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Re: Question about if I can keep the fish or not

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barbless wrote:

Start here

<http://fishandboat.com/fishpub/summary/inland.html>

Click on the highlighted links in that summary to get more specifics about the special regs for some fish species and fishing waters. It can get a little complicated, especially for trout.

Overall, the restrictive regs have helped the fishery a lot. Although there's nothing like a healthier environment for more and better fish habitat.

I keep fish to eat sometimes. **I prefer to keep the smaller ones, they're usually tastier. And putting the big ones back makes for more and bigger wild fish.**

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No sin in keeping some fish within the legal limits. Consider keeping panfish like sunnies, crappies, perch, etc. All good eating and very prolific.

Also, many of the stocked trout streams are not capable of sustaining trout in the warm season, so taking home some "stockies" has no impact on the natural population of fish in those streams.

I do not harvest wild trout or bass. While legal to harvest in most streams, rivers and lakes, I believe it is best to return these wild fish back to spawn new generations of fish.

The choice is yours.