Chapter WCD 20

FISHING; INLAND WATERS; OUTLYING WATERS

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(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

WCD 20.01 Closed seasons. There shall be and are provided and established the following open and closed seasons, bag limits, size limits, possession limits and other regulations for the several varieties and species of fish, crayfish, and frogs in the waters within the state of Wisconsin. A closed season is established for each variety of fish, crayfish and frogs named in this chapter extending during all the time of the year except the open season period embraced within the specified dates, both inclusive, and except as otherwise expressly provided no person shall take, catch or kill fish of any variety in excess of the daily bag limit and no person shall take, catch or kill fish, or fish for fish by any means other than hook and line, nor at any time other than the open season therefor, nor have in his possession or under his control any fish, crayfish, or frogs in excess of the possession limit, or below the minimum size therefor during the open season.

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WCD 20.02 Waters classified; hook and line fishing in outlying waters. (1) For the purpose of regulating hook and line fishing in outlying waters, the closed seasons, size limits, bag and possession limits shall be the same as those prescribed for the inland waters of the county in which such outlying waters are located, except as otherwise specifically provided in the following table:

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(a) WALLEYE AND SAUGER (Bag limit means total of all)	Green Bay	At all times	5	No size limit
	Lake Superior	At all times	5	No size limit
(b) NORTHERN PIKE OR PICKEREL	Lake Michigan and Green Bay	At all times	5	No size limit
	Lake Superior	At all times	5	No size limit

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(c) PERCH	In all outlying waters, including bounded bays and reserve waters	At all times	No bag limits or size limit; except during the closed season for commercial fishing in the waters of southern Green Bay and in the waters of Lake Michigan and northern Green Bay when there shall be a daily bag limit of 50 per day and such fish taken during the closed season shall not be sold, traded or bartered in any manner.	
(d) LAKE TROUT	Lake Michigan and Green Bay	Saturday nearest December 11 to September 30	No bag limit	17
	Lake Superior	By permit only from Saturday nearest November 6 to September 30	No bag limit	17
(e) LARGEMOUTH BASS	In all outlying waters	Saturday nearest June 7 to February 15	5	No size limit
(f) SMALLMOUTH BASS	In all outlying waters	Saturday nearest June 7 to February 15	5	No size limit
(g) TROUT (any variety except splake and lake trout) (Bag limit means total of all)	Lake Superior	Second Saturday in May to September 7	10, of which only 5 may be rainbow trout	6
		September 8 to, but not including Saturday, May 9	5	13

(h) Herring of any size with no bag limit may be taken by hook and line at all times in the outlying waters.

(i) All species of fish of lawful size may be taken from the outlying waters including Chequamegon Bay by trolling from a motor-driven or sailboat during the open season therefor. It shall be unlawful to spear any species or variety of fish in the outlying and reserve waters at any time, except that carp may be speared from sunrise to sunset in all outlying waters and may be taken with the use of spear guns by the method commonly known as skin diving by divers under the water in Lake Michigan. Northern pike may be speared through the ice in Lake Superior.

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WCD 20.03 Season tables; open and closed seasons, size and bag limits and measurements. (1) The open seasons specified in the following table apply to fishing in open waters and fishing through the ice, except that the conservation director shall close the season for fishing through the ice in any inland waters when he finds after scien-

tific investigation and study that continued fishing through the ice in such waters would result in a depletion of the supply of game fish therein and that such closed season is necessary to conserve the fish supply and insure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing therein and such closed seasons shall be put into effect by posting a notice thereof on or in the vicinity of the shore of the waters affected, such posting being deemed by the commission to be the most feasible way of notifying the public that such closed season is in effect and such closed seasons shall remain in full force and effect so long as such waters are covered with ice and so long as such posting is continued. For open seasons in specified waters see section WCD 20.04. The possession limit for each species of fish shall be double the daily bag limit specified in this chapter except that no person shall have in his possession or under his control more than the daily bag limit while on the ice or waters or while fishing in the state of Wisconsin. The measurement of all fish taken shall be in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the utmost end of the tail fin fully extended.

Kind of Fish and Locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a) LARGEMOUTH BASS			
In all waters north of highway #64	Saturday nearest June 7 to February 15	5	No size limit
In all waters south of highway #64	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5	No size limit
(b) SMALLMOUTH BASS			
In all waters north of highway #64	Saturday nearest June 7 to February 15	5	No size limit
In all waters south of highway #64	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5	No size limit
(c) WALLEYE AND SAUGER (Bag limit means total of all) (See also section WCD 20.04)	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5	No size limit
(d) NORTHERN PIKE (See also section WCD 20.04)			
In all waters of Dane, Jefferson, Kenosha, Racine, Rock, and Walworth counties	Second Saturday in May to February 15	2 (except that there is a daily bag limit of 5 and no minimum length in Wisconsin river in Dane county)	22
Shawano lake in Shawano county and all waters in Iron county	No closed season	25	No size limit
In all other waters	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5	No size limit
(e) MUSKELLUNGE (Includes hybrid muskellunge)	Second Saturday in May to November 15	1	30

Kind of Fish and Locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(f) TROUT (any variety except splake and lake trout) (Bag limit means total of all)	Second Saturday in May to September 7	10, of which only 5 may be rainbow trout	6
There shall be a special open season for trout in the following waters:			
Ashland county—			
Bad river from its mouth upstream to Copper falls;	Saturday nearest April 1 to, but not including, the second Saturday in May and September 8 to November 15	5	13
Potato river from its mouth upstream to Guerney falls;			
White river from its mouth upstream to White river dam;		5	13
Bayfield county—			
Cranberry river from its mouth upstream to the Lenawee road (T50N, R7W, Sec. 28);			
Fish river and Fish creek from its mouth upstream to the junction of Pine creek (T47N, R6W, Sec. 13);			
Flag river from its mouth upstream to the junction with the Little Flag river (T49N, R8W, Sec. 2);			
Iron river from its mouth upstream to Orienta dam;			
Sioux river from its mouth upstream to Big Rock falls (T49N, R4W, Sec. 19);			
Siskowitt river from its mouth upstream to second bridge (T51N, R6W, Sec. 35);			
Douglas county—			
Brule river from its mouth upstream to U. S. highway 2;			
Iron county—			
Graveyard creek from its mouth upstream to U. S. highway 2;			
Oronto creek from its mouth upstream to its source;			
Parker creek from its mouth upstream to its source;			
There shall be a special extended season in the following waters:			
Deep and Jordan lakes in Adams county; Silver lake in Barron county; Diamond lake in Bayfield county; Axehandle lake in Chippewa county; Bardon and Simms lakes in Douglas county; Elk Creek lake in Dunn county; Fall Creek pond in Eau Claire county; Edith, Fisher (T40N, R18E, Sec. 28), Keyes, Lost, Montgomery, Patten, and Riley lakes in Florence county; Bug and Lucerne lakes in Forest county; Green lake in Green Lake county; Crystal, O'Brien and Weber (Upson) lakes in Iron county; Lake Lee	September 8 to February 15	10, of which only 5 may be rainbow trout	6

Kind of Fish and Locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
in Jackson county from the dam upstream to the north-south town road crossing the upper end of the flowage; Rock lake in Kenosha county; Rose (Bear), Twn. of Wolf river, Crystal, Moose lakes and Phlox pond in Langlade county; Moraine lake in Lincoln county; Benson, Campbell, Echo, Spur and Thunder lakes in Marinette county; Neopit millpond and Bass lake (T30N, R13E, Sec. 1 and 2) in Menominee county; Boulder, Grignon, Shay, and White lakes in Oconto county; Dorothy, Lily, Little Bass, and Mildred lakes in Oneida county; Pine and Sand lakes in Polk county; Spring lake in Portage county; Sand lake in Rusk county; Devil's lake in Sauk county; Perch lake in St. Croix county; Bugle and Martha lakes in Trempealeau county; Bluegill, Devil, Diamond, Joyce, Lac du Lune, Little John Jr., Otto Mielke, Pauto, Stormy, and Weber lakes in Vilas county; Lake Geneva in Walworth county; Matthews lake in Washburn county; Big Cedar and Friess lakes in Washington county; Lower Nashotah, Lower Genesee and Moose lakes in Waukesha county; Cedar, Chain of lakes (except Long lake) and Spencer lakes in Waupaca county; Gilbert, Pearl and Little Silver lakes and Upper White river millpond in Waushara county.			
(g) LAKE TROUT AND SPLAKE	First Saturday in January to September 30	2	17
(h) CATFISH			
In all waters of Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties	No closed season	25	No size limit
In all other waters	No closed season	10	No size limit
(i) WHITE BASS	No closed season	None	No size limit
(j) ROCK BASS	No closed season	None	No size limit
(k) CRAPPIE	No closed season	None	No size limit
(l) BLUEGILL	No closed season	None	No size limit
(m) PERCH	No closed season	None	No size limit
(n) PUMPKINSEED (SUNFISH)	No closed season	None	No size limit
(o) YELLOW BASS (STRIPED)	No closed season	None	No size limit
(p) BULLHEADS	No closed season	None	No size limit
(q) CISCO AND WHITEFISH	No closed season	25 pounds and one fish in aggregate	No size limit
(r) PADDLEFISH OR SPOONBILL CATFISH	No open season	----------	----------
(s) SHOVELNOSE (SAND OR HACKLEBACK) STURGEON			
In all waters north of highway #64	No open season	----------	----------
In all waters south of highway #64	No closed season	25	No size limit
(t) ROCK AND LAKE STURGEON			

Kind of Fish and Locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
Hook and Line Season			
In all waters except: (Lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, Winnebago and Little Butte des Morts and connecting waters downstream to the uppermost dam in the city of Appleton in Outagamie county; and the Wolf river from the dam at Shawano downstream to Lake Poygan; and the Fox river downstream from Milepost No. 63, commonly known as Johnson creek in Green Lake county, to Lake Butte des Morts)	First Saturday in September to October 15	1 per season	40
Spearing Season			
Little Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winnebago and connecting waters downstream to uppermost dam in the city of Appleton in Outagamie county	Saturday nearest February 11 to March 1	1 per season	40

No person shall have in his possession or under his control any spear or similar device in any building, tent, shanty or similar enclosure on the waters of Lake Butte des Morts and Winneconne in Winnebago county; Lake Poygan in Waushara and Winnebago counties; Lake Winnebago in Calumet, Fond du Lac, and Winnebago counties; Little Lake Butte des Morts in Outagamie and Winnebago counties, and all connecting waters including the Wolf river from the dam at Shawano downstream to Lake Poygan and the Fox river from Milepost No. 63, commonly known as Johnson creek in Green Lake county downstream to Lake Butte des Morts, except during the open season for spearing sturgeon when such open season is in effect on a specified water named above.

(2) Each person who has speared a sturgeon during the open season for spearing sturgeon shall exhibit such sturgeon, with his sturgeon tag attached as required by section 29.148, Wis. Stats., to a conservation warden or other authorized conservation department personnel at an official sturgeon registration station established for such purpose. Such sturgeon shall be so exhibited at such sturgeon registration station in a county adjacent to the waters where speared not later than 24 hours after the spearing of such sturgeon. Upon approval by the officer, said officer shall attach a special tag to such sturgeon indicating that it has been inspected and recorded and such tag shall remain attached and locked to such sturgeon until the carcass is finally consumed.

(3) A closed season is established for the taking, catching, or killing of fish of any variety or fishing for fish from December 1 to, but not including, the second Saturday in May of the next year, on all waters commonly known as the Chippewa flowage and that part of the Chippewa river in the following described area, Sawyer county:

Township 39 north, range 6 west.
Sections 1, 2, and 3.
Township 39 north, range 7 west.
Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 10.
Township 39 north, range 8 west.
Sections 1 and 12.
Township 40 north, range 6 west.
Sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35.

Township 40 north, range 7 west.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, and 36.

Township 40 north, range 8 west.

Sections 13, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36.

(4) In those waters for which a permit for treatment with toxicant has been issued the conservation director may direct that all species of fish of any size may be taken by any legal means with no bag or possession limit from the date of issuance of said permit until the commencement of treatment and such open season shall be put into effect by posting a notice thereof on or in the vicinity of the waters affected and by publication in one or more newspapers having wide circulation in the area affected.

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WCD 20.04 Open seasons in specified waters. (1) The open season for hook and line fishing for northern pike or pickerel and walleye and sauger in the following described waters shall begin on Saturday nearest April 1 of each year. Bag limits, possession limits and size limits shall be the same as prescribed in the season tables.

(b) Rock river waters. The Rock river waters shall include:

1. The Rock river downstream from Hustisford dam in Dodge county and in Jefferson and Rock counties.

2. The Crawfish river in Columbia, Dodge and Jefferson counties.

3. The Beaver Dam river beginning at the dam in the city of Beaver Dam in Dodge county downstream to the Crawfish river.

4. The Scuppernong river beginning at the dam at Palmyra in Jefferson county downstream to the Bark river.

5. The Bark river beginning at the dam at Hebron in Jefferson county downstream to the Rock river.

6. The Yahara river beginning at the dam at Fulton in Rock county downstream to the Rock river.

7. The Busseyville creek in Dane and Jefferson counties beginning at the Rockdale dam downstream to Lake Koshkonong.

(c) Lafayette county waters. The Lafayette county waters shall include the Fever river, the Pecatonica river and the Yellowstone river from the dam downstream in Lafayette county.

(e) Sheboygan county waters. The Sheboygan county waters shall include the Black river, the Pigeon river and the Sheboygan river upstream to the Kohler dam in Sheboygan county.

(f) Waukesha county waters. The Waukesha county waters shall include all waters in Waukesha county.

(g) Lake Koshkonong waters. Lake Koshkonong waters shall include Lake Koshkonong in Dane, Jefferson and Rock counties.

(2) DUCK CREEK, OPEN SEASON. (a) There shall be an open season for the taking of all species of fish through the ice only from sunrise to sunset by means of spears or dip nets, with no size limit or bag limit, in the waters of Duck creek, beginning at its mouth and extending upstream to the first dam above Pamperin Park, all in the town of Howard, Brown county.

(b) All fish taken from Duck creek under the provisions of this subsection shall be removed from the ice and no game fish so taken shall be sold, traded or bartered in any manner.

(c) This season shall be effective from the first Saturday in January until the ice goes out of that area of Duck creek defined in this subsection.

(3) SPECIAL WATERS. (a) There shall be no closed season for hook and line fishing for any species of fish except muskellunge, sturgeon and trout in the following described waters, all bag limits, minimum size limits and other regulations governing fish and fishing as set forth in this chapter shall remain in full force and effect; Goose lake in Adams county; Summit lake in Ashland county; Devil's and Mud (T32N, R11W) lakes in Barron county; Totagatic lake in Bayfield county; Lizzie Paul's lake in Buffalo county; Big Doctor and Crystal lakes in Burnett county; Bass (Sec. 24, T5N, R10E) and Crystal lakes and Rockdale pond in Dane county; Beaver Dam, Emily, Lost and Sinnissippi lakes in Dodge county; Dunnville Bottoms (excluding Red Cedar river) in Dunn county; Price lake in Florence county; Mullet lake in Fond du Lac county; Maria and Puckaway lakes in Green Lake county; Bean, Goose, Hahns, Hope, Red Cedar and Mud (at Koshkonong) lakes in Jefferson county; the Fox river in Kenosha county and upstream in Racine county to the Waterford dam; Buffalo lake in Marquette county; Silver Birch lake in Pepin county; Bass (on highway #48), Coon, East, Little Horseshoe, McKeith (at Cushing), Rice and White Ash (north section) lakes in Polk county; Bass and Pleasant lakes in Portage county; Blockhouse, Gates, Island, LeTourneau, Perch, Riley, Sailor and Wintergreen lakes in Price county; the White river below dam at Burlington to Fox river in Racine county; Grass and Bowers lakes in Rock county; Bog, Bucks, Caley, Round and #4 lakes in Rusk county; Bushnell, Pine (at Baldwin), Three and Twin lakes in St. Croix county; Deer, Devils and Swamp lakes in Sawyer county; White lake in Shawano county; Sheboygan marsh in Sheboygan county; Loraine, North, Pell and Wandawega lakes in Walworth county; Devils, Randall and Tranus lakes in Washburn county; Big Muskego (except Bass bay), lake in Waukesha county; Campbell, Crystal, Cynco (Rice), Hatch, Kinney, Partridge, Partridge Crop, Silver and White lakes and Marion millpond in Waupaca county; Lakes Butte des Morts and Winneconne in Winnebago county; Lake Poygan in Waushara and Winnebago counties; and Lake Winnebago in Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties.

Embarrass river beginning at the dam at Pella in Shawano county downstream to the Wolf river in Outagamie county.

Fond du Lac river within the city limits of Fond du Lac in Fond du Lac county.

Fox river (except Little Lake Butte des Morts) downstream from highway #33 in Columbia county and in Marquette, Green Lake,

Waushara, Winnebago and Outagamie counties downstream to the dam at De Pere in Brown county.

Grand river from Fairwater in Fond du Lac county downstream to the Fox river in Marquette county.

Little Wolf river in Waupaca county beginning at the dam at Manawa downstream to the Wolf river.

Pine river in Waushara county beginning at the dam at Poysippi downstream to Lake Poygan.

Pumpkinseed creek in Winnebago county from county trunk "D" bridge downstream to Lake Poygan.

Rock river in Dodge and Fond du Lac counties upstream from Hustisford dam including all waters in Horicon marsh.

Shioc river in Outagamie county.

Waupaca river in Waupaca county beginning at the dam at Weyauwega downstream to the Wolf river.

Willow river in Waushara county beginning at the dam at Auroraville downstream in Lake Poygan.

Wisconsin river and flowages beginning at Grandmother dam (T33N, R6E, Sec. 3) in Lincoln county downstream to the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy railroad bridge in Crawford and Grant counties including all connecting sloughs and bayous, except that part of the Yellow river arm of Castle Rock flowage in Juneau county upstream from the county highway "G" bridge.

Wolf river in Winnebago, Waupaca and Outagamie counties and in Shawano county upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano.

(b) Dip netting is permitted in any manner through the ice by dip nets not to exceed three feet in diameter or three feet square for all species of fish, but no person shall have more than twenty-five pounds and one fish of any species of game fish of any size in his possession. One dip net per person is permitted and such dip netting shall be carried on during the hours from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the following described waters only: Goose lake in Adams county; Summit lake in Ashland county; Devils and Mud lakes in Barron county; Totagatic lake in Bayfield county; Lizzie Paul's lake in Buffalo county; Big Doctor and Crystal lakes in Burnett county; Bass (Sec. 24, T5N, R10E) and Crystal lakes and Rockdale millpond in Dane county; Emily and Lost lakes in Dodge county; Dunnville Bottoms (excluding the Red Cedar river) in Dunn county; Price lake in Florence county; Mullet lake in Fond du Lac county; Rush lake in Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties; Heart and Maria lakes in Green Lake county; Town Line flowage in Jackson county; Castle Rock flowage in Adams and Juneau counties (except that part of the Yellow river arm of the Castle Rock flowage in Juneau county upstream from the county highway "G" bridge), Petenwell flowage in Adams, Juneau and Wood counties; Lilly and Montgomery lakes in Kenosha county; Spur lake in Oneida county; Silver Birch lake in Pepin county; Bass on highway #48, Coon, East, Little Horseshoe, McKeith (at Cushing), Rice and White Ash (north section) lakes in Polk county; Bass and Pleasant lakes in Portage county; Blockhouse, Gates, Island, LeTourneau, Perch, Riley, Sailor and Wintergreen lakes in Price county; Bowers and Grass lakes in Rock county; Bog, Bucks, Caley #4 and Round lakes in Rusk county; Bushnell, Pine

(at Baldwin), Three and Twin lakes in St. Croix county; Deer, Devils and Swamp lakes in Sawyer county; Kolpack and White lakes in Shawano county; Loraine, North, Pell and Wandawega lakes in Walworth county; Devils, Randall and Tranus lakes in Washburn county; Big Muskego lake (except Bass bay) in Waukesha county; Campbell, Crystal, Hatch, Kinney, Silver and White lakes in Waupaca county; Plainfield, Hensel, Fish (at Wautoma), Long (at Plainfield) lakes in Waushara county; and the Wisconsin river and flowages in Portage and Wood counties.

(4) EXPERIMENTAL WATERS; PERMITS; REPORTS. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish in the waters of Murphy flowage located on that part of Hemlock creek extending from county highway "F" in section 29 upstream to the inlet in section 27, township 36 north, range 9 west, Rusk county and in the waters of Nebish, Spruce, Mystery, Escanaba and Pallette lakes situated in sections 34 and 35, township 42 north, range 7 east, and sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12, township 41 north, range 7 east, Vilas county except under the following conditions:

1. Fishing in such waters is authorized only under permit, which may be secured at the checking stations indicated by posted signs in the immediate area.

2. Fishing in such waters shall be done only with hook and line or rod and reel except that cisco may be taken in Pallette lake by means of licensed dip nets or seines and all species of fish may be taken by the method commonly known as skin diving by divers under the water with the use of spears or spear guns in Nebish lake.

3. The provisions of this section shall apply to such waters throughout the year.

4. All permits are valid only for the date issued and shall be turned in at the checking stations at the termination of each day's fishing activities by the fisherman.

5. There is a continuous open season with no daily bag limit or size limit for all species of fish contained in these waters except in Escanaba lake there shall be minimum size limit of 22 inches on northern pike commencing April 20, 1964.

6. All fish taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited to the Conservation Commission or its agents at the checking station for examination, identification and marking.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish in the waters of Lawrence Creek situated in section 36, township 17 north, range 7 east, Adams county, and in sections 31 and 32, township 17 north, range 8 east and section 5, township 16 north, range 8 east, Marquette county, except under the following conditions:

1. Fishing in such waters is authorized from the second Saturday in May to September 7 under permit only which may be secured at the checking station indicated by posted signs in the immediate area.

2. Fishing in such waters shall be done only with hook and line or rod and reel. Fly fishing only is permitted in sections C and D as indicated by signs posted in the area.

3. All permits are valid only for the date issued and shall be turned in at the checking stations at the termination of each day's fishing activities by the fisherman.

4. There is a daily bag limit of 5 and a size limit of 8 inches on all trout in these waters.

5. All fish taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited to the Conservation Commission or its agents at the checking station for examination, identification and marking.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish in the waters of Mauthe lake located in sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, township 13 north, range 19 east, Fond du Lac county; in the waters of the Yellowstone river, including Yellowstone lake, from the dam located in section 1, township 3 north, range 4 east, upstream to the highway F bridge in section 35, township 4 north, range 4 east in Lafayette county; and all that water commonly known as the Fox river and Little Lake Butte des Morts extending from immediately below the dam in the city of Neenah and the dam and lock in the city of Menasha, both in Winnebago county, and extending downstream to the uppermost dam in the city of Appleton in Outagamie county and in Rush lake in Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties, except under the following conditions:

1. Fishing in such waters shall be done only with hook and line or rod and reel except that rough fish and minnows may be taken as authorized under the general fishing regulations in the county in which such waters are located.

2. The provisions of this subsection shall apply to such waters through the year with the exception of Rush lake as provided in WCD 20.04 (3) (b) and Little Lake Butte des Morts as provided in WCD 20.03 (1) (s).

3. There is a continuous open season with no daily bag limit or size limit for all species of fish, except sturgeon, contained in such waters.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish in, on or along any waters situated in Governor Dodge State Park in sections 2, 9, 10, 11, township 6 north, range 3 east, Iowa county, except under the following conditions:

1. Fishing in such waters is authorized only under permit, which may be secured at the checking station indicated by posted sign in the immediate area.

2. Fishing in such waters shall be done only with hook and line or rod and reel. Bag limits, possession limits and size limits shall be the same as prescribed in the season tables except that from the second Saturday in May to February 15 there shall be a minimum size limit of 22 inches on northern pike.

3. All permits are valid only for the date issued and shall be turned in at the checking station at the termination of each day's fishing activities by the fisherman.

4. Fishing is prohibited from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. of the following day.

5. All fish taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited to the Conservation Commission or its agents at the checking station in a whole and uncleaned condition for examination and recording. When checking station personnel are not on duty, each permittee shall complete a creel census form provided and deposit the form at the checking station.

(5) FLY FISHING ONLY. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, or kill fish, or fish for fish by any means other than the use of an artificial fly by the method commonly known as "fly fishing" in the following described waters:

1. *Peshtigo river*—In, on or along that part of the Peshtigo river lying in Marinette county, beginning at the Johnson Falls dam in the SW¼ of the SE¼ of section 32, township 33 north, range 19 east, and extending downstream to the foot of Spring Rapids in the SW¼ of the SE¼ of section 15, township 32 north, range 19 east, with a daily bag limit of 5 trout and a minimum size limit of 12 inches on trout.

2. *Wolf river*—In, on or along that part of the Wolf river lying in Langlade county, beginning at the railroad trestle in section 19, township 32 north, range 14 east extending downstream to the east-west quarter line dividing the west half of section 33, township 32 north, range 14 east marked by a road which runs along side the Diercks irrigation pond with a daily bag limit of 5 trout per day and a minimum size limit of 12 inches on trout.

(b) For the purpose of this section, an artificial fly means a single hook dressed with fur, feathers, hair, silk, tinsel, thread or similar material to imitate the natural food of trout.

(6) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, the open and closed seasons and other regulations established by this chapter shall apply to the area described herein.

History: 1-2-56; Cr. (5), Register, March, 1956, No. 3, eff. 4-28-56; am. (1) through (5), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (1) (c), (3) (a) and (b) and (4) (b) and (c), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (1) (a), (3) (a), and (b), (4) (c), and (5) (a), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; am. (3) (a) (b) emerg. eff. 2-1-59; am. (3) (a), (b), emerg. eff. 2-28-59; r. (1) (a), am. (3) and (4) (c) 2., Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; cr. (4) (d), Register, May, 1960, No. 53, eff. 6-1-60; am. (1) (d) and (e), (3), (4) (b) 2. and (4) (b) 4., Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; am. (4) (b) 1., Register, March, 1961, No. 63, eff. 4-1-61; am. (1), (2) (c), (3) (a), (4) (b) 1., and (4) (c) intro. par., Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (3) (b) and (4) (d) 2, Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1-1-63; r. (1) (d); am. (3) (a) and (b); (4) (a) 2 and 5 and (4) (b) 1 and (4) (d) 2, Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1-1-64.

WCD 20.05 Season for crayfish and frogs. (1) CRAYFISH. There is no closed season on crayfish or crabs in the inland waters except in Manitowoc county where there is a closed season from March 1 to but not including the Saturday nearest June 15.

(2) METHOD OF TAKING. Crayfish or crabs may be taken in the following ways: by hand, minnow seines, minnow dip nets and minnow traps where the same are permitted for the taking of minnows (see minnow regulations, section WCD 20.10) and by crab traps with the entrance of the trap not to exceed 1½ inches in diameter. Each such trap shall have securely attached to it a label or tag clearly bearing in the English language the name and address of the operator. All such traps shall be raised and the crayfish or crabs removed therefrom at least once in every 24 hours.

(3) FROGS. (a) The open season for taking, killing or capturing frogs shall be from the Saturday nearest May 1 to December 31.

(b) All frogs taken legally during the open season may be held, purchased, and sold during the closed season. Persons engaged in the business of propagating frogs may possess and sell frogs at any time.

(c) There shall be no open season for bullfrogs in Jefferson and Walworth counties.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2) and (4) (a), r. (3) (b), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; r. and recr. Register, March, 1959, No. 39, eff. 4-1-59; am. (2), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; am. (1) and (4) (a), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; r. and recr., Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1-1-63.

WCD 20.06 Prohibited fishing under particular conditions. (1) (a) *Waters and methods.* No person shall take, capture, or kill fish of any variety or fish for fish during the closed season for trout in streams and creeks containing trout.

(b) *Trolling.* It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture or kill fish or fish for fish of any variety at any time in the inland waters of this state from a motor-driven boat when the motor is running or from any boat in tow of a motor-driven boat when the motor is running or from any sailboat when in motion; or by means of shutting or drawing off water for that purpose. The restrictions contained in this paragraph do not apply to the waters of Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Racine, Rusk and Washburn counties; Lake Eau Claire from Lake Eau Claire dam in section 5, township 26 north, range 6 west, upstream to the Troubled Waters bridge on Highway "G" in section 12, township 26 north, range 6 west; Lake Winnebago in Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties; the Wisconsin river and flowages beginning at the Nekoosa dam in Wood county downstream to the Prairie du Sac dam in Sauk county, including all connecting sloughs and bayous, Green lake in Green Lake county; Chetac lake in Sawyer county; Holcombe flowage and Lake Wissota including all streams flowing into Lake Wissota upstream to the first road bridge except the Chippewa river which shall extend upstream to the Jim Falls dam in Chippewa county, Eau Galle, Menomin and Tainter lakes in Dunn county; and in the Island Lake chain in Chippewa county.

(c) *Fishing near dams.* It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture, or kill fish of any variety or fish for fish by means other than with hook and line within 200 feet of any fishway, lock or dam in the inland waters at any time, except that whitefish and cisco may be taken with dip nets, subject to section WCD 20.11, within 200 feet of the Long Lake dam on the Brill river at the outlet of Long Lake in the SW¼ of the SW¼ of section 24, township 37 north, range 11 west, Washburn county and within 200 feet of the Mikana dam on the Red Cedar river at the outlet of Red Cedar lake in the SE¼ of the NE¼ of section 21, township 36 north, range 10 west, Barron county. Bullheads and rough fish may be taken within 200 feet below the Castle Rock and Petenwell dams in Adams and Juneau counties from sunrise to sunset with dip nets not to exceed 18 inches in diameter or 18 inches on any side of a square or rectangle with a handle not to exceed 3 feet in length.

(d) *Drawdowns.* It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture or kill fish or fish for fish of any variety at any time by means of shutting or drawing off water for that purpose.

(e) *Caldron Falls; gaffs; bait.* The use of gaff hooks, firearms or fish spikes as an aid, and the use of suckers and chubs as bait, in the taking or landing of fish in the Caldron Falls reservoir from the Caldron Falls dam upstream to the county highway C bridge all in Marinette county is prohibited.

(2) FISHING DURING OPEN SEASON FOR WATERFOWL. It shall be unlawful for any person to fish in any manner during the open season for waterfowl in the Sheboygan Marsh in Sheboygan county except that it shall be lawful to fish from shore, and from piers or through the ice in such waters at all times during the open season established by this chapter.

History: 1–2–56; am. (2), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1–1–57; am. (1) (c) and (2), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1–1–58; am. (1) (b) Register, April, 1958, No. 28, eff. 5–1–58; am. (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9–1–58; am. (1) (b), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1–1–59; am. (2), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9–1–59; am. (1) (b), r. and recr. (2), Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1–1–60; am. (1) (b) and (2), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1–1–61; am. (2), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9–1–61; am. (1) (b), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9–1–61; am. (1) (b); cr. (1) (d) and (e), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1–1–62; am. (1) (e), Register, July, 1962, No. 79, eff. 8–1–62; am. (1) (b), Register, April, 1963, No. 88, eff. 5–1–63.

WCD 20.07 Prohibited methods of fishing. (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Wis. Stats. or by commission order:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, or kill fish or fish for fish of any variety with more than 2 lines or 2 poles with 1 line attached to each pole and with 1 hook or bait to each line.

(b) Any fisherman fishing with not more than 1 line or pole with 1 line attached thereto may have attached to such line not more than 2 lures or 2 hooks or 2 baits.

(c) Any fisherman fishing through the ice with hook and line in Lake Winnebago may fish with not more than 3 lines with not more than 1 hook attached to each line.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to fish with or leave any fish line or lines unattended in any of the inland waters; it shall be unlawful for any person to take any fish by snagging or fouling or by any means other than angling and trolling.

(e) No person shall use as bait any minnows or other fish in the following waters which are identified by posting: McCall lake in Adams and Marquette counties; Cammerer lake in Ashland county; Little Granite lake in Barron county; Beaver, Joanne, Long and Nymphia lakes, an unnamed lake in section 12, township 44 north, range 7 west, and an unnamed lake in section 20, township 44 north, range 9 west all in Bayfield county; Banach and Little Round lakes in Burnett county; Dark lake in Chippewa county; Stewart lake in Dane county; Anderson lake in Douglas county; Valley lake in Forest county; Horgan and Moraine lakes in Lincoln county; Bullhead lake in Manitowoc county; Big Twin, Icehouse and Pickerel lakes in Polk county; Patterson and Timms lakes in Price county; Three lakes in Rusk county; North Twin and Spruce lakes in Taylor county; Weber, Pauto and Otto Mielke lakes in Vilas county; Lake Como in Walworth county; Sawmill, Tozer and West lakes in Washburn county; and Wallace lake in Washington county.

(2) No person shall, except as expressly provided, have in his possession or under his control on any of the inland waters or shores of inland waters between the hours of sunset and sunrise any gun, bow and arrow, spear or similar device that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish. Burbot or lawyers, but no other species of fish, may be taken by means of spears from sunset to sunrise in the waters of the Amnicon and Nemadji rivers and the Black river upstream to the Soo line bridge in Douglas county and the Bad river in Ashland county from December 15 to January

15 only. All species of fish of any size, but subject to the bag limits of each species of fish as set forth in this chapter, may be taken during the open season in the natural channel of the Chippewa river in Chippewa county from the Jim Falls dam downstream to the first bridge by hook and line, by hand, or by a dip net not to exceed 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet square, except that during the open season for rock or lake sturgeon, gaff hooks, spears, and other legal fishing gear may be used for taking fish, and such fish may be foul hooked during such season.

(3) It shall be lawful to take rough fish by hand at any time in all waters.

(4) (a) No person shall have in his possession or under his control on any of the inland waters or shores of inland waters at any time any spear or similar device that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish in the counties of Ashland (except in the Bad river), Barron (except as provided in WCD 20.07 (6)), Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas (except in the Amnicon and Nemadji rivers and the Black river upstream to the Soo Line bridge from December 15 to January 15, inclusive), Iron, Oconto in that portion of the county west of highway 141 only, Oneida, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas and Washburn (except as provided in WCD 20.07 (6) and except that rough fish may be taken with bow and arrow from Saturday nearest May 20 to July 1 each year in Barron, Burnett, Douglas, Iron and Polk counties and by spears in Burnett county from Saturday nearest May 15 to July 15 from sunrise to sunset).

(b) No person shall have in his possession or under his control any gun, bow and arrow, spear or similar device that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish on any of the inland waters or shores of inland waters at any time from March 2 to April 20, inclusive, in the counties of Adams, Brown, Buffalo, Calumet (except during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water), Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Dane, Door, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Fond du Lac (except during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water), Forest, Jackson, Juneau, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon (except that spearing is prohibited in the Big Eau Pleine flowage from the dam upstream to highway 97 from November 1 to April 20), Marinette, Monroe, Oconto in that portion of the county east of highway 141 only, Outagamie (except during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water), Ozaukee, Pepin, Portage, St. Croix, Sauk, Shawano, Trempealeau, Walworth, Washington, Winnebago (except Waukau creek and during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water) and Wood. It shall be lawful to take rough fish by means of spear or bow and arrow from sunrise to sunset in the inland waters of the counties or portions thereof named in this paragraph from April 21 through March 1, both dates inclusive, except in Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water and as noted.

(c) It shall be lawful for any person to take rough fish by means of spears or bow and arrow at any time of the year, sunrise to sunset, in the inland waters or from shores of inland waters of the counties of Crawford, Dodge, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Marquette, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sheboygan, Vernon, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara (except during

a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water) and in Waukau creek in Winnebago county.

(5) (a) The possession or use of a gun, bow and arrow, spear or similar device for the taking, catching or killing of fish in or on any stream containing trout is prohibited at all times, except as indicated in WCD 20.07 (5) (b).

(b) Suckers and carp may be speared, sunrise to sunset only, from Saturday nearest March 15 to, but not including the Saturday nearest May 1, in the following trout waters in Waushara county:

1. The White river below where the east and west branches of the White river join in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 10, township 18 north, range 10 east, in the town of Dakota to the Marquette county line.

2. Willow creek between the point where the two branches of said stream unite in section 12, township 18 north, range 11 east, town of Marion and the dam in Auroraville.

3. The Pine river between the point where the said stream crosses the highway in section 3, township 19 north, range 12 east, town of Leon to the dam in Poysippi.

(6) Pan fish (white bass, yellow (striped) bass, rock bass, warmouth bass, black crappie, white crappie, bluegill, pumpkinseed (sunfish), perch, black bullhead, brown bullhead and yellow bullhead) and rough fish subject to all the bag limits and other regulations governing fish and fishing as set forth in this chapter may be taken by the method commonly known as skin diving by divers under the water with the use of spears or spear guns in the following waters: Crooked and Jordan lakes in Adams county; Lake Arbutus in Clark and Jackson counties; Long lake in Chippewa county; Lake Mendota in Dane county; Gordon flowage and Lake St. Croix in Douglas county; Wolf and Helen lakes in Portage county; Cyclone and Little Stone lakes in Washburn county; and Stratton and Spencer lakes in Waupaca county. In Barron, Eau Claire, Iron and Jefferson counties rough fish only, and in Lake Michigan carp only may be taken by this method.

(7) It shall be unlawful to use goldfish or alewife in any form or manner for bait or to have goldfish in possession on the inland or outlying waters of the state or alewife on the inland waters only.

(8) No person shall set, place, use, operate or have in possession or under control any snag line or snag pole, snag hook or parts thereof or cluster of fish hooks that might be attached to same designed to be placed in or drawn through the water for the purpose of catching or drawing such hooks into the body of fish or used for that purpose; except that carp, but no other species or variety of fish, may be taken by means of a gaff hook through the ice, sunrise to sunset, in the outlying and reserve waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay.

(9) No person shall use or have in his possession or under his control or maintenance in any of the inland waters of this state, any live box, crib or similar device except receptacles carried by or with the fisherman to contain his catch while fishing, that might be used for the keeping of fish unless he shall have securely attached thereto in such a manner as to be readable and legible at all times a tag

of permanent material bearing the name and address of the owner or user.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2), (4) (a), (b), (c), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (2), (4), (5), (6) and (8), Register, December 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (1), (4) (a), (b) and (c), (6) and (7), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; am. (1) and (4), Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; r. and recr. (1) and (2); am. (4) (b) and (c) and (6); cr. (9), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; am. (4) (a), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; am. (1) (d) and (e); (4) (a), (b) and (c); (5) (b) and (6), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (1) (e) and (4) (a) and (b) Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1-1-63; am. (6), Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1-1-64.

WCD 20.08 Turtle traps. Hoop net turtle traps with a mesh of not less than 6 inch stretch measure providing such traps are so set that not less than 2 inches of the hoops extend above the surface of the water, and float and tank type turtle traps not exceeding 4 feet square or 4 feet in diameter may be used for trapping turtles. Each such trap while in use shall have attached thereto in such manner as to be visible and legible at all times, a metal tag bearing the name and address of the operator of such trap and it shall be unlawful for any other person to tend or operate such trap.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60.

WCD 20.09 Dip nets in inland waters. (1) GENERAL RESTRICTIONS. Except as provided in this section and in sections WCD 20.04, WCD 20.10 and WCD 20.11 no person shall set, use or operate any dip net in any of the inland waters of the state for taking, catching or killing any variety of fish. No person, while operating a dip net for rough fish, shall fish for fish in any other manner at that time and no person shall fish with hook and line from any boat that has a dip net attached. Only one dip net per person is permitted for the taking of smelt and minnows. Such dip net must be attended at all times while in use.

(a) There shall be a daily bag limit and a possession limit of 25 suckers per person taken under the provisions of this section and no suckers so taken shall be sold or bartered in any manner. There is no bag limit on other species of rough fish.

(2) USE OF DIP NETS. (a) *Definition.* Dip nets used for taking, catching, or killing rough fish shall be defined as follows: a piece of netting suspended from a round or square frame not exceeding 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square.

(b) *Marinette and Oconto counties.* Not more than one dip net per person may be used at any time for the taking, catching, or killing of rough fish in Marinette and Oconto counties in all the streams and rivers flowing into Green Bay from a point 200 feet upstream from the mouth, and extending a distance of 15 miles inland in a straight line.

(c) *Brown, Door, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine and Sheboygan counties.* One dip net per person may be used all year for the taking, catching and killing of rough fish in all the non-trout streams and rivers, excluding lakes flowing into Lake Michigan and Green Bay and in the counties of Brown, Door, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine and Sheboygan in that part of each such stream or river beginning at the mouth and extending upstream to a point 500 feet below the first dam located on such stream or river.

(d) *Fond du Lac county.* One dip net per person may be used, sunrise to sunset, from May 1 to March 15, for taking, catching or killing rough fish, except suckers, in that part of the Fond du Lac river in Fond du Lac county beginning at its mouth and extending upstream three miles.

(e) *Dodge and Jefferson counties.* One dip net per person may be used sunrise to sunset for the taking, catching or killing of rough fish, except suckers, all year in the following waters:

1. In the Rock river in Dodge and Jefferson counties.
2. In the Crawfish river in Jefferson county.
3. In Beaver Dam lake in Dodge county.
4. In the Beaver Dam, Crawfish and Wildcat rivers in Dodge county.
5. In the Bark river and tributaries to Hebron dam and in creeks and tributaries of the Rock and Crawfish rivers in Jefferson county.

(f) *Calumet county.* One dip net per person may be used from April 25 to May 31, both dates inclusive for the removal of rough fish from that part of Lake Winnebago within a distance of 500 feet from the shoreline of Calumet county.

(g) A dip net not exceeding 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet square may be used in all other waters at any time of the year, sunrise to sunset, for the taking of rough fish with no bag or possession limit except for suckers and redhorse for which there is a bag and possession limit of 25 in aggregate.

(3) SMELT. (a) Dip nets not exceeding 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square may be used at any time for the taking, catching or killing of smelt in all the streams and rivers flowing into Lake Michigan and the northern and southern parts of Green Bay, in that part of each of such streams beginning at or in the bay or lake and extending upstream to a point 500 feet below the first dam located on any such stream or a distance of five miles inland on any of such streams where no dam is located within five miles of the mouth.

(b) Dip nets not exceeding 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square, may be used from April 1 to May 25 for the taking, catching, or killing of smelt and suckers in all streams flowing into Lake Superior in Bayfield, Ashland and Iron counties and the Brule river in Douglas county from a point beginning at their mouths and extending inland for a distance of one-half mile in a straight line. Zoning does not apply on Bear creek, Bluff creek and Nemadji river, the St. Louis river and the other non-trout streams in Douglas county and in the waters of the Chippewa, Bad, and White rivers in Ashland county not inhabited by trout, or on streams where active sea lamprey control structures are located. The taking of rough fish by dip netting is permitted from April 1 to July 15 below the posted portion of a stream on which such an active lamprey control structure is located.

(c) Seines not more than 75 feet in length and not more than 6 feet in depth may be used from April 1 to May 25 for the taking, catching and killing of smelt and suckers in all the outlying waters except that portion of the Fox river in Brown county upstream from 1,500 feet below the dam in the city of De Pere.

History: 1–2–56; am. (2) (b), (d) and (e), and (3) (b), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1–1–58; am. (1) intro. par. and (2) (a), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1–1–59; am. (2) (f), Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1–1–60; am. (2) (c), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1–1–61; am. (1) intro. par.; (2) (c); (3) (a) and (c), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1–1–62; cr. (2) (g), Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1–1–63.

WCD 20.10 Minnow nets, traps, and seines. (1) USE LIMITED. No person shall set, use, or operate any minnow seine, minnow dip net or minnow traps in any of the inland waters of this state for taking, catching, or killing fish of any variety, other than as specified in this section.

(2) BAG LIMIT. It shall be unlawful for any person except licensed bait dealers to take in any waters in any one day more minnows than are specified in subsection (4) (c). The possession and transportation of minnows legally taken is permitted throughout the state.

(3) INSECT LARVAE. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, gather or collect (or attempt to do so) for the use or sale as bait by himself or others any of the larvae or nymphs of aquatic insects in or from any stream or spring hole tributary thereto inhabited by trout.

(4) INLAND WATERS. (a) The following described gear only may be used for the taking of minnows for bait:

1. *Minnow seines.* Minnow seines shall not exceed 25 feet in length, 5 feet in depth, and shall contain mesh not to exceed ½ inch stretch measure.

2. *Minnow dip nets.* Minnow dip nets shall be defined as follows: A piece of netting suspended from a round or square frame not exceeding 6 feet in diameter or 6 feet square.

3. *Minnow traps.* Minnow traps shall be of a length not greater than 24 inches and of a width not greater than 16 inches square or in diameter with an opening in the throat of the trap not larger than 1½ inches in diameter. Such traps shall have securely attached to them a label or tag clearly bearing in the English language the name and address of the operator. All minnow traps shall be raised and the minnows removed from them at least once in every 24 hours.

(b) It shall be unlawful to use minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps of any type or description in any inland streams or spring holes tributary thereto inhabited by trout except that not to exceed three minnow traps may be used in all trout streams during the open season for trout. Licensed bait dealers may use not more than 20 traps without permits in all trout streams during the open season for trout.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person, except bait dealers licensed pursuant to section 29.137, Wis. Stats., to have in possession or under control more than 600 minnows at any time.

(d) It shall be unlawful to use minnow seines in the following streams located in Manitowoc county: Branch river from county highway "A" downstream to the Manitowoc river; East Twin river from the south line of section 13, township 21 north, range 23 east, downstream to the south line of section 15, township 20 north, range 24 east; Manitowoc river from its junction with the Branch river downstream to highway "141", and Point creek from the south line of section 3, township 17 north, range 23 east downstream to Lake Michigan.

History: 1–2–56; am. (4), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1–1–57; am. (2), (4) (a) 3 and (b), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1–1–58; am. (4) (a) 2, Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1–1–59; am. (4) (c), cr. (4) (d), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1–1–61; r. and recr. (3), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1–1–61.

WCD 20.11 Whitefish and cisco in inland waters. (1) The rules and regulations set forth in this section shall apply to the use of all nets and seines used for taking whitefish and cisco.

(2) Cisco dip nets shall not exceed 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square and such seines shall not exceed 75 feet in length or 6 feet in depth and with a mesh not greater than 2 inches stretch measure.

(3) (a) The open season for fishing whitefish and cisco with such dip nets and seines in all inland waters except Lake Lucerne in Forest county shall be from the Saturday nearest October 10 to January 15.

(b) Dip nets only may be used for the taking of whitefish and cisco from Keyes lake in Florence county with a daily bag limit of 3 fish from the Saturday nearest October 10 to January 15.

(4) No person shall have in possession or under control at any time more than 25 pounds and 1 fish in aggregate of whitefish or cisco taken from inland waters.

History: 1-2-56; am. (4), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (3), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (1), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; am. (3), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; renum. (3) to be (3) (a); cr. (3) (b), Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1-1-64.

WCD 20.12 Set lines and set or bank poles in inland waters. (1) For the purpose of this section, a set line is defined as a line with a hook, or hooks fastened to it and designed to be set and left in the water for the purpose of taking fish.

(2) No person shall set, place, lift, attend, or have in possession while on the inland waters of this state, any set line or set or bank pole unless such set line or set or bank pole is licensed pursuant to section 29.36 or 29.37 of the Wisconsin Statutes. No person shall set, place, lift, attend or have in possession while on the inland waters of this state, any set line, or set or bank poles belonging to another.

(3) The rules and regulations set forth in this section shall apply to all set lines and set or bank poles.

(4) At each end of every set line, when set in any of the inland waters, there shall be placed and maintained a white, triangular shaped flag, not less than 12 inches at the base, with 2 equal sides not less than 20 inches each, and with the upper end of the staff extending at least 3 feet above the water, and numbered with figures at least three inches in height, corresponding to the number of the license authorizing the use of such set line. The buoy or float holding the flagstaff shall be cylindrical in shape and not more than 15 inches in diameter and shall be banded horizontally with alternate black and white markings. A round (cylindrical) bamboo or wood staff or pole not more than 2½ inches in diameter may be used to hold the flag. The portion of such staff or pole extending above the surface of the waters shall be banded horizontally with alternate black and white markings. Platform or flagstaff braces are not permitted in floating set line markers. No such flag shall be placed in the main channel of any navigable waterway.

(5) No set line shall be equipped with hooks of a size smaller than 5/0. No set or bank pole shall be equipped with hooks of a size smaller than 3/0.

(6) It shall be unlawful to set, place, lift, attend or have in possession while on any of the inland waters of the state any set line from one-half hour after sunset to sunrise.

(7) No set line or set or bank pole shall be placed in the water before the opening of the set line season for the specified waters and shall be removed from the waters by the end of such season.

(8) Set lines equipped with not more than 100 hooks and set or bank poles may be used from the Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30 in the waters of Lake Winnebago, Lake Butte des Morts, Little Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winneconne, Lake Poygan, in the Wolf river downstream from the mouth of the Rat river in Winnebago county, in the Fox river downstream from highway 21 bridge in the city of Omro to the dam in the city of De Pere. On such set lines it shall be unlawful to use any frog, crayfish or fish or part thereof except that a square chunk cut from fish may be used. There shall be no bag limit on catfish in the waters defined in this subsection.

(9) Set lines equipped with not more than 25 hooks and set or bank poles may be used from the Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30 in the following waters: The Wolf river from 500 feet below the dam at Shawano in Shawano county downstream to the mouth of the Rat river in Winnebago county; the Waupaca river in Waupaca county beginning 500 feet below the dam at Weyauwega downstream to the Wolf river; the Embarrass river beginning 500 feet below the dam at Pella in Shawano county downstream to the Wolf river in Waupaca county; the Shioc river in Outagamie county; the Fox river from mile post #63, sometimes known as Johnson creek in Green Lake county downstream to highway 21 bridge in the city of Omro in Winnebago county. On such set lines it shall be unlawful to use any frog, crayfish or fish or part thereof except that a square chunk cut from fish and live bait of a minimum size of five inches or larger may be used. The bag and size limit established in the season tables shall apply except that there shall be no bag limit on catfish in these waters.

(10) Set lines equipped with not more than 25 hooks and set or bank poles may be used from the Saturday nearest May 20 to October 15 in the following waters: The Wisconsin river from the north line of Sauk county to its mouth; the Black river downstream from the highway 12 bridge in the city of Black River Falls; the Blue river downstream from the highway "C" bridge in Grant county and the Kickapoo river in Crawford county. Set or bank poles only may be used from Saturday nearest May 20 to October 15 in the Pecatonica river in Green county and in the Grant river from Porter's bridge on highway #35 to its mouth in Grant county. On such set lines, or set or bank poles, it shall be unlawful for any person to use as bait, any frog, crayfish or fish or part thereof except that in the Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam downstream to its mouth, in the Grant river from Porter's bridge on highway #35 to its mouth, in the Pecatonica river in Green county; the Blue river downstream from the highway "C" bridge in Grant county, and in the Kickapoo river in Crawford county, from 200 feet below the dam at Gays Mills downstream to its mouth it shall be legal to use live bait of a minimum size of five inches or larger on set lines or set or bank poles. The bag and size limits established in the season tables shall apply.

(11) For the purpose of this section, catfish taken by set lines or set or bank poles in the following waters shall not be construed to be game fish and may be sold: The Wisconsin river downstream from the north line of Sauk county to its mouth; Lake Winnebago, Lake Butte des Morts, Little Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winneconne, Lake Poygan and the river connecting said lakes; the Wolf river downstream from 500 feet below the dam at Shawano; and the Fox

river from the Princeton locks downstream to the dam in the city of DePere.

History: 1-2-56; am. (3), (5), (6), (7); cr. (8), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (4), (6) and (7), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; r. and recr. Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; am. (2) Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; am. (4), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; r. and recr. (4), am. (8), (9) and (10), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (10), Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1-1-63.

WCD 20.13 Fish shanties, shelters, ice fishing hours and ice fishing in all state waters. The following rules and regulations are hereby established for the use of buildings, tents, fish shanties and similar enclosures and shelters maintained, occupied or used for fishing purposes on the ice of all waters of this state pursuant to section 29.283, Wis. Stats.:

(1) PROHIBITED SHELTER. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section no person shall construct, use, maintain or occupy for fishing purposes any building, tent, fish shanty or similar enclosure or shelter whatsoever upon the ice of any waters of this state.

(2) FISH SHANTIES. (a) Buildings, tents, fish shanties, portable shelters or similar enclosures may be used on the ice for fishing purposes. The door of any such enclosure or shelter shall be equipped with a latch which will permit the door to be readily opened from the outside at all times while enclosure or shelter is occupied. All such shelters shall be removed from the ice on or before March 5 south of highway #64 and March 15 north of highway #64 on all waters including outlying waters or previous to that time by order of the conservation commission or by its agents when they feel that the ice has become unsafe for travel thereon.

(3) ICE-FISHING HOURS, AND SIZE OF HOLES. (a) No person shall take, catch, or kill fish or fish for fish of any variety through the ice with hook and line from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. of the following morning, in any of the inland waters of the state. It shall be unlawful for any person to cut, use or maintain a hole larger than 12 inches in diameter or square for the taking of fish in any manner through the ice, except for dip netting, the taking of minnows by minnow traps or for skin diving purposes.

(b) During the open season for spearing sturgeon in Lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, Little Lake Butte des Morts, Winnebago and in the connecting waters downstream to the uppermost dam in the city of Appleton in Outagamie county it shall be lawful to cut and maintain holes of unrestricted size from 48 hours before and continuing through such season.

(4) NAME OF OWNER. All buildings, tents, fish shanties and similar enclosures or shelters maintained, occupied or used for fishing purposes on the ice of any inland waters and outlying waters where so authorized by the conservation commission or by statute shall have in the English language the name and address of the person owning or using the same painted on the outside thereof in such manner as to be readily seen and read at all times.

(5) ICE FISHING IN OUTLYING WATERS. The same seasons, bag limits, and size limits are established for fishing through the ice in the

outlying waters of this state as are established under the general fishing seasons for outlying waters.

History: 1–2–56; cr. (4m), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1–1–57; am. (3) and r. (4m), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1–1–58; am. (2) (a) and (3) (a) and (b), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1–1–59; am. (3) (a) and (b), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1–1–61; am. intro. par., (1) and (2) (a); r. (2) (b); am. (4), Register, December, 1961, No 72, eff. 1–1–62; am. intro. par., (1) and (2), Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1–1–64

WCD 20.14 Commission permitted to take fish. No provision in this chapter shall prohibit the state conservation commission of Wisconsin, its agents, deputy conservation wardens or representatives of the fish management division of such commission from taking any of the fish mentioned at any time wherein they deem it advisable and necessary to promote the general conservation progress.

WCD 20.15 Control of detrimental fish. (1) The state conservation commission of Wisconsin finds pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that bullheads are detrimental fish in the following specified waters and that the commission may remove bullheads from the waters specified or cause them to be removed therefrom pursuant to ss. 29.62 and 29.625, Wis. Stats.:

(a) Castle Rock flowage and the Wisconsin river in Adams and Juneau counties, beginning at the Petenwell dam and extending downstream to the Castle Rock dam except that part of Yellow river in Castle Rock flowage (locally called the Buckhorn area) in Juneau county upstream from the electric power transmission line across said flowage in sections 26 and 35, T17N, R4E, Juneau county.

(b) Enterprise lake in Langlade county.

(c) Lake DuBay in Marathon county.

(d) Little Lake Butte des Morts from the lower dam on the Fox river at Menasha, Winnebago county, to the upper dam in Appleton, Outagamie county.

(e) Little Rice lake in Forest county.

(f) All waters in Oneida county.

(g) Petenwell flowage and the Wisconsin river beginning at the Nekoosa dam in Wood county extending downstream to the Petenwell dam in Adams and Juneau counties.

(h) All waters in Vilas county.

(i) Long lake in Florence and Forest counties, Line flowage and Pine river flowage, Halsey, Bass, West Bass, Scout and Frog (section 16 township 39 north range 19 east) lakes.

(k) Potato lake in Rusk county.

(m) Rib lake in Taylor county.

(n) All waters in Lincoln county.

(o) Sheboygan marsh in Sheboygan county.

(p) Town Corner lake in Marinette county.

(q) The Rock river from highway #49 downstream to the dam at Hustisford.

(2) The state conservation commission finds, pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that perch are detrimental fish in the following specified waters:

(a) Landing lake, Mill lake, North Twin lake, Rice lake (Sec. 14, T40–41N, R9E), South Twin lake, High lake and Fishtrap lake in Vilas county.

(3) The state conservation commission finds, pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that catfish are detrimental fish in the following specified waters and that the commission may remove catfish from the waters specified or cause them to be removed therefrom pursuant to ss. 29.62 and 29.625, Wis. Stats.

(a) Green lake in Green Lake county.

(4) The state conservation commission finds, pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that pan fish are detrimental fish in the following specified waters and that the commission may remove pan fish from the waters specified or cause them to be removed therefrom pursuant to sections 29.62 and 29.625, Wis. Stats.

(a) Township of Chicog in Washburn county.

(b) Crescent lake (section 8–16–17–18–20–21, T36N, R8E) and Stella lake in Oneida county.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1958, No. 33, eff. 10–1–58; cr. (1) (h) and (2), Register, March, 1959, No. 39, eff. 4–1–59; cr. (1) (i), Register, July, 1959, No. 43, eff. 8–1–59; am. (2), Register, October, 1959, No. 46, eff. 11–1–59; cr. (3), Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1–1–60; am. (1) (i); cr. (k) (m) and (n) and (4), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1–1–61; cr. (1) (o), (p), and (4) (b), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1–1–62; am. (1) (f) (h) (n), (2) (a) and (4) (b) Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1–1–63; cr. (1) (q), Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1–1–64.

WCD 20.16 Closed areas. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, disturb, kill or fish for fish of any variety on any area of water so posted with conservation department signs, the same being located within the exterior limits of the following waters:

(4)	Bayfield county	(a) Sioux river
(13)	Dane county	(a) Fish lake
		(b) Yahara river
(14)	Dodge county	(a) Beaver creek
		(b) Mill creek
(16)	Douglas county	(a) Brule river
(21)	Forest county	(a) Crane lake
(26)	Iron county	(a) Gile flowage
		(b) West branch of Montreal river
(30)	Kenosha county	(a) Rock lake
(43)	Oneida county	(a) Wisconsin river
		(b) Tomahawk river
(63)	Vilas county	(a) Nebish lake
		(b) Pallette lake
(64)	Walworth county	(a) Lake Geneva
(67)	Waukesha county	(a) Lower Genesee lake
		(b) Moose lake
		(c) Lower Nashotah lake

History: Cr. Register December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1–1–61; am. Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1–1–64.

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