

State of Wisconsin



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2017 WISCONSIN ACT 297

AN ACT *to amend* 29.314 (4) (b) 3., 29.314 (5) (b) 2m., 29.405 (1) (a), 29.405 (1) (b), 29.405 (1) (c), 29.405 (2), 29.405 (3) and 29.405 (4); and *to create* 29.405 (5) and 29.406 of the statutes; **relating to:** taking rough fish or catfish by hand or with a bow and arrow or a crossbow.

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

SECTION 1. 29.314 (4) (b) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

29.314 (4) (b) 3. To a person who possesses or uses a light while using a bow and arrow or crossbow for taking rough fish or catfish.

SECTION 2. 29.314 (5) (b) 2m. of the statutes is amended to read:

29.314 (5) (b) 2m. To a person who possesses or uses a light while using a bow and arrow or crossbow for taking rough fish or catfish.

SECTION 3. 29.405 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.405 (1) (a) Take rough fish or catfish with a bow and arrow or take rough fish or catfish with a bolt from a crossbow unless the arrow or bolt is equipped with a metal barbed tip and is attached to the bow or crossbow with a tethered line that allows for the retrieval of the arrow or bolt and the fish.

SECTION 4. 29.405 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.405 (1) (b) Release or return any rough fish or catfish taken with a bow and arrow or crossbow, whether dead or alive, to the waters of this state.

SECTION 5. 29.405 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.405 (1) (c) Leave any rough fish or catfish taken with a bow and arrow or crossbow, whether dead or alive, on the ice or banks of any waters of this state.

SECTION 6. 29.405 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.405 (2) Any person who takes rough fish or catfish with a bow and arrow or crossbow in any waters of this state shall remove the fish from those waters and use or dispose of the fish in an appropriate manner as determined by the department.

SECTION 7. 29.405 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.405 (3) If the department establishes an open season for taking rough fish or catfish with a bow and arrow or crossbow on a particular body of water, the department shall allow the taking of rough fish or catfish with a bow and arrow or crossbow on that body of water from sunset to sunrise during that open season.

SECTION 8. 29.405 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.405 (4) If the department establishes an open season for taking rough fish or catfish with a bow and arrow on a particular body of water, the department shall also

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES: 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."

allow the use of a crossbow to take rough fish or catfish on that body of water under the same conditions that apply to the use of a bow and arrow to take rough fish or catfish on that body of water.

SECTION 9. 29.405 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

29.405 (5) The department may not promulgate or enforce a rule that prohibits a person from taking rough fish or catfish with a bow and arrow or a crossbow. This subsection does not prohibit the department from promulgating or enforcing a rule that establishes bag or length limits, season dates, zones, or any other limitations

applicable to rough fish or catfish if the rule is consistent with the purposes of this chapter.

SECTION 10. 29.406 of the statutes is created to read:

29.406 Fishing by hand. The department may not promulgate or enforce a rule that prohibits a person from taking rough fish or catfish by hand. This section does not prohibit the department from promulgating or enforcing a rule that establishes bag or length limits, season dates, zones, or any other limitations applicable to rough fish or catfish if the rule is consistent with the purposes of this chapter.
