



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 6

February 1, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives KLEEFISCH, BIES and A. OTT.
Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

1 **AN ACT** *to create* 29.053 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** a catch-and-release
2 only season for bass fishing.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under administrative rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), most fishing seasons open on the first Saturday of May. This bill requires DNR to establish a catch-and-release only season for bass fishing in the areas of the state where there is not a continuous open season for bass fishing. The bill requires the catch-and-release only season to begin on the first Saturday in March and to end on the Sunday preceding the first Saturday in May.

For further information see the **state** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 29.053 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:
4 29.053 (**2m**) The department shall establish a catch-and-release only season
5 for bass fishing for the areas of the state where there is not a continuous open season

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1 for bass fishing. The season shall begin on the first Saturday in March and end on
2 the Sunday preceding the first Saturday in May.

3 (END)