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## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, George E. Meyer, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Natural Resources Board Order No. FM-12-94 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on May 26, 1994. I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at the Natural Resources Building in the City of Madison, this 2/2/2014 day of July, 1994.

George E. Meyer, Secretary

(SEAL)



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



IN THE MATTER OF repealing s. NR 20.03(1)(d); amending s. NR 20.02(1)(a)3., 20.02(1)(b) and (d)1., 20.03(1)(a)1.e., 20.03(1)(k)1m., (k)2., (q)1.a., (4)(g), (6)(d)1., (6)(d)3., 20.04(3)(am)24., (3)(c), (3)(d), 20.07(4)(a), 20.09(2)(g), (3)(b), (3)(c), (3)(e), 20.10(1)(b), 20.13(6), 21.06(1)(d), 26.02(70)(a), 26.22(64)(a); and creating s. NR 20.03(1)(a)10m., (1)(c)10m., (1)(d), 20.03(9), 26.01(52), 26.08(5)(b) and (c), 26.09(51), and 26.24(9) and (61) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code pertaining to sport fishing and fish refuges

FM-12-94

#### Analysis prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

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

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

#### In this order:

Section 1 establishes a minimum length limit for sauger in Lake Superior of 15 inches and prohibits the taking of more than 1 walleye or sauger greater than 20 inches in length;

Section 2 establishes a minimum length limit for northern pike in Lake Superior of 26 inches and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 to 2;

Section 3 lengthens the open season for lake trout in Lake Michigan;

Section 4 increases the minimum length limit for bass in Lazy lake, Columbia county, and Eagle lake, Racine county from 14 to 18 inches and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 to 1;

Section 5 reduces the daily bag limit for bass in Lake Wazee, Jackson county, from 5 to 2:

Section 6 reduces the daily bag limit for walleye in Lake Wazee, Jackson county, from 5 to 2;

Section 7 establishes a minimum length limit for northern pike of 26 inches and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 to 2 in 31 southern Wisconsin counties and in several northern Wisconsin waters. This section also establishes a minimum length limit for northern pike of 32 inches and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 to 1 in 9 waters and establishes a 40 inch minimum length limit for northern pike and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 to 1 in 3 waters;

Section 8 reduces the daily bag limit for panfish from 50 to 15 in Eagle lake, Racine county;

Section 9 reduces the daily bag limit for panfish from 50 to 10 in Lake Wazee, Jackson county;

Section 10 closes the hook and line sturgeon season in the Wisconsin river upstream from the dam at Wisconsin Dells;

Section 11 closes the early (1 January to the day before the first Saturday in May) trout fishing season in southwestern counties, increases the minimum length limit for trout in Big Green lake from 9 to 14 inches, and establishes a daily bag limit of 2 and a minimum length limit of 12 inches for trout in Lake Wazee;

Section 12 increases the minimum length limit for muskellunge from 32 to 40 inches in Park, Silver, Spring, and Swan lakes, Columbia county, Big Green lake, Green Lake county, and sections of the Brunet river (including Lake Winter) and Chippewa river (including Radisson flowage), Sawyer county;

Section 13 increases the minimum length limit for muskellunge in most waters statewide from 32 to 34 inches;

Sections 14 and 16 close the season for fishing for all species on small streams and roadside ditches adjacent to Green Bay, while leaving the outlying waters and mainstems of larger rivers open to sport fishing.

Section 15 redefines the lower Wisconsin river to include tributaries upstream to the first highway bridge;

Section 17 excludes a portion of the Peshtigo River from the restriction on night fishing for most tributaries to Green Bay and Lake Michigan;

Section 18 opens Fish creek slough, Bayfield county, to bowfishing from the Saturday nearest May 20 to July 1;

Sections 19, 20, 21, 23 and 25 close Lake Superior and its bays and tributaries to bait harvest;

Section 22 excludes Beaver Dam lake, Barron county, from inland waters open to dip netting for smelt;

Section 24 more clearly defines the fishing equipment that may not be possessed while spearing sturgeon;

Section 26 creates a fish refuge around the Root River Steelhead facility from January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995;

Section 27 reduces the length of the refuge below the Eureka dam, Fox river, Winnebago county, from 500 to 200 feet;

Section 28 creates two fish refuges in Brown County from March 1 of each year to the date immediately preceding the opening date of the general fishing season.

Section 29 establishes a fish refuge on Schnur creek, Price county;

Section 30 amends the description of the fish refuge on Little St. Germain lake; and

Section 31 creates fish refuges on Otter creek, upstream and downstream from Otter lake, Chippewa and Taylor counties.

SECTION 1. NR 20.02(1)(a)3. is amended to read:

	Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a)	WALLEYE, AND 3. SAUGER AND HYBRIDS THEREOF (Bag limit means total of all)	-	At all times	which no more	<del>walleye</del>

SECTION 2. NR 20.02(1)(b) is amended to read:

	Species	Area	Daily bag Minimum Open season limit length (in.)
(b)	NORTHERN PIKE	Lake Michigan and Green Bay	At all times 5 No size limit
	LIVE		At all times 5 2 No-size limit 26

SECTION 3. NR 20.02(1)(d)1. is amended to read:

	Species	Area	Daily bag Minimum Open season limit length (in.)
(d)	TROUT AND SALMON	gan and Green Bay, except as provided in	All year 5 in total 10 except the of which only open sea- 2 may be lake son for trout, except lake trout as provided in is from subd. 2.  May March 1 through Labor Day October 31, except as provided in subd. 2.

SECTION 4. NR 20.03(1)(a)1.e. is amended to read:

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Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS	· .		
e. Lazy lake, Columbia county; Fish and Mud lakes (T9N, R7E, Sec. 3, 4), Dane county; Eagle lake, Racine county.	First Saturday in May to March 1	1	18
SECTION 5. NR 20.03(1)(a)10m.	is created to read:		
Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS			
10m. Lake Wazee, Jackson county	First Saturday in May to March 1	2	14
SECTION 6. NR 20.03(1)(c)10m.	is created to read:		
Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(c) WALLEYE AND SAUGER AND HYBRIDS THEREOF			
10m. Lake Wazee, Jackson county	First Saturday in May to March 1	2	15

SECTION 7. NR 20.03(1)(d) is repealed and recreated to read:

		Daily Mi	nimum
Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	bag l	ength Inches)
(d) NORTHERN PIKE (See also s. NR 20.04)			
1. Forest lake, Fond du Lac county	First Saturday in May to March 1	0	<del></del> -
2. 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
3. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous n,	1 in aggre- gate with largemouth bass, small- mouth bass and walleye, sauger and hybrids thereof	
4. 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; Twin Valley lake, Iowa county; and Yellowstone lake, LaFayette county		1	40
5. Diamond lake, Bayfield county; Bond lake, Douglas county; Butternut and Franklin lakes, Forest county; Puckaway lake, Green Lake county; Silve lake, Kenosha county; Big Eau Pleine reservoir, Marathon county; Largon lake, Polk county; Wilson flowage, Price county; Devils lake, Sauk county; Devils lake, Sauk county	r ty;	n 1	32

and Geneva lake, Walworth county; Long lake, Waushara county, and the Wisconsin river and its flowages from the dam at Wisconsin Dells upstream to the dam at Lake DuBay

6. All other waters of Adams, First Saturday in Columbia, Crawford, Dane, May to March 1 Dodge, Fond du Lac (except Lake Winnebago), Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, LaCrosse, LaFayette, Marguette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Ozaukee, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waushara and Wood counties; Prairie, Chetek, Pokegama, Mud, Ten Mile and Staples lakes, Barron county; Ellison, Muskellunge, Sand Bar and Tomahawk lakes, Bayfield county; Dunham lake, Burnett county; Stevens lake, Forest county; lake Six, Iron County; Bear, John and Munger lakes, Oconto county; Peshtigo flowage, Marinette county; Balsam, Long and Loveless lakes, Polk county; and Slim lake, Washburn county

7. In all other waters

First Saturday in May to March 1

5

2

No size limit

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## SECTION 8. NR 20.03(1)(k)1m. is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(k) BLUEGILL, CRAPPIE, PUMP- KINSEED (sunfish), YELLOW PERC BULLHEADS	CH,		
<pre>1m. Lac La Belle, Waukesha county; Eagle lake, Racine county</pre>	Continuous	15 in aggre- gate	No size limit

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(k) BLUEGILL, CRAPPIE, PUMP- KINSEED (sunfish), YELLOW PERC BULLHEADS	CH,		
2. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washingto Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties Lake Wazee, Jackson county	on,	10 in aggre- gate	No size limit

SECTION 10. NR 20.03(1)(q)1.a. is amended to read:

bag length season limit (inches)
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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: Wisconsin river, from the dam in Wisconsin Dells upstream to its origin, including all flowages and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge on the tributary.

SECTION 11. NR 20.03(4)(g), Table 1, subdivisions 11 to 14, 22 to 25, 27, 32, 52, 53 and 55 are amended to read:

TABLE 1

Cour	nty	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)
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 arti- ficial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: 1 trout. Size limit: 15"
		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.
13.	Dane	All <del>streams</del> waters not	listed	3 .	
10.		All lakes and ponds		3	<del>dpen season: Jan. 1 to Sept.</del> <del>30</del>
		Big Spring creek	Iowa county line upstream to Barber rd.	4	
		Black Earth creek	Park street upstream to South Valley rd.	5	dear restrictions: only drtificial 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 Mount Vernon creek	Gordon creek upstream to CTH Z Posted area between CTH U and STH 92	4 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 <del>streams</del> waters <del>All lakes and ponds</del>		3 <del>3</del>	Open season: Jan. 1 to

## Sept. 30

22.	Grant	All waters not listed		3	Open season: all Grant county waters - Jan. 1 to
		Big Green river	STH 133 upstream to CTH T	5	Sept. 30 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 daught shall be immediately released
		Borah creek	Downstream from Bluff road	5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout daught 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 daught 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 daught 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"
		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		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	
		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	·.
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23.	Green	All waters not listed		3	<pre>dpen season: all Green county waters - Jan. 1 to Sept. 30</pre>
		Brennan creek	Upstream from Lafayette county line	4	
24.	Green Lake	All waters not listed		2	•
	and auto	Green lake and tributary streams upstream to first dam	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 14". 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 Big Rock creek Big Spring creek	All All	4 4 5	Gear restrictions: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Blue river Canon creek Cave Hollow creek Dodge branch Gordon creek	All All All Jonesdale upstream to CTH Y 0.5 mile downstream from	4 4 4 5	Gear restrictions: only
		STH 39 upstream to Brue road		artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
	Gordon creek Harker creek	Upstream from Brue road Upstream from Upper Mt. Hope road	<b>4</b> 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 Love creek	Upstream from Berg road All	4 5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout in total. Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout

		Martin branch Mill creek	All CTH H upstream to Mill dam	4 5
		Narveson creek Otter creek	All CTH II upstream to CTH Q	4 5
		Otter creek Pompey Pillar creek Pompey Pillar creek	Upstream from CTH Q Downstream from CTH I Upstream from CTH I	4 4 5
		Smith-Conley creek Smokey Hollow creek Strutt creek	All Downstream from CTH P All	4 4 5
		Trout creek	All	5
		Yellowstone river	All	4
27.	Jackson	All waters not listed Allen creek Beaver creek (north fork) Buffalo river (north	All All	2 4 4 4
		fork) Buffalo river (south	All	4
		fork) Clear creek (south branch Robinson)	All	3
		Curran Coulee creek Douglas creek (Shake	All Upstream from Douglas pond	3 4
		Hollow creek) Halls creek (south fork) Halls creek (Stockwell creek)		4 4

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		Halls creek (west fork) Hoffman pond Lake Lee Lake Wazee Levis creek Lowe Creek pond Oxbow ponds	All All All Downstream from west line of S14, T21N, R3 All All	4 2 2 5 4 2 2	Daily bag limit: 2 trout in total. Size limit: 12"
		Pigeon creek (Millston)	All	3	
		Pigeon creek (Northfield		3	
		Robinson creek Shake Hollow (N. branch) (Cr. 30-15)	Upstream from STH 27 All	3 4	
		Shamrock creek	All	3	
		Squaw creek	All	3 3	
		Stony creek Tank creek	All	3 <b>∆</b>	
		Trempealeau river	Davis road upstream to Lincoln	5	Gear restrictions: only
			road	·	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	·
	÷	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	
32.	Lafayette	All waters not listed		· <b>4</b>	Open season: all Lafayette  dounty waters - Jan. 1 to  Sept. 30
		Erickson creek	All	3	
		Sawmill creek	Upstream from Kainz road	3	<u>.</u>
		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

52.	Richland	All waters not listed		3	Open season: all Richland county waters - Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
		Pabb Hallor graph	717	· <b>A</b>	beper 30
		Babb Hollow creek Camp creek and unnamed tributaries	All 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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		Coulter Hollow creek East Branch of Marshall creek	All All	4 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"
				•	be under to or over 14
		East Branch of Mill cree	k 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"
		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 trout 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	
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		Higgins creek Hoke creek	All All	4 5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or

		•	over 18", brook trout shall
Hood Hollow creek	All	4	be under 10" or over 14"
Hynek Hollow creek	All	<b>.</b>	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 Keppler branch	All	4 4	*
Lost Hollow creek Marshall creek	All All	4 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 Smith Hollow creek	All Downstream from Robin Hollow road	4 5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag limit: all trout daught shall be immediately released
Smith Hollow creek	Upstream from Robin Hollow road	4	1
South Bear creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or dver 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
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
West Branch of Marshall creek	All	5	be under 10" or over 14" Daily bag limit: 3 trout Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall

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		West Branch of Mill creel	ь <b>л</b> 11	4	be under 10" or over 14"
		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
		Wheat Hollow creek	All	4	released
			Upstream from Ithaca dam except for the 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	4
		Rock co. lakes and ponds		3	Open season: Jan. 1 to Sept.
55.	Sauk	All waters not listed		3	Open season: all Sauk county waters - Jan. 1 to Sept. 30
		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 dver 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	
Leech creek	Muck ditches upstream to Paschen	$\overline{4}$	
	road	•	
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	
Willow creek	All	4	:
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#### SECTION 12. NR 20.03(6)(d)1. Table 1 is amended to read:

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

#### TABLE 1

Waters With a 40-inch Minimum Size Limit on Muskellunge

<u>County</u> <u>Waters</u>

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

Columbia Park Lake

Silver Lake Spring Lake Swan Lake

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

Green Lake Big Green 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

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

Brunet River, from State
Highway '70' downstream
to the Chippewa River,
including Winter Flowage

Chippewa River, from the dam at Chippewa Flowage (Winter Dam) downstream to and including

Radisson 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

SECTION 13. NR 20.03 (6)(d)3. is amended to read:

NR 20.03 (6)(d)3. The minimum size limit for muskellunge is  $\frac{32}{34}$  inches for all waters not listed in Table 1 or 2.

SECTION 14. NR 20.03(9) is created to read:

NR 20.03(9) SPECIAL CLOSURE FOR GREEN BAY TRIBUTARIES. (a) Notwithstanding the seasons established in sub. (1), there is a closed season for all hook and line fishing for all species of fish in the Green Bay tributary streams, rivers and ditches from the bay of Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake from March 2 to the Friday immediately preceding the first Saturday in May except for the following waters:

- 1. Duck creek in Brown county beginning at the first dam above the Pamperin park foot bridge in the village of Howard, extending downstream to the bay of Green Bay.
- 2. Suamico river in Brown county beginning at the CTH "HS" bridge extending downstream to the bay of Green Bay.
- 3. The East river in Brown county beginning at the Hoffman Road (CTH "XX") bridge extending downstream to the bay of Green Bay.
- 4. The Little Suamico river in Oconto county beginning at the CTH "J" bridge extending downstream to the bay of Green Bay.
- 5. The Pensaukee river in Oconto county beginning at the CTH "J" bridge extending downstream to the bay of Green Bay.
- 6. The Oconto river in Oconto county from the Stiles dam extending downstream to the bay of Green Bay.
- 7. The Little river in Oconto county beginning at the highway 141 bridge extending downstream to the junction with the Oconto river.
- 8. The Peshtigo river in Marinette county from the Peshtigo dam extending downstream to the bay of Green Bay.
- 9. The Little river in Marinette county beginning at the Rader road bridge extending downstream to the bay of Green Bay.
- (b) Tributaries of the waters listed in par. (a) 1 to 9 are included in the closed season described in par. (a).

## SECTION 15. NR 20.04(3)(am)24. is amended to read:

NR 20.04(3)(cm)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, Crawford, Dane, Grant, Iowa, Richland and Sauk counties 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.

## SECTION 16. NR 20.04(3)(c) is amended to read:

NR 20.04(3)(c) Except for streams posted pursuant to ch. NR 26 or closed pursuant to s. NR 20.03(9), 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.

#### SECTION 17. NR 20.04(3)(d) is amended to read:

NR 20.04(3)(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, and the Peshtigo river from the downstream side of the railroad bridge at the NE 1/4, of the NE 1/4, section 30, township 30 north, range 23 east downstream to its mouth.

#### SECTION 18. NR 20.07(4)(a) is amended to read:

NR 20.07(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, and in Fish creek slough, from its mouth upstream to the junction of North and South Fish creeks, Bayfield county.

#### SECTION 19. NR 20.09(2)(q) is amended to read:

NR 20.09(2)(g) A Except in Lake Superior, its bays and tributaries, 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.

## SECTION 20. NR 20.09(3)(b) is amended to read:

NR 20.09(3)(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.

SECTION 21. NR 20.09(3)(c) is amended to read:

NR 20.09(3)(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 and 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. However, seines of this dimension may be used for the taking, catching and killing of smelt 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.

SECTION 22. NR 20.09(3)(e) is amended to read:

NR 20.09(3)(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.

#### SECTION 23. NR 20.10(1)(b) is amended to read:

NR 20.10(1)(b) Except as provided in ss. NR 20.09(2)(g) and (3) and 21.06(1)(d), no No person may take fish other than smelt and shiners with nets or 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 Cooper Falls
- b. Marengo river upstream from state hwy. 13
- c. Potato river upstream from Guerney Falls
- d. White river upstream from the White river dam
- 2. Bayfield county
- a. Iron river upstream from Orienta dam
- b. Little Sioux river upstream from the falls in NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, section 13, township 49 north, range 5 west.
- c. Siskiwit river upstream from the falls in SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, 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

#### SECTION 24. NR 20.13 (6) is amended to read:

NR 20.13(6) PROHIBITED METHODS WITHIN FISH SHANTIES. During the open season for spearing sturgeon under s. 20.03(1)(q)2.a. and b., no person may fish with or possess a fishing pole, hook and line or other similar devices that might be used for the purpose of catching fish within any building, tent, shanty or similar enclosure containing an ice hole larger than 12 inches in diameter or square.

#### SECTION 25. NR 21.06(1)(d) is amended to read:

NR 21.06(1)(d) May Except in Lake Superior, its bays and tributaries, may take rough fish by means of spear, bow and arrow or dip nets not to exceed 24 inches in diameter or square only from sunrise to sunset from the Saturday nearest April 21 to March 1, except that the use of dip nets not to exceed 24 inches in diameter or square for the taking of rough fish in the St. Croix river downstream to the St. Croix Falls dam is permitted from the Saturday nearest May 15 to June 30 each year.

#### SECTION 26. NR 26.01 (52) is created to read:

NR 26.01(52) RACINE COUNTY. That part of the Root river located at Lincoln park in the city of Racine beginning 200 feet downstream from the fish ladder and extending upstream to 100 feet past the fish return pipe of the Root river steelhead facility. This refuge is to remain in effect until December 31, 1995.

## SECTION 27. NR 26.02 (70)(a) is amended to read:

NR 26.02(70) WINNEBAGO COUNTY. (a) Fox river (Eureka dam). Beginning  $\frac{500}{200}$  feet downstream from the dam in and across the Fox river, located in section 31, township 18 north, range 14 east, commonly known as the Eureka dam, and thence upstream from the dam for 400 feet.

SECTION 28. NR 26.08(5)(title), (b) and (c) are created to read:

NR 26.08(5) BROWN COUNTY. (b) <u>Fox river</u>. That part of the Fox river beginning at the DePere dam located in the city of DePere, T23N, R20E and extending downstream to the downstream side of the Wisconsin Public Service power lines from the east shore of the river and extending parallel to the power lines in a southwesterly direction to the northeast corner of the Nicolet Paper Company.

(c) <u>Sensiba discharge area to the Suamico river</u>. The discharge area of the Sensiba wildlife area from the dike to the south end of the culvert under Sunset Beach road in section 24, T25N, R20E.

SECTION 29. NR 26.09(51) is created to read:

NR 26.09(51) PRICE COUNTY. All of Schnur creek, beginning at the west shore of Schnur lake on the east end of the creek and extending westward to the east shore of Butternut lake, SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 5, township 40 north, range 1 west.

SECTION 30. NR 26.22 (64)(a) is amended to read:

NR 26.22(64) VILAS COUNTY. (a) <u>Little St. Germain</u>. That part of Little St. Germain beginning at the lake outlet in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, section  $\frac{36}{35}$ , township 40 north, range 8 east extending downstream for a distance of 500 feet.

SECTION 31. NR 26.24 (9) and (61) are created to read:

NR 26.24(9) CHIPPEWA COUNTY. That portion of Otter creek from the Otter lake dam in section 11, township 30 north, range 5 west, downstream for a distance of 300 feet.

(61) TAYLOR COUNTY. That portion of Otter creek from county highway H, on the Chippewa-Taylor county line, upstream to the north boundary of section 19, township 30 north, range 4 west.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on \_\_\_\_\_ May 26, 1994 \_\_\_\_\_.

The rules contained herein shall take effect on January 1, 1995, pursuant to authority granted by s. 227.22(2)(b), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin,

7/21/94

STATE OF WISCONSIN

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