

If more than one person is spearing in a dark house, how many fish can you spear? Party fishing does not apply to spearing. Each person can only spear their own fish.

Where can I spear fish in a dark house?

Most inland waters. Only Baby Lake (Cass County) is closed to dark house spearing. For border waters, more details can be found on pages 55-65.

## ICE ANGLING

How many lines can I use through the ice?

Two, except on designated trout lakes and streams you can only use one line.

How far away can I go from my lines?

You must remain within sight of your line. If you're using a tip-up (a device with spooled line and a flag that pops up to indicate when a fish bites) you need to be within 200 feet.

Does ice fishing have any other regulations that differ from open water fishing besides the number of lines I can use?

No, but anglers must follow all general and special regulations.

## ICE SHELTERS

What is a shelter?

A fish house, dark house, or other structure that is set on the ice to provide shelter.

What is a portable shelter?

A portable shelter is one that collapses, folds, or is disassembled for transportation. Portable shelters do not include trailer/campers with or without slide-outs.

Do I need a license for my fish house or dark house?

- All shelters, except portable shelters, placed on the ice in inland and Canadian border waters need a shelter license.
- However, portable shelters in inland and Canadian border waters need a license if a person 1) leaves the portable shelter unattended any time between midnight and one hour before sunrise, or 2) is not within 200 feet of the portable shelter.
- The fish house license tag must be readily visible from the exterior of the shelter.
- A shelter license is not required on the border waters between Minnesota or Wisconsin, Iowa, North Dakota, and South Dakota.
- A shelter license is valid from March 1 through April 30 of the following year.

Do I need any kind of identification on my shelter?

All shelters need identification, except portable shelters that are occupied. Occupying a shelter means staying within 200 feet of it. Identification means:

- One of the following: owner's name and address; owner's driver's license number; or owner's Minnesota DNR identification number.
- Identification must be readily visible from the exterior of the shelter with characters at least 2 inches high.

Where can I place my shelter?

- Anywhere on Minnesota waters. Shelters must be no closer than 10 feet apart.
- In the BWCAW you can use a shelter but must remove it from the ice each night and each time you leave the BWCAW.

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