

NR 23.03 General restriction. Except as specifically allowed by this chapter, fishing in and possession of fishing equipment on the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters is prohibited.

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NR 23.04 Reciprocity. Residents of Wisconsin and Michigan holding a resident fishing license from their respective states, or residents of other states holding a non-resident fishing license issued by Wisconsin or Michigan, may, in conformity with this chapter, fish by hook and line; spear and use dip nets to take minnows and rough fish in the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters.

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NR 23.05 Hook and line fishing. (1) No person may use more than 3 hooks, baits or lures. The line or lines shall be attended at all times.

(2) Unless immediately released, fish taken shall be included as part of the daily bag limit.

(3) No person may take fish by snagging or foul hooking unless authorized by s. NR 20.04 (3) (d) 2.f.

(4) No person may fish for fish of any variety during the closed season for trout in the Brule river upstream from the railroad bridge in section 29, township 42 north, range 34 west, Iron county, Michigan and section 25, township 41 north, range 15 east, Florence county, Wisconsin and in the Montreal river above the Saxon Falls flowage.

(5) The seasons, size limits and bag and possession limits for hook and line fishing in the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters for the species listed in this subsection, except as provided in ss. NR 23.06 and 23.07 are as follows. Fishing for species not listed in this subsection is subject to ch. NR 20.

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Possession and daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(a) BLUEGILLS, CRAFFIES, PERCH, ROCK BASS, AND SUNFISH in all boundary waters	No closed season	No limit	No size limit
(b) BULLHEAD, ROUGH FISH, AND MINNOWS in all boundary waters	No closed season	No limit	No size limit
(c) LAKE STURGEON in all boundary waters	First Saturday in September to November 1	2 per season	50
(d) LARGEMOUTH BASS AND SMALLMOUTH BASS			
1. In lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in aggregate	12
2. In rivers & impoundments	No closed season	5 in aggregate	12
(e) MUSKELLUNGE			
1. In Iron, Forest, Florence and Marinette county lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1	1	30
2. In Vilas county lakes	First Saturday in May to November 30	1	30
3. In rivers & impoundments	No closed season	1	30
(f) NORTHERN PIKE			
1. In lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	No size limit
2. In rivers & impoundments	No closed season	5	No size limit
(g) TROUT AND SALMON			
1. All boundary waters except the Montreal river from Lake Superior upstream to the Superior Falls dam and the Menominee river upstream to the first dam	Last Saturday in April to September 30	10	6
2. Montreal and Menominee rivers - from their mouths upstream to the first dam and Smoky lake	No closed season	5	10
(h) WALLEYE			
a. In lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	13
b. In rivers & impoundments	No closed season	5	13

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NR 23.06 Spear fishing. A spear may be possessed or used to take northern pike, redhorse, sucker and carp through the ice during January and February on the Menominee and Brule rivers and their impoundments, subject to the bag and possession limits in s. NR 23.05.

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NR 23.07 Dip nets. (1) Dip nets may be used for taking suckers, redhorse, carp, smelt and lawyers or burbot from April 1 to May 14, in the Menominee river except in that portion from the upstream side of the Register, November, 1988, No. 395