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(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Stats.)

NR 20.01 Purpose; general restriction. Seasons, bag limits, possession limits and other regulations for fishing in Wisconsin waters are established in this chapter. No person may take, catch, kill or fish for fish of any variety in excess of the daily bag limit, by means other than hook and line, during other than the open season or possess or control any fish in excess of the possession limit or below the minimum size limit, except as expressly provided in this chapter.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; renum. from WCD 20.01 to be NR 20.01, Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; reprinted to correct error, Register, April, 1984, No. 340; r. and recr. Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86.

NR 20.0125 License waiver. (1) On the first Sunday of June each year, no fishing license is required to fish the inland or outlying waters.

(2) The license waiver of sub. (1) does not apply to commercial fishing license requirements.

History: Cr. Register, April, 1987, No. 376, eff. 5-1-87; am. (1), Register, April, 1989, No. 400, eff. 5-1-89.

NR 20.015 Definitions. For the purpose of this chapter, the following terms are defined as follows:

(1) "Artificial fly" means a single hook dressed with fur, feathers, hair, silk, tinsel, thread or similar material to imitate the natural food of trout.

(2) "Artificial lure" means a bait designed to attract fish which does not include any natural bait.

(2d) "Attached", for the purpose of s. 29.148 (4), Stats., means affixed to the sturgeon carcass immediately in front of the tail.

(2m) "Business day" has the meaning given it in s. 421.301 (6), Stats.

(2r) "Current validated sturgeon carcass tag", for the purpose of s. 29.148 (4), Stats., means an unused tag of the current year validated according to the requirements of s. NR 20.18 (2).

(3) "Fisher" means any person engaged in fishing.

(4) "Fishing" includes taking, capturing or killing fish or fishing for fish of any variety at any time in the waters of the state.

(4a) "Muskellunge" means fish of the species *Esox masquinongy* and includes muskellunge - northern pike hybrids.

(5) "Green Bay" means those waters of Lake Michigan located to the west of the Green Bay-Lake Michigan line.

(6) "Green Bay-Lake Michigan line" means a line commencing at the northwest side of the Northport dock where it joins the shoreline in section 33, T33N, R29E; then running northeasterly to the range light (signal light) on Plum island; then running along the north and west shore of Plum island to the U.S. coast guard station; then running northerly to the southwesterly point on Shellswick dock, which is located on Lobdell's point on Washington island; then running along Shellswick dock to the shoreline of Lobdell's point; then running along the west shore of Washington island to Boyer's Bluff light; then running north to its terminus at the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary line.

(7) "Lake Michigan" means those waters of Lake Michigan located east of the Green Bay-Lake Michigan line.

(8) "Openly exposed" means open to view by a person in a passing vehicle.

(8m) "Position fishing" means fishing from a boat in a manner where the fishing line extends vertically into the water while the boat is maneuvered by the use of a motor.

(9) "Safe harvest" means a level of harvest that incorporates an appropriate margin of safety, estimates of the population and acceptable exploitation rates which will reasonably prevent harvest of more than 35% of the population of adult walleyes or 27% of the population of adult muskellunge. The margin of safety assures that the true safe harvest is not exceeded in more than 1 of 40 cases. For waters where a population estimate has not been made, a regression model based upon population estimates from other waters will be used. The margin of safety used depends upon the age of the population estimate was made and whether a regression model was used.

(10) "Secretary" means secretary of the department of natural resources.

(11) "Setline" means a line with one or more hooks fastened to it and designed to be set or left unattended in the water for the purpose of taking fish.

(12) "Set or bank pole" means a pole equipped with line with one or more hooks fastened to it, designed to be used for fishing from the banks of lakes or rivers and set or left unattended.

(13) "Telemetry device" means any device attached or implanted in fish that transmits a sonic or electronic signal to aid in fishing.

(13m) "Troll" or "trolling" means fishing by trailing any lure, bait or similar device that may be used to attract or catch fish from a boat propelled by a means other than drifting or rowing. Casting and immediate retrieval of a bait, lure or similar device while the motor is running or position fishing is not trolling.

(14) "Unattended line" means a line where the person using the line is not actively directing attention to it. Failure to immediately respond to a line upon indication of a bite shall be prima facia evidence that the line is unattended.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; renum. (1) and (2) to be (3) and (4), cr. (1) and (2), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; reprinted to correct error in (2), Register, April, 1984, No. 340; cr. (5), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; cr.(4g) and (4t) Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86; cr. (2m), Register, June, 1987, No. 378, eff. 7-1-87; emerg. cr. (4d), eff 5-5-89, cr. (4d) and (4e), Register, November, 1989, No. 407, eff. 12-1-89; cr. (2g), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90; cr. (4b), Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2-1-91; cr. (6), Register, October, 1991, No. 430, eff. 11-1-91; cr. (4a), Register, December, 1991, No. 432, eff. 1-1-92; renum. (6) under s.13.93 (2m) (b) 1, Stats., Register, March, 1992, No. 435; renum. (4b) to (6) to be (8) to (14), cr. (5) to (7), Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92; cr. (2d) and (2r), Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93; r. (2g), cr. (8m) and (13m), Register, April, 1994, No. 460, eff. 5-1-94.

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) WALLEYE AND SAUGER (Bag limit means total of all)	1. Lake Michigan and Green Bay except the Fox river from its mouth upstream to the dam at DePere	At all times	3	No size limit
	2. Fox river from its mouth upstream to the dam at DePere	First Saturday in May to March 1	3	No size limit
		March 2 to the day before the first Saturday in May.	1	28
	3. Lake Superior	At all times	5, of which no more than one may be a walleye over 20 inches long	No size limit for sauger; 15 for walleye
(b) NORTHERN PIKE	Lake Michigan and Green Bay	At all times	5	No size limit
	Lake Superior	At all times	5	No size limit
(c) YELLOW PERCH	Green Bay	Continuous	25	No size limit
	Lake Michigan	Continuous	50	No size limit
	Lake Superior	Continuous	50	No size limit

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(d) TROUT AND SALMON	1. Lake Michigan and Green Bay, except as provided in subd. 2.	All year except the open season for lake trout is from May 1 through Labor Day, except as provided in subd. 2.	5 in total of which only 2 may be lake trout, except as provided in subd. 2.	10
	2. Lake Michigan, within the following area: From the end of the south pier at the entrance of the Sturgeon Bay ship canal on a course of 136° from true north for 17.5 statute miles, then west for 16.8 statute miles to the end of the Algoma north pier, then along the north side of that pier to the shore of Lake Michigan, then north along the shore to the base of the south pier at the entrance of the Sturgeon Bay ship canal, then along the south side of that pier to its end.	All year except there is no open season for lake trout.	5 in total of which none may be lake trout. No person may possess lake trout when fishing in this area of Lake Michigan.	10

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
	3. Lake Superior	All year except the open season for lake trout is from December 1 through September 30.	10 in total, of which no more than 5 may be salmon and no more than 5 may be trout. Of the 5 trout, no more than 2 may be brown trout longer than 20 inches; no more than 1 may be a rainbow trout; no more than 3 may be lake trout; and no more than 1 may be a lake trout longer than 25 inches.	28 for rainbow trout; 15 for other trout and salmon

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(e) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS	1. Lake Michigan and Green Bay (excluding waters within ¼-mile of Washington, Detroit, Plum, Pilot, Hog and Rock Islands)	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 of each	12
	2. Waters within ¼ mile, of Washington, Detroit, Plum, Pilot, Hog and Rock Islands.	July 1 to March 1	5 of each	12
	3. Lake Superior and Kakagon river and connected sloughs	First Saturday in May to Friday nearest June 20	None may be kept	
		Saturday after Friday nearest June 20 to March 1	1	22
(f) LAKE STURGEON	Lake Superior	Continuous	1 per yr	50
(fg) RUFFE	Green Bay Lake Michigan Lake Superior	No open season	—	—
(fh) WHITE PERCH	Lake Superior	No open season	—	—
	Lake Michigan	Continuous	None	None

(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.

(2) As used in sub. (1), Green Bay shall mean Green bay, Sturgeon bay, Sawyer's harbor, the Sturgeon bay ship canal from Sturgeon bay to a line located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼, section 22, T27N, R26E, Door county, commencing at a point on the southwest shore of the Sturgeon bay ship canal directly beneath the center of the Wisconsin public service company power line and extending in a northeasterly direction directly beneath and parallel to the center of the power line to a point on the northeast shore of the ship canal, and the Fox river from its mouth up to the dam at DePere.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1) (a) Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (1) and (1) (a), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (1) (a) and (d); renum. (1), (e), (f) and (g) to be (1) (f) (g) and (h); cr. (1) (e), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; r. and recr. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; am. (1), (g) and (j), Register, June, 1984, No. 342 eff. 1-1-61; r. and recr., Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (1) (d) and (1)

(i), Register, June, 1962, No. 78, eff. 7-1-62; am. (1) (d), Register, July, 1962, No. 79, eff. 8-1-62; am. (1) (g), Register, December, 96, eff. 1-1-64; am. (1) (intro. par.), (b) and (g), Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; am. intro. par., Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; r. and recr. (1) (d), (f), and (g), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; am. (1) (d) and (g), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 10-1-68; r. and recr. (1) (e); r. (f); renum. (g) and (h) to be (f) and (g); renum. (i) to be (h) and am., Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; r. and recr. (1) (d) and r. (1) (f), Register, March, 1969, No. 159, eff. 4-1-69; renum. from WCD 20.02 to be NR 20.02, and am. (1) (e), Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; cr. (1) (f), Register, August, 1971. No. 188, eff. 1-1-72; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (d) eff. 9-23-72; am. (1) (e), Register, November, 1972, No. 203, eff. 1-1-73; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (d) eff. 11-16-72; am. (1) (d), Register, May 1973, No. 209, eff. 6-1-73, am. (1) (d) 1 and (e), Register, November, 1975, No. 239, eff. 12-1-75; am. (1) (e), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. (1) (c), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; am. (1) (d), Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82; am. (1) (a), Register, October, 1982, No. 322, eff. 11-1-82; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, April, 1983, No. 328, eff. 5-1-83; cr. (2), Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84; am. (1) (c), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; emerg. am. (1) (d) 3., eff. 4-22-86; r. and recr. (1) (d) 1. and 2., Register, May, 1986, No. 365, eff. 6-1-86; renum. (1) (d) 3. to be (1) (d) 2. c. and am. Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; r. and recr. (1) (d), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; am. (1) (a) and (e), Register, November, 1988, No. 395, eff. 12-1-88; am. (1) (d) 3., cr. (1) (fg) and (fh), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90; am. (1) (f), Register, December, 1990, No. 420, eff. 1-1-91; emerg. am. (1) (c) and (2), eff. 2-14-91; am. (1) (c) and (2), Register, June, 1991, No. 426, eff. 7-1-91; am. (1) (a) 3. and (fh), r. and recr. (1) (d) 3., Register, December, 1991, No. 432, eff. 1-1-92; am. (1) (d) 2., Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92; am. (1) (e) 3., Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93; am. (1) (e) 3., Register, November, 1993, No. 455, eff. 1-1-94.

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. The department may, following scientific investigation and study, establish bag limits and 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. Such special regulations shall become effective only after public informational meetings are held. The department may also establish an urban fishing program by posting the open and closed seasons on specified waters. For open seasons in specified waters see s. NR 20.04. The possession limit for each species of fish, except trout as specified in sub. (5), shall be double the daily bag limit specified in this chapter except that no person may have in possession or under control more than the daily bag limit while on the ice or waters or while fishing in the state of Wisconsin unless the person holds a permit issued by the department under this section and s. NR 19.05 for restocking of fish caught in a fishing tournament or holds a permit or license which authorizes possession of a greater number under s. 29.135, 29.513, 29.52 or 29.535, Stats. 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			
1. a. Forest lake, Fond du Lac county; Bittersweet, Oberlin, Prong and Smith lakes, Vilas county	First Saturday in May to March 1	0	—
b. Browns lake, Racine county and Pretty lake, Waukesha county (largemouth bass)	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	16
c. Wilson lake, Iron county; Kimball lake, Mueller lake and Sawyer lake, Langlade county	First Saturday in May to Friday nearest June 20	0	
	Saturday after Friday nearest June 20 to March 1	5	No minimum length except the possession of fish between 12 and 16 inches is prohibited
cm. Rockland Lake, Racine county; and Beulah lake, Walworth county (largemouth bass)	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	No minimum length except the possession of fish between 12 and 16 inches is prohibited
d. Lake Three, Day lake, East Twin lake, Mineral lake and Spillerberg lake, Ashland county; Crooked and Lund lakes, Bayfield county; Evelyn, O'Brien and One Man lakes, Iron county; Cochran and Bass lakes, Price county; and Black lake, Sawyer county	First Saturday in May to Friday nearest June 20	0	—
	Saturday after the Friday nearest June 20 to March 1	1	18
e. Fish and Mud lakes (T9N, R7E, Sec. 3,4), Dane county	First Saturday in May to March 1	1	18
f. Gates and Loon lakes, Ashland county; Bass, East Twin and West Twin lakes, Bayfield county; Gile flowage and Upson lake, Iron county; Blockhouse and Sailor lakes, Price county; South Twin lake, Taylor county; and Wabasso lake, Vilas county	First Saturday in May to Friday nearest June 20	0	—
	Saturday after Friday nearest June 20 to March 1	2	15
3. Nebish lake (sec. 11, T41N, R7E) Vilas county (smallmouth bass)	Continuous	5	No minimum length except the possession of fish between 9 and 12 inches is prohibited.
5. Spruce lake, Vilas county (largemouth bass) (See also s. NR 20.04 (4) (a) 2. and 5.)	Continuous	2	12
5m. Columbia lake, Columbia county (largemouth and smallmouth bass)	Continuous	1	18
6. Little Bass lake, Oneida county (smallmouth bass) and Wildwood lake, Vilas county (largemouth bass). See also s. NR 20.04 (8) (d)	First Saturday in May to Friday nearest June 20	0	—

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
	Saturday after Friday nearest June 20 to November 15	5	12
7.c. Round lake (sec. 25, T20N, R11E), Waushara county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	18
8. Pallette lake (sec. 3, T41N, R7E), Vilas county (smallmouth bass)	Continuous	2	16
8m. Lower Clam lake (secs. 34 and 35, T39N, R6E), Burnett county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 of each	14
9. All other inland waters north of a line beginning with state hwy. 70 bridge over the St. Croix river, following state hwy. 70 east to its intersection with state hwy. 27, then south following state hwy. 27 to its intersection with state hwy. 64, then east following state hwy. 64 to its terminus in the city of Marinette, then due east to the waters of Green Bay; and all inland waters in Brown, Kewaunee and Door counties north of a line beginning with the state hwy. 29 bridge over the Fox river, following state hwy. 29 east to its terminus in the city of Kewaunee, then continuing due east to the waters of Lake Michigan. Also, the Peshtigo flowage upstream to state hwy. 64 in Marinette county.	First Saturday in May to the Friday nearest June 20	None may be kept	—
	Saturday after Friday nearest June 20 to March 1	5 of each	12
a. All Green Bay tributary streams from their mouth upstream to the first dam or lake.	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 of each	12
10. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	1 in aggregate with walleye, sauger, hybrids thereof and northern pike	No size limit
11. In all other inland waters	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 of each	14
(am) HYBRID STRIPED BASS			
1. Columbia lake, Columbia county	Continuous	3	18
(c) WALLEYE, SAUGER AND HYBRIDS THEREOF			
1. Lac La Belle, Waukesha county	1st Saturday in May to March 1	1	20
2. Forest lake, Fond du Lac county	First Saturday in May to March 1	0	—
3. Trout lake, Vilas county	First Saturday in May to March 1	3	15
4. The Nemadji river, Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Pokegama bay, and Kimballs bay, Douglas county	Saturday nearest May 15 to March 1	2	15

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
5. Tributaries to Lake Superior and their connected sloughs including all of the Bad river, White river, Fish creek, Kakagon and Sand Cut rivers in Ashland county; the Iron river and Fish Creek sloughs in Bayfield county; the Bois Brule river, Middle river, Poplar river and the Amnicon river in Douglas county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5, of which no more than one may be over 20 inches in length	15
6. Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winneconne, Lake Poygan, Lake Winnebago and waters upstream on the Fox river to the state hwy. 23 bridge at Princeton and waters upstream on the Wolf river to the dam in the city of Shawano	Continuous	5	No size limit for sauger; 15 for walleye
7. Lake Mendota and its following tributaries: Cherokee lake, Warner Park lagoons, Pheasant Branch creek from its mouth upstream to county hwy. M, Sixmile creek from its mouth upstream to state hwy. 19 in Sec. 8, and Yahara river from its mouth upstream to state hwy. 19; all in Dane county	First Saturday in May to March 1	3	18
8. Delavan lake and its tributaries all in Walworth county	No open season until May 2, 1992, then first Saturday in May to March 1	3	18
9. All Green Bay tributary streams from their mouth upstream ot the first dam or lake	Continuous	3	No size limit
10. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	1 in aggregate with largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and northern pike	No size limit
11. In all other waters (See also s. NR 20.04)	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	15
(d) NORTHERN PIKE (See also NR 20.04)			
1. In all waters of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine and Walworth counties	First Saturday in May to March 1	2	No size limit
a. Forest lake, Fond du Lac county	First Saturday in May to March 1	0	—
2. Mason lake, Adams county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	22
4.a. Beaver Dam lake, Dodge county	First Saturday in May to March 1	2	26
5.a. Lake Mendota and its following tributaries: Cherokee lake, Warner Park lagoons, Pheasant Branch creek from its mouth upstream to county hwy. M, Sixmile creek from its mouth upstream to state hwy. 19 in Sec. 8, and Yahara river from its mouth upstream to state hwy. 19; all in Dane county, Silver lake, Kenosha county and Wilson flowage, Price county	First Saturday in May to March 1	1	32
b. Long lake, Waushara county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	32

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
6. The Nemadji river, Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Pokegama bay, and Kimballs bay, Douglas county	Saturday nearest May 15 to March 1	2	No size limit
7. Delavan lake and its tributaries all in Walworth county	Closed until May 2, 1992, then first Saturday in May to March 1	1	32
8. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	1 in aggregate with largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and walleye, sauger and hybrids thereof	No size limit
9. In all other waters	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	No size limit
(f) TROUT AND SALMON (any variety except lake trout and splake in inland lakes.)			
2. All Lake Michigan and Green Bay tributary streams upstream to the first dam or lake or to the third county highway "C" bridge on the Kewaunee river. (See also s. NR 20.04 (3) (c).)	All year except the open season for lake trout is from May 1 through Labor Day	5 in total of which only 2 may be lake trout	10
4. a. Lake Superior tributary streams except Montreal river and waters upstream from the following: Ashland county Bad river-Copper falls Brunsweiller river-state hwy. 13 Marengo river-state hwy. 13 Potato river-Guerney falls White river-White river dam Bayfield county Iron river-Orienta dam Little Sioux river-falls in NE ¼ of the NE ¼, sec. 13, T49N, R5W Siskiwit river-falls in SW ¼ of the NW ¼, sec. 35, T51N, R6W Douglas county Amnicon river-Amnicon falls Black river-Big Manitou falls Middle river-U.S. hwy. 2 Poplar river-U.S. hwy 2	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in aggregate of which only 2 may be brown trout exceeding 15 inches and only 1 of which may be rainbow trout	brook trout 8 brown trout 10 rainbow trout 26 salmon 12
b. There is a special early and extended open season for trout and salmon in the following county tributary streams. ASHLAND COUNTY: Bad river from its mouth upstream to Copper Falls; Potato river from its mouth upstream to Guerney falls; White river from its mouth upstream to White River dam; Brunsweiller and Marengo rivers to hwy. 13	Saturday nearest April 1 to the day before the first Saturday in May and October 1 to November 15, but fishing in the Brule river, excluding taking smelt with gear specified in s. NR 20.09 (3) (b), is prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.	5 in aggregate of which only 2 may be brown trout exceeding 15 inches and only 1 of which may be rainbow trout	brook trout 8 brown trout 10 salmon 12 rainbow trout 26

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
BAYFIELD COUNTY: Cranberry river from its mouth upstream to the Lenawee road (T50N, R7W, sec. 28); north fork Fish creek (T47N, R5W, sec. 1) from its mouth upstream to the junction with Pine creek (T47N, R6W, sec. 13); Flag river from its mouth upstream to the junction with the east fork of Flag river; Iron river from its mouth upstream to Orienta dam; Sioux river from its mouth upstream to Big Rock falls (T49N, R4W, sec. 19); Siskiwit river from its mouth upstream to second bridge (T51N, R6W, sec. 35).			
DOUGLAS COUNTY: Brule river from its mouth upstream to the U.S. hwy. 2 bridge crossing; 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.			
IRON COUNTY: Graveyard creek from its mouth upstream to U.S. hwy. 2; Oronto creek from its mouth upstream to its source; Parker creek from its mouth upstream to its source.			
c. There is a special extended open season for trout and salmon in the following county tributary waters.	October 1 to November 15	5 in aggregate of which only 2 may be brown trout exceeding 15 inches and only 1 may be rainbow trout	brook trout 8 brown trout 10 rainbow trout 26 salmon 12
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.			
(g) LAKE TROUT AND SPLAKE, except as provided in par. (f)	First Saturday in January to September 30	2 in aggregate	17
1. Trout lake (sec. 12, 13, 24, T41N, R6E; sec. 7, 8, 17, 19, 20, T41N, R7E, Vilas county) in the south basin commonly known as South Trout lake, north to the narrows identified as Cathedral Point.	No open season	—	—
2. Pallette lake, Vilas county	No open season	—	—

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(h) CATFISH			
1. In all waters of Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties, the Wisconsin river from the dam at Wisconsin Dells downstream to the dam at Prairie du Sac and the Wisconsin river from the railroad bridge at Sauk City to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks.	No closed season	25	No size limit
2. The Wisconsin river from the dam at Prairie du Sac downstream to the railroad bridge at Sauk City.	First Saturday in May to November 30	25	No size limit
3. Lac La Belle, Waukesha county (flathead catfish)	No open season	—	—
4. In all other waters.	No closed season	10	No size limit
(i) WHITE BASS	No closed season	None	No size limit
(j) ROCK BASS	No closed season	None	No size limit
(k) BLUEGILL, CRAPPIE, PUMPKINSEED (sunfish), YELLOW PERCH, BULLHEADS			
1. Delavan lake and its tributaries all in Walworth county	Closed until May 2, 1992, then no closed season	25 in aggregate	No size limit
1g. Green Bay tributary streams upstream to the first dam or lake.	Continuous	50 in aggregate, of which no more than 25 may be yellow perch	No size limit
1m. Lac La Belle, Waukesha county	Continuous	15 in aggregate	No size limit
2. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	10 in aggregate	No size limit
3. All other waters	Continuous	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			
1. Chippewa river below the I-94 bridge, Eau Claire county	No closed season	25	No size limit
a. Chippewa river above the I-94 bridge, Eau Claire county	No open season	—	—
2. In all other waters south of highway #64 (except in the Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam upstream)	No closed season	25	No size limit
a. The Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam upstream	No open season	—	—
3. In all other waters north of highway #64	No open season	—	—

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(q) ROCK AND LAKE STURGEON			
1. Hook and line season			
a. In all waters except Lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, Winnebago and connecting waters; in the Embarrass river from the Pella dam, Shawano county downstream to its confluence with the Wolf river in Outagamie county; in the Shioc river from the Outagamie-Shawano county line downstream to its confluence with the Wolf river, in the Little Wolf river from the Manawa dam, Waupaca county downstream to its confluence with the Wolf river in Waupaca county; 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; in the St. Croix river from Upper St. Croix lake, Douglas county downstream to the Minnesota state line; in the Namekagon river from Namekagon lake, Bayfield county downstream to its confluence with the St. Croix river in Burnett county, in the Totagatic river from Totagatic lake, Bayfield county downstream to its confluence with the Namekagon river in Burnett county; and the Nemadji river, Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Pokegama bay and Kimballs bay, Douglas county.	First Saturday in September to October 15	1 per season	50
2. Spearing season			
a. Lakes Butte des Morts, Poygan and Winneconne and connecting waters	Third Saturday in February through the following Sunday (1991 and 1996 only)	See b.	45
b. Lake Winnebago	Second Saturday in February to March 1	The bag limit on speared sturgeon is one per season regardless of the water in which speared	45
(r) PADDLEFISH OR SPOONBILL CATFISH	No open season	—	—
(s) ROUGH FISH (except for threatened and endangered species. See s. NR 27.03)	Continuous	None	No size limit
(t) RUFFE	No open season	—	—
(u) WHITE PERCH	No open season	—	—

(2) 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 first 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, 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 7 west

Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 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

(3) 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 in one or more newspapers having wide circulation in the area affected.

(4) INLAND TROUT FISHING. (a) *Applicability.* 1. This subsection applies to all waters that contain trout except:

a. Lake Michigan.

b. Streams that flow into Lake Michigan, except the Kewaunee river, from their mouths upstream to the first dam or lake,

c. The Kewaunee river from its mouth upstream to the third county hwy. C bridge,

d. Lake Superior, and

e. Those portions of Lake Superior tributary streams regulated under sub. (1) (f) 4.

2. This subsection applies to all species of trout unless specifically stated otherwise, including lake trout and splake.

(b) *Possession limits and size limits.* 1. No person may possess more than 10 trout, of which no more than 5 may be a combined total of brown and rainbow trout, except that while on the water, bank or shore, no person may possess more fish than the daily bag limit established by par. (f) for category 1 to 4 waters or Table 1 for category 5 waters for that water or portion of water.

2. While on the water, bank or shore, no person may take or possess fish of a size not authorized by the size limit of par. (f) for category 1 to 4

waters or Table 1 for category 5 waters for that water or portion of water.

(c) *Daily bag and size limits.* While on the water, bank or shore, no person may take or possess fish not authorized by the daily bag and size limit of Table 1 for category 5 waters for that water or portion of water.

(d) *Open seasons.* No person may fish for trout in any water or portion of any water except during the open season for that water or portion of water established by Table 1 or this paragraph. Where an open season for trout is not specified in Table 1 for a water or portion of water the open

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season is the first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30, both dates inclusive.

(e) *Gear restrictions.* While fishing on a category 5 water, no person may use gear not authorized by a gear restriction listed in Table 1 for that water or portion of water.

(f) *Regulation categories.* Waters that contain trout are divided into 5 categories of regulation. The categories and corresponding regulations are:

1. Category 1 - no minimum size limit and a daily bag limit of 10 fish, of which no more than 5 may be a combined total of brown and rainbow trout.

2. Category 2 - the minimum size limit is 7 inches and the daily bag limit is 5 fish.

3. Category 3 - the minimum size limit is 9 inches and the daily bag limit is 3 fish.

4. Category 4 - the minimum size limit is 12 inches for brown and rainbow trout and 8 inches for brook trout and the daily bag limit is 3 fish.

5. Category 5 - see Table 1, which sets out size limits, daily bag limits, daily bag and size limits, open seasons and gear restrictions for each specific water or portion of water.

(g) *Key to Table 1.* Table 1 lists waters and portions of waters by county, water name and portion of water and the regulation category that applies. It sets out the exceptions to the general open season prescribed in par. (d), and it prescribes specific regulations for category 5 waters.

TABLF 1

County	Water Name	Portion	Regulation Category	Gear Restrictions, Size Limits, Daily Bag Limits, and Daily Bag and Size Limits for Category 5 Waters, and Open Season Exceptions for Other Categories (Open Seasons Include Both Dates)
1. Adams	All waters not listed		2	
	Big Roche a Cri creek	Big Roche a Cri lake upstream to CTH W	3	
	Deep lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	East Castle Rock ditch	All	3	
	Fairbanks creek	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 5 trout under 8", or 4 trout under 8" and 1 over 12"
	Fordham creek	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 5 trout under 8", or 4 trout under 8" and 1 over 12"
	Jordan lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Neenah creek (Upper)	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 5 trout under 10", or 4 trout under 10" and 1 over 15"
	Parker lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	White creek (Campbell)	CTH Z upstream to Easton dam	4	
	Wolf lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
2. Ashland	All waters except those portions of Lake Superior tributary streams regulated under sub. (1)(f)4.		2	
	Beaver lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1

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	Cammerer lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Pole lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Trout lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
3. Barron	All waters not listed		1	
	Brill river	All	4	
	Conners creek	All	2	
	Dallas millpond	All	2	
	Dority creek	All	2	
	Engle creek & springs	All	2	
	Four mile creek	All	2	
	Hay river (south fork)	All	2	
	Hickey creek	All	2	
	Little Bear creek	All	2	
	Little Granite lake	All	2	
	Pine creek (lower S. fork)	All	2	
	Pine creek (lower)	All	2	
	Pine creek (upper)	All	2	
	Pokegama creek	All	2	
	Rock creek	All	2	
	Roux creek	All	2	
	Silver creek (T32N, R14W)	All	2	
	Silver creek (T34N, R10W)	All	2	
	Silver lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1

County	Water Name	Portion	Regulation Category	Gear Restrictions, Size Limits, Daily Bag Limits, and Daily Bag and Size Limits for Category 5 Waters, and Open Season Exceptions for Other Categories (Open Seasons Include Both Dates)
	Spring creek (T32N, R12W)	All	2	
	Spring creek (T35N, R11W)	All	2	
	Turtle creek	All	2	
	Vance creek	All	2	
	Yellow river	Downstream from STH 48	3	
	Yellow river	Upstream from STH 48	2	
4. Bayfield	All waters not listed except those portions of Lake Superior tributary streams regulated under sub. (1)(f)4.		1	
	Balsam pond	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30 in odd numbered years only
	Beaver lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30 in odd numbered years only
	Big brook	All	2	
	Bolen creek	All	2	
	Cap creek	All	2	
	DeChamps creek	All	2	
	DeChamps creek trib. (S32, T48N, R8W)	All	2	
	Eighteen Mile creek & springs	All	2	
	Five Mile creek	All	2	
	Hanson creek	All	2	
	Hawkins creek	All	2	
	Hill creek	All	2	

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	Iron river	Upstream from Orienta flowage	3	
	Iron river (east fork)	Downstream from East Fork road	3	
	Iron river (east fork)	Upstream from East Fork road	2	
	Jader creek	All	2	
	Johnson creek & springs	All	2	
	Kern creek	All	2	
	Little brook	All	2	
	Little Star lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30 in odd numbered years only
	Long lake branch of White river	Upstream from Taylor lane	2	
	Long lake branch of White river	Downstream from Taylor lane	5	Daily bag and size limit: 3 trout over 9", only 1 brown trout over 15"
	Long lake branch unnamed tribs.	All	2	
	Marengo river and unnamed tribs.	All	2	
	Middle creek	All	2	
	Morgan creek	All	2	
	Muskeg creek	All	2	
	Namekagon river	CTH M downstream to Sawyer county line	3	
	Nymphia lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30 in even numbered years only
	Ounce river	Downstream from STH 27	2	
	Overby lake (Blaisdell lake)	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30 in even numbered years only

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	Perch lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Pre-emption creek	All	2	
	Shacte creek	All	2	
	Spring creek	All	2	
	Spring lake (S28, T44N, R9W)	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30 in odd numbered years only
	Tader creek	All	2	
	Townsend creek	All	2	
	Twenty Mile creek	All	2	
	Twenty Mile creek unnamed tribs.	All	2	
	Wanoka lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Whiskey creek and unnamed tribs.	All	2	
	White river	Upstream from Pikes bridge	2	
	White river	Downstream from Pikes bridge to White River dam	5	Daily bag and size limit: 3 trout over 9", only 1 brown trout over 15"
	White river (east fork)	All	2	
	White river (west fork)	All	2	
5. Brown	All waters		3	
6. Buffalo	All waters not listed		2	
	Armour creek	All	3	

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	Big Waumandee creek	Upstream from CTH U (S25, T22N, R11W)	4	
	Cooke Valley creek	All	3	
	Doelle creek	All	3	
	Eagle creek	All	3	
	Elk (Bennet) creek	All	3	
	Elk (Lookout) creek (south fork)	All	3	
	Fimian creek	All	3	
	Gilmanton pond	All	2	
	Kilness creek	All	3	
	Little Bear creek (north branch)	All	3	
	Mill creek	All	3	
	Mirror lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May 5 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Rossman creek	All	3	
	Shoe creek	All	3	
	Tamarack (Modena) creek	Upstream from CTH J (S23, T23N, R12W)	3	
	Traverse Valley creek	All	4	
	Waumandee creek (Little)	Upstream from CTH E at Cream	4	
7. Burnett	All water not listed		1	
	Banach lake	All	2	
	Clam river (north fork)	Clam river springs downstream to Kent lake	2	
	Clam river (south fork)	All	2	
	Sand creek	All	2	
	Trade river (north fork)	Downstream from CTH O	2	

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8. Calumet	All waters		2	
	Round lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
9. Chippewa	All waters not listed		2	
	Bradley lake	All	3	
	Dark lake	All	3	
	Duncan creek	Upstream from STH 64	1	
	Duncan creek	STH 64 downstream to Lake Como dam	5	Daily bag and size limit: 5 trout under 8", or 4 trout under 8" and 1 over 12"
	Duncan creek	Lake Como downstream to Tilden millpond	3	
	Eighteen Mile creek	All	3	
	Elk creek	All	3	
	Hay creek (Cooks valley and Woodmohr townships)	All	3	
	Henneman lake	All	3	
	Lake Hallie	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1
10. Clark	All waters		2	
11. Columbia	All waters not listed		3	All Columbia county waters have an open season from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
	Lodi Spring creek	Lodi sewer plant downstream to first STH 113 bridge	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: 1 trout. Size limit: 15"

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	Rowan creek	Loveland road downstream to STH 51	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: 3 trout. Size limit: 12"
12. Crawford	All waters		3	Open season: Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
13. Dane	All streams not listed		3	
	All lakes and ponds		3	Open season: Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
	Big Spring creek	Iowa county line upstream to Barber rd.	4	
	Black Earth creek	Park street upstream to South Valley rd.	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total, only 1 of which may be brown trout. Size limit: brook and rainbow trout 9", brown trout 20"
	German Valley creek	Gordon creek upstream to CTH Z	4	
	Mount Vernon creek	Posted area between CTH U and STH 92	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total, only 1 of which may be a brown trout. Size limit: brook and rainbow trout 9", brown trout 20"
14. Dodge	All streams		3	
	All lakes and ponds		3	Open season: Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
15. Door	All waters		1	

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16. Douglas	All waters not listed except those portions of Lake Superior tributary streams regulated under sub. (1)(f)4.		1	
	Anderson lake	All	2	
	Eau Claire river	All	3	
	Ounce river	All	2	
17. Dunn	All waters not listed		2	
	Big Beaver creek	All	3	
	Blairmoor branch	All	3	
	Bolen creek	All	3	
	Eighteen Mile creek	All	3	
	Elk creek (including Elk Creek lake)	Downstream from first Eau Claire county line downstream of Plaquet drive	3	
	Elk creek	From first Eau Claire co. line downstream of Plaquet drive upstream to CTH EE	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: 1 brown Size limit: 18"
	Elk creek	Upstream from CTH EE	3	
	Fall creek	All	3	
	Gilbert creek	Upstream to North Branch Gilbert creek	3	
	Hay creek (Wilson and Sand cr. twn.)	All	3	
	Hay river (south fork)	All	3	
	Irving creek	All	3	
	Otter creek	All	3	
	Otter creek (east branch)	All	3	

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	Red Cedar river	Mouth of Upper Pine creek downstream to STH 64	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total, only 1 may be a brown trout over 18". Size limit: brown trout 12", brook trout 8"
	Sand creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total, only 1 may be a brown trout over 18". Size limit: brown trout 12", brook trout 8"
	Wilson creek	Downstream from CTH O	3	
18. Eau Claire	All waters not listed		2	
	Adams creek	All	3	
	Bridge creek	Upstream from Dells millpond	3	
	Diamond Valley creek	All	3	
	Elk creek	All	3	
	Fall creek	Upstream from STH 12	3	
	Lowes creek	All	3	
	Otter creek	Upstream from CTH AA	3	
	Thompson Valley creek	All	3	
	Travis creek	All	3	
19. Florence	All waters not listed		1	

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	Anna lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Brule river	All	5	Open season: last Saturday in April to September 30 Daily bag limit: 5 trout in total. Size limit: brown trout 12", brook trout 8"
	Edith lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Fisher lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:30 a.m. to March 1
	LaMontagne creek	All	4	
	Leroy creek	All	2	
	Leroy creek (east fork)	All	2	
	Little Popple river (T3N, R19E)	All	2	
	Lost lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Montagne creek	All	2	
	Montgomery lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Patten lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Pemebonwon river, N. branch	All	2	
	Pine creek	All	2	
	Pine river	Downstream from STH 139	4	
	Pine river	Upstream from STH 139	2	

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	Pine River flowage	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Popple river	All	2	
	Popple river, S. branch	All	2	
	Sand lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Sand lake (T38N, R18E, S21)	All	2	
	Sand lake (T39N, R18E, S13)	All	3	
	South Riley lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Wisconsin creek	All	2	
	Woods creek	All	4	
20. Fond du Lac	All waters		3	
21. Forest	All waters not listed		1	
	Allen creek	All	2	
	Armstrong creek	All	2	
	Armstrong creek (west branch)	All	2	
	Brule creek	Upstream from Fishel rd. (USFS rd. #2193)	2	
	Brule creek	Downstream from Fishel rd. (USFS rd. #2193)	4	

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	Brule river	All	5	Open season: last Saturday in April to September 30 Daily bag limit: 5 trout in total. Size limit: brown trout 12", brook trout 8"
	Brule springs	All	2	
	Camp One springs	All	2	
	Charlie Otto creek	All	2	
	Charlie Otto springs	All	2	
	Drake creek	All	2	
	Elvoy creek	Upstream from Kaine Lake rd. (USFS rd. #2461)	2	
	Elvoy creek	Downstream from Kaine Lake rd. (USFS rd. #2461)	4	
	Elvoy springs (S20, T41N, R13E)	All	4	
	Gliske creek	All	2	
	Halley creek	All	2	
	Hemlock creek	All	2	
	Hoffman creek	All	2	
	Hoffman springs	All	2	
	Indian creek (S7, T35N, R14E)	All	2	
	Indian springs (S18, T35N, R14E)	All	2	
	Johnson creek (T36N, R14E)	All	2	
	Johnson springs (T36N, R14E)	All	2	
	Jones creek	All	2	
	Jones springs	All	2	
	Kimball creek	All	2	

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	Lucerne lake	All	5	Open season: lake trout - first Sat. in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30. Other trout - first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1. Daily bag limit: lake trout 1, brown trout 3. Size limit: lake trout 26", brown trout 15"
	McDonald creek	All	2	
	McDonald creek (north branch)	All	2	
	Meadowbrook creek	All	2	
	Oconto river (north branch)	All	2	
	Otter creek	All	2	
	Otter creek (north) and springs	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 5 trout under 9", or 4 trout under 9" and 1 over 12"
	Peshtigo river	Downstream from STH 8	3	
	Peshtigo river	Upstream from STH 8	2	
	Peshtigo river (north branch)	All	2	
	Peshtigo river (west branch)	All	2	
	Pine creek	All	2	
	Pine river	All	2	
	Pine river (north branch)	All	2	
	Pine river (south branch)	All	2	
	Popple river	All	2	
	Popple river (north branch)	All	2	
	Rat river	All	2	
	Shabodock creek	All	2	

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	Spencer creek	All	2	
	Swamp creek	All	2	
	Torpee creek	All	2	
	Torpee Springs number 1	All	2	
	Torpee Springs number 2	All	2	
	Valley lake	All	2	
	White Deer lake	All	2	
22. Grant	All waters not listed		3	Open season: all Grant county waters - Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
	Big Green river	STH 133 upstream to CTH T	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Big Rock creek	All	4	
	Big Spring creek	Upstream from Pine Tree road	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Blue river	Biba road upstream to Snow Bottom road and upstream from Bluff road	4	
	Blue river	Snow bottom road upstream to Bluff road	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

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	Borah creek	Downstream from Bluff road	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Borah creek	Upstream from Bluff road	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total. Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Bronson creek	All	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Castle Rock creek	Upstream from Witek road except portion described below	4	
	Castle Rock creek and spring	Church road downstream to first CTH Q bridge	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Crooked creek	Upstream from STH 133	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total. Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"

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	Doc Smith branch	Downstream from Everson road	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Doc Smith branch	Upstream from Everson road	4	
	Grant river	CTH K upstream to Junction of Borah creek and Rogers branch	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Leggett creek	All	4	
	Little Grant river	CTH A upstream to Milner road	4	
	Little Green river	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total. Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Little Platte river	Waterfall road upstream to STH 80	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Little Platte river	Upstream from STH 80	4	
	Millville creek	All	4	
	Newell creek	All	4	

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	Rogers branch	Downstream from Borah road	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Warner creek	All	4	
23. Green	All waters not listed		3	Open season: all Green county waters - Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
	Brennan creek	Upstream from Lafayette county line	4	
24. Green Lake	All waters not listed		2	
	Green lake	All	5	Open season: lake trout - first Saturday in Jan. to Sept. 30. Daily bag limit: 2 lake trout, 3 other trout Size limit: lake trout 17", other trout 9". Open season: other trout - first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1. It is illegal to fish through the ice using minnows (dead or alive or as cut bait) in water 50 or more feet deep (measured from surface to bottom)
25. Iowa	All waters not listed		3	Open season: all Iowa county waters - Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
	Baker creek	All	4	
	Big Rock creek	All	4	

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	Big Spring creek	All	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Blue river	All	4	
	Canon creek	All	4	
	Cave Hollow creek	All	4	
	Dodge branch	Jonesdale upstream to CTH Y	4	
	Gordon creek	0.5 mile downstream from STH 39 upstream to Brue road	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Gordon creek	Upstream from Brue road	4	
	Harker creek	Upstream from Upper Mt. Hope road	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total. Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Kittleson creek	Downstream from River Fork road	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Lee creek	Downstream from Berg road	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total. Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Lee creek	Upstream from Berg road	4	

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	Love creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total. Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Martin branch	All	4	
	Mill creek	CTH H upstream to Mill dam	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total. Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Narveson creek	All	4	
	Otter creek	CTH II upstream to CTH Q	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Otter creek	Upstream from CTH Q	4	
	Pompey Pillar creek	Downstream from CTH I	4	
	Pompey Pillar creek	Upstream from CTH I	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Smith-Conley creek	All	4	
	Smokey Hollow creek	Downstream from CTH P	4	
	Strutt creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total. Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"

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	Trout creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total. Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Yellowstone river	All	4	
26. Iron	All waters not listed except those portions of Lake Superior tributary streams regulated under sub. (1)(f)4. and the Montreal river		2	
	Plunkett (Sugar) lake	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 5 trout, only 1 may be over 12" Size limit: brown trout 12", other trout 8". Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Weber lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
27. Jackson	All waters not listed		2	
	Allen creek	All	4	
	Beaver creek (north fork)	All	4	
	Buffalo river (north fork)	All	4	
	Buffalo river (south fork)	All	4	
	Clear creek (south branch Robinson)	All	3	
	Curran Coulee creek	All	3	

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	Douglas creek (Shake Hollow creek)	Upstream from Douglas pond	4	
	Halls creek (south fork)	All	4	
	Halls creek (Stockwell creek)	Upstream from GB&W railroad crossing (S22, T23N, R4W)	4	
	Halls creek (west fork)	All	4	
	Hoffman pond	All	2	
	Lake Lee	All	2	
	Levis creek	Downstream from west line of S14, T21N, R3	4	
	Lowe Creek pond	All	2	
	Oxbow ponds	All	2	
	Pigeon creek (Millston)	All	3	
	Pigeon creek (Northfield)	All	3	
	Robinson creek	Upstream from STH 27	3	
	Shake Hollow (N. branch) (Cr. 30-15)	All	4	
	Shamrock creek	All	3	
	Squaw creek	All	3	
	Stony creek	All	3	
	Tank creek	All	4	
	Trempealeau river	Davis road upstream to Lincoln road	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 2 trout in total, only 1 may be a brown trout. Size limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 10"
	Trempealeau river	Trempealeau co. line upstream to confluence of west, north, and south branches	4	
	Trempealeau river (N. branch)	Upstream from Cain road	4	

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	Trempealeau river (N. branch)	Downstream from Cain road	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 2 trout in total, only 1 may be a brown trout. Size limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 10"
	Trempealeau river (S. branch)	All	4	
	Vosse Coulee creek	All	4	
28. Juneau	All waters not listed		2	
	Lemonweir river (Little)	Upstream from STH 12 & 16	4	
	Petenwell ditch (west)	All	3	
29. Kenosha	All waters not listed		3	
	All urban waters		5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: none
	Rock lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturdayin May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
30. Kewaunee	All waters not listed		3	
	Casco creek	All	1	
	Krohns lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Little Scarboro creek	All	1	
31. La Crosse	La Crosse river and all waters north		2	

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	All waters south of La Crosse river		3	
	Bohemian Valley creek	All	4	
	Hillview pond	All	2	
	Vets Memorial Park pond	All	2	
32. Lafayette	All waters not listed		4	Open season: all Lafayette county waters - Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
	Erickson creek	All	3	
	Sawmill creek	Upstream from Kainz road	3	
	Wolf creek	Dunbarton road upstream to Cub Hollow road	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
33. Langlade	All waters not listed		1	
	Big Haymeadow creek	Countyline road upstream to CTH H	3	
	Blue Spring pond	All	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag and size limit: 2 trout in total, only 1 brown trout over 20", and only 1 brook trout over 14"
	Clearwater creek	All	2	
	Clubhouse Spring pond	All	4	
	Crystal lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Deer Creek Spring pond	All	4	
	Demlow Spring pond, upper & lower	All	4	
	Denault springpond	All	2	

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	Drab springs	All	2	
	Drew creek	All	4	
	Duck Spring pond	All	3	
	Eau Claire river (east branch)	Upstream from STH 64 excluding River road to Bluebell road	4	
	Eau Claire river (east branch)	River rd. upstream to Bluebell road	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag and size limit: 2 trout in total, only 1 brown trout over 20", and only 1 brook trout over 14"
	Eau Claire river (west branch)	STH 64 upstream to Ormsby pond	3	
	Eau Claire river (west branch)	Upstream from Ormsby pond	2	
	Elmhurst creek & spring pond	All	2	
	Elton creek	All	2	
	Elton Spring pond	All	4	
	Embarrass river (middle branch)	All	2	
	Emil Spring ponds	All	2	
	Evergreen river	All	2	
	Flora Spring pond	All	2	
	Florence lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Garski creek & flowage	All	4	
	Goto lake	All	2	
	Hanson spring (flowage)	All	3	
	Hatton springs	All	4	
	Hoglee Spring pond #1 & 2	All	4	
	Hoglot Spring pond	All	2	
	Hunting river	Upstream from Fitzgerald Dam rd.	2	

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	Hunting river	Mouth upstream to Fitzgerald road	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag and size limit: 2 trout in total, only 1 brown trout over 20", and only 1 brook trout over 14"
	Krause Spring pond	All	4	
	Lilly Spring pond	All	2	
	Lily river	All	4	
	Lily river (east branch)	All	4	
	Little Red river (west branch)	All	2	
	Lloyd creek	All	2	
	Maxwell Spring pond	All	4	
	Mayking creek and flowage	All	4	
	McCaslin creek and springs	All	2	
	McCloud creek	All	2	
	McGee lake	All	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 2 trout. Size limit: 12"
	Moose lake & Moose lake springs	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 3 trout in total, only 1 brown trout over 17", only 1 brook trout over 13" Size limit: brown trout 12", brook trout 8". Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Ninemile creek	All	2	
	Nixon Spring pond	All	4	
	Oconto river (south branch)	All	4	

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	Pence lake	All	2	
	Pine river	All	2	
	Pine river (north branch)	All	2	
	Phlox pond	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Plover river	All	2	
	Poor Farm spring	All	2	
	Prairie river	All	4	
	Pratt creek	All	2	
	Rabes Spring pond	All	2	
	Rasmussen creek and springs	All	2	
	Red river	All	4	
	Red river (west branch)	All	2	
	Saul Spring pond	All	4	
	Shadick Spring pond	All	4	
	Sipes Spring pond	All	4	
	Spring brook	Upstream from Second avenue	2	
	Spring brook	Downstream from CTH X	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag and size limit: 5 trout under 8", or 4 trout under 8" and 1 over 14"
	Spring lake (S20, T31N, R15E)	All	4	
	Squaw creek	All	3	
	Stark Spring pond	All	4	
	Sunshine Spring pond	All	4	
	Thompson Spring pond	All	4	
	Townline lake	All	2	
	Townline Spring pond	All	4	
	Trout Spring pond	All	4	
	Wolf river	All except below	4	

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	Wolf river	Soo Line railroad bridge downstream to Dierks irrigation hole	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Wood Duck Spring pond	All	4	
	Woods flowage	All	4	
34. Lincoln	All waters not listed		1	
	Alta (Pay's) Spring pond	All	2	
	Ament lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30 in even numbered years only
	Big Cain creek	All	2	
	Big Haymeadow creek	All	3	
	Big Pine creek	All	2	
	Big Rib river	All	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Cain creek	All	2	
	Copper river (middle fork)	All	3	
	Copper river (north fork)	All	3	
	Copper river (south fork)	All	3	
	Green Meadow creek	All	2	
	Henson lake	All	2	
	Horgan lake	All	2	
	King Spring pond	All	4	
	Kippenberg Spring pond	All	2	
	Larson lake	All	2	
	Little Cain creek	All	2	

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	Little Pine creek	All	2	
	Little Trappe river	All	2	
	Long and Bass lakes	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1. Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: 3 trout. Size limit: 12"
	McGinnis creek	All	2	
	Moraine lake	All	2	
	New Wood river	Upstream from Whisky Bill road (S19, T33N, R5E)	3	
	New Wood river (center fork)	All	3	
	New Wood river (east fork)	All	3	
	Pine river	All	2	
	Pine river (north branch)	All	2	
	Prairie Dells pond	All	4	
	Prairie river	Old STH 51 upstream to Hackbarth drive	4	
	Prairie river	Hackbarth drive upstream to R & H road	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag and size limit: 2 trout in total, only 1 brown trout over 20", and only 1 brook trout over 14"
	Prairie river	Upstream from R & H road	4	
	Prairie river (north branch)	Mouth upstream to 2nd crossing of CTH J	4	
	Spirit river	Upstream from Spirit falls	2	
	Spring lake springs	All	4	

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	Tahoe lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30 in odd numbered years only
35. Manitowoc	All waters		3	
	Horseshoe lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
36. Marathon	All waters not listed		1	
	Bear springs	All	4	
	Big Cain creek	All	2	
	Cain creek	All	2	
	Clark springs	All	4	
	Comet creek	All	2	
	Embarrass river (S. branch)	Downstream from Norrie road	4	
	Flume creek	All	3	
	Fourmile creek	CTH KK upstream to CTH O	2	
	Freeman creek	All	2	
	Holt creek	All	2	
	Koepsel springs	All	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 1 trout Size limit: 15"
	Little Cain creek	All	2	
	Little Trappe river	All	2	
	Little Wolf river	All upstream to River drive	4	
	McGinnis creek	All	2	
	Plover river	Upstream from Totten Springs outlet	2	
	Plover river	STH 153 upstream to CTH Z	4	

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	Plover river	CTH Z upstream to outlet of Totten springs	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: brook trout 14", brown trout 7"
	Spiegel springs	All	4	
	Spranger creek	All	2	
	Silent springs	All	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: 12"
	Spring brook	All	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag and size limit: 5 trout under 8", or 4 trout 8" and 1 over 14"
	Totten springs	All	4	
37. Marinette	All waters not listed		1	
	Beaver creek	All	4	
	Beaver creek (north branch)	Mouth upstream to 25th road	4	
	Beaver creek (north branch)	Upstream from 25th road	2	
	Beaver creek (south branch)	All	2	
	Cedarville creek	All	2	
	Chemical creek	All	2	
	Eagle creek	All	2	
	Harvey creek	All	2	
	Holmes creek	All	4	
	K. C. creek	Upstream from STH 8	2	
	K. C. creek	Mouth upstream from STH 8	4	

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	Lake Noquebay	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Left Foot lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1. Daily bag limit: 2 splake. Size limit: splake 12"
	Lindquist lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Little Wausaukee creek	All	2	
	MacIntire creek	All	2	
	Meadow brook	All	2	
	Medicine brook	All	2	
	Middle Inlet creek	All	4	
	Middle Inlet creek (lower)	All	2	
	Middle Inlet creek (upper)	All	2	
	Miscauno creek	All	2	
	Miscauno creek (south branch)	All	2	
	Montana lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a:m. to March 1
	Murphy creek	Mouth upstream to Nelligan lake	2	
	Murphy lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Otter creek	All	2	
	Pemebonwon river	All	2	

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	Pemebonwon river (north branch)	All	2	
	Pemebonwon river (south branch)	All	2	
	Peshtigo river	Upstream from CTH C	3	
	Peshtigo river	Between Johnson falls and Springs rapids	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 2 trout Size limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 10"
	Pike river	All	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 2 trout Size limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 10"
	Pike river (little south branch)	All	2	
	Pike river (north branch)	Mouth upstream to CCC Camp road	4	
	Pike river (north branch)	CCC Camp road to North pond	2	
	Pike river (south branch)	All	2	
	Pothole lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Rat river	All	2	
	Sand lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Sidney creek	Mouth upstream to mouth of unnamed creek in NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, S21, T37N, R17E	2	
	Smith creek	All	4	
	Spikehorn creek	All	4	
	Squaw creek	All	2	
	Sullivan creek	All	2	

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	Thunder lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Thunder river	All	2	
	Thunder river (north fork)	All	4	
	Thunder river (south fork)	All	4	
	Wausaukee river	All	4	
38. Marquette	All waters not listed		2	
	Chaffee creek	CTH B downstream to Mecan river	3	
	Klawitter creek	All	4	
	Mecan river	Upstream from 14th ave.	3	
	Mecan river	14th ave. downstream to STH 22	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag and size limit: 3 trout, only 1 of which is over 15". Size limit: all trout 12"
	Neenah creek (upper)	Upstream from STH 82	5	Daily bag and size limit: 5 trout under 10", or 4 trout under 10" and 1 over 15"
	Neenah creek (lower)	Downstream from STH 82	3	
	Westfield creek	Downstream from Lawrence lake	3	
	Wood lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
39. Menominee	All waters		2	
40. Milwaukee	All waters not listed		3	
	All urban waters		5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: none

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41. Monroe	All waters not listed		2	
	Rullands Coulee creek	All	3	
42. Oconto	All waters not listed		1	
	Barney creek and springs	All	2	
	Forbes springs	All	4	
	Grignon lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Hells Acre spring	All	2	
	Hills Pond creek	All	2	
	Jones springs	All	4	
	Kathleen lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Linzy creek	All	2	
	Little Waupee creek	All	2	
	Mary lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	McCaslin brook	All	2	
	McDonald creek	All	2	
	Messenger creek	All	2	
	Mountain creek (Town creek)	All	2	
	Nelligan lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Oconto river	All	2	
	Oconto river, 1st south branch	Pats Lake road downstream to mouth	4	
	Oconto river, 1st south branch	Tar Dam road downstream to Pats Lake road	2 2	

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	Oconto river, 2nd south branch	All	2	
	Oconto river, north branch	All	2	
	Oconto river, south branch	STH 32 downstream to mouth	2	
	Oconto river, south branch	CTH AA downstream to STH 32	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brook trout 10", brown trout 13", and rainbow trout 6"
	Oconto river, south branch	Menominee county downstream to CTH AA	2	
	Oconto river, south branch	Upstream from Menominee county	4	
	Pecore creek	All	2	
	Sullivan springs	All	4	
	Thunder river, north fork	Upstream from Marinette county line	2	
	Thunder river, south fork	All	4	
	Town springs	All	3	
	Trout lake	All	3	
	Waupee creek	All	2	
	White lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1. Daily bat limit: 2 splake. Size limit: 12"
	Wiscobee lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
43. Oneida	All waters not listed		1	
	Bearskin creek	All	2	

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	Bearskin springs	All	2	
	Big Carr lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Bird lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Clear lake (S16, T39N, R7E)	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: brown trout 12", brook trout 8"
	Dorothy lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Goodnow springs	All	2	
	Goodyear springs	All	2	
	Jennie creek	All	2	
	Kaubachien creek	All	2	
	Kitty creek	All	2	
	Kitty springs	All	2	
	Little Bass lake (S15, T39N, R7E)	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May to Nov. 15. Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: 5 trout. Size limit: 12"
	Little Willow creek	All	2	
	Mercer springs	All	2	
	Mitchell (Harshaw) springs	All	2	

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	Noisy creek	All	2	
	Perch lake (S2, T36N, R7E)	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Smallpox creek	All	2	
	Smallpox springs	All	2	
	Spring pond 12-16 (T37N, R6E)	All	2	
	Squash lake (S19, T36N, R8E)	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Trout creek (T36, R7, S9)	All	2	
	Woodboro springs	All	2	
44. Outagamie	All waters		2	
45. Ozaukee	All waters not listed		3	
	All urban waters		5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: none
46. Pepin	All waters not listed		3	
	Arkansaw creek	All	2	
	Bogus creek	All	2	
	Rock creek	All	2	
47. Pierce	All waters not listed		4	
	Eau Galle river and all tributaries except Cady creek	All	2	
	Isabelle creek	All	3	

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	Kinnickinnic river (lower) and tributaries including Rocky branch	Downstream from Lower dam (S2, T27N, R19W) in River Falls	5	Daily bag and size limit: 5 trout under 12", or 4 trout under 12" and 1 over 16"
	Kinnickinnic river (upper)	Upstream from Lower dam (S2, T17N, R19W) in River Falls	2	
	Kinnickinnic river (south fork)	All	2	
	Kinnickinnic river lakes	All	2	
	Plum creek and tributaries	All	3	
	River Falls pond	All	2	
48. Polk	All waters not listed		1	
	Apple river	Downstream from Black Brook dam	4	
	Balsam branch	All	2	
	Behning creek	All	2	
	Big Rock creek	All	2	
	Bull brook	Downstream from French creek	2	
	Clam river	All	2	
	Clarey lake	All	2	
	Cowan creek	All	2	
	Crescent (Pickerel lake)	All	2	
	Friday creek	All	2	
	Ice House lake	All	2	
	Knapp creek	Upstream from Knapp flowage	2	
	Little McKenzie creek	All	2	
	Marquee creek & springs	All	2	
	McKenzie creek	Downstream from McKenzie lake	2	
	Mohnson creek	All	2	
	Ore creek	All	2	
	Osceola creek	All	2	
	Osceola millpond	All	2	
	Parker creek	All	2	

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	Rice Beds creek	All	2	
	Sand creek	All	2	
	Silver brook & springs	All	2	
	Straight river	STH 48 upstream to CTH I	2	
	Toby creek & springs	All	2	
	Trade river	All	2	
	Trade river (N. branch)	All	2	
	Wagon landing creek & springs	All	2	
	Wolf creek	All	2	
49. Portage	All waters not listed		2	
	Adams lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Flume creek	All	3	
	Rainy creek	All	3	
	Spring lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Sunset lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Thomas lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Tomorrow river	Railroad bridge upstream from Amherst pond upstream to CTH SSS in Nelsonville	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 1 trout Size limit: brown trout 18", brook trout 10"
	Tomorrow river (lower and middle)	Waupaca county line upstream to Amherst	4	
	Tomorrow river (upper)	Upstream from CTH SS in Nelsonville	3	

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50. Price	All waters not listed		1	
	Butternut creek and tributaries	All	2	
	Camp 4 creek	All	2	
	Camp 4 springs	All	2	
	Carpenter creek	All	2	
	Douglas creek and tributary	All	2	
	Elk river and tributaries	All	2	
	Foulds creek and tributaries	Upstream from Forest Service road 519	2	
	Foulds springs	All	3	
	Hogsback (Spur lake) springs	All	3	
	Little Elk river and tributaries	All	2	
	Little Willow creek	All	2	
	Mondeaux creek	All	2	
	Mount Pelee creek	All	2	
	Murray creek and tributaries	All	2	
	Neibauer springs	All	2	
	Newman creek	All	2	
	Newman springs	All	2	
	Nine Mile creek	All	2	
	Patterson lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1
	Price creek	Downstream from Lower Price lake	3	
	Smith creek and tributaries	All	2	
	Spirit river	All	2	

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	Twin lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1
51. Racine	All waters not listed		3	
	All urban waters		5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: none
52. Richland	All waters not listed		3	Open season: all Richland county waters - Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
	Babb Hollow creek	All	4	
	Camp creek and unnamed tributaries	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10 or over 14"
	Coulter Hollow creek	All	4	
	East Branch of Marshall creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	East Branch of Mill creek	All	4	
	Elk creek and unnamed tributaries	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Fancy creek and unnamed tributaries	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"

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	Gault Hollow creek	Downstream from CTH H	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released.
	Gault Hollow creek	Upstream from CTH H	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Grimsell creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 18"
	Hansell creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Happy Hollow creek	All	4	
	Higgins creek	All	4	
	Hoke creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Hood Hollow creek	All	4	
	Hynek Hollow creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Jacquish Hollow creek	All	4	

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	Keppler branch	All	4	
	Lost Hollow creek	All	4	
	Marshall creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Melanchton creek and unnamed tributaries	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Mill creek and tributaries	Above USH 14 except below	4	
	Mill creek	Hood Hollow road upstream to CTH E	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Miller branch	All	4	
	Pine Valley creek	All	4	
	Smith Hollow creek	Downstream from Robin Hollow road	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Smith Hollow creek	Upstream from Robin Hollow road	4	
	South Bear creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"

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	South Branch of Marshall creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	West Branch of Marshall creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	West branch of Mill creek	All	4	
	West Branch Pine river	Old County Farm road upstream to CTH H	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Wheat Hollow creek	All	4	
	Willow creek and unnamed tributaries	Upstream from Ithaca dam except for portion listed below	4	
	Willow creek	Smyth Hollow road upstream to STH 58	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
53. Rock	All waters not listed		3	
	Rock co. lakes and ponds		3	Open season: Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
54. Rusk	All streams not listed		1	
	All lakes and spring ponds not listed		3	
	Alder creek	All	2	

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	Bass L. (Weyerhauser)	All	5	Daily bag limit: 1 trout Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Becky creek	All	2	
	Big Weigor creek	All	3	
	Clear creek	All	2	
	Deer creek	All	3	
	Devils creek trout pond	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Flunkers creek	All	2	
	Hackett creek	All	2	
	Hemlock creek	All	3	
	Hemlock creek (south fork)	All	2	
	Josie creek	All	2	
	Little Soft Maple creek	All	2	
	Little Weigor creek	All	3	
	Louler creek	All	2	
	Main creek (middle fork)	All	2	
	Moose Ear creek	All	2	
	Pigeon creek	All	2	
	Rock creek	All	2	
	Soft Maple creek	All	3	
	South Fork Main creek	All	4	
	Spring creek	All	2	
	Three Lakes number one	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
55. Sauk	All waters not listed		3	Open season: all Sauk county waters - Jan. 1 to Sept. 30

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	Bear creek	CTH N upstream to Croal Hollow road	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released.
	Beaver creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Boulder creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Camels creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Dell creek	STH 23 upstream to South avenue	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Dell creek	South avenue upstream to North avenue	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Dell creek	Upstream from North avenue	4	
	Honey creek	Willow road upstream to STH 23	4	

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	Leech creek	Muck ditches upstream to Paschen road	4	
	Little Baraboo river	Rott road upstream to Woolever road	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Little Baraboo river	Upstream from Woolever road	4	
	Manley creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18". Brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	McCarville creek	Downstream from McCarville road	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Otter creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18". Brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Parfrey's Glen creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18". Brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Rowley creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Smith Hollow creek	All	4	

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	Willow creek	All	4	
56. Sawyer	All streams not listed		1	
	All lakes and spring ponds not listed		3	
	Alder creek	All	2	
	Ashagon lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Badger creek	All	2	
	Bean creek	All	2	
	Bear creek	All	2	
	Beaver creek	All	2	
	Benson creek	All	2	
	Blueberry creek	All	2	
	Brunet river	All	3	
	Camp Smith lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Casey creek	All	2	
	Chippanazie creek	All	2	
	Conner creek	All	2	
	Crooked rapids	All	2	
	Dead creek	All	2	
	Deer creek (Meteor township)	All	3	
	Deer creek (Winter township)	All	2	
	Devils creek	All	2	
	Eddy creek	All	2	
	Forty-one creek	All	2	
	Grindstone creek	All	2	
	Hackett creek	All	2	
	Hatchery creek	All	2	

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	Hauer creek	All	2	
	Hauer springs	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 2 trout, only 1 of which may be over 15"
	Hay creek	All	2	
	Hemlock Spur creek	All	2	
	Knapp Stout creek	All	2	
	Knuteson creek	All	2	
	Little Connors creek	All	2	
	Little Weigor creek	All	3	
	Log creek	All	2	
	Long creek	All	2	
	Maple creek	All	2	
	Mason creek	All	2	
	McDermott brook	All	3	
	Mosquito branch	All	2	
	Moss creek	All	2	
	Namekagon river	STH 63 upstream to Pacwawong dam	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag and size limits: 3 trout under 10", or 2 trout under 10" and 1 over 15"
	Namekagon river	Airport road upstream to Phipps dam	3	
	Namekagon river	Downstream from Lake Hayward	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30. Daily bag limit: 3 trout. Size limit: 9". Open season: Oct. 1 to May 1 the following restrictions apply. Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

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	Osgood lake	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 2 trout, only 1 of which may be over 15"
	Perch lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Pine creek	All	2	
	Pipestone creek	All	2	
	Porcupine lake	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 2 trout, only 1 of which may be over 15"
	Price creek	All	3	
	Rainbow creek	All	2	
	Silverthorn lake	All	5	Daily bag limit: 1 trout Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Spooky Bay creek	All	2	
	Sucker creek	All	2	
	Swan creek	All	2	
	Swift creek	All	2	
	Thirty-three creek	All	2	
	Totagatic river	All	3	
	Tupper creek (north branch)	All	2	
	Venison creek	All	3	
	Yarnell creek	All	2	
57. Shawano	All waters not listed		1	
	Bahr lake (see Koth and Bahr lakes)			
	Comet creek	Upstream from CTH P	2	
	Comet creek	Downstream from CTH P	4	
	Dent creek	All	2	

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	Elmhurst creek	All	2	
	Embarrass river, middle branch	Upstream from CTH Z	2	
	Embarrass river, middle branch	CTH Z downstream to Homme Pond dam	4	
	Embarrass river, middle branch	Homee Pond dam downstream to Caroline pond	2	
	Embarrass river, north branch	All	2	
	Embarrass river, south branch	Upstream from Tigerton Lumber Company dam	4	
	Embarrass springs	All	4	
	Gold creek	All	2	
	Hennig creek	All	2	
	Homme pond	All	4	
	Hyde creek	All	2	
	Koth and Bahr lakes	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Kroenke creek	All	2	
	Mill creek	Upstream from STH 29	2	
	Mill creek	Downstream from STH 29	3	
	Miller creek	All	2	
	Oconto river	All	2	
	Packard creek	All	2	
	Pigeon river, north branch	All	2	
	Pigeon river, south branch	All	2	
	Pony creek	All	2	
	Red river	Upstream from Morgan road	2	
	Red river	CTH A at village of Red river upstream to Lower Red lake dam	3	

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	Red river, west branch	Downstream from CTH D	4	
	Red river, west branch	Upstream from CTH D	2	
	Shioc river, west branch	Upstream from Sunrise road	4	
	Silver creek	All	2	
	Split Rock creek	All	2	
	Spranger creek	All	2	
	Strassburg creek	All	2	
	Tiger creek	All	2	
58. Sheboygan	All waters not listed		3	
	All urban waters		5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout. Size limit: none
	Big Elkhart lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Butler lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
59. St. Croix	All waters not listed		2	
	Anderson springs	All	3	
	Apple river	All	3	
	Bolen creek	All	3	
	Cady creek	All	4	
	Eau Galle river	All	4	
	Glenn lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1
	Lousy creek	All	4	
	Perch lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1
	Sandy creek	All	4	
	Spring branch	All	4	
	Ten Mile creek	All	3	

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	Willow river	All except south fork and Race branch	3	
	Willow river (Race)	All	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 1 trout Size limit: brown trout 20", brook and rainbow trout 12"
	Willow river (S. fork)	All	4	
60. Taylor	All waters not listed		1	
	Black river	Upstream from Medford	2	
	Camp 8 flowage	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1
	Fisher creek	All	2	
	Mink cr. (Town Goodrich)	All	2	
	Mink cr. (Twn. Chelsea)	All	2	
	Rib river	CTH C downstream to STH 64	3	
	Rib river	Downstream from STH 64	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Sheepranch creek	Upstream from STH 102	2	
	Silver creek	Upstream from Chequamagon national forest	2	
	Spruce lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1
	Wood creek	All	2	
61. Trempealeau	All waters not listed	All	2	
	Abraham Coulee creek	All	4	
	Adams creek	All	3	

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	Arctic Springs Golf Course pond	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Bear creek	All	4	
	Beaver creek	All except below	4	
	Beaver creek	STH 53 (S3, T19N, R8W) downstream to STH 53 (S16, T19N, R8W)	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 2 trout per day, only 1 may be a brown trout. Size limit: brown trout 18", brook trout 10"
	Beaver creek, north fork	All	4	
	Beaver creek, south fork	All	3	
	Big Slough creek	All	3	
	Borst Valley creek	All	3	
	Bruce Valley creek	All	3	
	Buffalo river	CTH O downstream to Town road (S8, T24N, R7W)	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 2 trout, only 1 may be a brown trout Size limit: brown trout 18", brook and rainbow trout 10"
	Buffalo river	Osseo to Strum except above	4	
	Buffalo river, north fork	All	4	
	Buffalo river, south fork	All	4	
	Bugle lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Chimney Rock creek	All	3	
	Dodge pond	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Dutch creek	All	3	

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	Eleva pond	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Elk creek	All	3	
	Elk creek north branch	All	3	
	Elk creek (Bennet)	All	3	
	Fly creek	All	3	
	French creek	All	3	
	Hardies creek	All	3	
	Holcomb Coulee creek	All	3	
	Johnson Valley creek	All	3	
	Lake Henry	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Lake Marinuka	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Lake Martha	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	King creek	All	3	
	Lakes Coulee creek	All	3	
	Meyer Valley creek	All	3	
	Osseo Rod and Gun pond	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Pigeon creek	Upstream from Pigeon Falls pond	3	
	Pigeon Falls pond	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Rossman creek	All	3	
	Salzwedel Coulee creek	All	3	
	Schermerhorn creek	All	3	

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	Strum lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Tamarack creek	All	3	
	Traverse Valley creek	All	4	
	Trempealeau river	All	4	
	Trout creek	All	3	
	Trout Run creek	All	3	
	Vosse Coulee creek	All	4	
	Washington Coulee creek	All	4	
	Whitehall Rod and Gun pond	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
62. Vernon	All waters not listed		3	
	Bear creek (south)	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown trout shall be under 14" or over 18" Brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Bishop branch	All	4	
	Coon creek	CTH KK upstream to CTH P	4	
	Elk creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown trout shall be under 14" or over 18" Brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Esofea pond	All	2	
	Jersey Valley lake	All	4	
	Kickapoo river (west fork)	Hwy. 82 upstream to CTH S and Bloomingdale road (S6, T13N, R3W)	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released

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	Melancthon	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown trout shall be under 14" or over 18" Brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
	Runge Hollow lake	All	4	
	Sidie Hollow lake	All	4	
	Timber Coulee	CTH P upstream to Olstad road	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 1 trout Size limit: 14"
63. Vilas	All waters not listed		1	
	Allequash creek	All	4	
	Allequash springs	All	4	
	Black Oak lake	All	5	Open season for lake trout: first Sat. in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30. Open season for other trout: first Sat. in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout in total, only 1 of which can be a lake trout. Size limit: lake trout 26", brown trout 12"
	Blackjack creek	All	2	
	Blackjack springs	All	2	
	Crystal lake (S27, T41N, R7E)	All	5	Open season for lake trout: First Sat. in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30. Daily bag Limit: 1 lake trout. Size limit: lake trout 26"
	Deerskin river	Blackjack creek upstream to Long lake	2	

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	Deerskin river	Blackjack creek downstream to Deerskin flowage	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag and size limit: 2 brook trout over 10", and 1 brown trout over 18"
	Elvoy creek and spring ponds	All	2	
	Fallison lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Nov. 15. Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 8"
	Fence lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout in total, only 3 of which can be brown trout. Size limit: brook trout 7", brown trout 20"
	Goodyear springs	All	4	
	Lac du Lune lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Little Trout lake	All	5	Open season for lake trout: first Sat. in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30. Daily bag limit: 1 lake trout. Size limit: lake trout 26"
	Long lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Military creek	All	4	
	Mishonagon creek	All	2	

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	North creek	All	2	
	North Trout springs	All	2	
	Papoose creek	All	2	
	Papoose lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Pioneer creek	Church road downstream to Wisconsin river	4	
	Plum creek	All	2	
	Rainbow springs	All	2	
	Salsich creek	All	4	
	Salsich springs	All	4	
	Shannon lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Siphon creek	All	4	
	Siphon springs	All	4	
	Sparkling lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Spectacle lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Spring creek (T40N, R5E) and spring ponds	All	2	
	Spring Meadow creek	All	2	
	Spring Meadow springs	All	2	
	Stevenson creek	All	2	
	Stevenson springs	All	2	

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	Stormy lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
	Tamarack creek	Downstream from Rummels road	4	
	Tamarack creek	Upstream from Rummels road	2	
	Trout lake (north basin)	North Trout lake only (north of Cathedral point)	5	Open season for lake trout: first Saturday in May 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30. Daily bag limit: 1 lake trout. Size limit: lake trout 26"
	Trout lake (south basin)	South basin of Trout lake	5	Season closed all year. Daily bag limit: all lake trout caught shall be immediately released.
	Wildwood lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Nov. 15. Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 5 trout Size limit: 12"
64. Walworth	All waters not listed		3	
	All urban waters		5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: none
	Beulah lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Bluff creek	All	4	

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	Lake Geneva	All	5	Open season for lake trout: first Saturday in Jan. to Sept. 30. Open season for other trout: first Saturday in May to Sept. 30. Daily bag and size limit: 2 lake trout over 17", and 3 other trout over 9". Open season for other trout: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Whitewater creek	Upstream of Willis Bay road	4	
65. Washburn	All waters not listed		1	
	Sawmill lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Spring lake	All	2	
	Tozier lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
66. Washington	All waters not listed	3		
	All urban waters		5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout. Size limit: none
	Big Cedar lake	All	5	Open season for lake trout: first Saturday in January to September 30. Daily bag limit: 2 lake trout. Size limit: 17"
67. Waukesha	All waters not listed		3	
	All urban waters		5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout. Size limit: none

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	Fowler lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Lannon pond	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Lower Genesee lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Lower Nashota lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Mukwonago river	Eagle Spring lake downstream to Lower Phantom lake	4	
	Paradise Springs creek	Upstream from CTH N	5	Open season: Jan. 1 to Sept. 30. Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
68. Waupaca	All waters not listed		2	
	Bass lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag and size limit: total of 45" of trout
	Chain of Lakes (all lakes)	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag and size limit: total of 45" of trout
	Comet creek	All	4	
	Crystal river	All	3	
	Flume creek	All	3	

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	Keller lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag and size limit: Total of 45" of trout
	Little Long lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag and size limit: Total of 45" of trout
	Little Wolf (north branch)	All	4	
	Little Wolf (south branch)	All	3	
	Mirror lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag and size limit: total of 45" of trout
	Radley creek	Downstream from STH 22 (S20, T21N, R11E)	4	
	Walla Walla creek	All	3	
	Waupaca river	All	4	
69. Waushara	All waters not listed		2	
	Johns lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag and size limit: total of 45" of trout
	Mecan river and springs	All	3	
	Pine river (Lower)	Downstream from Wild Rose millpond	3	
	Spring lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag and size limit: total of 45" of trout

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	Wedde creek (south branch)	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: total of 45" of trout
	White River pond (west branch)	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag and size limit: total of 45" of trout
	White river (main branch)	Upstream from Lower White River millpond	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag and size limit: 3 trout per day, only 1 brown trout over 15". Size limit: brook and rainbow trout 9", brown trout 12"
	White river (west branch)	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: total of 45" of troutWild
	Rose Mill pond	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Mar. 1 Daily bag and size limit: total of 45" of trout
	Willow creek	Downstream from Blackhawk road	3	
70. Winnebago	All waters			
71. Wood	All waters not listed		2	
	Ten Mile creek	Upstream from Rangeline road	3	
	Ten Mile creek	Downstream from Rangeline road	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: 1 trout Size limit: 16"

(6) MUSKELLUNGE FISHING. (a) *Applicability.* This subsection applies to all inland and outlying waters that contain muskellunge.

(b) *Daily bag limit.* The daily bag limit is one muskellunge.

(c) *Open seasons.* 1. There is no open season for muskellunge in Nancy lake, Washburn county and Long lake (S12, T20N, R11E), Waushara county.

2. The open season for muskellunge in all other waters north of U.S. highway 10 is the Saturday nearest Memorial Day to November 30, both dates inclusive.

3. The open season for muskellunge in all other waters south of U.S. highway 10 is the first Saturday in May to November 30, both dates inclusive.

(d) *Minimum size limits.* 1. The minimum size limit for muskellunge is 40 inches for all waters listed in Table 1.

2. The minimum size limit for muskellunge is 45 inches for all waters listed in Table 2.

3. The minimum size limit for muskellunge is 32 inches for all waters not listed in Table 1 or 2.

TABLE 1
Waters With a 40-inch Minimum Size Limit on Muskellunge

County	Waters
Bayfield	Namekagon Lake
Brown	Green Bay and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake
Chippewa	Holcombe Flowage (Chippewa River to CTH D) (Main Creek to STH 194) (Jump River to CTH G)
Clark	Mead Lake Rock Dam Lake Black River East Fork Black River
Dane	Wingra Lake
Door	Lake Michigan and Green Bay and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake
Forest	Julia Lake (T38N R11E S1) Riley Lake Roberts Lake Wabikon Lake
Iowa	Twin Valley Lake
Iron	Turtle-Flambeau Flowage Moose Lake Trude Lake Gile Flowage Pine Lake Springstead (Upper and Lower) Lakes Wilson Lake Mercer Lake
Jackson	Arbutus Canal Black River Flowage Potter Flowage Black River East Fork Black River Morrison Creek Lake Arbutus
Kewaunee	Lake Michigan and Green Bay and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake
Lafayette	Yellowstone Lake
Lincoln	Deer Lake Nokomis Lake Rice River Flowage
Manitowoc	Lake Michigan and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake
Marathon	Merrill hydro-dam to Wausau hydro-dam) Wisconsin River
Marinette	Green Bay and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake
Oconto	Archibald Lake Anderson Lake Green Bay and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake

County	Waters
Oneida	Bridge Lake
	Katherine Lake
	Nokomis Lake (upstream to Prairie Rapids Road)
	Rainbow Flowage
	Rice River Flowage
	Two Sisters Lake
Polk	Bone Lake
Rusk	Dairyland Reservoir
	Potato Lake
Sauk	Redstone Lake
Sawyer	Winter Flowage
Shawano	Upper Red Lake
	Lower Red Lake
	Wolf River Pond
St. Croix	Cedar Lake
Vilas	Allequash Lake
	Big Muskellunge Lake
	Big Lake (T42N R6E S4)
	Crab Lake
	Kentuck Lake
	Papoose Lake
Walworth	Delavan Lake

TABLE 2

Waters With a 45-inch Minimum Size Limit on Muskellunge

County	Waters
Oneida	Clear Lake (T39N R7E S16)
Vilas	Trout Lake

(7) REGULAR SEASON DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR TROUT IN CERTAIN WATERS. (a) *Zero bag limit during regular season.* Notwithstanding the bag limits for trout set out in sub. (5) (c) and Table 1, during the open season beginning May 4, 1991 through September 30, 1991, the daily bag limit for trout is zero fish in the waters of Columbia, Florence, Forest, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Richland, Sauk, Shawano and Vilas counties. All trout caught shall be immediately returned to the water. This paragraph does not apply to Wisconsin - Michigan boundary waters, to streams that flow into Lake Michigan from their mouths upstream to the first dam or lake, or to inland lakes and ponds which contain trout and which are not natural springs or spring ponds.

(b) *Gear restrictions during regular season.* Notwithstanding sub. (5) (e) and Table 1, beginning May 4, 1991 through September 30, 1991 no person may take or catch trout or fish for trout in the waters to which par. (a) applies by any means other than the use of an artificial fly by the method commonly known as "fly fishing" or with the use of artificial lures.

(8) SEASON CLOSURE UNDER UNUSUAL CONDITIONS. (a) *Water level reduction.* Pursuant to par. (d), the department may close the season for fishing in all or part of any inland water which has experienced sudden water level reduction or where a sudden reduction is imminent as a result of dam failure, drawdown or other loss of water supply. The closed season shall remain in full force and effect until the department determines that the water has been returned to its original level and the season is open pursuant to par. (d) 2. The department may close the season when it finds after scientific investigation and study, that:

1. Game fish have been or will be unusually concentrated due to the drop in water level and may, therefore, be more vulnerable to angler harvest;

2. The remaining game fish population structure cannot easily be replaced if subjected to continued angler harvest;

3. Water levels are expected to eventually return to normal;

4. Continued sport fishing may result in a depletion of the game fish supply; and

5. Closure of the season is necessary to conserve the game fish supply until water levels are restored and to insure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing.

(b) *Fish concentrated under ice.* Pursuant to par. (d), the department may close the season for fishing through the ice in all or part of any inland water. The closed season shall remain in full force and effect until the water is no longer covered with ice and the season is opened pursuant to par. (d) 2. The department may close the season when it finds, after scientific investigation and study, that:

1. The body of water is not expected to experience significant loss of its game fish population due to loss of oxygen;

2. Ice cover has caused an unusual concentration of game fish, increasing their vulnerability to angler harvest;

3. Continued sport fishing would deplete the supply of game fish; and

4. A closed season is necessary to conserve the game fish supply and insure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing;

(c) *Fishery rehabilitation.* Pursuant to par. (d), the department may close the season for fishing in all or part of any inland water in which fish have been removed or destroyed as a result of a rehabilitation program, to reestablish a good supply of game fish and insure the citizens of this state future opportunities for good fishing. The closed season shall remain in full force and effect until opened pursuant to par. (d) 2, scientific investigation indicates the gamefish population has achieved a harvestable surplus of fish of desireable size, and reopening the season does not conflict with the closed seasons for each species specified in sub. (1).

(d) *Closing and reopening seasons.* 1. A closed season under par. (a), (b) or (c) shall become effective only after one or more public informational meetings are held by the department. The closed season shall be put into effect by publication of a notice in the state newspaper, posting the notice on or in the vicinity of the shore of the water affected, and by providing any other notice which the department deems reasonable.

2. A closed season under par. (a), (b) or (c) shall be discontinued only after publication of a notice in the state newspaper and removal of the notices posted on or in the vicinity of the shore of the water affected.

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Note: For a complete history of s. NR 20.03 from 1-2-56 through 10-31-73 see the history note following NR 20.03 as it was printed and released in the October, 1973 Register. For a complete history of s. NR 20.03 from 11-1-73 through 2-28-91 see the history note following NR 20.03 as it was printed and released in the February, 1991 Register.

NR 20.035 Alternate size and bag limits. (1) PURPOSE. Notwithstanding any provision of ch. NR 21, 22, 23 or this chapter, for all or part of any

inland, boundary or outlying water, the department may apply the alternative size limits, bag limits or both under this section for fish species identified in this section in order to provide for better use and management of the fishery resource of the water to which the proposed alternate limit would apply.

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(2) PROCEDURE. The department shall follow the procedures in this subsection in applying an alternate size limit or bag limit under this section.

(a) *Notice.* The department shall prepare and distribute a notice of its intent to apply an alternate limit under this section. The notice shall be published as a class 1 notice under ch. 985, Stats., in a general circulation newspaper in the vicinity of the water and, if the proposal has statewide significance, in the official state newspaper. A copy of the notice shall be sent to individuals and organizations which the department believes may be interested in the matter. The notice shall include a description of the water affected, the fish species affected, the alternate limit which will apply, and the date the alternate limit will take effect. The notice shall invite the public to submit written comments and indicate that a public information meeting will be held on the alternate limit if requested in writing within 10 days after the notice is published.

(b) *Public information meeting.* If a public information meeting is requested under par. (a), the department shall conduct the public information meeting in the vicinity of the affected water. At the meeting the department shall describe the factual basis for its intended decision and shall receive comments from the public on the matter.

(c) *Determination.* If, based on facts and information available to it, including comments received in response to the notice and at any public information meeting which may be held, the department concludes that a condition described in sub. (3) affects fish in a specific water, it shall apply the corresponding alternate limit. The alternate limit shall take effect upon the posting of the notice under par. (d).

(d) *Posting.* The department shall post notice at public access sites on the affected water that an alternate limit applies to a species of fish found in that water. The notice shall set out the name or description of the water or that part of the water to which the proposed alternate limit would apply, the species of fish affected, the corresponding alternate limit and the effective date of the alternate limit.

(e) *List.* The department shall maintain a current list of all waters to which an alternate limit under this section applies. The list shall be available for public inspection at the department's central office during regular office hours.

(3) ALTERNATE LIMIT. (a) *Size limits.* No size limit shall apply to walleye, largemouth bass or smallmouth bass if, for the particular species in a particular water, the department finds:

1. Angler exploitation of the species is less than 15% of the population of fish larger than the original size limit.

2. Total adult mortality for that species is less than 30% of the population.

3. More than 10% of the fish tested of that species in the size range from the originally applicable size limit to 3 inches larger than the originally applicable size limit, in fillets with the skin on, contain .75 parts per million or more mercury, 2 parts per million or more PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl), 5 parts per million or more DDT (dichloro diphenyl trichloroethane), 5 parts per million or more Toxaphene, 0.3 parts per million or more Chlordane, or 0.3 parts per million or more Dieldrin.

4. Walleye males do not grow to a length of at least 13 inches in 4 years or largemouth bass or smallmouth bass do not grow to a length of at least 12 inches in 5 years in all inland waters lying north of a line beginning at the state highway 70 bridge over the St. Croix river, then east on state highway 70 to its intersection with state highway 27, then south on highway 27 to its intersection with state highway 64, then east along highway 64 to its end, then continuing east to the waters of Green Bay or in inland waters of Brown, Kewaunee or Door counties north of a line beginning with the state highway 29 bridge over the Fox river, then east along state highway 29 to its end, then continuing east to Lake Michigan.

5. Largemouth bass or smallmouth bass do not grow to a length of at least 14 inches in 6 years in inland waters other than those identified in subd. 4.

(b) *Bag limits.* If the department finds under sub. (2) that one or more of the following conditions exists in a particular water, the corresponding alternate bag limit shall apply to the named species of fish in that water.

(4) TERMINATION OF ALTERNATE LIMITS. Any time the department has reason to believe that the condition which led to the application of an alternate limit under this section no longer affects a species of fish in a particular water, it may remove the alternate limit by following the procedures under sub. (2) (a) to (c). Following its determination to remove an alternate limit the department shall remove or modify the posted notices of alternate limits and the original bag limit or size limit shall then apply.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90.

NR 20.037 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. 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:

Reduced daily bag limits for walleye angling

Daily bag limit	% 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 secretary may adjust the daily bag limit or minimum size limit according to the percentage of the new safe harvest level that is expected to be harvested as indicated in sub. (1), where deemed necessary to remain consistent with the safety factors established under *Lac Courte Oreilles v. State of Wis.*, 707 F. Supp. 1034 (W. D. Wis. 1989). 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.

History: Cr. Register, November, 1989, No. 407, eff. 12-1-89; am. (2) Register, July, 1994, No. 463, eff. 8-1-94.

NR 20.038 Special size and bag limits for Lac du Flambeau reservation. (1) Notwithstanding bag and size limits established by ss. NR 20.02 and 20.037, there is a bag limit of 3 walleye and a minimum size limit for muskellunge of 40", effective until March 1, 1992, on lakes wholly or partially within the following area, commonly known as the Lac du Flambeau reservation:

(a) Iron county - T41N-R4E - sections 1-4, 10-16, 21-28 and 33-36.

(b) Vilas county - T40N-R4E - sections 1-3, 10-15, 22-27 and 34-36; T40N-R5E - All except NE section 1, NW/NW section 5, NE section 6; T40N-R6E -sections 5-8, 17-20 and 29-32.

(2) The bag limit of 3 walleye and minimum size limit of 40"may be extended by the secretary beyond March 1, 1992, if future agreements are reached with the Lac du Flambeau band which limit their off-reservation harvest goals to a level allowing a state walleye bag limit of 3 when calculated pursuant to s. NR 20.037. Adjustments to the on-reservation

bag and size limits shall become effective upon publication of the adjustment in the official newspapers of Vilas and Oneida counties.

History: Cr. Register, October, 1991, No. 340, eff. 11-1-91.

NR 20.04 Open seasons in specified waters. (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

11. Columbia county-Columbia

13. Dane county-Koshkonong

14. Dodge county-Lost and Sinnissippi

17. Dunn county-Dunville bottoms

20. Fond du Lac county-Mullet and Winnebago

24. Green Lake county-Big Green, Maria and Puckaway

28. Jefferson county-Bean, Goose, Hahns, Koshkonong, Red Cedar and Mud (at Koshkonong)

39. Marquette county-Buffalo

50. Portage county-Bass and Pleasant

54. Rock county-Koshkonong

60. Sheboygan county-Sheboygan marsh

69. Waupaca county-Campbell, Crystal, Cynco (Rice), Kinney, Partridge and Partridge Crop

70. Waushara county-Fish (at Wautoma), Beans, Pine (at Hancock), Poygan and Big Twin

71. Winnebago county-Butte des Morts, Little Butte des Morts, Poygan, and 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 rivers, streams, and impoundments thereon; 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.

3. Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous and flowages from the Holcombe dam in Chippewa county downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad bridge in Buffalo and Pepin counties, and streams flowing into this part of the Chippewa river from their mouths up to the first highway or railroad bridge.

a. Yellow river from Lake Wissota upstream to the Suetlik dam at Cadott in Chippewa county.

4. Eau Claire river including sloughs and bayous in Eau Claire county from the Altoona dam downstream to its confluence with the Chippewa river.

a. Eau Galle river beginning at the Lake Eau Galle dam in Dunn county downstream to its confluence with the Chippewa river, Pepin county.

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 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.

a. Puckyan river in Green Lake county.

8. Fox river in Kenosha county and upstream in Racine county to the Waterford dam.

9. Grand river from the Grand River wildlife area dam downstream to the Fox river, all in Marquette county.

10. La Crosse river including sloughs and bayous from the Lake Neshonoc dam at West Salem 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 Iowa, Lafayette and Green counties.

14. Pine river in Waushara county beginning at the dam at Poysippi 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.

g. Busseyville creek in Dane and Jefferson counties beginning at the Rockdale dam downstream to Lake Koshkonong.

h. Waterloo (Maunesha) creek beginning at the dam (Malthouse) at Waterloo in Jefferson county downstream to its confluence with the Crawfish river, Dodge county.

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 including all sloughs, bayous and flowages from the St. Regis dam in Rhinelander, Oneida county, downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad bridge in Crawford and Grant counties and streams in Columbia county flowing into the Wisconsin river from their mouths upstream to the first highway bridge, except the Baraboo river which has the year round season for its entire length.

25. Wolf river in Winnebago, Waupaca and Outagamie counties and in Shawano county upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano.

26. Yellow river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages from the highway 54 dam at Dexterville, Wood county, downstream to its confluence with the Castle Rock flowage in Juneau county.

27. 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 one 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. 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) Except for streams posted pursuant to ch. NR 26, there is no closed season for hook and line fishing for any species of fish except lake trout, muskellunge, sturgeon, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass on any stream tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay, upstream to the first dam or lake except the Kewaunee river where this rule applies upstream to the third county highway "C" bridge.

(d) During the period of October 1 to but not including the first Saturday in May of the following May, annually, upstream to the first dam or lake on any stream tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay, except the Kewaunee river where this paragraph applies upstream to the third county hwy. "C" bridge, hook and line fishing is restricted to baits using

a hook with a maximum gape size of one-half inch from point to shank. During this period, fishing with hook and line is prohibited between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise on all streams tributary to Lake Michigan and Green Bay except the Menominee river, Oconto river and its tributaries and the Fox river.

(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 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 is restricted to hook and line or rod and reel with fishing in Spruce lake further restricted to the use of artificial lures only and except that cisco may be taken in Pallette lake by means of dip nets or seines described under s. NR 20.11 (2).

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 fisher.

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 for the following: In Nebish lake, no person may take smallmouth bass from 9 to 12 inches long and there is a daily bag limit of 5 for smallmouth bass; in Pallette lake, no person may take smallmouth bass less than 16 inches long, there is a daily bag limit of 2 for smallmouth bass and there is no open season through 1991 for lake trout; and in Spruce lake, no person may take largemouth bass less than 12 inches long and there is a daily bag limit of 2 for largemouth bass.

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.

History: 1-2 56; am. (3) (a) 28.56 and 71, (3) (am) 7, cr. (3) (am) 3 a. 7 a and 24 a and r. (4) (c) 1 and 2, Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75; am. (3) (c) 2., 3., and 4., Register, October, 1975, No. 238, eff. 11-1-75; am. (3) (am) (intro.), (c) 2., 3. and 4., r, (4) (c) Register, November, 1975, No. 239, eff. 12-1-75; am. (4), r. (5) (a) 3 and cr. (7) and (8), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (7) (a) and (b), Register, March, 1977, No. 255, eff. 4-1-77; am. (3) (c) 2 to 4, Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 2-1-78; am. (3) (a) 69., (am) 3. and 24., (b), (4) (a) 5., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; r. (3) (c) 4.1, cr. (8) (c) and am. (3) (c) 4.b., Register, December, 1979, No. 288, eff. 1-1-80; emerg. cr. (7) (e), eff. 4-1-80; cr. (7) (e), Register, October, 1980, No. 298, eff. 11-1-80; am. (7) (e) and r. (8) (a) 1. a., Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; reprinted to correct error, Register, April, 1981, No. 304; am (2) (c) 4. e., Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9-1-81; am. (3) (a) 14., (3) (c) 4. d., (4) (a) 2. and 5., Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82; am. (3) (c) 3. and 4. intro., b., d. and f., r. and recr. (7) (e), renum. (8) to be (9), cr. (8), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; renum. (3) (c) 1. and 2. to be (3) (c) and (d) and am., renum. (3) (c) 3. and 4. to be (3) (d) 1. and 2., renum. (3) (c) 4. j. to be 2.i, Register, April, 1983, No. 328, eff. 5-1-83; am. (3) (d) 1. and 2. intro. and h., (4) (a) 5., r. (3) (d) 2.a., r. and recr. (7) and (8), renum. (9) to be (8) and am. (8) (b), cr. (8) (d), Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84; am. (3) (d) 2. e., Register, September, 1984, No. 345, eff. 10-1-84; am. (3) (d) 2. intro. (4) (a) 2. and 5., (7) (d) and (8) (b), cr. (7) (e), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; r. (3) (d) 2. i., Register, September, 1985, No. 357, eff. 10-1-85; cr. (7) (f) and (g), am. (8) (a), (b) and (c), Register, December, 1985, No. 360, eff. 1-1-86; renum. (3) (am) 26. to be 27., cr. (3) (a) 11, and (3) (am) 26., r. and recr. (3) (am) 3. and 24., Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; am. (4) (a) 5., Register, April, 1987, No. 376, eff. 5-1-87; r. and recr. (3) (d), Register, June, 1987, No. 378, eff. 7-1-87; r. (3) (a) 56., am. (3) (am) 13., cr. (7) (h), Register, Decem-

ber, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1-1-88; am. (3) (c), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; r. and recr. (4) (a) 5., Register, June, 1989, No. 402, eff. 7-1-89; emerg. cr. (4m), eff. 8-4-89; r. (5) to (8), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90; am. (3) (a) 14., Register, September, 1990, No. 417, eff. 10-1-90; am. (3) (c), Register, December, 1990, No. 420, eff. 1-1-91; am. (3) (a) 69. and (3) (am) 9., r. (3) (am) 2., Register, February, 1991, No. 422, eff. 3-1-91; r. (3) (am) 17. f., Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92; am. (3) (am) 10., Register, November, 1993, No. 455, eff. 1-1-94.

Note: For a complete history of NR 20.04 see the history note for NR 20.04 as it appeared in the December, 1974 Administrative Register.

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.* No person may fish in inland waters of the state by the method of trolling, except in the waters of Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Racine, Rusk, Taylor, Washburn and Waukesha counties, the Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages from county trunk A east of Tomahawk, Lincoln county, downstream, except Lake Mohawksin, the Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous and flowages up to the flowing portion of all tributary streams from the Holcombe flowage, Chippewa county, downstream, the Fox river from Buffalo lake downstream to the DePere dam and the following named lakes and rivers including their flowages and sloughs:

1. Adams county—Mason

2. Ashland county—Kakagon

8. Calumet county—Lake Winnebago

9. Chippewa county—Chain; Long 32-8

10. Clark county—Arbutus

13. Dane county—Crystal; Kegonsa; Koshkonong; Mendota; Monona; Waubesa

14. Dodge county—Beaver Dam; Fox; Sinnissippi

15. Door county—Clarks; Kangaroo

17. Dunn county—Menomin; Tainter

18. Eau Claire county—Altoona; Eau Claire

19. Florence county—Halsey; Twin Falls flowage

20. Fond du Lac county—Lake Winnebago

21. Forest county—Butternut; Franklin; Lucerne; Metonga; Pickerel; Pine; Wabicon

24. Green Lake county—Big Green; Maria: Puckaway

27. Jackson county—Arbutus

28. Jefferson county—Koshkonong; Rock

29. Juneau county—Kilburn flowage

30. Kenosha county—Elizabeth

32. La Crosse county—Neshonoc

34. Langlade county—Post (Lower); Post (Upper); Rolling Stone

35. Lincoln county—Spirit R. flowage

37. Marathon county—Big Eau Pleine reservoir upstream to the first state hwy. 153 bridge

38. Marinette county—Chalk Hills flowage; High Falls reservoir; Noquebay

39. Marquette county—Buffalo

43. Oconto county—Christy; Machickanee (Stiles pond); White Potato

44. Oneida county—Columbus; Rainbow flowage; Sugar Camp; Thunder; Willow flowage

50. Portage county—Little Eau Pleine flowage upstream to the first county hwy. 'O' bridge

51. Price county—Pike; Round

54. Rock county—Koshkonong

56. St. Croix county—Cedar

57. Sauk county—Redstone

58. Sawyer county—Chetac; Grindstone; Lac Court Oreilles; Nelson; Round; Whitefish; Windigo

59. Shawano county—Shawano

60. Sheboygan county—Sheboygan marsh

65. Walworth county—Beulah; Como; Delavan; Geneva; Whitewater

67. Washington county—Big Cedar; Pike

69. Waupaca county—Partridge; White

70. Waushara county—Poygan

71. Winnebago county—Butte des Morts; Little Butte des Morts; Poygan; Rush; Winnebago; Winneconne

(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. 88, 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; am. (1) (b), Register, October, 1973, No. 214, eff. 1-1-74; am. (1) (b), Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75; am. (1) (b) (intro.), r. (1) (b) 61 and 68, Register, November, 1975, No. 239, eff. 12-1-75; am. (1) (b) (intro.), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (1) (b), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; printing error corrected, Register, July, 1979; am. (1) (b) 21., 24. and 64., Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; am. (1) (b) 35., 44. and 58., Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; am. (1) (b) 37., 50. and 64., Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84; am. (1) (b) (intro.), r. (1) (b) 42. and 64., Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; am. (1) (b)

(intro.), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; am. (1) (b) (intro.), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90; am. (1) (b) 9. and 18., Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92; cr. (1) (b) 8. and 20., Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93; am. (1) (b) (intro.), Register, April, 1994, No. 460, eff. 5-1-94.

NR 20.07 Prohibited methods of fishing. (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Wisconsin Statutes or by department order:

(a) No person may take, catch, or kill fish or fish for fish of any kind with more than 3 hooks, baits or lures.

(b) No person may:

1. Fish with an unattended line in any waters.

2. Fish by snagging, fouling or attempting to hook fish other than in the mouth.

3. Keep any fish hooked other than in the mouth.

4. Fish with the aid or use of any firearm or pellet gun in any manner or by any means other than angling or trolling.

5. Use a telemetry device attached to or implanted in fish to aid in fishing.

(c) 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 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.

(d) No person shall place minnow traps in waters which have been chemically treated to reestablish a trout fishery.

(e) 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.

(f) Any fish taken into actual possession, unless released immediately, shall be included as part of the daily bag limit.

(g) Landing nets 3 feet or less in diameter or a gaff may be used for the purpose of landing fish legally hooked.

(h) No person may take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish in open water using a free-floating or anchored, buoyant device with attached hook and line, which is not held or otherwise controlled by the fisher, commonly known as jug fishing, except under a setline or bank pole license issued pursuant to s. 29.36, Stats.

(2) (a) No person may, except as expressly authorized, possess or control on any of the inland or outlying waters or shores of inland or outlying waters at any time any gun, bow and arrow, spear, net or similar device that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish.

(b) No person other than the licensee or licensee's designee or department agent may raise, remove, or otherwise tamper with commercial gear set in Wisconsin inland and boundary waters.

(3) It shall be lawful to take rough fish by hand at any time in all waters.

(4) (a) No person may as prescribed in sub. (2) take, catch or kill fish in the counties of Ashland (except in the Bad river as provided in par. (e)), Bayfield, Iron, Oconto (in that portion of the county west of highway #141 only), Oneida, Pierce, Price, Sawyer and Vilas counties, except that rough fish may be taken sunrise to sunset with bow and arrow from the Saturday nearest May 20 to July 1 each year in Iron and Sawyer counties.

(b) 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 April 21 to March 1, inclusive, sunrise to sunset in the inland waters or from shores of inland waters of Brown, Buffalo, Calumet (except during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water), Clark, Door, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Fond du Lac (except during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water), Forest, Green Lake, 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), Pepin, Portage, St. Croix, Shawano, Trempealeau, Winnebago (except during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water), and Wood.

(c) It shall be lawful for any person to take rough fish by means of spears or by spear fishing 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 Adams, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Marquette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk (except it is illegal to spear fish while skin diving or with bow and arrow in Devil's lake), Sheboygan, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca and Waushara (except during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water).

(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 skin diving and scuba diving in all waters where spearing for rough fish is permitted subject to the same seasons prescribed in sub. (4)(a), (b), (c) and (e) and subject to bag limits prescribed in s. NR 20.03.

(e) It shall be lawful for any person to take rough fish by means of spears or by spear fishing by the method commonly known as skin diving or bow and arrow, sunrise to sunset, from the Saturday nearest May 20 to November 1, inclusive, on the inland waters or from shores of inland waters in the counties of Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Rusk, Taylor, Washburn, Polk and Barron. Burbot (but no other species) may also be speared from sunset to sunrise 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 31, inclusive, in Douglas county and the Bad river, Ashland county.

(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 designated trout stream is prohibited at all times except as indicated in pars. (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. White river below the junction of the main and west branches in SE¼ NE¼, sec. 10, township 18 north, range 10 east, town of Dakota, downstream to the White river flowage in sec. 13 of Dakota township.

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.

(7) It shall be unlawful to use goldfish or alewife in any form or manner for bait or to have goldfish or alewife in possession on the inland, boundary or Lake Superior waters of the state. Alewife but not goldfish may be possessed and used for bait in Lake Michigan waters.

(8) No person shall, except as otherwise expressly provided, set, place, use, operate or have in possession or under control any snag line or snag pole, snaghook 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 fish, may be taken by means of a gaff hook through the ice, sunrise to sunset, in the outlying and reserve water of Lake Michigan and Green Bay.

(9) No person shall use or have in possession or under his or her 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 fisher to contain a catch while fishing, that might be used for the keeping of fish unless he or she 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.

(10) No person may fish for trout in inland waters without an inland waters trout stamp or fish for trout or salmon in the outlying trout and salmon waters without a Great Lakes trout and salmon stamp of current issue with the signature of the licensee written in ink across its face and firmly affixed by its own adhesive to the back of the person's valid fishing or sports license.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1) (d), (4) (a), (b) (c) and (e) and (7), cr. (1) (ee) and (g), Register, November, 1975, No. 239, eff. 12-1-75; emerg. am. (2), renum. (3) (a), to (e) to be (4) (a) to (e) and am. eff. 4-30-76; r. (1) (ff) and (5) (b) 1, r. and recr. (2) and (3), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (1) (c), (4) (b) and (e), (5) (a), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; cr. (10), Register, June, 1978, No. 270, eff. 7-1-78; r. and recr. (1) (g), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. (1) (a) and (4) (b) and (c) and cr.(5) (b) 1., Register, December, 1979, No. 288, eff. 1-1-80; am. (1) (a), Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; renum. (2) to be (2) (a) and cr. (2) (b), Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82; cr. (11), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; r. (5) (c) and (11), Register, June, 1984, No. 342, eff. 7-1-84; r. and recr. (1) (d), am. (4) (a), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; r. and recr. (1) (a), r. (1) (b) and (c), renum. (1) (d) to (g) to be (b) to (f), am. (2) (a), Register, December, 1985, No. 360, eff. 1-1-86; am. (1) (a), Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86; r. and recr. (1) (b), cr. (1) (g), Register, October, 1991, No. 430, eff. 11-1-91; cr. (1) (h), Register, December, 1991, No. 432, eff. 1-1-92; am. (10), Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92; corrections in (9) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 5, Stats., Register, March, 1994, No. 459.

Note: For a complete history of NR 20.07, see the history as it appeared in January, 1975, Administrative Register.

NR 20.08 Fishing tournaments. (1) DEFINITIONS. (a) "Fishing tournament" means any organized fishing activity, on any water of the state at any time, where competition is the primary intent, where prizes are awarded which, in total, have a value of more than $500, where the total number of participants is greater than 40 individuals or 20 boats, where the waters to be fished are identified by name by the sponsor, and where participants are required to fish on the same dates.

(b) "Person" means any individual, partnership, association, organization and body politic and corporate.

(c) "Sponsor" means a person who advances, conducts, directs, establishes, organizes, promotes or otherwise is responsible for the operation of a fishing tournament, but does not include a person who only assists in advertising or publicizing another person's fishing tournament. "Sponsor" also means to advance, conduct, direct, establish, organize, promote or otherwise be responsible for the operation of a fishing tournament.

(2) PERMIT REQUIRED. No person may sponsor a fishing tournament without first obtaining a permit from the department.

(3) APPLICATION. A person who wishes to sponsor a fishing tournament shall apply to the department for a permit on forms available from the department. The application shall be submitted no sooner than one calendar year before the starting date of the tournament and no later than 30 days before the starting date of the tournament.

Note: Application forms may be obtained at no charge from the department's district offices and the central office in Madison.

(4) ACTION ON APPLICATIONS. (a) The department shall act on fishing tournament permit applications no later than 10 business days following receipt of a complete application.

(b) Permits shall be granted unless the sponsor's privilege has been revoked pursuant to sub. (9).

(5) COMPLIANCE. All participants in a permitted tournament shall comply with all provisions of the permit. In the event that a participant clearly fails to comply with the permit, the violating participant shall promptly be disqualified or expelled from the tournament by the sponsor. The department may impose penalties under sub. (9) and take other appropriate enforcement action against the violating participant.

(6) GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PERMIT CONDITIONS. (a) No person may sponsor fishing tournaments on the same body of water with starting dates separated by less than 2 weeks.

(b) No person may sponsor a fishing tournament for a particular species of fish on the opening weekend of any fishing season for that species on any water subject to the opening.

(c) All permits for fishing tournaments shall:

1. Identify areas where competitive fishing is prohibited for the following reasons:

a. To protect critical habitat, including areas designated by local ordinance for aquatic vegetation preservation or areas where habitat enhancement activity is underway and

b. To protect public rights, interests or safety, including designated swimming areas, mooring areas, access areas, navigational channels, staging areas, beaches or other special use areas.

2. Specify the method for fish holding and release for tournaments where fish are reduced to possession, usually for purposes of recording, and live fish are then released to the water from which they came.

Note: NR 20.03 (1) provides for permits for restocking.

3. Contain provisions for other than live release of fish when the department determines that weather conditions and water temperature are not conducive to survival of fish intended for release and the release may constitute malicious waste of natural resources under the provisions of s. 23.095 (1), Stats.

4. Prohibit the use of tagged fish, except when approved by the department to enhance collection of data for management purposes as part of a scientific study, or when tagged fish are legally obtained from a licensed private fish hatchery and are planted under a stocking or introduction permit issued by the department under s. 29.535, Stats., and s. NR 19.05.

(d) Pursuant to s. NR 20.07 (1) (f) any fish taken into actual possession by an individual and not released immediately shall be included as part of the individual's daily bag limit.

(e) The time limitations upon the length of a fishing tournament under this section do not include fishing activities by tournament participants carried out prior to the time when the tournament begins.

(f) Except for tournaments on the Great Lakes, the fishing portion of any tournament may not run for more than 10 consecutive hours each day or more than 3 consecutive days.

(g) The fishing portion of tournaments on the Great Lakes is not limited.

(8) REPORTING. Each sponsor shall report the results of the sponsor's tournament and other information which the department deems necessary on forms available from the department no later than 30 days following the last day of the tournament.

Note: Reporting forms will be issued with permits.

(9) PENALTIES. In addition to any penalties provided by law, the department shall, for a period of 2 years from the date of violation, deny any tournament fishing permit application submitted by a person it determines failed to comply with a tournament fishing permit or with a rule relating to tournament fishing.

(10) SUNSET. This section shall remain in effect until December 31, 1996.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1994, No. 459, eff. 4-1-94.

NR 20.09 Dip nets and seines in inland and outlying waters. (1) GENERAL RESTRICTIONS. Except as provided in this section and in ss. NR 20.04, 20.10 and 20.11 no person shall set, use or operate any dip net in any of

the inland or outlying 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 and such nets shall only be raised and lowered vertically when fishing.

(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.

(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.

(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 nontrout designated 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.

(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 all year in the following waters:

1. In the Rock river in Dodge, Jefferson and Rock 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 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square may be used in all other waters except designated trout streams at any time of

the year, sunrise to sunset, for the taking of rough fish with no bag or possession limit.

(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 Lake Michigan and 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 5 miles inland on any of such streams where no dam is located within 5 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 Lake Superior and 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 DePere. Seines of this dimension may also be used in St. Louis bay, Superior bay, Allouez bay and from the mouth of the St. Louis river upstream to the north 28th st. landing in Douglas county.

(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 pars. (a), (b) and (c) of this section.

(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 basins and Beaver Dam lake west of hwy 63, Barron county. The open and closed seasons shall be at the directive of the district director.

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. 170, eff. 1-1-71; am. (1) (e) and (1) (e) 1., Register, November, 1975, No. 239, eff. 12-1-75; am. (1), (2) (b), (c) and (g) and cr. (3) (e), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; am. (3) (a) and (b), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. (3) (e), Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; am. (3) (c), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; am. (2) (g), Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86.

NR 20.10 Minnow nets, traps, and seines. (1) USE LIMITED. No person may 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.

(b) Except as provided in ss. NR 20.09 (2) (g) and (3) and 21.06 (1) (d), no person may take fish other than smelt and shiners with nets or

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traps from Lake Superior, its bays or tributaries, and no person may take minnows or shiners from the St. Louis river. This paragraph does not apply to the following waters:

1. Ashland county

a. Bad River - upstream from Copper Falls

b. Marengo river - upstream from state hwy. 13

c. Potato river - upstream from Guerney Falls

d. White river - upstream from White river dam

2. Bayfield county

a. Iron river - upstream from Orienta dam

b. Little Sioux river - upstream from the falls in NE ¼ of the NE ¼, section 13, township 49 north, range 5 west.

c. Siskiwit river - upstream from the falls in SW ¼ of the NW ¼, section 35, township 51 north, range 6 west.

3. Douglas county

a. Amnicon river - upstream from Amnicon Falls

b. Black river - upstream from Big Manitou Falls

c. Middle river - upstream from U.S. Hwy. 2

d. Poplar river - upstream from U.S. Hwy. 2

4. Iron county

a. Montreal river - upstream from Superior Falls dam

(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 sub. (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) Unless a permit has been issued under sub. (5) by the department in accordance with s. 29.30, Stats., only the following gear may be used for the taking of minnows for bait:

1. Minnow seines. Minnow seines may not exceed 35 feet in length 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 to exceed 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square.

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. The 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 48 hours from all waters, except department designated trout waters as indicated in department publications or under s. NR 1.02 (7). On designated trout waters, traps shall be raised and emptied every 24 hours during the open season for trout on the water, and during the closed season on such water, as required in the department permit authorizing placement of the trap.

(b) Unless a permit has been issued by the department, no person may use minnow seines or minnow dip nets of any type or description in inland streams or tributary spring holes inhabited by trout. Licensed bait dealers may use no more than a total of 20 minnow traps when removing minnows from one or more trout streams during the open season for trout, unless a permit has been issued. Persons not possessing a bait dealers license may use no more than a total of 3 minnow traps when conducting such removal. During the closed trout season, minnows may not be removed except by licensed bait dealers as authorized by permit.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person, except bait dealers licensed pursuant to s. 29.137, Stats., to have in possession or under control more than 600 minnows at any time.

(5) PERMITS FOR USE OF NONSTANDARD MINNOW GEAR. A licensed bait dealer may apply to the department on a form provided by the department for a permit to take minnows with minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps which are otherwise prohibited by this section. Applications shall be submitted to the department district office having jurisdiction over the affected waters.

(a) The department shall issue the permit if it determines that the conditions of this paragraph are met.

1. For waters with public access which is adequate according to s. NR 1.90 (2) (a), the department must find that:

a. The department does not need the minnows for its fish management activities;

b. Removal of the minnows will not cause or substantially contribute to a long-term depletion of the forage base;

c. Threatened or endangered species listed in ch. NR 27 are not known to be present in or near the affected water;

d. Unique or sensitive biological values such as nesting loons or heron rookeries are not present in, on or near the affected water;

e. The use of the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps is not likely to hinder or interfere with the exercise of a permit issued earlier in the year to another person for the water; and

f. The use of the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps is not likely to hinder or interfere with any other public uses of the water.

2. For waters lacking adequate public access and for waters surrounded by private lands, the department must find that:

a. The requirements of subd. 1.a. to e. are met; and

b. The applicant provided the department with the name, mailing address and telephone number of the person granting the applicant legal access to the water.

(b) Permits issued by the department under this subsection shall:

1. Include the permit holder's name, address and bait dealer's license number,

2. Specify the water where the permit is valid,

3. Describe the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps authorized,

4. Include an expiration date of December 31 of the calendar year in which the permit is issued, unless an earlier date is set under par. (c),

5. Prohibit the removal or destruction of vegetation, logs and other habitat features,

6. Require that minnows be transported only in tanks equipped with either an oxygen tank or an adequate aeration system,

7. Require that transport tanks and holding facilities not be loaded beyond their capacity to keep the minnows alive and healthy,

8. Require that all minnows taken under the permit be sold or used only for angling or rearing of fish in department or private fish hatcheries, and

9. Require that all minnows which are not kept for use or sale and all game fish caught by the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps be promptly returned unharmed to the water.

(c) The department may require reporting of the permit holder's activities under the permit and may set reasonable permit conditions to insure that the requirements of par. (a) are met.

(d) The department shall act on a complete application for a permit under this subsection within 20 business days after it is received by the appropriate department district office.

(e) No permit holder may cause or allow the violation of any term or condition of a permit issued under this subsection. In addition to any other penalties, if a permit holder is convicted of causing or allowing a violation of any term or condition of a permit, the permit is terminated.

(f) The department may, at any time, revoke or modify a permit issued under this subsection if it determines that the minnow supply is in danger of being depleted in the water for which the permit was issued. A permit revocation or modification shall become effective when it is received by the permit holder or 3 business days after it is mailed to the permit holder at the address shown on the permit, whichever occurs first.

(g) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the department under this subsection may, within 30 days of the mailing of the decision, request a

contested-case hearing before the department on the decision under s. 227.42, Stats.

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; am. (4) (a) 2, Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; am. (4) (a) 1. and 2., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. (4) (a) 1. and 2., Register, October, 1979, No. 286, eff. 11-1-79; am. (4) (a) (intro.), Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82; r. and recr. (4) (b), Register, August, 1982, No. 320, eff. 9-1-82; am. (4) (a) 3., Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; am. (4) (a) 1., Register, April, 1987, No. 376, eff. 5-1-87; am. (4) (a) (intro.), cr. (5), Register, June, 1987, No. 378, eff. 7-1-87; am. (1) (intro.), cr. (1) (b), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90; am. (1) (b) (intro.), Register, November, 1993, No. 455, eff. 1-1-94.

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 February 1.

(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 one 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; am. (3) (a), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83.

NR 20.12 Setlines and set or bank poles in inland waters. (1) LICENSE REQUIRED. No person may use, set, lift, attend or have in possession while on the inland waters any set or bank pole or setline unless its use complies with this section and is authorized by a set or bank pole license issued under s. 29.36 (1), Stats., or by a setline license issued under s. 29.37 (1), Stats.

(2) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS. (a) A set or bank pole license authorizes the use of a maximum of 5 set or bank poles and a setline license authorizes the use of one setline except as provided in ss. NR 21.12 (1) (a) and 22.12 (1).

(b) No person may use, set, lift, attend or have in possession while on the inland waters any set or bank pole or any setline licensed to another person.

(c) No person may possess sport angling equipment while setting, lifting or attending a set or bank pole or setline.

(3) SETLINE FLAG. Setline flags and buoys shall meet the requirements of this subsection.

(a) Any person using a setline shall place and maintain at one end of the setline a white flag 10 inches square or larger held by a staff or pole 3 feet or more above the surface of the water or bank, but the flag may not be placed in the main channel of any navigable waterway.

(b) The flag shall be numbered with figures which are at least 3 inches high and which correspond to the number of the license authorizing the setline's use.

(c) The flag staff or pole may not be more than 2½ inches in diameter and the portion of the staff extending above the water or bank shall be banded horizontally with alternate black and white markings of 2 inches to 6 inches wide.

(d) When a buoy is used to hold the setline's flag staff or pole the buoy shall be cylindrical in shape, have a diameter of 15 inches or less, and be banded horizontally with alternate black and white markings of 2 inches to 6 inches wide.

(4) TAGS REQUIRED. Each set or bank pole shall have attached securely to it and each setline shall have attached securely to its flag staff or pole a metal tag stamped with the number of the license authorizing its use.

(5) LINES AND HOOKS. (a) Set or bank poles and setlines may not use stainless steel hooks or be equipped with any hook smaller than ¾ inch gap except that on the Mississippi river stainless steel hooks may be used and there is no hook size restriction.

(b) A set or bank pole may not be equipped with more than one line which may not have more than 2 hooks.

(c) A setline may not have more than 25 hooks.

(6) BAIT. All types of bait may be used on waters open to set or bank pole and setline fishing except for the following:

(a) Live crayfish and whole or live bait fish less than 5 inches in length may not be used on any inland waters.

(b) Whole or live bait fish may not be used on lakes Butte des Morts, Little Butte des Morts, Winnebago and Winneconne, Winnebago county, lake Poygan, Waushara and Winnebago counties and the Black river, Jackson and LaCrosse counties.

(7) FREQUENCY OF LIFTING AND HOURS. (a) Each set or bank pole and setline shall be lifted and the catch removed at least once each day following the day it was set unless a longer period is authorized by the department or its agents.

(b) No person may set, attend or lift a set or bank pole or setline between one-half hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.

(8) SIZE, BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS. The size, bag and possession limits established in the season tables of s. NR 20.03 (1) for catfish apply to persons who fish with a set or bank pole or a setline, except that there is no bag limit on catfish caught in lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Little Butte des Morts, Winneconne, Poygan and in the Fox river downstream from lake Butte des Morts to the dam in the city of DePere,

Brown county and the Wolf river from 500 feet below the dam at Shawano, Shawano county, downstream to its mouth, Winnebago county.

(9) SALE OF FISH AND TURTLES; RELEASE OF GAME FISH. (a) Catfish taken on a set or bank pole or a setline may be sold only if taken from the water described in sub. (8).

(b) Rough fish taken on a set or bank pole or a setline in any waters where such fishing is permitted may be sold.

(c) Turtles taken on a set or bank pole or a setline may be kept and sold.

(d) Except for catfish taken in compliance with this section, all game fish taken on any set or bank pole or setline shall immediately be returned to the water as soon as they appear in the operation.

(10) WATERS OPEN TO SET OR BANK POLE AND SETLINE FISHING. (a) From the Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30 of each year set or bank poles and setlines may be used in the following waters:

1. Embarrass river beginning 500 feet below the dam at Pella in Shawano county downstream to the Wolf river, Waupaca county.

2. Fox river from the Wicks landing road located in section 6, T15N, R12E, Green Lake county downstream to the Eureka dam, Winnebago county and from lake Butte des Morts in Winnebago county downstream to the dam in the city of DePere, Brown county.

3. Lakes Butte des Morts, Little Butte des Morts, Poygan, Winnebago and Wineconne, Winnebago county.

4. Shioc river, Outagamie county.

5. Waupaca river beginning 500 feet below the dam at Weyauwega, Waupaca county, downstream to the Wolf river, Waupaca county.

6. Wolf river from 500 feet below the dam at Shawano, Shawano county downstream to its mouth, Winnebago county.

(b) There is a continuous open season for set or bank pole and setline fishing in the following waters:

1. Black river from the U.S. highway 12 bridge in the city of Black River Falls, Jackson county, downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, La Crosse county.

2. Blue river from the state highway 133 bridge, Grant county, downstream to the Wisconsin river.

3. Grant river from Porters bridge on state highway 35 downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, Grant county.

4. Kickapoo river from 200 feet below the Gays Mills dam, Crawford county, downstream to the Wisconsin river.

5. Pecatonica river in Green and Lafayette counties and the Pecatonica east and west branches, Lafayette county.

6. Platte river, from the state highway 81 bridge downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, Grant county.

7. Wisconsin river from the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad tracks, SW ¼ SE ¼, section 12, T9N, R6E, Sauk county, downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, Grant county.

(11) WATERS OPEN TO SET OR BANK POLE FISHING ONLY. (a) There is a continuous open season for set or bank pole fishing in the following waters:

1. Buffalo river from the state highway 37 bridge downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, Buffalo county.

2. Chippewa river from the dam in Eau Claire, Eau Claire county, downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, Pepin county.

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; am. (9), Register, October, 1973, No. 214, eff. 1-1-74; am. (8), Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75; am. (1), (5) and (8), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (9), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; r. and recr. Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86; am. (5) (a), Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; am. (6) (b), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88.

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 s. 29.283, Stats.:

(1) PROHIBITED SHELTER. Except as provided in sub. (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, excluding Green Bay waters, and March 15 north of highway #64 on all waters including other outlying waters. Such shelters shall be removed prior to that time by order of the department 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) SIZE OF HOLES FOR ICE FISHING. (a) 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 dip netting, 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 Butte des Morts, Winnebago and in the connecting waters downstream to the uppermost dam in the city of Appleton in Outagamie county is 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 department of natural resources or by statute shall have in the English language the name and residential address of the person owning or using the same painted or permanently affixed on the outside thereof with lettering a minimum of one inch square.

(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.

(6) PROHIBITED METHODS WITHIN FISH SHANTIES. During the open season for spearing sturgeon under s. NR 20.03 (1) (q) 2.a. and b., no person may fish with or possess hook and line within any building, tent, shanty or similar enclosure containing an ice hole larger than 12 inches in diameter or square.

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; am. (4), Register, October, 1973, No. 214, eff. 1-1-74; am. (3) (a), Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75; am. (3) (a), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (2) (a), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; cr. (6), Register, November, 1993, No. 455, eff. 1-1-94.

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 finds that bullheads are detrimental fish in the following counties or specified county waters.

(a) All waters in Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas and Washburn counties.

(b) Adams and Juneau — Castle Rock flowage and the Wisconsin river beginning at the Petenwell dam and extending downstream to the Castle Rock dam except for that part of the Yellow river in Castle Rock flowage locally called the Buckhorn area, upstream from the electric power trans-

mission line across the flowage in sections 26 and 35, T17N, R4E, Juneau county.

(c) Dodge — Beaver Dam lake and the Rock river from hwy. 49 downstream to the dam in Hustisford.

(d) Florence — Bass, Frog, Halsey, Long (Forest county), Scout and West Bass lakes; Line and Pine river flowages.

(e) Forest — Little Rice lake.

(f) Marinette — Town Corner lake.

(g) Sheboygan — Sheboygan marsh.

(h) Winnebago — Little Lake Butte des Morts from the lower dam on the Fox river at Menasha to the upper dam in Appleton, Outagamie county.

(i) Wood — 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.

(j) All of Lake Michigan and Green Bay waters in Marinette, Oconto, Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha counties.

(2) The department of natural resources finds, pursuant to s. 29.623, 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 s. 29.623, 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 ss. 29.62 and 29.625, Stats.

(a) Green lake in Green Lake county.

(b) Lake Michigan and Green Bay

(4) The department of natural resources finds, pursuant to s. 29.623, Stats., that panfish are detrimental fish in the following specified waters and that the department may remove panfish from the waters specified or cause them to be removed therefrom pursuant to ss. 29.62 and 29.625, 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 s. 29.623, 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 ss. 29.62 and 29.625, Stats.

(6) The department of natural resources finds pursuant to s. 29.623, 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 ss. 29.62 and 29.625, Stats.

(7) The department of natural resources finds that all fish species, strains or hybrids that are not indigenous to the waters of the state are detrimental fish in all waters of the state except where their presence is specifically permitted under s. 29.535, Stats. The department may remove them or cause them to be removed pursuant to s. 29.623, Stats.

(8) The department of natural resources finds pursuant to s. 29.623, Stats., that white bass are detrimental fish in all of Lake Michigan and Green Bay waters and that the department may remove white bass or cause them to be removed pursuant to ss. 29.62 and 29.625, 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; cr. (1) (j), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (1) (b) and (c), Register, December, 1979, No. 288, eff. 1-1-80; cr. (1) (r), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; r. and recr. (1), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; cr. (1) (j), (3) (b), (7) and (8), Register, June, 1989, No. 402, eff. 7-1-89; am. (1) (a), Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92.

NR 20.16 Monthly sport trolling fishing reports. (1) A monthly sport trolling fishing report form required by s. 29.166 (2), Stats., shall be completed by the sport trolling licensee guiding persons in sport trolling. Copies of the report form shall be provided by the department. The licensee's name, license number, date, locations fished, number of anglers, number of lines fished, hours fished, total number of fish caught and other information required by the report form shall be accurately and legibly recorded on the form in the English language within ½ hour after completing each trip's fishing activities after returning to the dock or shore. The number of fish of each species caught and the tag numbers, if any, may be recorded on the form after returning to the dock or shore but shall be recorded on the form prior to midnight of the day of each trip. The report form shall be exhibited to a conservation warden upon request.

(2) The entire monthly sport trolling fishing report form provided by the department, including any voided and unused pages, shall be signed and dated by the sport trolling licensee and submitted to the department on or before the 10th day of each month for the preceding calendar month.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1992, No. 439, eff. 8-1-92.

NR 20.17 Report of licensed guides. All Wisconsin guides licensed under the provisions of s. 29.165, Stats., and operating in the Wisconsin waters of Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall report to the department on blanks to be furnished by the department detailed information regarding their fishing activities which shall include the quantity,

the varieties of fish taken, and any other information pertaining to their fishing activities required by the department.

History: Cr. Register, May, 1973, No. 209, eff. 6-1-73; am., Register, June, 1974, No. 222, eff. 7-1-74.

NR 20.18 Sturgeon spearing. (1) POSSESSION OF EQUIPMENT. No person may have in possession or under control any spear or similar device in any building, tent, shanty or similar enclosure on the ice or waters of Lakes Buttes des Morts, Winneconne and Poygan, except during the specified spearing season, or on the ice or waters and tributaries of the Wolf river from the lower dam at Shawano downstream to Poygan, the Embarrass river from Pella dam downstream to the Wolf river, in the Schioc river from the Outagamie-Shawano county line downstream to its confluence with the Wolf river, the Little Wolf river from Manawa Dam downstream to the Wolf river, the Fox river from milepost No. 63, commonly known as Johnson creek, in Green Lake county to the Princeton dam downstream to Lake Butte des Morts during the open sturgeon spearing season.

(2) STURGEON TAG. (a) *Tags.* A sturgeon carcass tag shall be issued with each sturgeon spearing license and shall remain intact until the spearer spears a sturgeon. While sturgeon spearing, no person may possess a validated sturgeon carcass tag unless it is attached to a legally killed sturgeon.

(b) *Validation.* Any person who spears a sturgeon shall immediately validate the sturgeon carcass tag by slitting the marks designating the month, day, length of fish, time and location of kill. Failure to completely validate the sturgeon carcass tag renders the possession of the sturgeon illegal and the sturgeon carcass tag invalid.

(3) TRANSPORTATION. No person may 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 sub. (4) unless the sturgeon is carried openly exposed and in such manner so that the sturgeon carcass tag attached to the sturgeon cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

(4) RECORDING STURGEON. (a) *Registration.* Each person who has speared a sturgeon during the open season for spearing sturgeon shall exhibit the sturgeon, with the person's sturgeon carcass tag attached as required by s. 29.148, Stats., to a warden or other authorized department personnel at an official sturgeon registration station. Sturgeon shall be intact and registered at a station on Lake Winnebago if speared in Lake Winnebago. Sturgeon shall be intact and registered at a station on Lake Butte des Morts, Winneconne or Poygan if speared in Lake Butte des Morts, Winneconne or Poygan. Sturgeon shall be exhibited at a sturgeon registration station not later than 7:00 p.m. on the day speared. The registration tag shall remain attached and locked to the sturgeon until the carcass is prepared for final consumption.

(b) *Registration tagging.* Upon verification of license information, the station operator shall:

1. Complete and retain the registration portion of the sturgeon's license.

2. Lock a registration tag to the carcass immediately in front of the tail.

3. Remove the validation portion of the sturgeon carcass tag leaving the remainder of the sturgeon carcass tag attached to the sturgeon.

History: Cr. (1), (2) and (4), (3) renum. from NR 20.03 (2) (c) and am., Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93.

NR 20.19 Sturgeon - hook and line. (1) Any person who has taken a lake sturgeon by hook and line shall immediately attach a hook and line lake sturgeon tag, furnished by the department and by 6:00 p.m. of the next day after the fish was taken, register the tagged lake sturgeon at a department lake sturgeon registration station. A registration tag attached to the fish by the department shall remain attached until the carcass is prepared for final consumption. This hook and line lake sturgeon tag shall be retained by the person taking the lake sturgeon until the fish is consumed.

(2) Sturgeon tags shall be available in each year prior to the open season. A person may obtain no more than one tag unless fishing Michigan boundary waters in which case 2 tags may be obtained.

(3) (a) No person may transport any lake sturgeon in or on any motor-driven vehicle from the time the lake sturgeon is taken to the time it is lawfully registered pursuant to sub. (1) unless the lake sturgeon is carried openly exposed and in a manner so that the lake sturgeon tag attached to the lake sturgeon cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

(b) No person may transport any lake sturgeon in or on any boat from the time the lake sturgeon is taken to the time it is lawfully registered pursuant to sub. (1) unless the lake sturgeon is carried openly exposed.

History: Cr. Register, May, 1994, No. 461, eff. 6-1-94.