

**Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Fish & Wildlife**  
**2024 Spring Spearing/Stream Fishing Fact Sheet**

**Season:** Spring of 2024

**Hours:** Sunrise to Sunset

Spearing is allowed from Tribal/Trust lands on any creeks, streams or rivers within the original boundaries of the Lake Traverse Reservation.

Only SWO Tribal Members are allowed to spear game fish. Non-members may fish creeks, streams or rivers for game fish by hook & line only beginning Saturday, April 23rd. Except an area on the Little Minnesota River known as Despieglers, which may be fished by hook & line at any time. Non-members are not allowed to spearfish at any time on Tribal/Trust Lands.

Tribal Fishing license is required. Licenses are available at the F & W Office, Dakota Connection, Waubay Clipper in Waubay or online at <https://wso.nagfa.net/online>

2024 Tribal Fishing License Fees			
	Fishing License Fee	Surcharge	Total
Tribal Member	\$10	\$5	\$15
Tribal Member Elder (55+)	NO FEE		
Non-Member Resident	\$30.80 (including 4% tax)	\$5	\$35.80
Non-Member Non Resident	\$70.80 (including 4% tax)	\$5	\$75.80
Youth (15 & under)	NO FEE		

Juveniles 16 years and up must possess a Tribal fishing license. Youth under 16 must be accompanied by a licensed adult to spear fish.

**Daily Limits:** 6 Northern, 4 Walleye (size restrictions), No Limit on Rough Fish (suckers, carp, etc.)

When spearing or fishing multiple creeks or streams in a day, cumulative harvest of a species may not exceed the daily limit.

**Size Restrictions:** Anglers that catch walleyes by hook & line are allowed to keep only (1) over 20". All other over 20" must be released immediately back into the stream, creek, or river.

No fish under 12 inches are allowed to be speared

**Possession Limit:** Twice the daily limit

**Methods:** Hook & Line or Spearing. Bow fishing is not allowed except for Rough Fish within a distance of one hundred (100) yards of any boat dock, swimming area, picnic area, or other places where people congregate.

All spears must have at least 5 barbed tines. Homemade spears must be approved for use by Tribal Fish & Wildlife Staff prior to use. No fishing or spearing for another person at any time will be allowed.

**Snagging:** Snagging is not an allowable method. Anglers are not allowed to utilize specially rigged and weighted hooks to intentionally hook fish in body areas in a manner involving rapid, intermittent jerking of the hook or lure through the water.

The Tribal Wanton Waste Law will be strictly enforced! All harvested fish must be in angler's sight or attached to a stringer or in a container while spearing or fishing hook & line.

**TO PURCHASE A LICENSE ONLINE VISIT:** <https://wso.nagfa.net/online>

**VIOLATORS ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSE REVOCATION UPON CONVICTION OF ANY LAW OR RULE  
PERTAINING TO FISHING.**

**TO REPORT A VIOLATION CONTACT:**

**SWO FISH & WILDLIFE DEPT. (605) 698-8353**

**PROTECT OUR WILDLIFE-TIPS LINE (605) 698-8413**

**OR SISSETON WAHPETON LAW ENFORCEMENT (605)698-7661**