

Fish SD: Fishing Regulations

Background information: Review Chapters 8: *Regulations and Ethics* and 9: *Fisheries Management in Going Fishing*.

Duration: 30 - 60 minutes instruction and discussion.

Materials: Worksheet, Fishing Handbook

Objectives: Student will learn about the purposes and importance of Fishing Regulations.

Warm up: Group discussions about fishing regulations will often transform into a session where participants tell tall-tales about friend and relatives law breaking activities. It is best to avoid this direction of conversation as it is difficult to redirect toward what is an appropriate activity, especially when the stories are exciting. Start this topic discussion by having the students individually research specific regulations that relate to them. The attached worksheet will ask the students to determine the regulations in relation to their age, what types of fish they want to catch and where they choose to go fishing. It is formatted to encourage students to think about a fishing trip plan and can be used as part of the Trip Planner activity. The worksheet will also let them discover additional information resources.

Activity: Have each student select a lake where they have fished or want to go fishing and complete the attached worksheet.

Upon completion of the worksheets, engage the students in a conversation about their selections. Guide the conversation toward discussing why the lakes may have special regulations for fish such as bass (e.g. Slowly reproducing bass in highly used lakes cannot maintain a catchable population if harvest exists. This is why this regulation is used on small city ponds.) and the potential of this lake as fun fishing trip venue.

Wrap Up: Guide a discussion about fishing ethics and the difference between an ethic and a regulation.

Fishing Regulations Worksheet

Angler Information

Angler Name _____ South Dakota Resident? YES or NO

Angler Age _____ Are you required to purchase a fishing license? Circle one: **YES** or **NO**

What is the cost of each of the following types of resident fishing license?

\$ _____ 1 day \$ _____ 3 day \$ _____ Annual

General Regulations:

How many lines can an angler legally use when fishing on a pond, lake or reservoir? _____

Is it legal to use a seine net to catch sport fish? Circle one: **YES** or **NO**

Name 3 lakes with minimum length limits for walleye? _____

What is a possession limit?

What is the statewide bag limit for northern pike?

Find a lake in a county near you that you would like to fish.

Lake Name _____ County _____

List 3 fish that can be found in this lake.

List any special bag limit or size restrictions for this lake.

What is the cost of a State Park Entrance License for:

\$ _____ 1 day \$ _____ Annual

Is a park permit required to fish at this lake? Circle one: **YES** or **NO**

Who is your Local Conservation Officer? Name _____