

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

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 262, 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 no person may take, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner at any one time in, on or along the following described water areas:

(a) 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, then southerly to the center of the mouth of the Bad river in Ashland county; then due east to the Michigan state line; then 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 2 miles of Outer island and within one 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) or more; and, except in those included waters less than 7 fathoms in depth which immediately adjoin Michigan island, gill nets with a mesh size of 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " or less stretch measure may be used from November 5 to December 5 for the taking of Menominee whitefish.

(b) All waters wherein the bottom lies at a depth of less than 35 fathoms northerly from a line beginning 2 miles north of the Outer island light and extending westerly to the north end of North Twin island, then along the shoreline to the south end of North Twin island, then southwesterly to the north end of South Twin island, then northerly to the north end of Rocky island, then along the shoreline to the northwest point of Rocky island, then northwesterly to the south end of Devils island, then along the shoreline to the north end of Devils island, then north one mile, then due west 5 miles as well as those waters lying north of a line running northwesterly from the north end of Devils island; except that in those waters south of the line running northwesterly from the north end of Devils island, gill nets of mesh size of 3 inches stretch measure or less may be used from November 15 to January 15 for the taking of herring.

(2) In order to prevent substantial depletion of the fish supply, the following described spawning area in Lake Superior is hereby created and established as a fish refuge and no person may take, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner in, on or along the following described area during the prescribed period, both dates inclusive:

(a) Cat Island Shoal is defined as all waters bounded by a line extending from a point 2 miles north of the Outer island light to the northern end of North Twin island, along the shoreline to the southernmost end of North Twin island, then southwest to the north end of South Twin island, along the shoreline to the southernmost end of South Twin island, then easterly to the north end of Cat island, then along the shoreline to the easternmost point of Cat island, then northeasterly to the Outer island light, then due north to the place of beginning, September 1 to November 30.

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(3) In order to prevent substantial depletion of the fish supply, the following described area in Lake Michigan is established as a fish refuge and it is unlawful for any person to take, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner at any time in or along the following described water area: all waters wherein the bottom lies at a depth of 30 fathoms (180 feet) or less on the area commonly referred to as the Sheboygan reef, identified as that elevated portion of the lake bed located generally at 87° 10' 28" west longitude and 43° 19' 54" north latitude on U.S. lake survey navigational chart #7, edition of 1969.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (1), Register, January, 1980, No. 289, eff. 2-1-80; emerg. cr. (3), eff. 10-6-80; cr. (3), Register, March, 1981, No. 303, eff. 4-1-81; am. (1) (a) and r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9-1-81.

**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.

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

**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.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78.

**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.

History: Cr. Register, February, 1979, No. 278, eff. 3-1-79.

**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:

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(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.

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1980, No. 300, off. 1-1-81.

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