

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2011 Wisconsin Act 24 [2011 Assembly Bill 35]

Bass Culling in Fishing Tournaments

June 6, 2011

2011 Wisconsin Act 24 creates a new provision which specifies that any person conducting a bass fishing tournament authorized by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) may allow participants to fish for, and cull, both largemouth and smallmouth bass. The Act requires any participant in a bass fishing tournament to ensure that the boat from which he or she is fishing has a functioning live well. "Live well" is defined to mean "a container designed to hold, and capable of holding, live fish on a boat."

The Act specifies that any otherwise applicable bag and possession limits provided under statute or administrative rule do not apply to culling that occurs in a bass fishing tournament authorized by DNR.

Effective date: Act 24 takes effect on June 14, 2011.

Prepared by: Rachel Letzing, Senior Staff Attorney

REL:ksm

This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: http://www.legis.state.wi.us/.