



Regulations for Net and Trap Fishing in the Helsinki-Espoo Fisheries Region

Helsinki-Espoo Fisheries Region has several fishing regulations. The regulations regarding net and trap fishing are outlined below. Regulations concerning angling and lure fishing can be found on the reverse side.

FISHING WITH NETS AND TRAPS IS PROHIBITED

In the area between the Länsiväylä bridge and the line formed by the islands Klobben-Småholmarna-Talludden, as well as in straits leading to bay areas and in Strömsinlahti, from April 1 to December 31.

In Espoonlahti north of Länsiväylä, as well as at the river mouths of Finnoonoja, Gräsanoja, and Krapuoja, from August 15 to December 31.

ALL FISHING EXCEPT ANGLING FROM THE SHORE IS PROHIBITED

In Laajalahti, Vanhankaupunginlahti and Vartiokylänlahti, from May 15 to June 15.

MINIMUM MESH SIZE FOR NETS

The minimum mesh size for nets is 50 mm across the entire fisheries region. Note: Starting April 1, 2026, the minimum mesh size will be 55 mm. The regulation does not apply to Baltic herring, sprat, or smelt nets, or fishing for bait fish.

NET MATERIAL REGULATIONS

Nets made of monofilament thicker than 0.20 mm, braided thread, or strong fibre materials can not be set for fishing within 50 meters of the shore during the periods April 1 to May 15 and October 1 to December 31.

LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF NETS

In the sea, recreational fishers are allowed to use a maximum of 120 meters of nets (4 x 30 meters).

In lakes, the limit is 90 meters of nets (3 x 30 meters) per fisher.

SIZE LIMITS AND CATCH QUOTAS

The minimum size for pike perch is 42 cm until March 31, 2026, after which it will increase to 45 cm.

The pike perch catch quota is 3 fish per day per fisher across the entire fisheries region. The quota limit does not apply to net fishing or commercial fishing.



WHY ARE FISHING RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED?

The regulations are based on the fisheries region's management plan. The aim is to achieve the goals of the national salmon and sea trout strategy and to improve the spawning stocks of pike perch and whitefish. Restrictions also support the migration of spring-spawning fish and increase the number of spawning fish.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Net and trap fishing always requires permission from the owner of the water area, who may impose stricter regulations than those stated here. Please check national minimum sizes, closed seasons, and catch quotas from the National Fishing Act and Fishing Decree.

FISHING SUPERVISION

Fishing is supervised by fishing supervisors year-round to ensure that fishers possess the required permits and comply with fishing regulations and restrictions. You can contact the fisheries region's fishing supervisors via email: kalastuksenvallvonta.hki.espoo@gmail.com or by phone: +358 44 988 9430.

For more information about the fisheries region and the regulations:

www.helsinki-espoonkalatalousalue.fi/english/

Information about fishing restrictions can also be found at: www.kalastusrajoitus.fi

Remember to do mandatory catch reports:

www.omakala.fi