Indiana-Illinois Reciprocal Sport Fishing Zone

Calumet Harbor

Reciprocal agreement does NOT apply to river banks or bridge, including entire north and south slips.

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RECIPROCAL FISHING AGREEMENT FOR CALUMET HARBOR  
between the  
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
and the  
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources desire to extend reciprocal sportfishing privileges to residents of Illinois and Indiana and to holders of non-resident sportfishing licenses issued by either state in the Calumet Harbor area of the waters of Lake Michigan.  

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby mutually agreed between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources that: (1) all residents of Illinois and Indiana holding a resident sportfishing license from their respective state or residents of states other than Illinois and Indiana holding a non-resident sportfishing license issued by either state may fish in the reciprocal area; (2) residents of either Illinois or Indiana who have a non-resident license from the other state may fish in the reciprocal area under the privileges and restrictions of the non-resident license; and that (3) all residents of Illinois and Indiana who are exempted from sportfishing license requirements in their home state shall also be exempted from sportfishing license requirements in the reciprocal area of Lake Michigan described as those waters enclosed within the following boundaries:  

1) Northern Boundary - The east-west portion of the breakwater system which extends lakeward from the Lake Michigan shoreline at approximately 85th Street in Chicago.  

The area north of the breakwater is not included in the reciprocal zone.  

2) Eastern Boundary - That portion of the breakwater system extending in a south-east direction from the most eastern point of the northern boundary to its most southern extent;  

3) Southern Boundary - A straight line extending from the southern tip of the breakwater system in a southwest direction to the most eastern point of the pier located at the southern edge of the Calumet Park beach;
3) **Western Boundary** - The existing Lake Michigan shoreline lying between, and including, Taylor Pier at the southern edge of the Calumet Park beach to the most western point of the northern boundary.

Reciprocal waters shall also include that portion of the main channel only of the Calumet River extending from Lake Michigan downstream to the Ewing Avenue vehicular bridge; sportfishermen fishing from the Illinois Lake Michigan shoreline in Calumet Park; from the Calumet Harbor breakwater system; and from other publically accessible areas into the reciprocal zone.

Reciprocal sportfishing privilege shall **NOT** apply to the waters of the channels known as (1) the North Slip located at the northwest corner of Calumet Harbor; and (2) the South Slip located off the Calumet River northeast of the Ewing Avenue Bridge; nor to shoreline areas where such areas are in private ownership, including both shorelines of the Calumet River and the Ewing Avenue Bridge. (Note: The Army Corps of Engineers advise that although the use of navigation structures for recreational purposes is not prohibited by Federal law, breakwaters do not have special features for safeguarding fishermen, and users entering upon them do so at their own risk.) Fishing access from the Lake Michigan shoreline in Calumet Park shall be restricted to the areas and hours established annually by the Chicago Park District.

Any person fishing in the reciprocal area must meet the sportfishing regulations of the state in which he or she is licensed, or in the case of license-exempt residents of either state, the least restrictive regulations of either state. No person may take more than one daily limit of fish per day, regardless of the number of licenses the person holds. (May not have both an Illinois limit and an Indiana limit even though has a resident license or exemption from one state and a non-resident license from the other.)

This reciprocal agreement applies only to sportfishing regulations and no commercial fishing reciprocity is authorized.

This agreement may be terminated on thirty (30) days written notice by either party.
This writing constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, with no amendments or additions other than the map attached as Exhibit A hereto, and incorporated by reference herein.

Entered                      

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July 19, 2004

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APPROVED FOR EXECUTION