

Fishing Regulations for Big Maggie Lake

Enforced by the Maggie Lakes Owners Association and the Big Maggie Frontage Owners. **Violation of MLOA lake rules and regulations are subject to fines as published on www.maggielakes.com and in the Maggie Lakes Welcome Packet.**

Limits are set by species.

Trout: 10 Inches minimum size limit. Bag and possession limit of **5** per day per number of parcels owned.

Largemouth Bass: No minimum and **14 inches maximum size limits.** Bag limit of **5** per day per number of parcels owned.

Panfish (Bluegill, sunfish, Pumpkinseed) and Yellow Perch: Size limits by species: Bluegill: Fish less than **9** inches can be **kept.** Those from **9 to less than 10 inches** in length are to be **released.** One bluegill 10 inches in length or greater per owner per parcels owned can be taken per year. **Yellow Perch** Fish less than 8 inches can be kept. One perch 8 inches in length or greater per owner per parcel can be taken per day. **Bag Limit of 15 total in any combination (panfish and perch) per day per number of parcels owned.**

Additional regulations and recommendations:

1. Catch and release fishing is encouraged.
2. In order to prevent contamination by non-game species, the use of minnows and crayfish and other live bait, with the exception of worms is prohibited.
3. In an effort to reduce the mortality from deep hooking; a. Barbless hooks are recommended for all fishing,. b. If deep hooking occurs, it is recommended to cut the line and not try to remove the hook.
4. The intentional targeting and taking of fish on, or near, spawning beds is prohibited.
5. Only watercraft dedicated to be used solely on Big Maggie Lake and having an official Big Maggie Lake permit sticker displayed are allowed on this lake.
6. Ice fishing is permitted. However, shelters may not be left on the ice or the shore overnight. During the winter of 2023/24, there will be a trial period when frontage owners on Big Maggie may leave their shelters on the ice only when present at the lake. Shelters must be removed when an owner is away from the lake overnight. MLOA members who are not Big Maggie frontage owners must remove their shelters each day. All shelters must have identification on them including name, address, phone number and have a Big Maggie Lake Sticker visible.
7. Driving motorized vehicles on the ice is prohibited.

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