

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Possession and daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(a) BLUEGILLS, CRAPPIES, PERCH, ROCK BASS, AND SUNFISH in all boundary waters	No closed season	No limit	No size limit
(b) BULLHEAD, ROUGH FISH, AND MINNOWS in all boundary waters	No closed season	No limit	No size limit
(c) LAKE STURGEON in all boundary waters	First Saturday in September to November 1	2 per season	50
(d) LARGEMOUTH BASS AND SMALL-MOUTH BASS			
1. In lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in aggregate	12
2. In rivers & impoundments	No closed season	5 in aggregate	12
(e) MUSKELLUNGE			
1. In Iron, Forest, Florence and Marinette county lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1	1	30
2. In Vilas county lakes	First Saturday in May to November 30	1	30
3. In rivers & impoundments	No closed season	1	30
(f) NORTHERN PIKE			
1. In lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	No size limit
2. In rivers & impoundments	No closed season	5	No size limit
(g) TROUT AND SALMON			
1. All boundary waters except the Montreal river from Lake Superior upstream to the Superior Falls dam and the Menominee river upstream to the first dam	Last Saturday in April to September 30	10	6
2. Montreal and Menominee rivers -- from their mouths upstream to the first dam and Smoky lake	No closed season	5	10
(h) WALLEYE			
a. In lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	15
b. In rivers & impoundments	No closed season	5	15
(i) RUFFE in all boundary waters	No open season	—	—

History: Cr. Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86; am. (5) (d), Register, November, 1988, No. 395, eff. 12-1-88; am. (5) (h), cr. (5) (i), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90.

NR 23.055 Modifications in daily bag limit and minimum size limit in response to tribal harvest. (1) ADJUSTMENT. In order to prevent a total harvest of more than 35% of the adult walleye population or 27% of the adult muskellunge population, the secretary may lower the daily bag limit on walleye and increase the minimum size limit for muskellunge in specific waters in response to the harvest goals of the Chippewa bands for their spear, net or trap fisheries. The adjusted daily bag and size limits shall be in effect until March 1 of the year following the tribal harvest.

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The safe harvest levels on individual waters shall be determined by the department.

(a) *Walleyes*. The daily bag limit will be reduced when the department is notified by the Chippewa bands of their harvest goals on individual waters. The extent of the reduction depends upon the percent of the safe harvest they intend to take and the age of the population estimate used to determine the safe harvest or if a regression model was used to determine the safe harvest. The daily bag limits to be used with the different percentages and for various basis of determining the safe harvest are as follows:

Daily bag limit	Reduced daily bag limits for walleye angling		
	% of safe harvest to be speared, trapped or netted		
	current pop. est.	pop. est. made 1-2 yrs. ago	pop. est. made 3 yrs. ago or more or regression model
4	1-7	1-14	1-20
3	8-18	15-39	21-54
2	19-36	40-76	55-84
1	37-68	77-94	85-94
0	69 or more	95 or more	95 or more

(b) *Muskellunge*. The minimum size limit will be increased when the department is notified by the Chippewa bands that their harvest goal on an individual water is 60% or more of the safe harvest. The minimum size limits to be used with different percentages of the safe harvest are as follows:

Increased minimum size limits for muskellunge angling

% of safe harvest to be speared, trapped or netted by tribes	Minimum size limit
60-94	45 inches
95 or more	55 inches

(2) **READJUSTMENT**. If the Chippewa bands inform the department that they have completed harvesting and their goal has not been reached, the secretary may raise the daily bag limit or reduce the minimum size limit to the limit specified as appropriate using the percent of the safe harvest level expected to be harvested as indicated in sub. (1). If a new population estimate is made, the safe harvest level shall be changed accordingly and the daily bag limit or minimum size limit shall be adjusted according to the percentage of the new safe harvest level that is expected to be harvested as indicated in sub. (1). The readjusted daily bag and size limits shall be in effect until March 1 of the year following the tribal harvest.

(3) **BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS**. (a) Reduced daily bag limits calculated pursuant to this section are individual lake limits and may be combined, but no person may exceed a total daily bag limit of 5 walleyes.

(b) While fishing no person may possess fish on any water in excess of the bag limit or under the size limit for that water.

(4) **NOTICE**. Adjustments and readjustments of bag limits and minimum size limits under subs. (1) and (2) shall become effective upon publication of the adjustment or readjustment in the official newspaper in the area affected.

NR 23.06 Spear fishing. A spear may be possessed or used to take northern pike, redhorse, sucker and carp through the ice during January and February on the Menominee and Brule rivers and their impoundments, subject to the bag and possession limits in s. NR 23.05.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86.

NR 23.07 Dip nets. (1) Dip nets may be used for taking suckers, redhorse, carp, smelt and lawyers or burbot from April 1 to May 14, in the Menominee river except in that portion from the upstream side of the Hattie Street Bridge in Marinette-Menominee upstream to the next dam and within 200 feet below dams on the river.

(2) Dip nets used for taking, catching, and killing rough fish and smelt may not exceed 9 feet square or 9 feet in diameter with a bag not more than 4 feet deep when lifted.

(3) No person may use or operate any dip net in any manner other than by raising and lowering it vertically when fishing.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86.

NR 23.08 Minnows. No person may sell, trade or barter minnows taken from Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. Except as provided in ss. NR 20.09 (2) (g) and (3), and 21.06 (1) (d) and 23.07, no person may take fish other than smelt and shiners with nets or traps in the Montreal river downstream from the Superior Falls dam.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86; emerg. am. eff. 4-25-89; am. Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90.

NR 23.09 Motor trolling. Fishing 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 is authorized on all Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters except Vilas county waters.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86.

NR 23.10 Ice fishing. Buildings, vehicles, tents, fish shanties or similar enclosures may be used on the ice for fishing in the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters.

(1) The door of any enclosure or shelter shall be unlocked and readily opened from the outside at all times while the enclosure or shelter is occupied.

(2) All shelters shall be removed from the ice on or before March 15, or prior to that time if ordered by the department when it determines the ice has become unsafe for travel.

(3) All buildings, tents, fish shanties and similar enclosures or shelters maintained, occupied, or used for fishing on the ice of any Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters shall have the name and address of the person owning or using it printed in the English language on the outside of it so the name is readily visible at all times.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86.

NR 23.11 Fishing near dams. No person may fish by any means other than with hook and line within 200 feet below any dam.

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NR 23.12 Conflicting rules. Where regulations of Michigan and Wisconsin differ, fishers shall comply with the regulations of the state in whose territorial waters they are fishing.

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