

Species	A	B	C
	Green Bay	Lake Michigan	Lake Superior
(a) Lake trout	No open season	No open season	November 28 to September 30, subject to ss. NR 25.06 (1) (a) and 25.07 (1) (a)
(b) Siscowet	No open season	No open season	At all times in waters greater than 65 fathoms in depth
(c) Whitefish	December 1 to October 25	December 1 to October 25	November 28 to September 30.
(d) Chubs	No open season except September 1 to January 15 and March 1 to May 31 in that portion of Green Bay in the northern chub fishing zone	March 1 to January 15. From January 16 to the end of February in the southern chub fishing zone in water 60 fathoms deep or deeper, subject to ss. NR 25.06 (2) (a), 25.07 (2) (a) and 25.09	At all times
(e) Yellow perch	July 1 to March 15 except: 1. Gill nets may be used from May 20 to March 15; 2. From January 1 to March 15 only commercial ice fishing is legal; 3. September 15 to April 30 in zone 2; 4. All to be subject to ss. NR 25.06 (2) (b) and 25.07 (2) (b)	September 15 to April 30	No open season
(g) Alewives, menominees, (round whitefish)	At all times	At all times	At all times
(gm) Carp, bullheads, burbot, catfish, gizzard shad, suckers, white bass, white perch	No open season except by permit or contract issued under s. 29.62, 29.623 or 29.625, Stats.	No open season except by permit or contract issued under s. 29.62, 29.623 or 29.625	At all times
(gn) Smelt	At all times except trawls may be used only from June 15 to September 30 and only in waters greater than 65 feet in depth	At all times	At all times
(h) Lake herring	No open season	No open season	At all times
(i) Walleye, sauger	No open season	No open season	No open season
(j) Others	No open season	No open season	No open season

(2) SIZE LIMITS. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter, no fish of a length or size less than that specified for each variety of any of the following varieties may be possessed or under control. The measurement of the length of a fish within the meaning of this chapter shall be taken in a straight line in a natural position without manipula-

tion from the tip of the snout to the end of the fully extended tail fin. The measurement of length shall apply without allowance made for the shrinkage of the fish.

Species	A Green Bay	B Lake Michigan	C Lake Superior
(a) Lake trout			No size limit for gill nets and a maximum of 26 inches for entrapping nets
(b) Siscowet			No size limit
(c) Whitefish	17 inches	17 inches	17 inches
(d) Yellow perch	8 inches in northern Green Bay, 7½ inches in southern Green Bay	8 inches	
(e) Walleye	18 inches		
(g) Catfish	16 inches	16 inches	
(h) Others	No size limit	No size limit	No size limit

(3) **POSSESSION LIMITS.** Except as otherwise provided, no person may possess species of fish for which there is no open season. The possession limit for species of fish for which an open season is provided and a quota has been established shall be the individual quota established by commercial fishing boards for the person possessing such fish.

(4) **ICE FISHING.** Commercial fishing through the ice in Green Bay and Lake Michigan is prohibited after March 15 during each license year.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1976, No. 249, eff. 10-1-76; emerg. am. (1) (d) and cr. (3), eff. 5-16-79; am. Register, October, 1979, No. 286, eff. 11-1-79; am. (1) (d), Register, May, 1981, No. 305, eff. 7-1-81; emerg., am. (2) (b), eff. 7-1-81; am. (2) (b), Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9-1-81; emerg. am. (1) (i), eff. 5-20-82; am. (1) (d) and (1), (2) (e), Register, October, 1982, No. 322, eff. 11-1-82; am. (1) and (2), Register, April, 1983, No. 328, eff. 5-1-83; emerg. am. (1) (g) and cr. (1) (gm), eff. 6-20-84; am. (1) (d), Register, January, 1985, No. 349, eff. 2-1-85; am. (1) (g) and cr. (1) (gm), Register, March 1985, No. 351, eff. 4-1-85; am. (1) (d), Register, July, 1985, No. 355, eff. 8-1-85; am. (1) (d), Register, February, 1986, No. 362, eff. 3-1-86; am. (1) (cr), (e), (g) and (gm), r. (1) (f) and (2) (f), cr. (1) (gn) and (4), Register, June, 1989, No. 402, eff. 7-1-89; emerg. am. (1) (a) and (c), eff. 4-22-86; am. (1) (a), (c), (d) and (e), Register, October, 1986, No. 370, eff. 11-1-86; am. (1) (d), (e), (g) and (gm), r. (1) (f) and (2) (f), cr. (1) (gn) and (4), Register, June, 1989, No. 402, eff. 7-1-89; emerg. am. (2) (a), eff. 11-28-90; emerg. am. (1) (g), (gn) and (3), eff. 4-1-91; am. (2) (a), Register, July, 1991, No. 427, eff. 8-1-91.

NR 25.055 Supervisor presence required. No person may:

(1) Fish for whitefish in Green Bay or Lake Michigan unless a supervisor is present, or

(2) Fish for perch in Lake Michigan unless a supervisor is present.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1986, No. 372, eff. 1-1-87; am. (intro.), Register, April, 1988, No. 388, eff. 5-1-88.

NR 25.06 Quotas and catch fees. (1) LAKE SUPERIOR. (a) Lake trout. The total allowable annual harvest of lake trout by state and tribal commercial fishers and tribal home use fishers under par. (b) during the open season in Wisconsin waters of Lake Superior east of Bark Point shall be determined by the natural resources board based upon recommendations from the department, the U.S. fish and wildlife service and the Great Lakes fishery commission. No lake trout quota is established for the waters of Lake Superior west of Bark Point for state or tribal commercial

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and tribal home use fishers. All lake trout harvested by state and tribal commercial and tribal home use fishers in these waters shall be deducted from the lake trout quota established for the waters of Lake Superior east of Bark Point.

1. The total allowable commercial and home use harvest in the waters of Lake Superior east of Bark Point may not exceed 50,600 lake trout during the open season.

2. That number of lake trout to be harvested by non-Indian licensed commercial fishers from the waters of Lake Superior east of Bark Point may not exceed 13,000 lake trout, and from the waters of Lake Superior west of Bark Point may not exceed 600 lake trout, during the open season.

3. That number of lake trout to be harvested by the Red Cliff and Bad River bands, including both commercial and home use fishers, from the waters of Lake Superior east of Bark Point may not exceed 39,600 lake trout during the open season. The Red Cliff and Bad River bands shall inform the department of the extent and method of the allocation between commercial and home use fishers. If the Red Cliff and Bad River bands do not reach an agreement on the method of allocating the tribal quota between them, the department may divide the quota 50% for the Bad River band and 50% for the Red Cliff band.

4. All lake trout caught in gill nets not less than 4½ inch stretch measure set in waters less than 330 feet (55 fathoms) deep shall be kept and tagged. Lake trout caught in gill nets in waters 330 feet (55 fathoms) deep or deeper or in entrapping nets may be returned to the lake or kept and tagged, except that dead lake trout 25 inches or less in length caught in entrapping nets shall be kept and tagged. All lake trout, dead or alive, larger than 25 inches in length caught in entrapping nets shall be returned to the lake. All lake trout and siscowet harvested by commercial and home use fishers shall be tagged in accordance with sub. (3).

5. The department may recall tags furnished or authorized in accordance with sub. (3), when necessary to implement a quota reduction.

(b) *Harvest of fish from Lake Superior for home use by Lake Superior Chippewas.* Members of the Bad River and Red Cliff bands of Lake Superior Chippewas may harvest species of fish for which there is an open season during said season, under home use permits issued by their respective tribal councils.

1. Home use permits will be issued to the heads of households only, and only one permit will be issued to an individual.

2. Permittees are restricted to the use of no more than 350 feet of gill net and sale of fish pursuant to these permits is prohibited. These fishing activities shall be restricted to waters adjacent to the reservations of the Bad River and Red Cliff bands.

(2) LAKE MICHIGAN AND GREEN BAY. (a) *Chubs.* The total allowable annual commercial harvest of chubs in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan shall be determined by the natural resources board based on recommendations from the department.

1. The total allowable commercial harvest for any license year may not exceed 3,500,000 pounds, not including forage fish allowed under par. (c).

2. No more than 400,000 pounds of the total allowable commercial harvest for any license year may be taken in the northern chub fishing zone.

3. No more than 3,000,000 pounds of the total allowable commercial harvest for any license year may be taken in the southern chub fishing zone.

4. The department reserves 100,000 pounds of the total allowable annual commercial harvest of chubs to be used for special assessment.

(b) *Yellow perch*. The total allowable annual commercial harvest of yellow perch in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall be determined by the natural resources board based on recommendations from the department.

1. The total allowable commercial harvest in zone 1 for any license year may not exceed 400,000 pounds.

2. The total allowable commercial harvest in zone 2 for any license year may not exceed 13,300 pounds.

3. The total allowable commercial harvest in zone 3 for any license year may not exceed 306,700 pounds.

(c) *Forage fish*. The total allowable annual commercial harvest of forage fish in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall be determined by the natural resources board based on recommendations from the department.

1. The total allowable commercial harvest of forage fish by trawls in any license year may not exceed 18,000,000 pounds in Lake Michigan and Green Bay, of which no more than 2,500,000 pounds may be taken from Green Bay. Of the 2,500,000 pounds which may be taken by trawls from Green Bay, no more than 1,000,000 pounds may be smelt.

2. The total allowable commercial harvest of forage fish in Lake Michigan and Green Bay by commercial gear other than trawls may not exceed 500,000 pounds in any license year.

3. This paragraph shall be in effect until May 1, 1991.

(d) *Menominees*. 1. The total allowable annual commercial harvest of menominees in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall be determined by the natural resources board based on recommendations from the department.

2. The total allowable commercial harvest of menominees in Lake Michigan and Green Bay may not exceed 75,000 pounds in any license year, with no more than 1,000 pounds to be taken from zone 1, 46,000 pounds from zone 2 and 28,000 pounds from zone 3.

(e) *Whitefish*. 1. The total allowable annual commercial harvest of whitefish in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall be determined by the natural resources board based on recommendations from the department.

2. The total allowable commercial harvest of whitefish in Lake Michigan and Green Bay may not exceed 1,150,000 pounds in any license year, with no more than 105,000 pounds to be taken from zone 1, 945,000 pounds from zone 2 and 100,000 pounds from zone 3.

(3) **TAGGING OF FISH.** All fish species or subspecies required to be tagged in accordance with this section shall be tagged with tags furnished or authorized by the department before being brought to any dock or shore when fishing in open water and before being transported when fishing with nets under ice. Such fish shall be individually tagged.

(a) Tags authorized shall be approved in writing by the secretary of the department and shall conform to the following minimum specifications:

1. Tags shall be individually, serially numbered in nonrepeating number series.

2. Tags shall be color-coded by year in a color which does not repeat in the next consecutive year.

3. Tags shall include an appropriate state or tribal identification.

4. Tags shall only be ordered in a number sufficient to limit the harvest to a biologically determined quota.

5. Issuing authorities shall maintain records of tag allotments to individual fishers by tag serial numbers. Tag records shall be open to inspection by state conservation wardens during regular office hours.

6. Tags are valid for use only for the license season.

(b) Untagged fish may not be left unattended.

(c) Untagged fish may not be transferred between watercraft.

(d) Tags shall be locked and remain attached to fish until prepared for final consumption. Tags shall remain with smoked or filleted fish until sold to final consumers. Commercial fishers of the outlying waters or licensed wholesale fish dealers shall not be considered final consumers and must be in possession of tags for smoked and filleted fish.

(e) Tags provided or authorized by the department for tagging fish may not be transferred.

(f) No person may possess or use tags furnished or authorized by the department for tagging fish which have been modified or tampered with.

(g) No treaty fisher may lift nets in Wisconsin waters while in possession of tags issued by a tribe or another state for fish taken in Michigan waters.

(4) **ALLOCATION.** The harvest quotas established shall be allocated to individual commercial fishing licensees in accordance with s. NR 25.07.

(5) **CATCH FEES.** Catch fees to be charged for commercial harvest of fish species whose populations are sustained or supplemented through stocking shall be determined and assessed as follows:

(a) The department shall determine catch fees annually for each fish species population subject to this subsection and shall provide this information upon request by February 15 of each year.

(b) The catch fee for a given fish species population shall be equivalent to the department's direct cost in providing those fish for commercial harvest.

(c) Catch fees shall be charged on a per fish harvested basis.

(d) Catch fees shall be collected through the sale of fish tags furnished or authorized by the department in accordance with sub. (3) at offices indicated on the quota applications provided under s. NR 25.07 (3). The total number of tags that may be purchased by an individual licensee shall be equivalent to that licensee's individual catch quota as determined in accordance with s. NR 25.07.

(e) Unused fish tags purchased in accordance with par. (d) shall be returned by the licensee to the department at the office where purchased within 15 days of the end of the open season for that fish species population. The department shall return the catch fees paid by that licensee for those unused fish tags.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1976, No. 249, eff. 10-1-76; emerg. am., eff. 5-16-79; am. Register, October, 1979, No. 286, eff. 11-1-79; am. (2) (a), Register, May, 1981, No. 305, eff. 7-1-81; emerg. am. (1) (b) to (d) and (f), r. (1) (e), eff. 7-1-81; am. (1) (b) to (d) and (f), r. (1) (e), Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9-1-81; emerg. am. (2) (a), eff. 7-1-82; am. (2) (a), Register, September, 1982, No. 321, eff. 10-1-82; am. Register, October, 1982, No. 322, eff. 11-1-82; am. (2) (a) and cr. (2) (b), Register, April, 1983, No. 328, eff. 5-1-83; am. (2) (a) 1. and (3) (f), renum. (2) (a) 3. to be (2) (a) 4., cr. (2) (a) 3., Register, June, 1983, No. 330, eff. 7-1-83; am. (2) (b) 1., Register, June, 1984, No. 342, eff. 7-1-84; am. (2) (a) 1. to 3., Register, July, 1984, No. 343, eff. 8-1-84; reprinted to correct error in (2) (a) 2., Register, August, 1984, No. 344; emerg. am. (1) (a), eff. 1-2-86; emerg. cr. (3) (a) and (g), eff. 4-22-86; emerg. am. (1) (a) 3, eff. 5-1-86; r. and recr. (1) (a), Register, July, 1986, No. 367, eff. 8-1-86; am. (2) (a) 1. to 3. and (b) 1., cr. (2) (c) and (3) (a) and (g), Register, October, 1986, No. 370, eff. 11-1-86; emerg. am. (1) (a) 1. to 3., eff. 3-10-87; am. (1) (a) 1. to 3., Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1-1-88; am. (2) (c) 3., Register, April, 1988, No. 388, eff. 5-1-88; am. (2) (b) (intro.) and 1., (c) 1., a. (2) (b) 2. and 3., (2) (d) and (e), Register, June, 1989, No. 402, eff. 7-1-89; am. (2) (b) 1., Register, January, 1990, No. 409, eff. 2-1-90; emerg. am. (1) (a) 1. to 4., eff. 11-28-90; emerg. am. (2) (c) (intro.) and 1., r. (2) (c) 2. and 3., eff. 4-1-91; am. (2) (b) 1., Register, June, 1991, No. 426, eff. 7-1-91; am. (1) (a) 1. to 4., Register, July, 1991, No. 427, eff. 8-1-91.

NR 25.07 Individual licensee catch quotas. (1) LAKE SUPERIOR. The allotment of harvest quotas as established in s. NR 25.06 (1) to individual licensed commercial fishers on Lake Superior shall be by the Lake Superior commercial fishing board upon application in accordance with sub. (3), and as follows:

(a) *Lake trout.* 1. Each licensed commercial fisher shall receive an equal share of the annual lake trout harvest quota established under s. NR 25.06 (1) (a) 2.

2. Allocation of the lake trout quota to individual licensees shall be by issuance of appropriate tags by the department. The number of tags issued to each individual licensee shall be based on the average dressed weight of individual lake trout commercially harvested during the previous year.

(2) **LAKE MICHIGAN AND GREEN BAY.** The allotment of harvest quotas as established in s. NR 25.06 (2) to individual licensed commercial fishers on Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall be by the Lake Michigan commercial fishing board upon application in accordance with sub. (3), as follows:

(a) *Chubs.* 1. A chub fishing permit shall be issued under this subdivision to each applicant who selects the northern chub fishing zone under sub. (3) (d) and meets the following criteria:

a. Is a licensed commercial fisher;

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b. Owns a boat of 35 feet in overall length or longer which shall be used by the applicant in fishing under the applicant's chub permit;

c. The boat is equipped with a powered net lifter; and

d. Held a Lake Michigan chub harvest permit for the northern chub fishing zone for the 1985-1986, 1986-1987 or 1987-1988 license year.

1m. A chub fishing permit and individual licensee catch quota shall be issued under this subdivision to each applicant who selects the southern chub fishing zone under sub. (3) (d) and meets the following criteria:

a. Is a licensed commercial fisher;

b. Owns a boat of 35 feet in overall length or longer which shall be used by the applicant in fishing under the applicant's chub permit; and

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes that this is essential for ensuring transparency and accountability in the organization's operations.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and tools used to collect and analyze data. It highlights the need for consistent and reliable data collection processes to support informed decision-making.

3. The third part of the document focuses on the role of technology in modern data management. It discusses how advanced software solutions can streamline data collection, storage, and analysis, thereby improving efficiency and accuracy.

4. The fourth part of the document addresses the challenges associated with data security and privacy. It stresses the importance of implementing robust security measures to protect sensitive information from unauthorized access and breaches.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes by summarizing the key findings and recommendations. It reiterates the importance of a data-driven approach and encourages the organization to continue investing in data management capabilities to stay competitive in the market.

b. Only from November 15 through March 31.

4. With a mesh size of not less than $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch stretch measure:

a. Not more than 30 meshes in depth and only when set on the bottom of the lake, except that treaty fishers may use a mesh size of not less than $4\frac{1}{2}$ inch stretch measure and not more than 50 meshes deep until November 28, 1991.

b. No more than 10,000 feet of these nets may be used by each licensed commercial fisher in water less than 330 feet (55 fathoms) deep and then only from November 28 through September 30.

bm. In water less than 330 feet (55 fathoms) deep: 1) No more than 1,000 total feet of these nets may be set by each licensed commercial fisher over the entire time period of November 28 through March 31 for every 18 lake trout tags issued to the fisher under s. NR 25.07 (1) and obtained by transfer prior to November 28 under s. NR 25.08;

2) No more than X total feet of these nets may be set by each licensed commercial fisher over the entire time period of April 1 through May 31, where X = 1.636 multiplied by the feet of net allowed but not set under subpar. bm. 1); and

3) No more than Y total feet of these nets may be set by each licensed commercial fisher over the entire time period of June 1 through September 30, where Y = 3.67 multiplied by the number of feet of net allowed but not set under subpar. bm. 2).

c. May be used in water more than 330 feet (55 fathoms) deep at any time.

d. May not be set in water less than 330 feet (55 fathoms) deep for the remainder of the lake trout open season by a licensed commercial fisher upon use of all tags issued for lake trout to the fisher under s. NR 25.07 (1) (a), or upon use of the total number of feet of gill net permitted to be set in any time period under subpar. bm.

e. Shall be tagged by the licensed commercial fisher using the gill net with an informational tag, supplied by the department, on each buoy line 10 feet below the water's surface. Each tag shall state the time and date upon which the gill net was set, the length of the gang of nets, the license number and the licensee's initials.

f. May not be placed in the waters of Lake Superior from a boat or watercraft from January 15 through March 31.

g. May not be set or placed within $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of any entrapping net.

5. Shall be lifted a minimum of:

a. Once every 72 hours (3 days) in open water less than 96 feet (16 fathoms) deep.

b. Once every 120 hours (5 days) in open water 96 to 210 feet (16 to 35 fathoms) deep.

c. Once every 240 hours (10 days) in open water more than 210 feet (35 fathoms) deep.

d. Once every 120 hours (5 days) in commercial ice fishing.

(b) *Entrapping nets:*

1. Only when the pot or crib is set, placed or operated in water not more than 78 feet (13 fathoms) deep.

2. May be set, placed or operated only by permit issued under s. NR 25.10 (4) in that part of Lake Superior lying between a line extending due north from the harbor entrance at Cornucopia in section 34, township 51 north, range 6 west, Bayfield county, and a line extending due north from the mouth of the Bad river in section 17, township 48 north, range 2 west, Ashland county, and including all of the Apostle Islands area.

3. May be used up to 10 such nets by each licensed commercial fisher, that being the maximum number of pots or cribs allowed.

4. Shall be lifted a minimum of once every 168 hours (7 days).

5. Shall be removed from the water or shall have the fish holding or pot portion rendered inoperable during the closed seasons for whitefish and lake trout, on pound nets and trap nets.

6. May not be placed within ½ mile of any other entrapping net.

(c) *Encircling nets and trawls:* Only for taking fish species for which there is no minimum size limit and which are legal in other commercial fishing gear.

(2) LAKE MICHIGAN AND GREEN BAY. (a) *Gill nets:*

1. With a mesh size of not more than 1¾ inch stretch measure not exceeding 60 meshes in depth in Green Bay and 30 meshes in depth in Lake Michigan for taking smelt only.

2. With a mesh size of not less than 2¾ inch and not more than 2¾ inch stretch measure not exceeding 60 meshes in depth in southern Green Bay only.

3. With a mesh size of not less than 2¾ inch and not more than 2¾ inch stretch measure, and not less than 24 meshes and not more than 60 meshes in height, only in the southern chub fishing zone in water more than 150 feet (25 fathoms) deep.

4. With a mesh size of not less than 2¾ inch and not more than 2¾ inch stretch measure:

a. For chubs in Lake Michigan and Green Bay, in the northern chub fishing zone only.

b. For other legal fish species in Lake Michigan and Green Bay.

c. May not exceed 18 meshes in depth when set in waters less than 150 feet (25 fathoms) deep in Lake Michigan outside the northern chub fishing zone.

d. May not exceed 60 meshes in depth when set in Green Bay, or in waters 150 feet (25 fathoms) deep or deeper in Lake Michigan, or within the northern chub fishing zone.

6. With a mesh size of not less than 4 inch and not more than 4¾ inch stretch measure:

a. Only in southern Green Bay in water less than 30 feet (5 fathoms) deep.

c. From May 20 to March 9, except during the closed season for whitefish.

d. Not more than 30 meshes in depth.

7. With a mesh size of not less than 4½ inch and not more than 6½ inch stretch measure:

a. In those waters of Lake Michigan lying north of a line extending from the mid-channel marker buoy of Bailey's Harbor on 135° bearing.

b. In Green Bay.

c. Only during the open season for whitefish.

d. May not exceed 30 meshes in depth for one-half of the total length of these nets set at any time by a licensed commercial fisher, and the remaining half may not exceed 50 meshes in depth.

8. With a mesh size of not less than 6½" stretch measure:

b. Only during the open seasons for whitefish and yellow perch.

c. Not more than 12 meshes in depth.

9. With a mesh size of 4 inch or larger stretch measure, not to exceed 12,000 feet may be used by each licensed commercial fisher at any one time.

10. Shall be lifted a minimum of:

a. Once every 24 hours (1 day) in open water less than 150 feet (25 fathoms) deep for all mesh sizes in Green Bay and Lake Michigan except as provided in subpar. d.

b. Once every 120 hours (5 days) in open water 150 feet (25 fathoms) deep or deeper for mesh sizes of not more than 2¾ inch stretch measure in Lake Michigan.

c. Once every 48 hours (2 days) in commercial ice fishing.

d. Once every 120 hours (5 days) in open water less than 150 feet (25 fathoms) deep for mesh sizes of not more than 2-3/4 inch stretch measure in Lake Michigan.

(b) *Entrapping nets:*

1. Drop nets and fyke nets:

a. Only during the open season for yellow perch, except by permit issued under s. NR 25.10 (4).

b. May be used up to 30 drop nets or fyke nets in aggregate by each licensed commercial fisher, that being the maximum number of pots allowed.

c. Shall be lifted a minimum of once every 72 hours (3 days).

2. Pound nets and trap nets:

a. Only when the pot or crib is set, placed or operated in water not more than 78 feet (13 fathoms) deep.

b. May be used up to 12 pound nets or trap nets in aggregate by each licensed commercial fisher, that being the maximum number of pots or cribs allowed.

c. Shall be lifted a minimum of once every 120 hours (5 days).

d. Shall have the fish holding or pot portion rendered inoperable during the closed season for whitefish and shall have the webbing removed from the water within 14 days after the close of the whitefish season.

e. May be used in the waters of Lake Michigan lying south of a line extending from the Lake Michigan shoreline along 44°45'50" north latitude only during the period including the day after Labor Day to June 14.

(c) *Seines*:

1. With a mesh size of not less than 3 inch stretch measure.

2. Not less than 75 feet in length.

(d) *Trawls*:

1. In southern Green Bay:

a. Only for taking fish species for which there is no minimum size limit, and which are legal in other commercial fishing gear.

b. Only in water more than 24 feet (4 fathoms) deep.

c. Only north of a line from the southernmost point of Little Tail point to the Green Bay navigation channel entrance light.

d. When used to harvest forage fish in Green Bay, diverters with openings no larger than $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wide shall be used.

2. In Lake Michigan:

a. Only in waters 60 feet (10 fathoms) deep or deeper bounded by a line beginning at a point where 44° 30' north latitude intersects with the Wisconsin shore of Lake Michigan, then proceeding east along 44° 30' north latitude, to its intersection with 87° 10' west longitude, then proceeding south along 87° 10' west longitude to its intersection with 44° 10' north latitude then proceeding west along 44° 10' north latitude to its intersection with 87° 20' west longitude, then proceeding south along 87° 20' west longitude to its intersection with 43° 50' north latitude, then proceeding west along 43° 50' north latitude to its intersection with 87° 40' west longitude, then proceeding north along 87° 40' west longitude to its intersection with 44° 00' north latitude, then proceeding west along 44° 00' north latitude to the Wisconsin shore of Lake Michigan and then north along the shore to the point of beginning. This area can also be described as all of grids 1105, 1205, 1304, 1403 and 1404, and part of grids 1104, 1204 and 1303.

b. Only for taking forage fish as provided in s. NR 25.06 (2) (c) except:

1) Whitefish which exceed the size limit described in s. NR 25.05 (2) may be taken during the open season for whitefish described in s. NR Register, July, 1991, No. 427

25.05 (1) provided they amount to no more than 1.5% by weight of the boat's total daily catch.

2) Section NR 25.07 (2) (a) applies to all chubs sorted for sale for human consumption.

c. This subdivision shall be in effect until May 1, 1991.

(3) NET OPERATING REQUIREMENT. (a) Nets do not have to be lifted on Sunday, except as required by notice issued under s. NR 25.07.

(b) The lifting requirements of this section shall apply except during extreme adverse weather conditions which would place a fisher in danger of serious injury or death.

(4) NET MESH MEASUREMENT. Whenever the size of mesh of any net is specified in this chapter, the size shall be considered stretch measure.

(a) Stretch measure shall be determined by exerting a one pound strain on a mesh knot and measuring the mesh opening immediately above that knot on which the strain is applied from the inside edge of that knot to the inside edge of the knot directly opposite. Measurement shall be made by inserting the measuring device at the uppermost knot in the mesh and reading at the lowermost knot.

(b) The weight and measuring devices to be used under par. (a) shall be tested, approved and certified by the Wisconsin department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection, or other governmental entity authorized to do so.

(c) Measurement shall be made of meshes in a wet condition.

(d) If the majority of 10 or more meshes selected at random by the enforcement officer from any part or parts of the net are found to be illegal, the entire net shall be considered illegal and shall be seized and held subject to the order of the court.

(5) MOVEMENT OF COMMERCIAL FISHING GEAR. Whenever any gill nets, encircling nets or trawls catch illegal fish of any species in an amount equal to 10% or more by weight or numbers of the total legal catch, those nets shall be immediately removed from the water, and may not be reset, placed, replaced, recast or operated during that same day unless:

(a) All parts of the net are moved a distance of at least 3 miles from that site; or

(b) Moved to a water depth where no part of the net is within 30 feet (5 fathoms) in depth of the water depth at which the catch of illegal fish was made.

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(1) (a) 4. b., eff. 4-22-86; am. (1) (a) 4. b., renum. (2) (a) 3. to 9. to be 4. to 10. and am. 5. and 10. a. and b., cr. (2) (a) 3., 4. c. and d., r. and recr. (2) (d) 2., Register, October, 1986, No. 370, eff. 11-1-86; am. (2) (d) 2. c., Register, April, 1988, No. 388, eff. 5-1-88; am. (2) (a) 10. a., cr. (2) (a) 10. d., Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; am. (2) (a) 1. and 2., 4. a., c. and d., (b) 2. d., r. and recr. (2) (a) 3., r. (2) (a) 5., 6. b. and 8. a., cr. (2) (b) 2. c. and (d) 1. d., Register, June, 1989, No. 402, eff. 7-1-89; emerg. am. (1) (a) 4. a., (2) (b) 2. e., (d) 1. a., b. and d., 2. b., cr. (1) (a) 4. b. and d. to g., (b) 6., r. and recr. (2) (d) 2. c., eff. 4-1-91; am. (1) (a) 4. a., cr. (1) (a) 4. b., d. to g. and (b) 6., Register, July, 1991, No. 427, eff. 8-1-91.

NR 25.10 Restricted commercial fishing areas. The following restrictions apply to the use of the specified commercial fishing gear in the indicated areas:

(1) **LAKE SUPERIOR.** (a) No commercial fishing gear of any kind except nets by permit issued under sub. (4) for the taking of rough or detrimental fish, or entrapping nets by permit issued under sub. (4) for the taking of whitefish may be used, set, placed or operated in the following waters:

1. Allouez bay, Superior bay, and St. Louis bay, all in Douglas county and as described in s. 29.015, Stats.

2. All waters within one-fourth mile of the mouth of any navigable stream flowing into Lake Superior.

3. All waters within one-fourth mile of any harbor, pier or breakwater from April 15 through November 30.

4. That portion of Chequamegon bay lying south of a line beginning at the easternmost point of Houghton point in section 27, township 49 north, range 4 west, Bayfield county, then proceeding northeasterly to the signal light on the western end of Long island in section 13, township 48 north, range 4 west, Ashland county, then along the south or west shore of Long island and on across the cut, if present, along the south or west shore of Chequamegon point to where Chequamegon point joins the mainland in section 1 or 12, township 48 north, range 3 west, Ashland county.

(b) No commercial fishing gear of any kind except nets by permit issued under sub. (4) for the taking of rough or detrimental fish may be used, set, placed or operated in the following waters:

1. All waters bounded by a line beginning at the mouth of Graveyard creek in section 3, township 47 north, range 1 west, extending north to the Gull Island Shoals refuge south boundary as described in s. NR 26.23 (1) (a), then east to the Wisconsin-Michigan state line, then southerly along the state line to the shore at the mouth of the Montreal river in section 7, township 47 north, range 1 east, all in Iron county, except from November 15 through December 15 in water 84 feet (14 fathoms) deep or deeper, when and where gill nets with a mesh size of not less than 2½ inch and not more than 3 inch stretch measure may be used for taking lake herring.

2. That portion of Siskiwit bay lying south of a line extending from Roman (Quarry) point in section 29, township 50 north, range 6 west, to Squaw point in section 22, township 50 north, range 6 west, all in Bayfield county.

3. All waters bounded by a line beginning at the signal light on the western end of Long island in section 13, township 48 north, range 4 west, then extending northeasterly to the southernmost point of Madeline island in section 6, township 49 north, range 4 west, then due east to

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the western boundary of Gull Island Shoals refuge as described in s. NR 26.23 (1) (a), then southerly along the refuge boundary latitude 46° 40', then due west to the mainland shoreline, then northwesterly along the shoreline to the point of beginning, all in Ashland county, except waters within 1½ miles of the mainland shoreline in Ashland county.

4. All waters less than 90 feet (15 fathoms) deep lying between a point extending due north from the mouth of the Iron river in section 34, township 50 north, range 9 west, and a line extending due north from the mouth of the Cranberry river at Herbster in section 5, township 50 north, range 7 west, all in Bayfield county.

5. All waters less than 210 feet (35 fathoms) deep lying between a line extending due north from the mouth of the Iron river in section 34, township 50 north, range 9 west, Bayfield county, and the Wisconsin-Minnesota state line, except all waters more than 90 feet (15 fathoms) deep lying between a line extending due north from the mouth of the Iron river and a line extending due north from the mouth of the Bois Brule river in section 10, township 49 north, range 10 west, Douglas county, where gill nets with a mesh size of 3 inches or less stretch measure may be used from November 15 through December 31.

6. All waters less than 72 feet (12 fathoms) deep lying between a line extending due north from the mouth of the Cranberry river at Herbster in section 5, township 50 north, range 7 west, and a line extending due north from the northernmost point of Roman (Quarry) point in section 29, township 50 north, range 6 west, all in Bayfield county, except that portion of Bark bay lying southwesterly of a line beginning at Roman (Quarry) point and extending northwesterly to Bark point in section 24, township 50 north, range 7 west, all in Bayfield county, which shall be open from April 1 through May 31.

7. All waters less than 54 feet (9 fathoms) deep or within one mile of the mouth of any stream flowing into Lake Superior, lying between a line

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