

province where fishing is prohibited, either on a seasonal or year round basis. You must ensure that your fishing does not take place in any of these areas during the closed time for fishing.

8. **Possession of fish cut or packed so that species, numbers, or size limits (where applicable) cannot readily be identified.** Every year conservation officers seize literally tons of fish that are not properly packaged for transport. If an officer cannot easily determine species and numbers of your fish, it is impossible to determine whether or not you may be in compliance with the regulations and you may needlessly lose your fish.
9. **Retention of illegal size fish.** Size limits are intended to ensure that the primary breeding size fish are returned to the waters in order to maximize reproductive capacity. If you keep illegal size fish, you are doing harm to the future of the fishery you wish to enjoy.
10. **Improperly transporting or using bait.** Harmful aquatic plants and animals and infectious fish diseases such as viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) may be spread unknowingly by anglers who are not following the rules around transporting and using bait. Anglers cannot release bait or baitfish or empty the contents of a bait bucket within 30 m of any waters. It is against the law to import crayfish, salamanders, or live leeches or fish into Ontario for use as bait and you cannot transport live fish other than baitfish without a licence. Live crayfish can only be used for bait in the same waterbody where they are caught and cannot be transported overland dead or alive.

Please refer to the [Fishing Regulations Summary](#) or contact your local Conservation Officer or [MNR office](#) if you have a question regarding the fishing regulations in your area.