



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Senate Bill 158

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Current law directs the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to establish and maintain open and closed seasons for fish and any bag limits, size limits, rest days, and conditions governing the taking of fish that will conserve the fish supply and ensure good fishing opportunities. Current law also prohibits a person from using a light to shine wild animals, including fish, while the person is in the possession of a bow and arrow, unless the person is using the bow and arrow to take rough fish on lakes that are not outlying waters. In addition, no person may, in general, shine wild animals between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. from September 15 to December 31.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 specifies the following regulations and policies relating to fishing for rough fish with a bow and arrow:

- If the DNR establishes an open season for taking rough fish with a bow and arrow on a particular body of water, the DNR must allow the taking of rough fish with a bow and arrow on that body of water from sunset to sunrise during that open season.
- Any person taking rough fish with a bow and arrow must do all of the following:
 - Use an arrow that is equipped with a metal barbed tip that is attached to the bow with a tethered line that allows for the retrieval of the arrow and the fish.
 - Not release or return any taken rough fish, whether dead or alive, to the waters of the state.
 - Not leave any taken rough fish, whether dead or alive, on the ice or banks of any waters of the state.
 - Remove the fish from the waters of the state and use or dispose of the fish in an appropriate manner as determined by the DNR.

- Expands the exemption for shining a wild animal while using a bow and arrow for taking rough fish to apply to all waters of the state rather than lakes that are not outlying waters.
- Creates an exemption to the prohibition on shining wild animals between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. from September 15 to December 31 for any person who uses a light while using a bow and arrow for taking rough fish.

Legislative History

The Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Transportation introduced and recommended adoption of Senate Substitute Amendment 1 on December 2, 2005, by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0. The committee recommended passage of Senate Bill 158, as amended, on December 2, 2005 by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0.

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