

## Man Nabbed For Over-Limit Of Walleye On Lake Of The Woods

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A Minnesota angler has been fined \$3,025 for possessing more than his limit of walleye.

James Merton Neilson, of Andover, Minnesota, was convicted of possessing 11 walleye over his legal possession limit of four and fined \$275 for each over-limit fish.

Court heard that on September 6, 2009, Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officers contacted Neilson at the dock of a remote resort during a marine fisheries patrol on Lake of the Woods, north of the Canada-U.S. border. Although Neilson was found to have his limit of walleye in his boat, officers later determined that he also had more walleye stored in his cabin and the resort's freezer.

Justice of the Peace Robert McNally heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Kenora, on November 5, 2009.

The ministry reminds the public that it is illegal to stockpile large quantities of fish. An individual may not have more fish than the possession limit of that species. Possession is considered to include storing fish at home, at other locations, in freezers, holding them in live wells or even having eaten them as part of a day's meal.

For further information on fishing regulations, please consult the [2008-2009 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary](#), available at [ServiceOntario/Government Information Centres](#), from licence issuers and at [ontario.ca/fishing](http://ontario.ca/fishing).

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