

NR 22.04 Sport fishing: seasons and limits. All regulations applicable to sport fishing are as follows unless expressly provided elsewhere in this chapter.

Kind of fish and locality	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length inches
(1) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	Continuous	5 in aggregate	No size limit
(2) Walleye and sauger	Continuous	10 in aggregate	No size limit
(3) Northern pike	Continuous	5	No size limit
(4) White bass and yellow bass	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(5) Crappie, rock bass, pumpkinseed (sunfish), bluegill and perch	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(6) Catfish	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(7) Bullhead	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(8) Hackleback (sand or shovelnose)	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(9) Lake sturgeon	No open season	—	—
(10) Paddlefish (spoonbill catfish)	No open season	—	—
(11) Rough fish	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(12) Crayfish	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(13) Other species	Inland regulations of adjoining counties as contained in ch. NR 20, apply.		

(14) A person may possess or control only the daily bag limit while fishing on the ice or waters of the Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters.

(15) A person may possess or control the possession limit when not on the waters or ice during the open season for each species.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1982, No. 315, eff. 4-1-82.

NR 22.05 Sale of fish. (1) Only rough fish legally taken during the open season by hook and line, spear or bow and arrow may be sold, purchased, bartered or offered for sale.

(2) A wholesale fish dealer's license is required if the fish are sold to any person other than the final consumer.

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NR 22.06 Sport fishing. (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided, only the following methods or manners of fishing shall be lawful. Any person may:

(a) Fish for fish with no more than 3 hooks, baits or lures.

(b) Use dip nets 3 feet or less in diameter and a gaff only for the purpose of landing fish legally hooked. However, such dip nets may be used to remove distressed fish in winterkill waters in those areas and at those times designated by the department by posting.

(c) Take, catch, kill or fish for fish by means of trolling from a motor-driven boat, sailboat or other boats.

(d) Take rough fish by means of a spear, bow and arrow or dip nets not to exceed 24 inches in diameter or square from sunrise to sunset only.

(e) Fish with a line or lines only while they are attended.

(2) Any fish taken by snagging or foul hooking shall be immediately returned to the water.

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(3) Any fish taken and retained in possession that is not released freely into the water immediately after capture shall be considered part of the fisher's bag limit and may not be released after such possession.

(4) No spear, spring gaff or bow and arrow may be possessed in an ice fishing shelter during the ice fishing season.

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NR 22.07 Ice fishing shelters. Buildings, vehicles, tents, fish shanties or similar enclosures may be used on the ice for fishing purposes on the Mississippi river from the time the ice forms; provided, however, that all such enclosures or shelters shall be removed from the ice on or before February 20 of each year unless otherwise extended by the department. The door of any 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 the enclosure or shelter is occupied. The name and residential address of the person owning such enclosure or shelter shall be painted or permanently affixed in the English language on the outside of the structure with lettering a minimum of one inch square. Residents of Wisconsin or Iowa angling from a fish shelter shall comply with the law of their respective states relative to licensing and identification of fish shelters. Residents of states other than Wisconsin or Iowa who hold a nonresident fishing license from either state must comply with the law of the issuing state relative to the licensing and identification of fish shelters.

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SUBCHAPTER 2 — MINNOWS

NR 22.08 Minnow nets and traps. Only those minnow seines, minnow dip nets, cast nets, minnow traps or crayfish scoops described below and operated in the manner specified may be used for taking of minnows.