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State of Wisconsin \ DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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IN REPLY REFER TO: ....

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Anthony S. Earl, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Natural Resources Board Order No. F-21-80 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on June 26, 1980. I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

> IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at General Executive Facility #2 in the City of Madison, this day of October, 1980.

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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD REPEALING, RENUMBERING AND AMENDING, AMENDING AND CREATING RULES

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IN THE MATTER of repealing sections NR 20.04(8)(a)1.a., NR 26.05(51)(a) and NR 26.06(26)(a)3.; renumbering and amending section NR 20.02(1)(d); amending sections NR 20.03(1) introductory paragraph, NR 20.03(1)(f)1,; NR 20.03(1)(f)3., NR 20.03(1)(q) 2., NR 20.06(1)(b)21. and 24. and 64, NR 20.07(1)(a) and NR 20.09(3)(e) and creating sections NR 20.03(1)(f)5.,	• • • •		F-21-80	
NR 20.04(7)(e), NR 26.12(59)(b), NR 26.16(51)(a) and NR 26.27(1)(16)(a) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code pertaining to the 1981 fishing regulations.	•	• •		

## Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

The rules are the proposed fishing regulation changes for 1981. The proposals were favorably reviewed at the May statewide Conservation Congress meeting. They provide flexible bag limits and season lengths for problem waters; increase the salmon bag limit on Lake Superior; unify Wisconsin-Minnesota line restrictions on Lake Superior and reduce the bag limit from five to two trout in the southwest block of counties that have a longer season. Local rule changes were approved by each concerned county. The rules are designed to provide the best angling opportunities consistent with sound fishery management.

Pursuant to authority vested in the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board by sections 23.09(2), 29.085, 29.174 and 227.014, Wisconsin Statutes, the Natural Resources Board hereby repeals, renumbers and amends, amends and creates rules interpreting sections 23.09(2)(c), 29.085 and 29.174, Wisconsin Statutes, as follows:

SECTION I - Section NR 20.02(1)(d) is renumbered and amended to read:

Spee	cies	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(d)	l. Trout and Salmon exeluding lake trout in Lake Superior	Lake Michigan, Green Bay and Lake Superior	Continuous	5 in aggregate of whi only 3 may be lake tr	
<u>2.</u>	Trout and Salmon excluding lake trout	Lake Superior	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>10 in aggregate of wh</u> only 5 may be trout	
2. <u>3</u>	Lake Trout in Lake Superior	Lake Superior	December 1 to September 30	5 in agregate with tr	oute - 10 ·

SECTION\_2. Section NR 20.03(1) -introductory paragraph is amended to read: -\_-

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 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. The department may also, following scientific investigation and study, establish <u>bag limits and</u> size limits on the individual inland waters when it finds that the taking of fish will aid in management of the fishery and insure the citizens of this state additional opportunities for good fishing. <u>Such special regulations shall become effective only after public informational meetings are held</u>. 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 this 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.

## SECTION 3. Section NR 23.03(1)(f)1. is amended to read:

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Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily limit	Minimum length (inches)
(f) l. Trout and Salmon (any variety except splake and lake trout) (Bag limit means total of all)			
a. Columbia, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland and Sauk county waters, including lakes (ponds) except that portion of trout creek beginning in SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 5, T6N, R5E downstream to the earthen dam located on Sec. lines 19 and 30, T7N, R5E, Iowa County which shall be open to fishing subject to section NR 20.04(7)(e).	January 1 to September 30 <u>but not including the</u> <u>first Saturday in May.</u> <u>First Staturday in May to</u> <u>September 30.</u>	<u>2</u> 5 in aggregate <u>5 in aggregate</u>	6
b. Crawford and Vernon county streams	January 1 to September 30 <u>but not including the</u> first Saturday in May	5 <u>2</u> in aggregate	6
	<u>First Saturday in May to</u> <u>September 30</u>	<u>5 in aggregate</u>	6
d. Dane, Dodge, Green, Jefferson and Nock county lakes (ponds)	January 1 to September 30 <u>but not including the</u> first Saturday in May	<u>2</u> 5 in aggregate	6
	<u>First Saturday in May to</u> <u>September 30</u>	5 in aggregate	6
. Lake Michigan tributary streams upstream to the first dam or lake)	Continuous	5 in aggregate of which only 3 may b lake trout	10 e /
All other inland waters	First Saturday in May at 5 a.m. to but not including June 1	10 of which only 5 may be rainbow or brown trout in aggregate	
	June 1 to Setpember 30	10 in aggregate	б

SECTION 4. - NR 20.03(1)(f)3. is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusi <b>ve)</b>	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
3. There shall be an extended open season for trout and salmon on the following waters:	October 1 to November 15	5 in aggregate	6
Risk creek pond in Adams county; Gilmanton pond in Buffalo county; Banach lake in Burnett county; Anderson lake in Douglas county; Sand lake (sec. 13, T39N, R18E) in Florence county; Bug, Logger and Valley lakes in Forest county; Hoffman, Lawe Greek pend, Treut Run SCS, Trout Run Church and Oxbow ponds in Jackson county; Pence,			

and Oxbow ponds in Jackson county; Pence, Rogers and Townline lakes in Langlade county; Ament, Hanson, Larsen, Morgan, Moraine and Taho lakes in Lincoln county; Horseshoe lake in Manitowoc county; Cataract, Evans, Hans Biegel, Kickapoo Spring and Pinnacle Rock ponds in Monroe county; Bass lake (sec. 15, T39N, R7E) in Oneida county; Silverthorn lake in Sawyer county; Quarry lake in Sheboygan county; Eleva pond in Trempealeau county; Esofea

and Timber Coulee ponds in Vernon county; Bluegill, <u>Fallison</u>, Firefly, Weber, Little John Jr., Otto Mielke and Pauto lakes in Vilas county; Lannon Park pond in Waukesha county; and Keller lake, Waupaca county.

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SECTION 5 - Section NR 20.03(1)(f)5. is created to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
5. There shall be an extended open season for trout and salmon on the following waters:	October 1 to November 15	5 in aggregat <b>e</b>	10
Bayfield county:			
Bono creek from its mouth upstream to its source; Boyd creek from its mouth upstream to its source; Onion river from its mouth up to Lake Superior District Power Company power line (T49N, R4W, sec. 6); Pikes creek from its mouth upstream to the Red dam; Pine creek from its mouth upstream to junction with Little Pine creek (T47N, R6W, sec. 11) and Whittlesey creek from its mouth upstream to Town Hall Road.			
Douglas county:			
Amnicon river from its mouth upstream to Amnicon Falls; Middle river from its mouth upstream to U.S. HWY 2; Nemadji river from its mouth upstream to Great Northern Railroad Bridge (T47N, R14W, sec. 4); Black river from its mouth upstream to Big Manitou Falls; Poplar river from its mouth upstream to U.S. HWY 2 and the St. Louis river from its mouth upstream to the Wisconsin-Minnesota State line.		· ·	
SECTION 6 - Section NR 20.03(1)(9)2. is amen	ded to read:		

Kind of fish and locality	Open Season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
Spearing season 2. Lakes Butte des Morts, Poygan and Winneconne and connecting waters	No open season February 21 and 22	1 per season	. 45

SECTION 7 - Section NR 20.04(7)(e) is created to read:

(e) Upon establishing an open season pursuant to section NR 20.03(1)(f)1.a. that portion of Trout Creek beginning in sec. 5-T6N-R5E downstream to the earthen dam on sec. lines 19 and 30, T7N-R5E, Iowa County shall be open for catch and release trout fishing subject to sub. (c).

SECTION 8 - Section NR 20.04(8)(a)1.a. is repealed.

SECTION 9 - Section NR 20.06(1)(b) 21. and 24 and 64 are amended to read:

21. Forest county - Butternut; Franklin; Kentuek; Lucerne, Metonga; Pickerel; Pine; Wabicon

24. Green Lake county - Big Green; Maria; Puckaway

64. Vilas county - Big Portage, Black Oak, Kentuek; Laura; Smoky; Stormy

SECTION 10 - Section NR 20.07(1)(a) is amended to read:

(a) It shall be unlawful other than ice fishing for any person to take, catch, or kill 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 except in <u>Lake Superior</u>, Lake Michigan, Sturgeon Bay and Green Bay where 2 lines with no more than 2 hooks or lures attached to each line may be used.

SECTION 11 - Section NR 20.09(3)(e) is amended to read:

(e) Dip nets not exceeding 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square may be used for the taking, catching or killing of smelt in Lake Lucerne, Forest county and the Flambeau lake chain, Vilas county including thoroughfares and tributary streams 200 feet upstream and downstream from the lake basin and <u>Beaver Dam lake west of HWY 63</u>, <u>Barron county</u>. The open and closed seasons shall be at the directive of the district director.

SECTION 12 - Section NR 26.05(51)(a) is repealed.

SECTION 13 - Section NR 26.06(26)(a)3. is repealed.

SECTION 14 - Section NR 26.12(59)(b) is created to read:

(b) Embarrass river. That part of the Embarrass river from Co. HWY M bridge located in the SE 1/4 sec. 9, township 26 north, range 14 east downstream to Rangeline Road located in the SE 1/4 sec. 13, Township 26 north, range 14 east.

SECTION 15 - Section NR 26.16(51)(a) is created to read:

(51) PRICE COUNTY (a) Big Elk river. Beginning at the dam and across the Big Elk river located in section 14, township 37 north, range 1 west, commonly known as Jobes dam, and thence downstream 500 feet.

SECTION 16 - Section NR 26.27(1)(16)(a) is created to read:

NR 26.27 <u>Fish refuges</u>. (1) The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from March 1 to May 15 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(16) DOUGLAS COUNTY. (a) St. Louis river. That part of the St. Louis river beginning STH 23 bridge section 8, township 48 N, range 15 W upstream to the Wisconsin-Minnesota border.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on June 26, 1980.

The rules contained herein shall take effect upon publication as provided in section 227.026(1) intro., Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, 27 October 1980

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Earl, Anthony Secretary

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Anthony S. Earl Secretary

October 27, 1980

411 West CAPITOL

Mr. Orlan L. Prestegard Revisor of Statutes

BOX 7921 MADISON, WISCONSIN 53707



Dear Mr. Prestegard:

Enclosed are two copies, including one certified copy, of State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Order No. F-21-80. These rules were reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Tourism, Recreation and Economic Development and the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Tourism pursuant to s. 227.018, Stats. There were no comments.

You will note that this order takes effect upon publication. Kindly publish it in the Administrative Code for a January 1, 1981 effective date.

Incerely S. Earl Anthony Secretar

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