

Fisheries Order 251.18**Ice Fishing Shanty Regulations**

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Department of Natural Resources by Part 487 of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.48701 to 324.48740 and 324.46502 to 324.46507, it is ordered on September 13, 2018, the following section(s) of the Fisheries Order shall read as follows:

1. As used in this part:
 - a) “Fishing shanty” means a fishing house or any other structure or shelter placed on the ice on the waters over which this state has jurisdiction.
 - b) “Local unit of government” means a county, city, township, village, or other governmental unit. Local unit of government does not include the state.
2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (4), a person shall not set, place, erect, cause to be set, placed, or erected, or use a fishing shanty at any time upon the ice in waters over which this state has jurisdiction, unless information identifying the owner as prescribed in this subsection is affixed to each side of the outside of the fishing shanty in legible alphanumeric characters not less than 2 inches in height. The alphanumeric characters must be readily visible and consist of materials that are not soluble in water. The information identifying the owner under this subsection must be 1 of the following:
 - a) The owner’s name and address.
 - b) The owner’s driver license number.
 - c) The number of the owner’s sportcard issued under MCL 324.43522.
3. Placing the information identifying the owner on a piece of wood, plastic, or other material and affixing that piece of material to the fishing shanty does not satisfy the requirements of this section.
4. The identification requirement in subsection (2) does not apply to a tent or other temporary shelter if the tent or shelter is removed from the ice at the conclusion of each day’s fishing activity.
5. A person who sets, places, erects, cause to be set, placed, or erected a fishing shanty upon the ice of any waters of counties located within the Upper Peninsula, or the waters of the Great Lakes adjacent to the Upper Peninsula, shall remove the fishing shanty before ice conditions are unsafe for its removal. However, except as provided in provision (8), the fishing shanty shall not remain on the ice beyond 12 midnight, March 31, of any year. Persons placing a shanty on Michigan-Wisconsin boundary waters shall remove the shanty by midnight of March 15 each year.
6. A person who sets, places, erects, cause to be set, placed, or erected a fishing shanty upon the ice of any water in Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Charlevoix, Leelanau, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clare, Gladwin, Arenac, Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Midland, or Bay counties listed in this provision, shall remove the fishing shanty before ice conditions are unsafe for its removal. However, except as provided in provision (8), the fishing shanty shall not remain on the ice beyond 12 midnight, March 15, of any year.
7. A person who sets, places, erects, causes to be set, placed, or erected a fishing shanty upon the ice of water in any of the counties of this state not listed in provision (6), and those waters of the Great Lakes adjacent to these counties, except as provided below, shall remove a fishing shanty before ice conditions are unsafe for its removal. However, except as provided in provision (8), the fishing shanty shall not remain on the ice beyond 12 midnight, March 1, of any year.

8. After the dates listed in provisions (5), (6), and (7), a person may place and use a fishing shanty for the purposes of fishing if the fishing shanty is removed from the ice at the conclusion of each day's fishing activity.

9. A person who sets, places, erects, causes to be set, placed, or erected a fishing shanty upon the ice of Lake St. Clair within the jurisdiction of this state shall remove the fishing shanty before ice conditions are unsafe for its removal or before sundown on the first Sunday after February 20 and on a daily basis following that date. Failure to remove a fishing shanty within the time specified in this provision is a violation of this order, and the department or the local unit of government may then authorize the removal and storage or destruction of the fishing shanty.

This Order shall be assigned number FO-251.18 and is entitled "Ice Fishing Shanty Regulations."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Ice Fishing Shanty Regulations," which became effective September 15, 2017, and is assigned number FO-251.17.

This Order shall take immediate effect on September 14, 2018 and shall remain in effect until amended/rescinded.