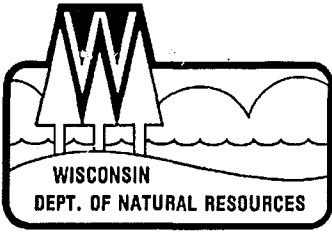


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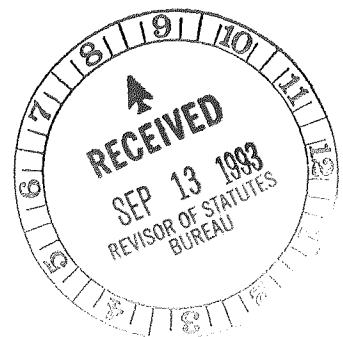
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, George E. Meyer, 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. FM-18-93 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on June 24, 1993. 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 here-
unto set my hand and affixed the
official seal of the Department at
the Natural Resources Building in
the City of Madison, this 2nd
day of September, 1993.

George E. Meyer
George E. Meyer, Secretary

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

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IN THE MATTER OF repealing s. NR 23.06; renumbering .
ss. NR 23.07 to 23.12; amending ss. NR 23.05(5) .
(intro), (a) and (b) and 23.07; repealing and .
recreating s. NR 23.05(5)(d), (e), (f) and (h); . FM-18-93
and creating s. NR 23.05(5)(j) of the Wisconsin .
Administrative Code pertaining to sport fishing in .
Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters .
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Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 29.174(3) and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 29.085 and 29.174(2)(a), Stats.

In this order, SECTION 1 establishes a daily bag of 25 in total for bluegill, crappie, white and yellow bass, yellow perch, and sunfish. SECTION 1 also provides that there is no closed season, size limit, or daily bag limit for kinds of fish not specifically listed.

SECTION 2 establishes a catch-and-release early season (first Saturday in May to the Friday nearest June 20) for largemouth and smallmouth bass and increases the minimum length limit for bass in Smokey Lake from 12 to 16 inches. The muskellunge length limit is increased from 30 to 40 inches and 3 distinct muskellunge fishing seasons are replaced with one uniform season (May 15 to November 30) for all Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters. Section 2 also reduces the daily bag limit for walleyes in rivers and impoundments from 5 to one during March and April.

SECTION 3 adds catfish as a species listed in the boundary waters table. Catfish regulations were previously cross-referenced to the inland regulations section. This housekeeping action does not change catfish rules.

SECTION 4 repeals the January and February spearing season for northern pike, redhorse, sucker and carp on the Menominee and Brule rivers and their impoundments.

SECTION 5 renumbers ss. NR 23.07 through 23.12 and deletes an obsolete cross-reference.

SECTION 1. NR 23.05(5)(intro.), (a) and (b) are amended to read:

NR 23.05(5)(intro.) The seasons, size limits and bag and possession limits for hook and line fishing in the Wisconsin - Michigan boundary waters for the species listed in this subsection, except as provided in ~~ss. s.~~ NR 23.06 and ~~23.07~~ are as follows. ~~Fishing for species not listed in this subsection is subject to ch. NR 20.~~

<u>Kind of fish and locality</u>	<u>Open season (both dates inclusive)</u>	<u>Possession and daily bag limit</u>	<u>Minimum length (in.)</u>
(a) BLUEGILLS, CRAPPIES, PERCH, <u>ROCK WHITE AND YELLOW BASS AND SUNFISH</u> in all boundary waters	No closed season	No limit <u>25 in total</u>	No size limit
(b) BULLHEAD, ROUGH FISH, AND MINNOWS <u>All other species not listed in this subsection</u> in all boundary waters	No closed season	No limit	No size limit

SECTION 2. NR 23.05(5)(d), (e), (f) and (h) are repealed and recreated to read:

<u>Kind of fish and locality</u>	<u>Open season (both dates inclusive)</u>	<u>Possession and daily bag limit</u>	<u>Minimum length (in.)</u>
(d) LARGEMOUTH BASS AND SMALLMOUTH BASS 1. All boundary waters except as otherwise provided in this paragraph	First Saturday in May to November 30	0, beginning the first Saturday in May to the Friday nearest June 20	--

		5 in total for Saturday following the Friday nearest June 20 to November 30.	12
2. Smokey Lake	First Saturday in May to November 30	0, beginning the first Saturday in May to the Friday nearest June 20	--
		5 in total beginning the Saturday following the Friday nearest June 20 to November 30.	16
(e) MUSKELLUNGE	May 15 to November 30	1	40
(f) NORTHERN PIKE	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	No size limit
(h) WALLEYE AND SAUGER			
1. In lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in total	15
2. In rivers & impoundments	March 2 to the Friday before the First Saturday in May	1 in total	15
	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in total	15

SECTION 3. NR 23.05(5)(j) is created to read:

<u>Kind of fish and locality</u>	<u>Open season (both dates inclusive)</u>	<u>Possession and daily bag limit</u>	<u>Minimum length (in.)</u>
(j) CATFISH	No closed season	10	No size limit

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SECTION 4. NR 23.06 is repealed.

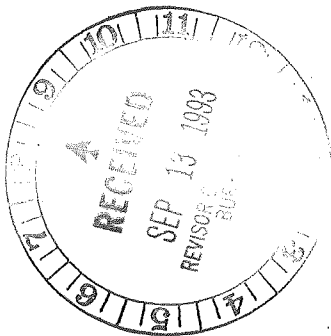
SECTION 5. NR 23.07 to 23.12 are renumbered to be NR 23.06 to 23.11, respectively, and NR 23.07, as renumbered, is amended to read:

NR 23.07 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~~ 23.06, no person may take fish other than smelt and shiners with nets or traps in the Montreal river downstream from the Superior Falls dam.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on June 24, 1993.

The rules contained herein shall take effect on January 1, 1994, pursuant to authority granted by s. 227.22(2)(b), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, September 2, 1993.



STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By

George E. Meyer
George E. Meyer, Secretary

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