

1999 Assembly Bill 561

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# 1999 WISCONSIN ACT 178

AN ACT *to renumber* 29.401 (1); *to renumber and amend* 29.401 (2) and 29.401 (3); and *to create* 29.401 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** the possession of barbed hooks while fishing.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** 29.401 (1) of the statutes is renumbered 29.401 (1) (a).

**SECTION 2.** 29.401 (2) of the statutes is renumbered 29.401 (1) (b) and amended to read:

29.401 (1) (b) Nothing in this ~~section~~ subsection prohibits the department or its agents from having in possession, using, or causing the use of, any kind of nets as provided under other sections in the statutes, or prohibits the possession or use of nets by contract fishers who are operating under the supervision of the department.

**SECTION 3.** 29.401 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:

29.401 (2m) The department may not promulgate or enforce a rule that prohibits persons from possessing barbed hooks while fishing for trout in inland trout waters, as defined in s. 29.191 (4) (a), during the period beginning on January 1 and ending on the Friday immediately preceding the first Saturday in the following May.

**SECTION 4.** 29.401 (3) of the statutes is renumbered 29.401 (1) (c) and amended to read:

29.401 (1) (c) This ~~section~~ subsection does not apply to any net or trap used to take, catch or kill farm-raised fish.

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\* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1997-98: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].