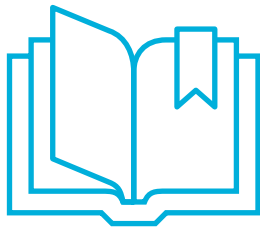


Fish Handling Tips

for Ice Fishing

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO!



CHECK THE REGULATIONS FOR:

- fishing season & common species identification
- bait bans & gear restrictions
- catch and size limits

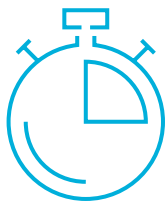
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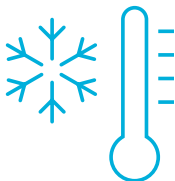
GRAB YOUR GEAR

- ice auger
- ice fishing rod & reel
- lures
- gloves & pliers
- measuring board
- nail clippers or knife
- first aid kit
- extra clothing
- camera

KEEP FISH WET



If a fish must be removed from the water, minimize the time it is out of the water. Never place the fish directly on the ice.



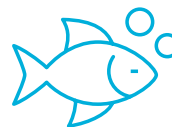
Exposure to freezing air temperature and human touch will damage the gills and eyes. Do not touch them or squeeze the fish!



For fish being released, remove the hook, while the fish is in the water, without handling it if possible. If you plan to keep your catch, measure the fish as quickly as possible to determine if the fish is legal to keep.



If taking a photo, get your camera ready while the fish is still in the water.



Gently release headfirst. Allow them to swim away on their own.

Proper fish handling increases the chances they will survive, grow, and reproduce. We all have a role to play to keep fish in our future!