

Chapter NR 20

FISHING; INLAND WATERS; OUTLYING WATERS

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(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

**NR 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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**NR 20.02 Waters classified; hook and line fishing in outlying waters.**

(1) For the purpose of regulating hook and line fishing in the outlying waters, the closed seasons, size limits, bag and possession limits, number of hooks and lines and ice fishing regulations 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) <b>WALLEYE AND SAUGER</b> (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) <b>NORTHERN PIKE</b> -----	Lake Michigan and Green Bay	At all times	5	No size limit
	Lake Superior	At all times	5	No size limit

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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) TROUT AND SALMON..	Lake Michigan, Green Bay and Lake Superior	Continuous	5 in aggregate	10
(e) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS....	Lake Michigan and Green Bay	July 1 to February 15	5 of each	No size limit
	Lake Superior	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5 of each	No size limit
(f) LAKE STURGEON.....	Lake Superior	Continuous	1 per year	40

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

(h) All species of fish of lawful size may be taken from the outlying waters including Chequamegon Bay by trolling from a motor driven boat 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 rough fish 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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**NR 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 department shall close the season for fishing through the ice in any inland waters when it finds after scientific investigation and study that continued fishing through the ice in such

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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 department 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 NR 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 AND SMALLMOUTH BASS In all waters of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn Counties.....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5 of each	10
In all other waters.....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5 of each	No size limit
(c) WALLEYE AND SAUGER In all waters of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor and Washburn Counties.....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5 in aggregate	13
In all other waters (See also Sec. NR 20.04) ----	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5 in aggregate	No size limit
(d) NORTHERN PIKE (See also Sec. NR 20.04 In all waters of Dane, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Sauk, 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, Sauk, and Iowa counties)	22
In all waters of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor and Washburn Counties.....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5	18
Shawano lake in Shawano county and all waters in Menominee county.....	No closed season	25	No size limit
In all other waters.....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5	No size limit

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(e) MUSKELLUNGE (Includes hybrid muskellunge)-----	Second Saturday in May to November 30	1	30
(f) 1. TROUT AND SALMON (any variety except splake and lake trout) (Bag limit means total of all)-----	The second Sat- urday in May at 5 a.m. to but not including June 1	5 in aggregate	6
	June 1 to September 15	10 in aggregate	6
2. There shall be a special extended open season for trout and salmon in the following waters-----	Saturday nearest April 1 to, but not including the second Saturday in May and September 16 to November 15	5, of which only 2 may be rainbow trout or salmon	10
Ashland county: Bad river from its mouth upstream to Copper falls; Potato river from its mouth upstream to Guernsey falls; White river from its mouth up- stream to White river dam; 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 junc- tion with the Little Flag river (T49N, R8W, Sec. 2); Iron river from its mouth upstream to Orienta dam; Sioux river from its mouth up- stream to Big Rock falls (T49N, R4W, Sec. 19); Siskowitt river from its mouth upstream to second bridge (T41N, 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.	September 16 to November 15	5 in aggregate	6
3. There shall be an extended open season for trout and salmon on the following waters---			
Risk creek pond in Adams county; Cammerer lake in Ashland county; Anderson lake, Balsam pond, Beaver lake, Blaisdell lake, Little Hidden, Little Star, Mimi and Nymphia lakes in Bay- field county; Bradley and Dark lakes in Chip- pewa county; Stewart lake and Salmo pond in Dane county; Gravel Pit in Clark county; An- derson lake in Douglas county; Lions Club Youth pond in Eau Claire county; Sand lake (Sec. 13, T89N, R18E) in Florence county; Bug, Logger, and Valley lakes in Forest county; Up- per Zander lake in Green county; Birch lake in Iowa county; Hoffman, Lowe creek pond, Trout Run SCS, Trout Run Church and Oxbow ponds in Jackson county; Pence and Townline lakes in Langlade county; Ament, Hanson, Horgan, Mo- raine, and Tahoe lakes in Lincoln county; Cata- ract, Evans and Hans Biegel ponds in Monroe county; Bass lake (Sec. 15, T39N, R7E) in Oneida county; Kinnickinnic and River Falls ponds in Pierce county; Clarey lake, Ice House lake, and Pickeral lake in Polk county; Patter-			

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
son lake in Price county; Camp Smith lake in Sawyer county; North Twin and Spruce lakes in Taylor county; Elewa-Osseo Club and Ettrick ponds in Trempealeau county; Esofea and Timber Coulee ponds in Vernon county; Bluegill, Firefly (Weber), Little John, Jr., Otto Mielke and Pauto lakes in Vilas county; Sawmill lake in Washburn county; Lannon Park pond in Waukesha county and Keller lake, Waupaca county.			
4. There shall be an extended open season for trout and salmon on all other lakes containing trout or salmon except natural spring and spring ponds.....	September 16 to February 15	5 in aggregate	6
(g) LAKE TROUT AND SPLAKE.....	First Saturday in January to September 30	2 in aggregate	17
(h) CATFISH In all waters of Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties and the Wisconsin river from the dam at Wisconsin Dells downstream to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad tracks.....	No closed season	25	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, BLUEGILL, PERCH, PUMPKINSEED (SUNFISH).....	No closed season	50 in aggregate	No size limit
(l) YELLOW BASS (STRIPED).....	No closed season	None	No size limit
(m) BULLHEADS.....	No closed season	None	No size limit
(n) CISCO AND WHITEFISH.....	No closed season	25 pounds and one fish in aggregate	No size limit
(o) PADDLEFISH OR SPOONBILL CATFISH.....	No open season		
(p) SHOVELNOSE (SAND OR HACKLEBACK) STURGEON In all waters south of highway #64 (except in the Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam upstream).....	No closed season	25	No size limit
The Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam upstream.....	No open season		
In all waters north of highway #64.....	No open season		
(q) ROCK AND LAKE STURGEON Hook and line season 1. In all waters: (except Lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, Winnebago and connecting waters; 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) -- Spearing season 2. Lakes Butte des Morts, Poygan and Winneconne and connecting waters.....	First Saturday in September to October 15	1 per season	40
	No open season		

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
3. Lake Winnebago.....	First Saturday in February to March 1	The bag limit on speared sturgeon is one (1) per season regardless of the water in which speared	40

4. 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 Lakes 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 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.

(r) PADDLEFISH OR SPOONBILL CATFISH.....	No open season	-----	-----
(u) SUCKER AND REDHORSE.....	No closed season	50 in aggregate	No size limit

(2) (a) 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 warden or other authorized 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 6:00 p.m. on the day speared. Upon approval by the officer, said officer shall attach a special tag to each 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.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to transport any sturgeon in or on any motor-driven vehicle from the time such sturgeon is taken to the time it is lawfully registered pursuant to section NR 20.03 (2) (a) unless the sturgeon is carried openly exposed and in such manner so that the sturgeon tag attached to the sturgeon cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

(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 Department of Natural Resources may direct that all species of fish of any size may be taken by dip nets, minnow seines and spears 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 of one or more newspapers having wide circulation in the area affected.

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NR 20.04. Open seasons in specified waters.

(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—LAKES. (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:

- 8. Calumet county—Winnebago
- 13. Dane county—Koshkonong
- 14. Dodge county—Beaver Dam, Emily, Lost and Sinnissippi
- 17. Dunn county—Dunnville bottoms

- 20. Fond du Lac county—Mullet and Winnebago
- 24. Green Lake county—Big Green, Maria and Puckaway
- 28. Jefferson county—Bean, Goose, Hahns, Hope, Koshkonong, Red Cedar and Mud (at Koshkonong)
- 39. Marquette county—Buffalo
- 50. Portage county—Bass and Pleasant
- 54. Rock county—Koshkonong
- 56. St. Croix county—Bushnell, Pine (at Baldwin), Three and Twin
- 60. Sheboygan county—Sheboygan marsh
- 69. Waupaca county—Campbell, Crystal, Cynco (Rice), Hatch, Kinney, Partridge, Partridge Crop, Silver, and White, and Marion millpond.
- 70. Waushara county—Fish (at Wautoma), Beans, Pine (at Hancock), Poygan and Big Twin
- 71. Winnebago county—Butte des Morts, Poygan, Winneconne, and Winnebago

(am) SPECIAL WATERS—RIVERS AND STREAMS. 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:

1. Baraboo river in Sauk and Columbia counties.
2. Black river including sloughs and bayous from the dam at Black River Falls in Jackson county downstream to its confluence with the Mississippi river.
3. Chippewa river including sloughs and bayous beginning at the Holcombe flowage dam in Chippewa county downstream to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad in Buffalo and Pepin counties.
4. Eau Claire river including sloughs and bayous in Eau Claire county from the Altoona dam downstream to its confluence with the Chippewa river.
5. Embarrass river beginning at the dam at Pella in Shawano county downstream to the Wolf river in Outagamie county.
6. Fond du Lac river within the city limits of Fond du Lac in Fond du Lac county.
7. Fox river (except Little Lake Butte des Morts) downstream from the westerly crossing of highway #33 at Portage in Columbia county and in Marquette, Green Lake, Waushara, Winnebago and Outagamie counties downstream to the dam at De Pere in Brown county.
8. Fox river in Kenosha county and upstream in Racine county to the Waterford dam.
9. Grand river from Fairwater in Fond du Lac county downstream to the Fox river in Marquette county.
10. La Crosse river including Lake Neshonoc sloughs and bayous from the Perch lake dam at Sparta downstream to the Mississippi river.
11. Lemonweir river including all connecting flowages, bays, sloughs and bayous in Juneau and Monroe counties and the East Fork Lemonweir upstream to the highway #173 bridge and the South Fork Lemonweir upstream to the Tomah dam.
12. Little Wolf river in Waupaca county beginning at the dam at Manawa downstream to the Wolf river.

13. Pecatonica river in Lafayette and Green counties.
14. Pine river in Waushara county beginning at the dam at Poy-sippi downstream to Lake Poygan.
15. Pumpkinseed creek in Winnebago county from county trunk "D" bridge downstream to Lake Poygan.
16. Red Cedar river including all connecting sloughs and bayous in Dunn county from its confluence with the Chippewa river to the Lake Menomin Northern States Power Dam.
17. Rock river waters.
  - a. Rock river in Fond du Lac, Dodge, Jefferson and Rock counties and all waters in the Horicon marsh.
  - b. Crawfish river in Columbia, Dodge and Jefferson counties.
  - c. Beaver Dam river beginning at the dam in the city of Beaver Dam in Dodge county downstream to the Crawfish river.
  - d. Scuppernong river beginning at the dam at Palmyra in Jefferson county downstream to the Bark river.
  - e. Bark river beginning at the dam at Hebron in Jefferson county downstream to the Rock river.
  - f. Yahara river beginning at the dam at Fulton in Rock county downstream to the Rock river.
  - g. Busseyville creek in Dane and Jefferson counties beginning at the Rockdale dam downstream to Lake Koshkonong.
18. Rubicon river in Dodge county.
19. Shioc river in Outagamie county.
20. Waupaca river in Waupaca county beginning at the dam at Weyauwega downstream to the Wolf river.
21. White river below dam at Burlington to Fox river in Racine county.
22. Wildcat river in Dodge county.
23. Willow river in Waushara county beginning at the dam at Auroraville downstream to Lake Poygan.
24. Wisconsin river and flowages beginning at the St. Regis dam in Rhineland in Oneida county downstream to the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy railroad bridge in Crawford and Grant counties including all connecting sloughs and bayous including that part of the Yellow river and all connecting flowages, sloughs and bayous from its confluence with the Castle Rock flowage in Juneau county upstream to the highway #54 dam at Dexterville.
25. Wolf river in Winnebago, Waupaca and Outagamie counties and in Shawano county upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano.
26. Yellowstone river from the dam downstream in Lafayette county.

(b) The department shall open the season for fishing with dip nets in any waters when it finds after scientific investigation and study that the fish populations in such waters are threatened with imminent mortality because of depletion of dissolved oxygen or other adverse habitat conditions under which fish will not survive. During such open season all species of fish may be taken by means of dip nets not more than 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet square, but no person shall have more than 25 pounds and 1 fish of any species of game fish of any size so taken in his possession. No person shall fish with more than one such dip net and such dip net fishing shall be carried on only during the hours from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Such open season 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 department

to be the most feasible way of notifying the public that such open season for fishing with dip nets is in effect. Such open season shall remain in full force and effect only so long as such waters are covered with ice and so long as such posting is continued.

(c) There shall be no closed season for hook and line fishing for any species of fish except sturgeon and smallmouth bass from the mouth upstream to the first dam in any stream tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay except the Pigeon River in Sheboygan county which shall be open upstream to county trunk MM. 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 except that during the period from September 16 to but not including the second Saturday in the following May there shall be a minimum size limit of 10 inches on brook, brown, and rainbow trout and salmon and a daily bag limit of 5 of which only 2 may be rainbow trout and during such period hook and line fishing is restricted to the use of natural baits or artificial flies with a single hook with a hook gape size one-half inch from point to shank or smaller. The use of double, treble or similar gang hooks and artificial baits is prohibited. Night fishing with hook and line is prohibited between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during the extended season from September 16 to but not including the second Saturday in May.

(d) It shall be lawful to take trout and salmon by hand and by fowl hooking or snagging from September 16 through December 31 while fishing with hook and line on waters listed below, with a hook gape size not to exceed one-half inch measured from point to shank. Night fishing is prohibited between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. This paragraph applies only to the following named streams from the mouth upstream to the first dam and to the waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay:

1. Rivers:

Ahnapee River	Menominee River
East Twin River	Milwaukee River
Kewaunee River	Oak Creek
Little Manitowoc River	Sheboygan River
Little River	Strawberry Creek
Manitowoc River	West Twin River

2. Other:

Lake Michigan and Green Bay (except when fishing from a boat)

(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.

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 Pallette lake there shall be a daily bag limit of 5 and a minimum size limit of 10 inches on coho salmon and a daily bag limit of 10 trout in Nebish lake, and a minimum size limit of 22 inches on northern pike in Escanaba lake.

6. All fish taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited to the department 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 subsection (3) (b).

3. In Yellowstone lake there shall be a continuous open season for all fish species except trout which shall have the same season as provided in the regular season tables for inland waters.

a. There shall be no daily bag limit on panfish and for northern pike there shall be a daily bag limit of 2 and a 22-inch size limit.

b. Bag and size limits on other fish species shall be the same as provided in the regular season tables for inland 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 upstream from the dam forming Twin Valley lake except under the following conditions:

1. There shall be a continuous open season for all fish species except trout which shall have the same season as provided in the regular season tables for inland waters.

2. There shall be no daily bag limit on panfish and for northern pike there shall be a daily bag limit of 2 and a 22-inch size limit.



NR 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 NR 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.

(d) It is unlawful to take frogs with the aid or use of any firearms.

**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; cr. (3) (d), Register, November, 1966, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; renum. WCD 20.05 to be NR 20.05; am. (2), Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

NR 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 except that rough fish may be taken by hand.

(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 the 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 in this paragraph do not apply to the waters of Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Racine, Rusk and Washburn counties and the following named lakes and rivers including their flowages and sloughs:

*Adams county*

Mason

*Ashland county*

Kakagon Slough

*Chippewa county*

Chain

Holcombe Flowage

Long 32-8

*Clark county*

Arbutus

*Dane county*

Crystal

Kegonsa

Mendota

Monona

Waubesa

*Dodge county*

Beaver Dam

Fox

Sinnissippi

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<i>Door county</i>	<i>Marquette county</i>
Clarks	Buffalo
Kangaroo	
<i>Dunn county</i>	<i>Monroe county</i>
Menomin	Monroe County Flowage
Tainter	
<i>Eau Claire county</i>	<i>Oconto county</i>
Altoona	Christy
Big Dells Pond	Machickanee (Stiles Pond)
Eau Claire	White Potato
<i>Florence county</i>	<i>Oneida county</i>
Halsey	Columbus
Twin Falls Flowage	Crescent S17, T36, R8
	Katherine
	Rainbow Flowage
	Rice R. Flowage
	Sugar Camp
	Thunder
	Willow Flowage
<i>Forest county</i>	<i>Portage county</i>
Butternut	L. Eau Pleine Flowage
Franklin	
Kentuck	
Lucerne	
Metonga	
Pickerel	
Pine	
Wabicon	
<i>Green Lake county</i>	<i>Price county</i>
Green	Pike
Maria	Round
Puckaway	
<i>Jefferson county</i>	<i>St. Croix county</i>
Koskonong	Cedar
Rock	
<i>Juneau county</i>	<i>Sauk county</i>
Kilburn Flowage	Redstone
<i>Kenosha county</i>	<i>Sawyer county</i>
Elizabeth	Chetac
	Grindstone
	Lac Court Oreilles
	Nelson
	Price Flowage
	Round
	Whitefish
	Windigo
<i>La Crosse county</i>	<i>Shawano county</i>
Neshonoc	Shawano
<i>Langlade county</i>	<i>Sheboygan county</i>
Post (Lower)	Sheboygan Marsh
Post (Upper)	
Rollingstone	
<i>Lincoln county</i>	<i>Taylor county</i>
Mohawksin	Chequamegon
Spirit R. Flowage	Mondeaux Flowage
<i>Marathon county</i>	<i>Vilas county</i>
Big Eau Pleine Reservoir	Big Portage
	Black Oak
	Kentuck
<i>Marinette county</i>	Laura
Chalk Hills Flowage	Smoky
High Falls Reservoir	Stormy
Noquebay	

<i>Walworth county</i>	Oconomowoc
Beulah	Okauchee
Como	Pewaukee
Delavan	Pine
Geneva	
Whitewater	<i>Waupaca county</i>
<i>Washington county</i>	Partridge
Big Cedar	White
Pike	
<i>Waukesha county</i>	<i>Winnebago county</i>
Big Muskego	Butte Des Morts
Lac LaBelle	L. Butte des Morts
Little Muskego	Poygan
Nagawicka	Rush
	Winnebago
	Winneconne

Wisconsin river from County Trunk A east of Tomahawk, Lincoln county, downstream, the Chippewa river from Holcombe downstream and the Fox river from Buffalo lake downstream to the dam at De Pere.

(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 hook or line within 200 feet of any fishway, lock or dam in the inland waters at any time.

**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. 83, eff. 5-1-63; am. (1) (b); r. (2), Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; am. (1) (a) and (c); r. (1) (d) and (e), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; r. and recr. (1) (b), Register, October, 1969, No. 166, eff. 1-1-70; am. (1) (b), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; renum. WCD 20.06 to be NR 20.06, Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

**NR 20.07 Prohibited methods of fishing.** (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Wisconsin Statutes or by department 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 on all inland waters may fish with not more than 3 lines with not more than one 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 waters; it shall be unlawful for any person to take any fish by snagging or fouling in any manner or with the aid or use of any firearm or pellet gun in any manner or by any means other than angling or trolling.

(e) No person shall use as bait or possess or release any minnows or other fish except trout on any waters or shores of such waters

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which have been chemically treated for trout management and which are so identified and designated by signs posted on the shores thereof by the Department of Natural Resources.

(f) No person shall use minnows as bait while fishing through the ice in Green Lake, Green Lake county except where the lake is 50 feet or less in depth.

(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 in 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, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas (except in the Amnicon and Nemadji rivers and the Black river upstream to the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railroad 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 counties and except that rough fish may be taken with bow and arrow from the Saturday nearest May 20 to July 1 each year in Barron, Burnett, Douglas, Iron and Polk counties and by spears or by the method known as skin diving with the use of spears or spear guns in Burnett county from the Saturday nearest May 20 to November 1 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, 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 the 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 spear-fishing by the method commonly known as skin diving 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 Devil's Lake in Sauk County, and except in Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago Counties during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water;

(c) It shall be lawful for any person to take rough fish by means of spears or by spearfishing by the method commonly known as skin diving 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 Columbia, 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.

(d) It is lawful to take white bass, yellow bass (striped), rock bass, crappie, bluegill, perch, pumpkinseed (sunfish) and bullheads with the use of spears and spearguns by skindiving and scubadiving in all waters where spearing for rough fish is permitted subject to the same seasons prescribed in subsection (4) (a), (b) and (c) and subject to bag limits prescribed in section NR 20.03.

(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 subsection (5) (b) and (c).

(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.

(c) Turtles may be taken from trout streams the year-round by the method commonly known as "hooking".

(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. (b), Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1-1-64; am. (1) (d) and (e) and (6), Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; am. (1) (d) and (1) (a), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; am. (1) (d); r. and recr. (1) (e); am. (4) (a), (b) and (c); am. (5) (a); cr. (5) (c); r. (6), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; am. (1) (c) and (4) (a), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 1-1-68; am. (1) (e) and (4) (c), Register, October, 1969, No. 166, eff. 1-1-70; am. (4) (b), Register, February, 1970, No. 170, eff. 3-1-70; renum. WCD 20.07 to be NR 20.07; am. (1), intro. par.; r. and recr. (c), cr. (f), and am. (4) (a), Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; am. (4) (b), Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71; cr. (4) (d), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 9-1-71.

**NR 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; renum. WCD 20.08 to be NR 20.08, Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

**NR 20.09 Dip nets in inland waters.** (1) **GENERAL RESTRICTIONS.** Except as provided in this section and in sections NR 20.04, NR 20.10 and NR 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) It is unlawful to sell, barter or trade in any manner any suckers taken pursuant to this section.

(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.

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(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. Dip nets shall be no smaller than 4 feet in diameter or 4 feet square.

(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. Dip nets shall be no smaller than 4 feet in diameter or 4 feet square.

(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 except trout streams 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 an aggregate daily bag limit of 50.

(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.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to leave dip nets or seines unattended within 25 feet of the edge of waters named in (3) (a) (b) and (c) of this section.

**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; am. (2) (g), Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; r. and recr. (1) (a) and (2) (g), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; am. (2) (b) and (c), Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; cr. (3) (d), Register, October, 1969, No. 166, eff. 1-1-70; renum. WCD 20.09 to be NR 20.09, am. (1) (intro. par.), Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

NR 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. Except as hereinafter provided, 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. A licensed fisherman may take such larvae or nymphs from trout streams by hand during the trout season for his immediate personal use as bait in the stream from which taken and no such larvae or nymphs may be carried away from the stream from which taken.

(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 and 6 feet in depth flat measure and shall contain mesh not to exceed one-half 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.

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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.

**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. 1-1-62; am. (3) and (4) (a) 1., Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; r. and recr. (4) (a) 1., Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; r. (4) (d), Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; renum. from WCD 20.10 to be NR 20.10, Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

**NR 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; renum. from WCD 20.11 to be NR 20.11, Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

**NR 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, Wis. Stats. 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.

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(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 one of the inland waters (except that a flag is required at only one end on set lines set in the Wisconsin river), there shall be placed and maintained a white, triangular shaped flag, not less than 12 inches at the base, with two 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 3 inches in height, corresponding to the number of the license authorizing the use of such setline. 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 water shall be banded horizontally with alternate black and white markings. Platform or flagstaff braces are not permitted in floating setline 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.

(6m) All setlines and set or bank poles as set forth in this chapter shall be raised at least once in every 48 hours.

(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 Lake Butte des Morts 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 and catfish in the above-named waters shall not be construed to be game fish and may be sold.

(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 Shioe river in Outagamie county; the Fox river from mile post #63, sometimes known as Johnson creek in Green Lake county downstream to the Eureka dam 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 Saturday nearest May 20 to October 15 in the following waters except the Wisconsin river from the dam at Wisconsin Dells downstream to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad tracks which shall have a continuous open season: 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 Chippewa river from the dam in Eau Claire to the Mississippi river, the Pecatonica river in Green and Lafayette counties, in the Grant river from Porter's bridge on highway #35 to its mouth in Grant county and in the Buffalo river from the highway #37 bridge downstream to its mouth in Buffalo 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 dam at Wisconsin Dells downstream to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad tracks, the Grant river from Porter's bridge on highway #35 to its mouth, in the Pecatonica river in Green and Lafayette counties, the Blue river downstream from the highway "C" bridge in Grant county, the Kickapoo river in Crawford county, from 200 feet below the dam at Gays Mills downstream to its mouth, and in the Chippewa river from the dam in Eau Claire to the Mississippi river 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.

**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; am. (10), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; am. (4) and (10), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; am. (10), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 1-1-68; am. (10), Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; renum. WCD 20.12 to be NR 20.12 and am. (8) and (9), Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; cr. (6m), am. (8) and (10) and r. (11), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 1-1-72.

**NR 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.

(b) Portable shelters may be used after the above dates by fishermen when they are actively engaged in fishing. Such shelters shall be removed daily and when not in use.

(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 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. of the following morning, in any inland waters of the state except that there shall be no time restrictions in the Minnesota-Wisconsin and Iowa-Wisconsin boundary waters of the Mississippi river. 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 spearing of fish in Lake Superior and except for dipnetting, the taking of minnows by minnow traps, and 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; r. and recr. (3) (a), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; am. (3) (a), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; cr. (2) (b), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 1-1-68; am. (3) (a), Register, October, 1969, No. 166, eff. 1-1-70; renum. WCD 20.13 to be NR 20.13, Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

**NR 20.14 Department permitted to take fish.** No provision in this chapter shall prohibit the department of natural resources, its agents, wardens or representatives of the fish management bureau of such department from taking any of the fish mentioned at any time wherein they deem it advisable and necessary to promote the general conservation progress.

**History:** 1-2-56; renum. WCD 20.14 to be NR 20.14, and am. Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

**NR 20.15 Control of detrimental fish.** (1) The department of natural resources finds pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that bullheads are detrimental fish in the following specified waters and that

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the department may remove bullheads from the waters specified or cause them to be removed therefrom pursuant to sections 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 department of natural resources 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 department of natural resources finds, pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that catfish are detrimental fish in the following specified waters and that the department may remove catfish from the waters specified or cause them to be removed therefrom pursuant to sections 29.62 and 29.625, Wis. Stats.

- (a) Green lake in Green Lake county.

(4) The department of natural resources finds, pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that pan fish are detrimental fish in the following specified waters and that the department 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.

(5) The department of natural resources finds pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that smelt are detrimental fish in all waters of the state and that the department may remove smelt from these

waters or cause them to be removed pursuant to sections 29.62 and 29.625, Wis. Stats.

(6) The department of natural resources finds pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that channel catfish are detrimental fish in lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Little Butte des Morts, Winneconne, and Poygan and the river connecting said lakes, and the Fox river from the Princeton locks downstream to the dam in the city of De Pere and that the department may remove channel catfish from these waters or cause them to be removed pursuant to sections 29.62 and 29.625, Wis. Stats.

**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; cr. (5), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; renum. WCD 20.15 to be NR 20.15; am. (1) intro. par., (2) intro. par., (3) intro. par., and (4) intro. par., Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; cr. (6), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 1-1-72.

**NR 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 department signs, the same being located within the exterior limits of the following waters:

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ( 1) Adams county .....       | (a) Wisconsin river                 |
| ( 4) Bayfield county .....    | (a) Sioux river                     |
| ( 7) Burnett county .....     | (a) Clam river                      |
| (10) Clark county .....       | (a) Eau Claire river                |
| (13) Dane county .....        | (a) Fish lake                       |
|                               | (b) Yahara river                    |
| (14) Dodge county .....       | (a) Beaver creek                    |
|                               | (b) Mill creek                      |
| (15) Door county .....        | (a) Hibbard's creek                 |
|                               | (b) Lilly Bay creek                 |
|                               | (c) Samuelson's creek               |
|                               | (d) Fish creek                      |
|                               | (e) Reibolts creek                  |
|                               | (f) Whitefish Bay creek             |
|                               | (g) Strawberry creek                |
|                               | (h) Sturgeon Bay shipping canal     |
| (16) Douglas county .....     | (a) Brule river                     |
| (20) Fond du Lac county ..... | (a) Fond du Lac river               |
| (21) Forest county .....      | (a) Crane lake                      |
| (26) Iron county .....        | (a) Gile flowage                    |
|                               | (b) West branch of Montreal river   |
|                               | (c) Turtle river                    |
| (29) Juneau county .....      | (a) Wisconsin river                 |
|                               | (b) Necedah dam on Yellow river     |
| (30) Kenosha county .....     | (a) Rock lake                       |
| (31) Kewaunee county .....    | (a) Little Scarboro creek           |
|                               | (b) Three Mile creek                |
|                               | (c) Ahnapee river                   |
|                               | (d) Kewaunee river                  |
| (35) Lincoln county .....     | (a) Spirit flowage                  |
| (36) Manitowoc county .....   | (a) Molash creek                    |
|                               | (b) East Twin river                 |
|                               | (c) Little Manitowoc river          |
|                               | (d) Point Beach Nuclear Power plant |

