

township 40 north, range 8 east extending downstream for a distance of 500 feet.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77.

NR 26.23 Fish refuges. (1) In order to prevent substantial depletion of the fish supply, the following described spawning areas and nursery areas in Lake Superior are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner at any one time in, on or along the following described water area: from the southernmost point of Outer Island in a straight line and a southerly direction to the Gull Island light and then south to the northernmost point of Michigan Island proceeding in a southerly direction following the shoreline of Michigan Island to the Michigan Island light, thence southerly to the center of the mouth of the Bad river in Ashland county; thence due east to the Michigan state line; thence northerly along the state line to a point due east of the southerly tip of Outer Island; from that point due west to the southernmost point of Outer Island, the place of beginning excluding those waters within one-half mile of the mainland shoreline of Ashland county; except that licensed commercial fishers may fish all that area within these external boundaries wherein the lake bottom lies at a depth of 35 fathoms (210 feet).

(2) In order to prevent substantial depletion of the fish supply, the following described spawning areas in Lake Superior are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from September 1 to November 15, both dates inclusive in, on or along the following described water areas:

(a) Sand Cut defined as an area bounded by a line extending from the Madeline Island bell buoy #2 due south to a point intersecting the shore of Long Island; thence due east to a point intersecting a line extending directly south from Big Bay Point; thence northward along that line to a point intersecting a line extending due east from the Madeline Island bell buoy #2; thence due west to Madeline Island bell buoy #2, the location of said buoy being 90°45" west by 46°45" north.

(b) Cat Island Shoal is defined as an area bounded by a line extending from the northernmost end of Cat Island easterly to the Outer Island Light; thence westerly to the northernmost end of North Twin Island; thence southwesterly to the northernmost end of Rocky Island; thence southeasterly to the north end of Cat Island, the place of beginning.

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NR 26.24 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from March 1 to May 15 and September 1 to December 31 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas.

(15) DOOR COUNTY. (a) *Ahnapee river.* That portion of the Ahnapee river from the Forestville dam in section 29, township 26 north, range 25 east, downstream for a distance of 500 feet.

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NR 26.25 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from the first Saturday in May to June 1 of each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(26) IRON COUNTY. (a) That part of the Manitowish river from the bridge at state highway 47, sec. 9, township 42 north, range 4 east, upstream to the Vilas county line, sec. 12, township 42 north, range 4 east.

(63) VILAS COUNTY. (a) That portion of the Manitowish river (excluding the lake basins of Vance, Sturgeon and Benson lakes) from U.S. highway 51, sec. 7, township 42 north, range 5 east, downstream to the Iron county line, sec. 7, township 42 north, range 5 east.

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NR 26.26 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, catch, disturb, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from December 1 through March 30 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(11) COLUMBIA COUNTY. (a) *Lake Columbia.* That lake known as Lake Columbia located in sections 27, 33 and 34, township 12 north, range 9 east, and sections 3 and 4, township 11 north, range 9 east.

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NR 26.27 Fish refuges. (1) The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from March 1 to May 15 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(16) DOUGLAS COUNTY. (a) *St. Louis river.* That part of the St. Louis river beginning STH 23 bridge section 8, township 48 N, range 15 W upstream to the Wisconsin-Minnesota border.

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