

	Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Possession and daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(a)	BLUEGILLS, CRAPPIES, 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	1 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 as otherwise provided in this paragraph	Last Saturday in April to September 30	5	7
	2. Montreal and Menominee rivers - from their mouths upstream to the first dam and Smoky lake	No closed season	5	10
	3. Brule river upstream from U.S. hwy. 2	Last Saturday in April to September 30	5 in total	brook trout 8 brown trout 12
(h)	WALLEYE			
	a. In lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	15
	b. In rivers & impoundments	No closed season	5	15
(i)	RUFFE in all boundary waters	No open season	—	—

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NR 23.055 Modifications in daily bag limit and minimum size limit in response to tribal harvest. (1) ADJUSTMENT. In order to prevent a total harvest of more than 35% of the adult walleye population or 27% of the adult muskellunge population, the secretary may lower the daily bag limit on walleye and increase the minimum size limit for muskellunge in

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specific waters in response to the harvest goals of the Chippewa bands for their spear, net or trap fisheries. The adjusted daily bag and size limits shall be in effect until March 1 of the year following the tribal harvest. The safe harvest levels on individual waters shall be determined by the department.

(a) *Walleyes*. The daily bag limit will be reduced when the department is notified by the Chippewa bands of their harvest goals on individual waters. The extent of the reduction depends upon the percent of the safe harvest they intend to take and the age of the population estimate used to determine the safe harvest or if a regression model was used to determine the safe harvest. The daily bag limits to be used with the different percentages and for various basis of determining the safe harvest are as follows:

Daily bag limit	Reduced daily bag limits for walleye angling		
	% of safe harvest to be speared, trapped or netted		
	current pop. est.	pop. est. made 1-2 yrs. ago	pop. est. made 3 yrs. ago or more or regression model
4	1-7	1-14	1-20
3	8-18	15-39	21-54
2	19-36	40-76	55-84
1	37-68	77-94	85-94
0	69 or more	95 or more	95 or more

(b) *Muskellunge*. The minimum size limit will be increased when the department is notified by the Chippewa bands that their harvest goal on an individual water is 60% or more of the safe harvest. The minimum size limits to be used with different percentages of the safe harvest are as follows:

**Increased minimum size limits for muskellunge angling**

% of safe harvest to be speared, trapped or netted by tribes	Minimum size limit
60-94	45 inches
95 or more	55 inches

(2) **READJUSTMENT**. If the Chippewa bands inform the department that they have completed harvesting and their goal has not been reached, the secretary may raise the daily bag limit or reduce the minimum size limit to the limit specified as appropriate using the percent of the safe harvest level expected to be harvested as indicated in sub. (1). If a new population estimate is made, the safe harvest level shall be changed accordingly and the daily bag limit or minimum size limit shall be adjusted according to the percentage of the new safe harvest level that is expected to be harvested as indicated in sub. (1). The readjusted daily bag and size limits shall be in effect until March 1 of the year following the tribal harvest.

(3) **BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS**. (a) Reduced daily bag limits calculated pursuant to this section are individual lake limits and may be combined, but no person may exceed a total daily bag limit of 5 walleyes.

(b) While fishing no person may possess fish on any water in excess of the bag limit or under the size limit for that water.

(4) **NOTICE**. Adjustments and readjustments of bag limits and minimum size limits under subs. (1) and (2) shall become effective upon publication in the Register, March, 1992, No. 435