

Misprint in state's new rule book gives wrong dates for free fishing

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Fishermen take note: Maine's free fishing weekend is officially June 5 and 6, but a misprint in the state fishing law book has it listed as May 29 and 30.

Those fishing Memorial Day weekend without a license could be summonsed for breaking the law, despite the fact those two days are listed as a "free fishing" period in the new book.

"The Warden Service will use appropriate discretion given the facts at hand," said Maj. Greg Sanborn of the Maine Warden Service.

Sanborn said the rules listed in the new fishing book are an interpretation of the law and that all of them are not necessarily binding, and anglers should be wary of the misprint.

State law set by the Legislature lists only a formula to determine when Maine's free fishing weekends will be held, not a date.

"We have to follow the law, and the law to us is Title 12," Sanborn said. "(The date) was an error. Staff does (the law book)."