

Table 1. A summary of current (2005) bait and gear restrictions in the Ontario Fishery Regulations with recommendations for standardization.

Current Gear or Bait Restriction	# Occurrences	Recommended Restriction
(a) Gear		
A person who is angling from a boat may use two (2) lines in the open waters.	1	Two lines may be used while angling in open water from a boat.
A person who is angling from a boat may use two (2) lines while trolling.	2	Two lines may be used while angling in open water from a boat.
A person who is angling from a boat may use two (2) lines in the waters of Lake Erie except Rondeau Bay and the Inner Bay of Long Point Bay.	2	Two lines may be used while trolling in open water from a boat.
No person shall engage in angling through the ice with more than five lines at any time	1	Rescind this exception.
No person shall engage in angling with a line to which any hook other than a barbless hook is attached; or for lake trout with a line to which more than one barbless hook is attached between Jan. 1 to Dec. 31	3	Only single pointed barbless hooks may be used while angling.
No person shall possess for the purpose of fishing any hook other than a single-pointed barbless hook or engage in angling with a line to which more than one single-pointed barbless hook is attached.	1	Only single pointed barbless hooks may be used while angling.
Only a single-pointed barbless hook may be used.	1	Only single pointed barbless hooks may be used while angling.
Only artificial flies can be used as bait.	2	Only artificial flies may be used while angling.
Only artificial lures can be used as bait.	30	Only artificial lures with single pointed barbless hooks (no organic bait) may be used while angling.
Only artificial lures when angling through the ice.	1	Only artificial lures with single pointed barbless hooks (no organic bait) may be used while angling.
Only one barbless hook can be used between Jan 1 to Dec 31.	8	Only single pointed barbless hooks may be used while angling.
Only one barbless hook can be used between Jan. 1 and Dec 31.	16	Only single pointed barbless hooks may be used while angling.
Only one barbless hook can be used between Jan. 1 to the Friday preceding the third Saturday in May.	21	Only single pointed barbless hooks may be used while angling
Only one line may be used when angling through the ice.	92	No person, while angling through the ice, shall use more than one line.

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(b) Bait		
Artificial lures must be used. No bait allowed.	1	Only artificial lures (no organic bait) may be used while angling.
Live fish may not be used as bait or possessed for use as bait.	175	The use or possession of fish (including fish parts), whether alive or dead, as bait is prohibited.
No person may use or possess any live-fish bait.	1	The use or possession of fish (including fish parts), whether alive or dead, as bait is prohibited.
No live organic bait allowed	1	Only artificial lures (no organic bait) may be used while angling.
No person shall possess or use for bait any live fish except for Lake Herring, Crayfish, Darter, Minnow, Mudminnow, Sculpin, Stickleback, Sucker, Trout-perch.	3	The use or possession of fish (including fish parts), whether alive or dead, as bait is prohibited.
No person shall use as bait or possess for use as bait any member of the genus Coregonus, including lake herring (cisco), any member of the genus Catostomus (suckers) or any member of the family Osmeridae (smelts)	1	The use or possession of large bodied bait, including lake herring, smelt, suckers, lake whitefish and alewife, is prohibited.
No person shall use or possess live bait-fish or dead lake herring.	1	The use or possession of fish (including fish parts), whether alive or dead, as bait is prohibited.
No person shall use smelt as bait, or possess smelt for use as bait.	6	The use or possession of fish (including fish parts), whether alive or dead, as bait is prohibited.
No use of dead alewife or dead gizzard shad as bait.	3	The use or possession of large bodied bait, including lake herring, smelt, suckers, lake whitefish and alewife, is prohibited.
No use of fish or fish parts as bait from January 1 to the Friday preceding the third Saturday in May.	1	The use or possession of fish (including fish parts), whether alive or dead, as bait is prohibited.
The use of dead lake herring as bait is not permitted	3	The use or possession of large bodied bait, including lake herring, smelt, suckers, lake whitefish and alewife, is prohibited.
You may not use dead fish or fish parts for bait.	3	The use or possession of fish (including fish parts), whether alive or dead, as bait is prohibited.
You may not use fish or fish parts for bait from January 1 - Friday before 3rd Saturday in May.	18	The use or possession of fish (including fish parts), whether alive or dead, as bait is prohibited.
No person may use as bait or possess for use as bait any sucker, smelt or whitefish, including lake herring (cisco).	1	The use or possession of large bodied bait, including lake herring, smelt, suckers, lake whitefish and alewife, is prohibited.