

2026 Rough Fish Spearing Regulations

Daytime Period

Rough Fish may be speared in rivers and lakes **during daylight hours**
beginning at
Sunrise March 1, 2026
through April 10, 2026

Nighttime Period

Rough Fish May be Speared in rivers and lakes **Anytime**
Beginning at
12:00 A.M. April 11, 2026
Through February 28, 2027

General

**It is prohibited to harvest Game Fish with a spear. This
Includes Lake Sturgeon.**

**All lakes, rivers, ponds, streams and creeks are open to the
harvest of rough fish with a spear, dip net or bow except for
crossing private property without permission or areas posted
as trout streams or sensitive areas by White Earth Natural
Resources.**

Tribal Members are asked to respect private property:

1. Please do not litter.
2. Please be careful and do not damage stream banks or other access points.

Daily Limit

200 Rough Fish
All species in combination

All violations of the provisions of these regulations shall be considered a violation of the Conservation Code and shall be subject to any penalties provided therein.

**2026 Rough Fish
Bow fishing, Dip net and Seine Regulations**

Daytime Period

Rough Fish May Be Bow Fished, Dip Netted and Seined in rivers and lakes
**During Daylight Hours Beginning at
Sunrise March 1, 2026
through April 10, 2026**

Nighttime Period

Rough Fish May be Bow Fished, Dip Netted and Seined in rivers and lakes
**Anytime
Beginning at
12:00 A.M. April 11, 2026
Through February 28, 2027**

General

- ❖ You cannot bow fish, spear, seine or dip net in designated trout lakes and streams.
 - ❖ You cannot bow fish in posted spawning areas.
- ❖ Arrow must be tethered to the bow. If you shoot a fish, you must retrieve the fish and your arrow.
- ❖ You cannot shoot a fish and throw it back in the water, leave it on any bank of any waterway, ice of any lake, stream or pond or any access site.
- ❖ You can transport and use a bow while taking rough fish from a watercraft with or without a motor.

❖ You may only bow fish for rough fish, which include carp, buffalo, sucker, redhorse, sheephead, bowfin, burbot (eelpout), yellow perch, cisco (tullibee), and bullhead.

❖ **It is prohibited to harvest Game Fish with a dip net, bow and arrow or seine. This includes Lake Sturgeon.**

❖ The hoops on hand-held dip nets cannot exceed 24 inches in diameter.

❖ You cannot spear, dip net or seine within 1,000 feet of swimming beach.

❖ You cannot exceed the daily limit for each species taken with any combination of spearing, dip netting or seining equipment to reach the limit. Fish taken by archery (bow fishing) also are included in this limit.

Daily Limit

200 Rough Fish

All species in combination

All violations of the provisions of these regulations shall be considered a violation of the Conservation Code and shall be subject to any penalties provided therein.

