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Fishing without licence in Lake Brienz, Lake Thun and Lake Biel

The Bernese fishing law allows fishing without a licence in the above-mentioned lakes under the following conditions:

1. Fishing from the shore¹ with a rod.
2. Only one single rod with one single barbless hook is allowed.
3. The use of live or dead baitfish is not allowed.
4. Fish which exceed the minimum legal size and which are caught during their open fishing sea-son must be retained.
5. Fish may not be kept alive.
6. Before killing the fish it must be stunned by hitting it on the head with a priest or a blunt object. Killing then must be done immediately by cutting the main gill artery (throat) or by gutting the fish.
7. The following daily bag limits, minimum size limits and closed seasons must be respected:

	Bag limit/day	Minimum legal size	Closed season
Lake Brienz			
Whitefish	25	18 cm	Nov. 1-Dec. 31
Perch	100	15 cm	--
Trout	3	45 cm	Sept. 1-Jan. 31
Pike	5	45 cm	Mar. 1-Apr. 30
Char	6	22 cm	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
Lake Thun			
Whitefish	15	25 cm	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
Perch	100	15 cm	--
Trout	3	45 cm	Sept. 1-Jan. 31
Pike	5	45 cm	Mar. 1-Apr. 30
Char	6	22 cm	Oct. 1-Dec. 31
Grayling	Protected year round		
Lake Biel			
Whitefish	20	23 cm	Nov. 1-Dec. 31
Perch	100	15 cm	--
Trout	3	45 cm	Sept. 1-Jan. 31
Pike	5	45 cm	Mar. 1-Apr. 30
Zander	5	--	Apr. 1-May 31
Char	6	22 cm	Oct. 1-Dec. 31

¹ The shore extends to the line where the water level intersects the natural or artificial shore.

8. In all three lakes temporary or all year-round areas exist where fishing is prohibited. These areas are mostly located around the mouth of tributaries or in nature reserves.

For further information, see www.be.ch/fischerei

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