEKILN LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-5
6	MILLSITE LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
6	NORTH LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
6	OLD FORGE POND	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-9", Daily Limit-5
6	PEAKED MOUNTAIN LAKE	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-3, Artificial lures only
6	PROSPECT RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
6	SECOND LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-9", Daily Limit-5
6	STAR LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
6	STILLWATER RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
6	SYLVIA LAKE	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
6	TAMARACK POND	Trout, April 1–Oct 15, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
6	THIRD LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-9", Daily Limit-5
6	TROUT LAKE (ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY)	Trout, All year, Minimum Length-12", Daily Limit-3
7	ARCTIC LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	CASTERLINE POND	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	EATON BROOK RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	GOODALE LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	GREEN LAKE IN GREEN LAKES STATE PARK	Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	GREENWOOD LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	GUILFORD LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	LEBANON RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	LELAND PONDS	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	LITTLE YORK LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	MILL BROOK RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	NANTICOKE LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	REDFIELD RESERVOIR	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
7	TRI-COUNTY POND	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
9	ALLEN LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
9	CASE LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
9	HARWOOD LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
9	NEW ALBION LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
9	QUAKER LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
9	RED HOUSE LAKE	Trout, All year, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"
9	RUSHFORD LAKE	Trout, April 1–Nov 30, Daily Limit-5 with no more than 2 longer than 12"

Counties where county-wide trout special regulations are proposed to be deleted

Region 1

- Nassau
- Suffolk

Region 6

- Herkimer
- Lewis
- St. Lawrence
- Jefferson
- Oneida

Region 7

- Broome
- Cayuga
- Chenango
- Cortland
- Madison
- Onondaga
- Oswego
- Tioga
- Tompkins

Region 8

- Chemung
- Genesee
- Livingston
- Monroe
- Ontario
- Orleans
- Schuyler
- Seneca
- Steuben
- Wayne
- Yates

Region 9

- Allegany
- Chautauqua
- Cattaraugus
- Erie
- Niagara
- Wyoming

Appendix 2. Proposed Atlantic Salmon Regulations

Proposal

- Expand the statewide Atlantic salmon season to all year.
- Eliminate Atlantic salmon special regulations from 32 waters the currently are managed with an Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3 special regulation.
- Eliminate 5 additional Atlantic salmon special regulations.

Rationale

A review of the Atlantic Salmon special regulations found that few Atlantic Salmon fisheries are managed under the existing statewide regulation. The predominate special regulation for Atlantic Salmon, 'All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3', simply extended the existing statewide regulation to all year. Extending the Atlantic Salmon season to all year reflects current management of these fisheries.

Waters where special regulations are proposed to be deleted

Table 2: Waters where Atlantic Salmon special regulations are proposed to be deleted

Region	Water Name	Regulation proposed to be deleted
5	BLUE MOUNTAIN LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	CHAZY LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	EAGLE LAKE (HAMILTON COUNTY)	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	FORKED LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	FOURTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	GILMAN LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	INDIAN LAKE (TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE)	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	LAKE CLEAR (FRANKLIN COUNTY)	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	LAKE COLBY	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	LAKE EATON	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	LAKE GEORGE	Landlocked Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-18", Daily Limit-2
5	LAKE PLEASANT	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	LEWEY LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	MEACHAM LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	RAQUETTE LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	SACANDAGA LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	SCHROON LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3

Region	Water Name	Regulation proposed to be deleted
5	SEVENTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	SIXTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	SOUTH POND (HAMILTON COUNTY)	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	THIRTEENTH LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, April 1–Nov 30, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	UPPER CHATEAUGAY LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	UTOWANA LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	LAKE GEORGE TRIBUTARIES	Landlocked Salmon, April 1–Sept 30, Minimum Length-18", Daily Limit-2
5	SCHROON RIVER	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-4
5	SCHROON RIVER	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	SCHROON RIVER	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	THIRTEENTH LAKE OUTLET	Atlantic Salmon, April 1-Nov 30, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
6	FIRST LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
6	FOURTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
6	LAKE-OF-THE-WOODS	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
6	LAKE OZONIA	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
6	MILLSITE LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
6	OLD FORGE POND	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
6	SECOND LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
6	SIXBERRY LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
6	STAR LAKE	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
6	THIRD LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Atlantic Salmon, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3

Appendix 3. Proposed Lake Trout Regulations

Proposal

- Expand the statewide lake trout season to all year.
- Eliminate the existing lake trout special regulation from 22 waters that currently are managed with a Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3 special regulation.
- Eliminate 6 additional lake trout special regulations.
- Increase the daily limit of lake trout to 3 on Schroon Lake and adjacent segments of the Schroon River.

Rationale

A review of the Lake Trout special regulations found that 22 waters are managed under a 'Lake Trout, all year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3' special regulation. The proposal extends the statewide Lake Trout special regulation to all year, resulting in the proposed deletion of 22 waterbody special regulations that match the proposed statewide regulation. Additional regulations proposed to be deleted are predominantly waters that are not currently being managed for Lake Trout; therefore a special regulation is not warranted.

Waters where special regulations are proposed to be deleted by species

Table 1: Waters where Lake Trout special regulations are proposed to be deleted

Region	Water Name	Regulation proposed to be deleted
3	LAKE GILEAD	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
3	LAKE GLENEIDA	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
3	WEST BRANCH RESERVOIR	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
3	WHITE LAKE	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3
5	CANADA LAKE	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
5	CHAZY LAKE	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
5	FOURTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
5	GREEN LAKE (FULTON COUNTY)	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
5	LAKE ABANAKEE (TOWN OF INDIAN LAKE)	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-3
5	LAKE EATON	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-2
5	LAKE KUSHAQUA	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
5	PARADOX LAKE	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
5	ROLLINS POND	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
5	TUPPER LAKE	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
5	UPPER CHATEAUGAY LAKE	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
5	WEST LAKE (FULTON COUNTY)	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
5	LAKE GEORGE TRIBUTARIES	Lake Trout, April 1–Sept 30, Minimum Length-23", Daily Limit-2

Region	Water Name	Regulation proposed to be deleted
5	SCHROON RIVER	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-None, Daily Limit-3
6	FIRST LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
6	FOURTH LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
6	LAKE-OF-THE-WOODS	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
6	OLD FORGE POND	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
6	SECOND LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
6	SIXBERRY LAKE	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
6	STAR LAKE	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
6	SYLVIA LAKE	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
6	THIRD LAKE OF FULTON CHAIN	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
6	TROUT LAKE (ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY)	Lake trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
6	TUPPER LAKE	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-21", Daily Limit-3
7	OWASCO LAKE OUTLET	Lake Trout, All year, Minimum Length-15", Daily Limit-3