

2021 Fall Netting Season

Gill netting period

Gill Nets may be set beginning October 23, to December 31, 2021

Lakes open to gill netting

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Bad Medicine2. Big Bass (Mahnomen County)3. Big Elbow4. Green Water5. Ice Cracking6. Island (Mahnomen County)7. Little Bemidji8. Lone9. McCraney10. Net11. *North Twin	<ol style="list-style-type: none">12. Pike13. Roy14. Big Rush15. Snider16. Strawberry17. *South Twin18. Tulaby19. Additional Lakes (Many Point, Round and White Earth) can be found under the special seasons located on page 3.
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*** North Twin and South Twin Lakes will have a special regulation permit requirement due to zebra mussel infestation. Please see page 4.**

Gill net dimensions

1. Gill nets cannot exceed 200 feet in length.
2. Gill nets cannot exceed 6 feet in depth.
3. Mesh size cannot be less than four inch stretched, two-inch bar.

General

1. The sale of game fish is prohibited.
2. It is prohibited to possess Lake Sturgeon.
3. No more than two hundred feet of gill net per tribal member fishing at any given time.
4. It is prohibited to disturb, move, obstruct or interfere with any gill net of any tribal member, unless that tribal member is present.
5. Tribal members must have in their possession a White Earth Tribal Identification Card.
6. Watercraft Regulations will be enforced (C. C. 800.01 Boats and Watercraft).
7. **Gill nets must be checked every 48 Hours.**

8. **Note: Please reference special regulation lakes on page 3 for additional checking times.**

Location

1. Gill nets must be set such that one end is in water less than ten feet deep, as measured from the lake bottom to the surface of the water or ice.
2. Gill nets shall not be placed in, or within three hundred feet of a river channel, stream, inlet or outlet of a lake.
3. Gill nets shall not be set within fifty feet of a previously set net.

Markings

1. Gill nets must be clearly visible from the surface of the water or ice and marked with a float, buoy, pole or flag at both ends.
2. The name and enrollment number of the tribal member must appear or be attached to both ends of the gill net.

Limits

1. No limit on the amount of tullibee, whitefish or rough fish.
2. Incidental game fish may be kept.
 - a. **Musky caught in gill nets do not need to follow length limits and may be kept**

Early Season Elder Use Permits

1. **Early Season Elder Use Permit Netting** September 25 – October 22, 2021.
2. An elder use permit may be filed with the Natural Resources Department for elders 55 years of age or older for early season netting.
3. Elder's may have a helper(s) present under the age of 55 while setting and checking. However, the helper(s) may not set a net of their own until the regular netting season opens on October 23, 2021.
4. Nets need to be checked every 12 hours during the early Elder's season.
5. The permitted parties must submit the request to Natural Resources prior to net placement.
6. The permitted parties must be enrolled members of White Earth and provide enrollment information at the time of application.
7. Information regarding dates and lakes to be netted will be filled out at the time of application.
8. The permitted Elder(s) and helper(s) must be present in the boat while setting and checking and each elder may not have more than 200 feet of net fishing at any given time.
9. The remaining netting regulations for the 2021 netting season apply.
10. **Early Season Elder Use Permits** will be available by contacting White Earth Natural Resources at 218.935.2488 or will.bement@whiteearth-nsn.gov for a copy of the permit.
11. Elder Season Elder Permits are non-transferable.
12. Watercraft Regulations will be enforced (C.C. 800.01 Boat and Watercraft).

Lakes open to gill netting under Special Seasons

- 1. Many Point**
- 2. Round**
- 3. White Earth**

Special Season Gill Netting Period

Gill Nets may be set beginning November 6, to December 31, 2021 on Many Point, Round and White Earth Lakes.

Special Seasons netting restrictions for Many Point, Round and White Earth Lakes.

- 1. Gill Nets must be checked at least once every 24 hours on Many Point, Round and White Earth Lake.**
- 2. Gill Nets must be set such that both ends are in water less than ten feet deep as measured from the lake bottom to the surface of the water or ice. Gill nets shall not be placed in, or within three hundred feet of a river channel, stream, inlet or outlet of a lake. Gill nets shall not be set within fifty feet of a previously set net.**
- 3. Gill net dimensions, Markings and Limits are the same as listed above,**
- 4. General rules are the same as the regular season with the exception that nets must be checked every 24 hours.**
- 5. Live sturgeon must be returned to the water immediately after removal from nets.**

Note:

Efforts to restore Lake Sturgeon in White Earth Lake and Round Lake have included dam alterations to allow fish passage and the stocking of fingerlings.

Please contact The Natural Resources Department and report any Sturgeon Mortality.

South Twin and North Twin Special Regulation Permit

Special Regulation permit gill netting Period

Gill Nets may be set beginning November 6, to December 31, 2021 on North and South Twin Lakes.

Special Regulation netting restrictions

1. A **Special Regulation Permit** must be filed with the Natural Resources department prior to setting Net in North and South Twin.
2. Nets used in North and South Twin may be reset within North and South Twin only. They may not be placed into another water body until they are cleaned and dried for a minimum of 21 days.
3. Watercraft launched and used for day use on North and South Twin may not be used on another waterbody until they have been removed from the water and dried for a minimum of 5 days.
4. Watercraft which has been kept on a dock or lift on North or South Twin may not be used outside of these two lakes until they have been cleaned and dried a minimum of 21 days.
5. All applicable clean, drain, and dry AIS preventions must be in place.
6. All other general netting regulations apply.
7. **Special Regulation Permits** will be available by contacting White Earth Natural Resources at 218.935.2488 or will.bement@whiteearth-nsn.gov for a copy of the permit.
8. Special Regulation permits are non-transferable.