

**106 CODE OF TRIBAL REGULATIONS**  
**FISHING REGULATIONS**  
**UNDER THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CODE**  
**WITHIN THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN RESERVATION**

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of these regulations is to protect and regulate fishing activities within the exterior boundaries of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.
2. **Authority.** The Sub Committee is authorized to establish regulations for fishing and other activities involving wildlife as provided by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Code of the Tribe.
3. **General Provisions.** No person shall take, attempt to take or injure any fish in any waters, upon its nest, or remove any eggs as may occur in normal recreational or fisheries research practices, or as may be authorized by the Department.
4. **Open and Closed Seasons.** A closed season is hereby established for fishing except for the open season, species and creel or bag limits specified by the Tribal proclamation.
  - a. Season: Fishing within the Reservation is open year round.
  - b. Hours: Fishing at East Fork Dam and Bonneau Dam is open from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily. Twenty-four-hour (24) fishing is allowed at all other locations.
5. **Fishing Permits and Tags.**
  - a. No person shall fish, take or attempt to take any fish pursuant to this regulation without possessing a valid tribal fishing permit, license or required tags issued by the Rocky Boy's Fish & Wildlife Conservation Department. Any person fishing any lands of the Reservation must possess the requisite Tribal license or permit.
  - b. The Department shall not issue more than one license to one person at one time except as authorized by the Sub Committee.
  - c. No fishing license or permit shall be considered valid unless:
    1. The license is endorsed by the fisher person.
    2. For which any permit or license is marked invalid.
  - d. All persons 12 years of age and older must possess a valid Chippewa Cree Tribal fishing permit while fishing on the Reservation.
  - e. All persons under 12 years of age may fish without a permit but shall be entitled to only one-half the daily bag and possession limit.
  - f. Any Chippewa Cree Tribal member 60 years of age or older may secure a lifetime fishing permit at no charge.
6. **Daily and Possession Limits.**
  - a. No person shall take, attempt to take, catch or fish for any species of fish in excess of the established daily or possession creel or bag limit.
  - b. Daily Limit: The number of fish that may be taken from midnight to midnight, except no person may possess more than one day's limit for fish with head, skin and fins attached while on the water, ice or activity engaged in fishing.
  - c. Possession Limit: The number of fish a person may have under his or her control such as in a portable cooler, a home freezer, or registered in his or her name in a commercial cold storage locker.
  - d. Bonneau Dame Recreation Area:

- All Trout Species – 8 per day.
  - Northern Pike – 8 per day.
  - All Other Fish – No bag limit.
  - e. East Fork Dam Recreation Area:
    - All Trout Species – 8 per day.
    - All Other Fish – No bag limit.
  - f. All Other Reservation Locations:
    - All Trout Species – 8 per day.
    - All Other Fish – No bag limit.
  - g. No person shall take, attempt to take, kill or possess any fish under or over the specified size limit.
- 7. Hook and Line Limitations.**
- a. A maximum of two lines and three hooks per line is allowed for fishing open waters.
  - b. A maximum of four lines is allowed for fishing through the ice.
  - c. Only one end of each line may be equipped with hooks. An artificial lure constitutes one hook, regardless of the number of gang hooks attached.
- 8. Baits.** No person may possess carp, buffalo fish, carpsuckers, goldfish, or game fish (except cleanings) as bait for hook and line fishing. Any other commonly used fish baits, artificial flies or lures are permitted.
- 9. Commercial Sale of Fish.** No person shall sell, barter, trade or offer to sell, barter or trade any fish taken from Reservation waters.
- 10. Gill Netting.** Is it unlawful to take any fish or attempt to take any fish with the use or aid of a gill net.
- 11. Spearing.** No person may take fish with a spear, legal spear gun, or bow and arrow except enrolled members of the Chippewa Cree Tribe.
- a. Fish may be taken with spear, legal spear gun (a muscle-loaded device propelling a spear attached to a lanyard no more than 20 feet long), and bow and arrow (crossbows are illegal). Arrows may have only one point, which must be barbed and attached to the bow by a line. Daily and possession limits are the same as and in combination with hook and line limits.
  - b. Non-game fish may be taken between sunset and sunrise January 1 – December 31.
  - c. All species of fish, except endangered or threatened fish, may be speared from sunrise to sunset during the season established by Tribal proclamation.
- 12. Landing Aids.** Landing nets, gaffs, and similar devices may be used as an aid in landing.
- 13. Artificial Lights.** Artificial lights may be used as aid in taking fish by legal methods.
- 14. Unattended Lines.** Each line must be under the direct supervision and within the unaided observation of the user.
- 15. Ice Houses.** Each fish house, shanty, or other shelter must display on the outside the name and address of the owner in letters at least two inches high. The door must permit entry except when unoccupied and locked from the outside. Shelters must be removed from the ice by March 5.
- 16. Interference.** No person may intentionally interfere with other persons lawfully engaged in taking or attempting to take fish, or engage in an activity specifically intended to harass or prevent the lawfully taking of fish.
- 17. Restrictions.** No person shall:

- a. Deposit refuse in Reservation waters.
  - b. Leave or deposit fish on the shorelines of Reservation waters.
  - c. Empty receptacles containing bait into Reservation waters.
  - d. Transport or introduce fish or fish eggs into Reservation waters.
  - e. Release fish, reptiles, amphibians or crustaceans not native to the Reservation into Reservation waters without written authorization from the Rocky Boy's Wildlife Conservation Department.
  - f. Possess, have under control, or maintain trammel nets, gill nets, or seines except legal minnow seines.
  - g. Possess a spear on or near lakes or streams except during legal hours in open season.
  - h. Sell, buy or barter game fish.
  - i. Lend his or her license to another person or aid someone in securing a license fraudulently.
  - j. Use explosives, electrical devices, or poisonous or stupefying drugs to take fish.
  - k. Shoot fish, frogs, or turtles with a firearm.
- 18. Penalties.** An individual violating any provisions of this Section may be assessed damages amounting to a minimum of \$50.00 and a maximum of \$500.00. In addition, the Tribal Court may enter an injunction prohibiting the exercise of that person's Reservation hunting, fishing or trapping privileges for a period of time.