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## Temporary fishing restrictions on Lake Peipsi, Lake Lämmi and Lake Pihkva in 2023

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The regulation is established on the basis of § 11 subsections 2 and 5 of the Fishing Act and § 44 subsection 4 points 1, 3 and 4 of Regulation No. 65 of the Government of the Republic of June 16, 2016 "Fishing Regulations".

### § 1. Fishing with gillnets

From March 1 to May 4, it is allowed to use shore nets for ice fishing on Lake Lämmijärvi and on the part of Lake Peipsi south of Nina village (58°36.59'N, 27°12.15'E) in a water area 3 km wide from the shore.

### § 2. Fishing with traps

(1) During the fishing ban described in § 43 of the Fishing Regulations, traps and trap lines must be removed from Lämmijärvi by May 10.

(2) In the part of Lake Peipsi to the north of the village of Nina (58°36.59'N, 27°12.15'E), it is forbidden to use traps more than 10 km from the shore, unless the mesh size of the guide and guard fence of the traps is at least 86 mm, and the mesh size of the body, including the fish bag, is at least 76 mm:

- 1) from January 1 to June 30;
- 2) from the suspension of gillnet fishing in the case and according to the procedure provided for in subsections 1 and 2 of § 49 of the Fishing Act, or from August 1 to December 31 at the latest.

### § 3. Fishing with strainer traps

(1) On Lake Peipsi, it is prohibited to fish under the ice with bottom seine, or mutnik, and to use this fishing gear from September 1 to September 14.

(2) Fishing with a spinner is prohibited until September 14.

(3) The mesh size must be at least 48 mm aft of the eddy and bottom seine for at least 5 m from the aft end.

(4) Starting from November 15, it is forbidden to use eddy seines and bottom seines with a mesh size of less than 110 mm in a distance of at least 5 m from the end of the stern on Lake Peipsi.

(5) Fishing with seine and bottom seine, the mesh size of which is smaller than 110 mm in a distance of at least 5 m from the end part, may not exceed 299 fishing days in total or 13 fishing days per fishing opportunity with one seine or one seine. Fishing with seine and seine in total may not exceed 598 fishing days or 26 days per seine or seine fishing opportunity.

### § 4. Minimum size of the place

On Lake Peipsi, Lake Lämmi and Lake Pihkva, from September 15 to November 15, or until the 299 fishing days specified in § 3 subsection 5 are completed, or in the case and procedure provided for in § 49 subsections 1 and 2 of the Fishing Act, until the suspension of the perch or fishing site is prohibited, the length of which is from the tip of the head (mouth closed) to the end of the tail fin is less than 35 cm.

### § 5. Prohibition of fishing

(1) Fishing for whiting and cuttlefish is prohibited.

(2) It is forbidden to catch roach from June 21 to June 30 and from August 1 to August 20.

### § 6. Entry into force of the Regulation

The regulation enters into force on January 1, 2023.

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