



# Summary of Fishing Regulations



NAHANNI NATIONAL PARK RESERVE OF CANADA

Fish populations in Nahanni are generally low due to the high silt content of the water. The park is home to sixteen species of fish including Arctic grayling, bull trout, lake trout and northern pike.

A valid permit is required to fish in Nahanni National Park Reserve, and is valid only for Nahanni.

Annual fishing permit fees (GST included) are \$29.70.

Fishing is permitted during all seasons and in all park waters. Please dispose of fish offal in the river.

## FISHING REGULATIONS

This is a consolidation of National Park Fishing Regulations and has been prepared for the convenience of reference only. Please contact the park office for a complete listing of National Park Fishing Regulations.

To preserve the wildlife resources of Nahanni National Park Reserve, we strongly encourage people not to engage in the activity of sport fishing. If you do wish to purchase a fishing permit, then we encourage you not to fish unless you intend to eat the fish you catch.

If you do decide to fish, and are successful, please take great care to dispose of fish carcasses and entrails (fish offal) in a responsible manner. Remember that the next group travelling behind you will likely use your campsite. Rotting fish offal is a prime attractant for bears. The best way to dispose of fish offal is to return it to the river. Make sure to throw the fish offal well out into the current to prevent the offal from washing back up on shore.

## SUMMARY OF PERTINENT NATIONAL PARK FISHING REGULATIONS

- 3 No person shall sport fish in any park waters unless that person is the holder of a valid National Park Fishing Permit.
- 7 Every person shall, when fishing, carry on their person

any fishing permit issued to them and shall, upon request by the superintendent or a park warden, produce the fishing permit for examination.

### 10 Daily Catch & Possession Limits:

Dolly Varden or Bull trout	0
Arctic grayling	2
Lake trout	3
Northern pike	5
Whitefish	5

The daily aggregate and possession limit is a combined total of 5 fish.

- 15 No person shall fish in park waters by any method other than angling.
- 17 No person shall, when fishing in park waters, use:
  - more than one (1) fishing line;
  - a fishing line having more than one (1) artificial fly or other type of bait;
  - a fishing line having an artificial fly to which is attached any live or dead natural bait;
  - a fishing line having any combination of hooks capable of catching more than one (1) fish at a time;
  - a fishing line having more than one (1) type of lure;
  - a lure having more than
    - i) two (2) single hooks
    - ii) two (2) gang-hooks, or
    - iii) one (1) single hook and one (1) gang hook;
  - a gang-hook having more than three (3) hooks;
  - a lead sinker or lead jig that weighs less than 50 g; or
  - a hook from which the barbs have not been removed unless the barbs have been pinched to the shaft of the hook.
- 18 No person shall, when angling, leave a fishing line unattended.
- 24 No person shall use or have in possession for use as bait live or dead fish or any parts thereof.





- 27 No person hired or employed in a park as a boatman (river guide) or fishing guide shall fish in park waters while carrying out the duties for which that person was hired or employed.
- 30 No person shall sell, offer for sale, trade or barter any fish caught in park waters.

- 31 No person who has caught, in park waters, a fish suitable for human consumption shall allow that fish to spoil or otherwise be wasted. 🍁

### Nahanni National Park Reserve of Canada

Box 348, Fort Simpson, NT X0E 0N0  
Ph: 867-695-3151, Fax: 867-695-2446  
E-mail: [Nahanni.Info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:Nahanni.Info@pc.gc.ca)  
Website: [www.pc.gc.ca/nahanni](http://www.pc.gc.ca/nahanni)



*Arctic Grayling*



*Lake Trout*



*Northern Pike*



*Whitefish*

Drawings © Department of Fisheries and  
Oceans Canada



Parks  
Canada

Parcs  
Canada

Canada