

ther state, may fish in any of the waters of the Mississippi river lying between the Chicago, Burlington Northern railroad tracks on the Wisconsin side of the river and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad tracks on the Minnesota side of the river, including all sloughs and backwaters, bays and newly-extended water areas connected with the main channel of the Mississippi river by a channel which is navigable at periods when the water is approximately equal to normal pool elevation as created by the U.S. Department of the Army, and in the waters of Lake St. Croix, and the St. Croix river and the St. Louis river as defined in s. NR 21.02 (16). This reciprocity applies only to sport fishing, spearfishing, dip netting, and the taking of minnows and crayfish for such fishing. (29.085, 29.16, 227.11)

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NR 21.04 Sport fishing; seasons and limits. All regulations applicable to sport fishing are as follows unless expressly provided elsewhere in this chapter or the law. (23.11, 29.085)

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(1) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS			
(a) St. Louis river and St. Croix river downstream to the highway #70 bridge	Saturday preceding Memorial Day to March 1	5 in aggregate	12
(b) St. Croix river downstream from the highway #70 bridge to the highway #10 bridge at Prescott	Saturday preceding Memorial Day to March 1.	5 in aggregate	14
(c) Mississippi river from Prescott downstream	Continuous	5 in aggregate	No size limit
(2) WALLEYE AND SAUGER			
(a) St. Louis river and St. Croix river downstream to Prescott	Saturday nearest May 1 to March 1	6 in aggregate	No size limit
(b) Mississippi river from Prescott downstream	Continuous	6 in aggregate	No size limit
(3) NORTHERN PIKE			
(a) St. Louis river and St. Croix river downstream to Prescott	Saturday nearest May 1 to March 1	5	No size limit
(b) Mississippi river from Prescott downstream	Continuous	5	No size limit
(4) WHITE OR YELLOW BASS, CRAPPIES, ROCK BASS, SUNFISH OR BLUE-GILLS AND PERCH			
(5) CATFISH			
(a) St. Louis river and St. Croix river downstream to the highway #10 bridge at Prescott	Continuous	10 in aggregate	No size limit
(b) Mississippi river from Prescott downstream	Continuous	25 in aggregate	No size limit
(6) BULLHEADS			
(7) LAKE STURGEON			
(a) St. Croix and Mississippi rivers	Saturday nearest May 1 to October 31	1 per season	45 inches

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(b) St. Louis river	No open season	—	—
(8) SHOVELNOSE STURGEON			
(a) Mississippi river from the Red Wing dam upstream and the St. Croix and St. Louis rivers	Saturday nearest May 1 to October 31	1 per season	45 inches
(b) Mississippi river from the Red Wing dam downstream	Continuous	10	No size limit
(9) PADDLEFISH (SPOON-BILL CATFISH)			
(10) ROUGH FISH	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(11) MUSKELLUNGE			
(a) St. Louis river, St. Croix river and Mississippi river from Prescott downstream	Saturday nearest May 1 to March 1	1	30 inches
(12) GRAYFISH (29.415 - new)	May 1 to March 1	No bag limit	No size limit
(13) OTHER SPECIES	Inland regulations of adjoining counties as contained in NR 20, apply.		

(14) A person shall not possess or have under control more than the daily bag limit while fishing on the ice or in the waters of the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters. (29.085)

(15) A person shall not possess or have under control more than 2 times the daily bag limit when not on the waters or ice during the open season for each species. (29.085)

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NR 21.05 Sale of fish. (1) Fish, other than rough fish during the open season, taken by hook and line, spear or bow and arrow shall not be sold, purchased, bartered, offered for sale, or under control or in possession for the purpose of sale or barter. (23.11, 29.135, 29.48, 227.11)

(2) Rough fish taken by other than commercial gear may be bought and sold during the open season. A wholesale fish dealer's license is required if such fish are sold to any person other than the final consumer. (23.11, 29.135, 29.48, 227.11)

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NR 21.06 Sport fishing restrictions. (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided, only the following methods or manners of fishing shall be lawful. Any person: (29.085)

(a) May fish for fish with no more than 3 hooks, baits or lures.

(b) May use dip nets 3 feet or less in diameter and a gaff only for the purpose of landing fish legally hooked. However, such dip nets may be used to remove winterkilled fish in those areas and at those times designated by the department by posting.