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State Senator  
**Kevin Shibilski**

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March 4, 1998

Senator Alice Clausing, Chairperson  
Committee on Agriculture & Environmental Resources  
100 N. Hamilton, Room 308  
Madison, WI 53707

**RE: Senate Bill 427**

Dear Senator Clausing and Committee members:

Thank you for scheduling Senate Bill 427 for a public hearing. I appreciate your assistance in moving this bill forward and I apologize for my absence today. Please accept this letter as my testimony in support of SB 427.

SB 427 is a very simple bill that will restore some credibility to the advisory role of the Conservation Congress. As you well know, the Conservation Congress has long served as an advisory body for Wisconsin's Natural Resources Board. Votes taken at Congress meetings are recorded and forwarded to the Natural Resources Board and the DNR, which use them as an indicator of support for various natural resources issues.

Recently, this cooperative process has been tainted by organized efforts to manipulate the outcome of these votes with mail-in ballots **after** the original votes from the meeting have already been counted.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
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AND

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(upon completion of Department rules hearings)

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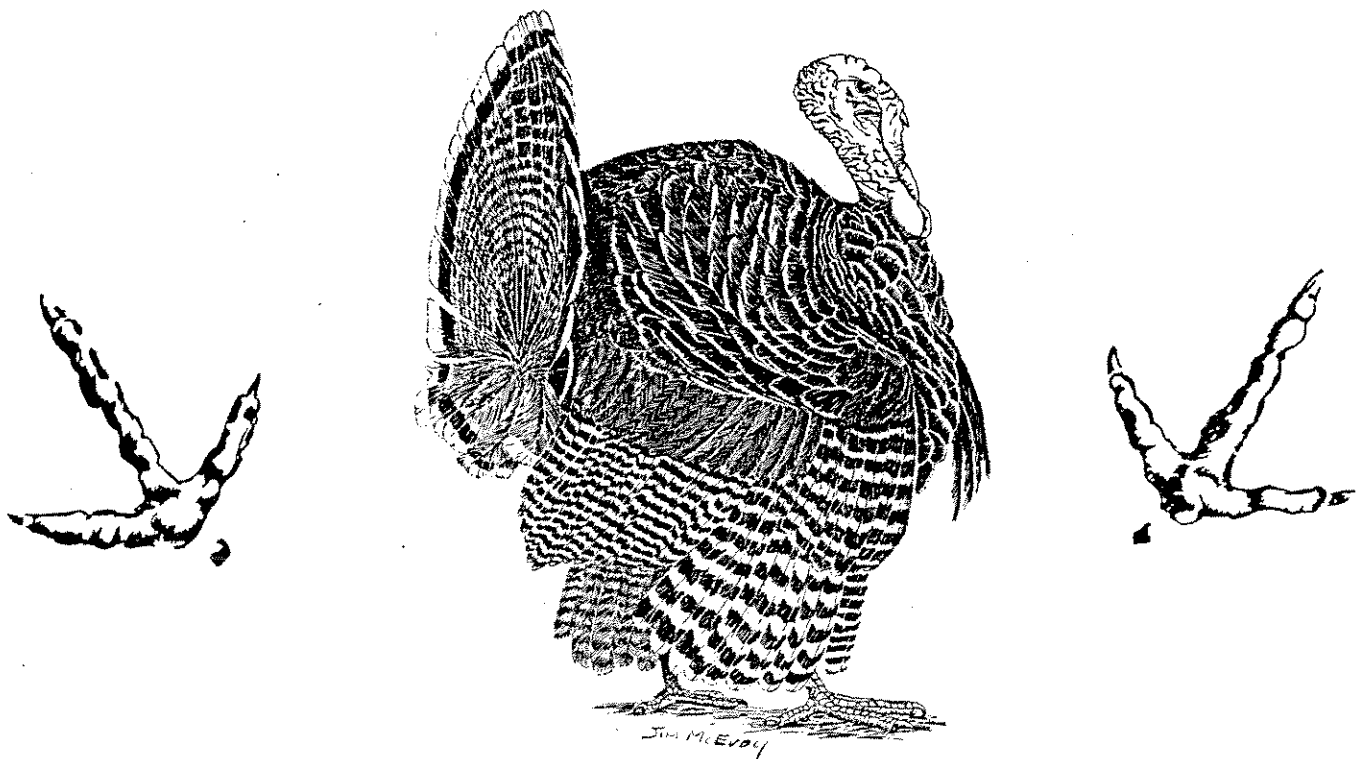
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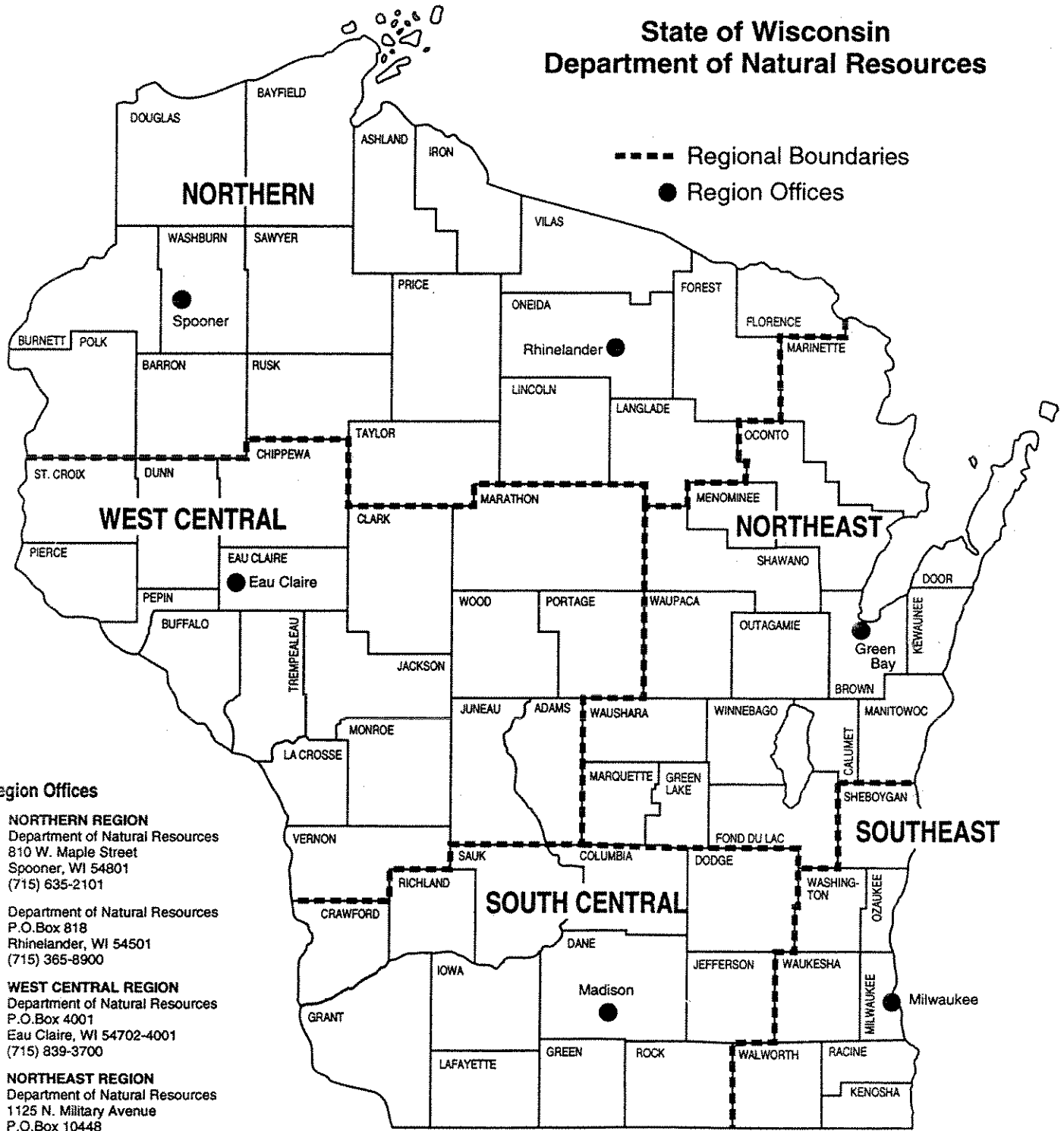
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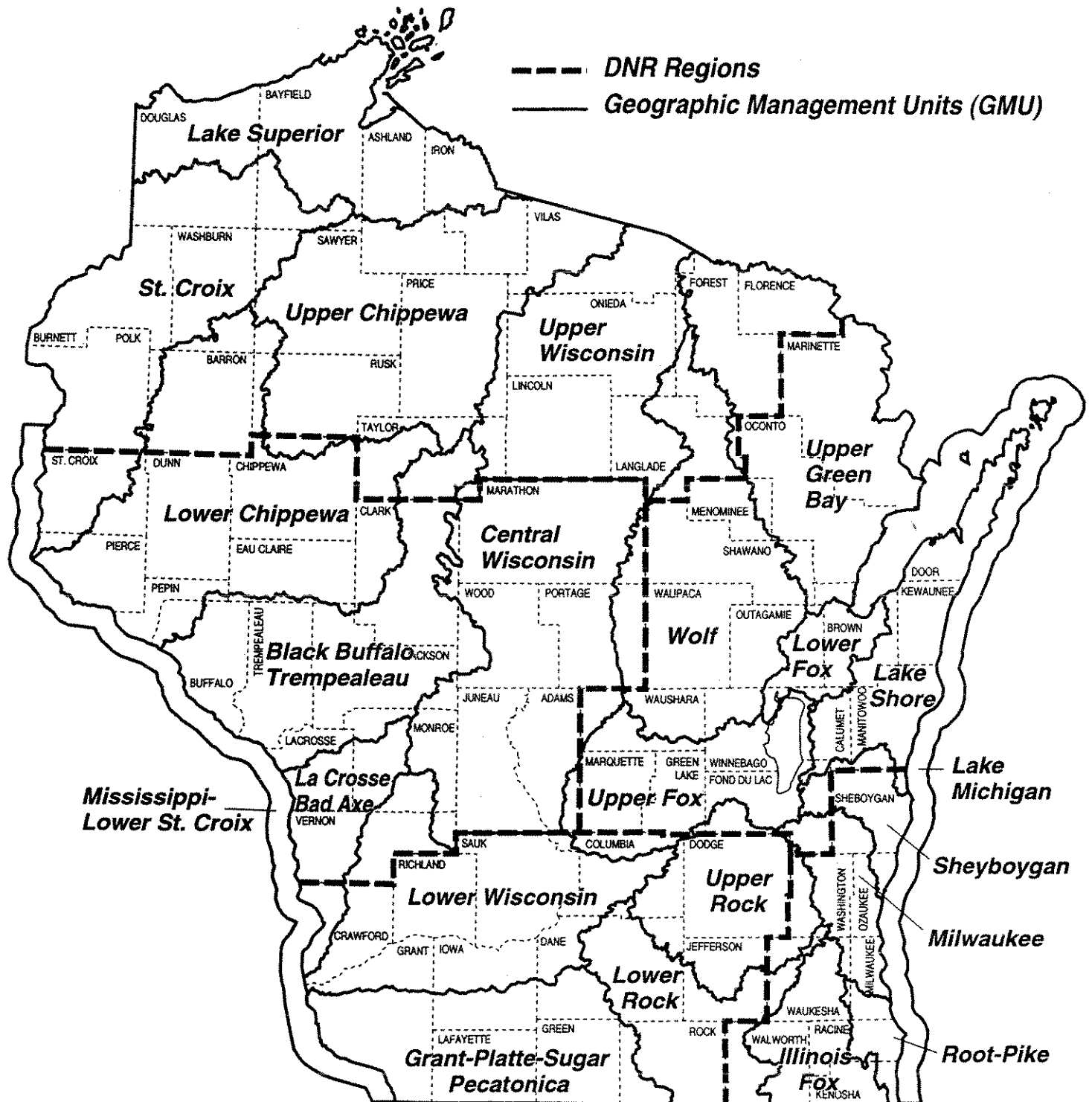
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# WDNR Geographic Management Units (GMU)



## NOTICE

The process for the Spring Hearing/Conservation Congress meeting is in response to public comments to shorten the hearings and limit questions to those issues of statewide concern, but still allow discussion of local issues in the parts of the state that are impacted by those changes.

Questions identified as statewide game and fish rule changes will be addressed first. Game rule changes identified as local will then be discussed in the counties identified as impacted or in those counties where a member of the public in attendance brings it up for discussion and comments. The same process for fish rules will follow the game questions. This procedure should eliminate discussion and voting on rule changes that are of little or no interest in many parts of the state.

Everyone will be given an opportunity to comment on the questions, but you will be limited to three (3) minutes for each question that you wish to discuss. After everyone has commented on the question and if time is available, you may comment a second time for up to two (2) minutes, but no argument or rebuttal will be allowed.

Your cooperation with this process will be appreciated and will help this hearing and meeting run smoothly.

BEFORE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
FH-12-98  
WM-1-98

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 29.174 and 227.11(2)(a), Stats., interpreting ss. 29.085 and 29.174(2)(a), Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings on revisions to ch. NR 20, 21, 23, 25 and 26, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to recreational and commercial fishing regulations and fish refuges. The proposed rules:

1. Eliminate "position fishing", allow "motor trolling" with one bait, hook or lure and no planer boards on all inland waters currently closed to trolling, and prohibit "row trolling" while a propulsion device (i.e., a motor) is in the water.
2. Create a definition of waters included in the "Lake Winnebago system";
3. Create a definition of "planer board" to include floating devices that direct a fishing line away from the boat;
4. Allow fishing within the area of Lake Michigan formerly known as the "Mid Lake refuge" by repealing the refuge, closing the season for lake trout in the area that was formerly the refuge, with a daily bag limit of 0 for lake trout for sport anglers and continued closure of the area to commercial fishing;
5. Increase the minimum length limit of 12" to 14" and establish a combined daily bag limit of 5 for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Green Bay and Lake Michigan.
6. Increase the daily bag limit for brown trout greater than 20" from 2 to 5 and reduce the minimum length limit for rainbow trout from 28" to 26" on Lake Superior.
7. Establish an 18" minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 1 for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Little Clam lake, Ashland county; Sailor lake, Price county; Big Muskellunge, Forest, Wabasso and West Plum lakes, Vilas county; and reduce the minimum length limit from 18" to 14" and increase the daily bag limit from 1 to 5 in total for bass in Shishebogama lake, Oneida county.
8. Establish an 18" minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 1 for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Long, Herde and Dark lakes, Chippewa county; Silver lake, Kenosha county; Jersey Valley, Sidie Hollow and Runge Hollow lakes, Vernon county; and Delavan lake, Walworth county.
9. Establish a protected slot length limit of 14" to 18" and a daily bag limit of 3 in total, with only 1 fish larger than 18" allowed on Brekke lake, Waupaca county.
10. Establish a 14" to 18" protected slot length limit and a daily bag limit of 5 in total, with only 1 fish larger than 18", for walleye and sauger on Dark and Herde lakes and tributaries to the Yellow river, Chippewa county.
11. Eliminate the restriction that allowed only 1 walleye larger than 14" to be harvested daily from Shell lake, Washburn county, and establish a no minimum length limit and 5 daily bag limit.
12. Establish a daily bag limit of 0 for sauger on the Lake Winnebago system.



13. Establish a 26" minimum length limit and a daily bag limit of 2 for northern pike on Pella pond, Shawano county and the entire Lake Winnebago system, and exclude the lower Chippewa river south of U.S. highway 10, Buffalo and Pepin counties, and Sheboygan marsh, Sheboygan county from the 26" minimum length limit and 2 daily bag limit.
14. Change the trout regulation category from 5 to 4 for the Pike river, Marinette county.
15. Extend downstream boundary of the category 5 trout regulation segment on the Mecan river, Marquette county, from state highway 22 to the Germania barrier.
16. Establish catch and release only fishing with artificial lures for trout in Stress springs and the Namekagon river from Airport road upstream to the Phipps dam, Sawyer county.
17. Establish catch and release only fishing with artificial lures and barbless hooks for trout in Seas branch, Vernon county, upstream from the impoundment in T13N R4W S14;
18. Establish catch and release only fishing with artificial lures and barbless hooks for trout in the upper Pine river (upstream from Wild Rose millpond) and Soules creek (upstream from Wautoma millpond), Waushara county.
19. Establish a 40" minimum length limit for muskellunge in all waters of St. Croix county;
20. Establish procedures for closing waters to bait harvest when unintentionally introduced, potentially harmful exotic species are found to be present.
21. Establish a 15" minimum length limit for walleye and sauger on Pool 3 of the Mississippi river.
22. Increase the minimum length limit for bass on all Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters from 12" to 14" and make the season consistent with other inland waters of Wisconsin.
23. Establish a fish refuge on Rice creek, Barron county, for 100 feet upstream and downstream of state highway 8 from January 1 to May 1.
24. Establish a fish refuge on Wingra creek, Dane county, from the Wingra Lake spillway downstream for 50 feet.
25. Establish a fish refuge on Spring creek, Barron county, for 100 feet upstream and downstream of county highway M from April 1 to May 31.
26. Establish a fish refuge on Wolf river, Langlade county, from the Post Lake dam downstream for 75 feet to the bottom of the first rapids from April 1 to May 31.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 29.174(3) and 227.11(2)9a), Stats., interpreting ss. 29.174(2), 29.107, 29.1075 and 29.103, Stats., the Department of Natural Resources will hold public hearings on revisions to chs. NR 10, 11 and 45, Wis. Adm. Code, relating to hunting and trapping. The proposed rules:

1. Establish a pelt tag issuance system for otter identical to the bobcat and fisher program. Annual harvest goals would be determined based on population size for each zone. The number of tags issued would depend upon the annual harvest goal.

2. Extend spring turkey hunting hours to 5:00 p.m. and require registration of turkeys by 5:00 p.m. the following day.

3. Allow use of handguns firing shotshells by disabled hunters.

4. Restrict the use and placement of the 220-sized conibear-type trap.

5. Provide November muskrat and mink trapping season in the Mississippi River zone. The muskrat and mink trapping season would open the second Monday in November when waterfowl seasons extend into late November and early December. When the waterfowl seasons are short the trapping season would open on the day after the duck season closes.

6. Expand the archery season in deer management unit 77M to run from the third Saturday in September through January 31, with the exception of the Friday immediately before opening day of gun deer season.

7. Allow muzzleloader deer hunting in fifteen areas closed to waterfowl hunting but which are currently only open to deer hunting during the regular deer gun season.

8. Allow deer gun hunting in the "refuge" portion of the Pine Island Wildlife Area.

9. Expand the loaded or uncased firearm restrictions for state-owned lands to include Columbia county.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to s. 227.114, Stats., it is not anticipated that the proposed rules will have an economic impact on small business.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Department has made a preliminary determination that this action does not involve significant adverse environmental effects and does not need an environmental analysis under ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code. However, based on the comments received, the Department may prepare an environmental analysis before proceeding with the proposal. This environmental review document would summarize the Department's consideration of the impacts of the proposal and reasonable alternatives.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the hearings will be held on Monday, April 13, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- Adams Adams-Columbia Electric Co-op Building, 401 E. Lake St., Friendship
- Ashland Ashland High School, Auditorium, Ashland
- Barron Barron County Courthouse Auditorium, Barron
- Bayfield Drummond High School, Drummond
- Brown Southwest High School Auditorium, 1331 Packerland Dr., Green Bay
- Buffalo Alma Area High School Auditorium, S1618 STH '35', Alma
- Burnett Burnett County Government Center, Siren
- Calumet Calumet County Courthouse, Room 205, 206 Court Street, Chilton
- Chippewa Chippewa County Courthouse, Large Assembly Room, 711 N. Bridge, Chippewa Falls
- Clark Greenwood Elementary School, 708 E. Division, Greenwood
- Columbia Columbia County Admin. Building, Basement, 400 De Witte St., Portage
- Crawford Crawford County Courthouse, Circuit Courtroom, Prairie du Chien
- Dane Dane County Expo Center, Next to Coliseum, Exhibition Hall, Mendota Room, Madison
- Dodge Horicon City Hall, 404 E. Lake St., Horicon
- Door Door County Court House, Room A150, 421 Nebraska, Sturgeon Bay
- Douglas St. Croix High School, Solon Springs
- Dunn Dunn County Fish/Game Club, 1900 Pine Ave., Menomonie
- Eau Claire So. Middle School Auditorium, 2115 Mitscher Ave., Eau Claire

Florence	Florence Natural Resources Center, Lg. Conference Room, Hwys. 70 & 101, Florence
Fond du Lac	Moraine Park Technical College, Cafeteria, Hwy. 23 East, Fond du Lac
Forest	Crandon High School, Auditorium, Hwy. 8 West, Crandon
Grant	Lancaster Senior High School, Hillary Auditorium, 806 E. Elm Street, Lancaster
Green	Pleasant View Annex, Auditorium, N3150 Hwy 81, Monroe
Green Lake	Green Lake High School, Multi Purpose Room, 612 Mill St., Green Lake
Iowa	Dodgeville Elementary School Gymnasium, 404 N. Johnson, Dodgeville
Iron	Iron County Courthouse, Hurley
Jackson	Jackson County Courthouse, County Boardroom, 307 Main, Black River Falls
Jefferson	Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 205, 320 South Main Street, Jefferson
Juneau	Juneau County Courthouse, Court Room, 220 E. State St., Mauston
Kenosha	Kenosha County Center, Hearing Room, 19600 75th St., Bristol
Kewaunee	Kewaunee County Courthouse, Circuit Court Room 212, Kewaunee
La Crosse	Central High School Auditorium, 1801 Losey Blvd. South, La Crosse
Lafayette	Darlington Community High School Cafeteria, 11838 Center Hill Rd., Darlington
Langlade	Langlade County Courthouse, Large Courtroom, 800 Clermont, Antigo
Lincoln	Merrill Senior High School Auditorium, 107 Polk St., Merrill
Manitowoc	UW Center-Manitowoc, Lecture Hall, 705 Viebahn St., Manitowoc
Marathon	Edgar High School Auditorium, 203 Birch St., Edgar
Marinette	Wausaukee High School, Auditorium, N11941 Hwy 141, Wausaukee
Marquette	Marquette County Courthouse, 77 W. Park, Montello
Menominee	Menominee County Courthouse, Basement Meeting Room, Keshena
Milwaukee	Nathan Hale High School, Auditorium, 11601 Lincoln Ave., West Allis
Monroe	Sparta High School Auditorium, 506 N. Black River St., Sparta
Oconto	Suring High School, Cafeteria, 411 E. Algoma, Suring
Oneida	James Williams Junior High Auditorium, 915 Acacia Lane, Rhinelander
Outagamie	Jefferson Elementary School, 1000 S. Mason Street, Appleton
Ozaukee	American Legion Hall, 435 N. Lake Street, Port Washington
Pepin	Pepin County Government Center, County Board Room, 740 7th Ave. N., Durand
Pierce	Hillcrest Elementary School Gymnasium, 350 S. Grant, Ellsworth
Polk	Government Center, Circuit Court Room, Balsam Lake
Portage	Ben Franklin Junior High School Auditorium, 2000 Polk St., Stevens Point
Price	Price County Courthouse, County Board Room, Phillips
Racine	Union Grove High School Gym, 3433 S. Colony Ave., Union Grove
Richland	Richland County Courthouse, Circuit Court Room, Richland Center
Rock	Rock County Health Care Center Auditorium, 3530 N. Hwy F., Janesville
Rusk	Ladysmith High School Auditorium, Ladysmith
St. Croix	American Legion Post 240, 410 Maple St., Baldwin
Sauk	UW - Baraboo Campus, A4 Lecture Hall, 1006 Connie Rd., Baraboo
Sawyer	Winter High School, Winter
Shawano	Shawano Middle School, 1050 S. Union St., Shawano
Sheboygan	Sheboygan Falls High School, Cafeteria, 220 Amherst Ave., Sheboygan Falls
Taylor	Taylor County Fairgrounds, Multi-purpose Bldg., Medford
Trempealeau	Trempealeau County Courthouse, Trempealeau Room, 36245 Main St., Whitehall
Vernon	Viroqua Middle School, Large Lecture Room, Blackhawk Drive, Viroqua
Vilas	Plum Lake Town Hall, Lake Street, Sayner
Walworth	National Guard Armory, 401 E. Fair St., Elkhorn
Washburn	Agriculture Research Station, Spooner
Washington	UW-Washington County Campus, Room 201 (Big Lecture Hall), West Bend
Waukesha	Waukesha County Expo Center, North Hall, 4848 Northview Rd., Waukesha

Waupaca Grand Seasons Motel, 110 Grand Seasons Dr., Waupaca  
Waushara Waushara County Courthouse, Demo Room #1, 209 S. St. Marie, Wautoma  
Winnebago Oshkosh North High School Auditorium, 1100 W. Smith, Oshkosh  
Wood Pittsville High School Auditorium, 5407 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Pittsville

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. Please call Candy Knutson at (608) 267-3134 with specific information on your request at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.

Written comments on the proposed rules may be submitted to Mr. Al Phelan, Conservation Congress Liaison, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707 no later than April 17, 1998. Written comments will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the hearings.

A copy of the proposed rules and fiscal estimates may be obtained from Ms. Candy Knutson, Bureau of Legal Services, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707 or by calling (608) 267-3134.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
George E. Meyer, Secretary

## PROPOSED STATEWIDE RULE CHANGES

The Natural Resources Board (NRB) has authorized the Department of Natural Resources (department) to conduct a public hearing and solicit public comment on the following administrative rule proposals. The NRB and department will consider the results of public review before acting on any of the attached proposals.

You will have an opportunity to ask a question or state your position on each proposal. Please read the explanations of each proposal and the proposed rule text in the Appendix. The anticipated effective date for each proposal is shown in parenthesis after each title.

Written comments on the attached proposals should be submitted to: Al Phelan - LS/5; DNR; Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. The deadline for written comments on these proposals is 4:30 P.M., April 17, 1998.

## PROPOSED STATEWIDE RULE CHANGES

- 1. MODIFY OTTER TAG ISSUANCE PROGRAM (1999)** - Trapping interest in otter has increased resulting in harvests that are approaching maximum acceptable levels. In order to avoid overharvesting, a change in our management program is required.

The current system automatically issues 1,2, or 3 pelt tags to south, central or north zone applicants, respectively. This proposal would establish a tag issuance system identical to our bobcat and fisher program, whereby permit levels are determined by zone based on population size.

Trappers would continue to apply in only one zone but the number of tags per zone would vary from year to year, depending on population size and harvest goals. This rule change will assure protection of this valuable resource.

**DO YOU FAVOR MODIFYING THE OTTER TAG ISSUANCE PROGRAM?**

1. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



2. **EXTEND SPRING TURKEY HUNTING HOURS TO 5:00 P.M. AND REQUIRE REGISTRATION OF TURKEYS BY 5:00 P.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY (1999)** - This proposal will allow turkey hunting later in the day and will not negatively impact the turkey population. In several zones, the number of turkey permits available is limited by possible hunter conflicts due to the density of hunters in the woods. Expanding the length of the turkey hunting hours will not only aid in relieving hunter crowding concerns but may also allow for increased permit numbers in certain turkey hunting zones by allowing more hunting opportunity throughout the day. Additionally, a longer turkey hunting day gives hunters more flexibility in deciding when and where they will hunt. Current rules allow turkey hunting from one half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon.

**DO YOU FAVOR EXPANDING THE SPRING TURKEY HUNTING HOURS FROM ENDING AT 12:00 NOON TO ENDING AT 5:00 P.M. EACH DAY DURING THE SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASON?**

2. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

3. **ALLOW USE OF HANDGUNS FIRING SHOTSHELLS BY DISABLED HUNTERS (1999)** - This proposal will allow disabled people who have difficulty handling a long gun to use handguns chambered for shotshells for upland bird and small game hunting. Persons possessing a class A or C disabled permit could use handguns chambered for .410 or larger shot shells.

**DO YOU FAVOR THE USE OF SHOTSHELL HANDGUNS BY CLASS A AND C DISABLED HUNTERS FOR UPLAND BIRD AND SMALL GAME?**

3. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

4. **RESTRICT THE USE AND PLACEMENT OF THE 220-SIZED CONIBEAR-TYPE TRAP (1998)** - The 220-sized conibear-type trap (7"x7") is a humane, effective tool to control and/or harvest medium-sized furbearers such as raccoon, fisher, bobcat, skunk, opossum and otter. Wisconsin currently has regulations for use of this trap near dwellings, culverts, and woven wire fences. Unfortunately, these regulations have not adequately reduced the accidental trapping of hunting dogs and family pets.

In 1997, the Wisconsin Trappers Association (WTA), the Department, Conservation Congress and numerous other organizations developed and initiated an educational effort on the safe and ethical use of the dryland conibear trap. The intent of the effort was to educate trappers about a variety of protective systems and to voluntarily comply with recommendations. A post-season evaluation by these organizations identified the need to further modify the regulations in order to allow for the continued use of this important tool but prevent and/or reduce any further incidents. The proposal would require that all 220-sized body-gripping conibear-type traps must be set as follows:

1. as a water set, one-half of the trap must be located underwater at all times or;
2. as an elevated set; no less than 5 feet above the ground, or;
3. as a ground set, the trap trigger must be within an enclosure with openings no larger than 50 square inches each and is recessed a minimum of 7 inches from enclosure openings, or;
4. as a bottom entry enclosure set; the entire opening of the enclosure is no more than 7 inches above the ground.

**DO YOU FAVOR ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF THE 220-SIZED CONIBEAR -TYPE TRAP AS LISTED ABOVE?**

4. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



5. **PROVIDE A NOVEMBER MUSKRAT AND MINK TRAPPING SEASON IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER ZONE (1999)** Currently, the muskrat and mink trapping season opens the day after the close of the waterfowl season within the Mississippi Zone. With longer, 60 day waterfowl seasons this opening now occurs in December, too late for effective ice-free trapping. Local waterfowl hunters and trappers are aware of the problem and several have worked together with the Department, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Conservation Congress and other organizations to develop a solution. When waterfowl seasons extend into late November and early December, this proposal establishes the opening to be on the second Monday in November. If the close of waterfowl season occurs before the second Monday in November, then this proposal would retain the current opening day which is the day after the waterfowl season closes. During long waterfowl seasons the Monday opener would minimize potential user conflicts while providing additional trapping opportunity. The current beaver, otter, raccoon, coyote and fox trapping seasons would remain unchanged.

**DO YOU FAVOR OPENING THE MUSKRAT AND MINK TRAPPING SEASON IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAPPING ZONE ON THE SECOND MONDAY IN NOVEMBER OR THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE WATERFOWL SEASON, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST?**

5. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Local Questions

6. **EXPAND ARCHERY SEASON IN DEER MANAGEMENT UNIT 77M (1999)** - This proposal would allow the bow deer season in DMU 77M to run from the third Saturday in September through January 31, with the exception of the Friday immediately before opening day of gun deer season. The only day in November the bow season would be closed would be the Friday before the gun deer season. Blaze orange would still be required during all open 77M firearm deer seasons.

Bow hunting has become the primary management tool for controlling deer populations in these communities and accounts for two thirds of the total deer harvest in Unit 77M each year. Additional hunting days in November and January will help control deer numbers and related problems such as car/deer collisions and deer damage to plants.

**DO YOU FAVOR EXPANDING ARCHERY SEASON IN DMU 77M TO RUN FROM THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER THROUGH JANUARY 31, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FRIDAY IMMEDIATELY BEFORE GUN DEER SEASON?**

6. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**ALLOW MUZZLELOADER DEER HUNTING IN FIFTEEN AREAS CLOSED TO WATERFOWL HUNTING BUT WHICH ARE CURRENTLY ONLY OPEN TO DEER HUNTING DURING THE REGULAR DEER GUN SEASON** - This proposal would allow muzzleloader hunting during the muzzleloader-only season in the following waterfowl closed areas. Waterfowl use is greatly diminished in these areas by late November. By this time of year, ducks and geese have moved to ice-free waters so adding muzzleloader hunting to these areas will not have any negative impacts on the waterfowl resource. This change would increase hunting opportunities for muzzleloader deer hunting by opening up more public lands for this late season hunting activity.

**DO YOU FAVOR OPENING THE FOLLOWING WATERFOWL CLOSED AREAS FOR MUZZLELOADER HUNTING DURING THE MUZZLELOADER-ONLY DEER SEASON?**

7. **BROWN COUNTY - BARKHAUSEN**

7. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

8. **BURNETT COUNTY - FISH LAKE WILDLIFE AREA**

8. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

9. COLUMBIA COUNTY - PINE ISLAND WILDLIFE AREA

9. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

10. DODGE COUNTY - BURNETT DITCH IMPOUNDMENT, FEDEREAAL LINE RETRIEVE ZONE, (BOTH AT HORICON MARSH WILDLIFE AREA)

10. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

11. DOUGLAS COUNTY - DOUGLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL FIELDS

11. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

12. FOND DU LAC COUNTY - ELDORADO MARSH WILDLIFE AREA

12. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

13. GREEN LAKE & MARQUETTE COUNTIES - GRAND RIVER WILDLIFE AREA

13. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

14. JEFFERSON COUNTY - PRINCE'S POINT WILDLIFE AREA

14. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

15. ONEIDA COUNTY - RICE LAKE

15. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

16. OUTAGAMIE COUNTY - OUTAGAMIE WILDLIFE AREA

16. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

17. SHAWANO COUNTY - NAVARINO WILDLIFE AREA

17. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

18. ST. CROIX COUNTY - OAKRIDGE LAKE, TWIN LAKES

18. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



19. TAYLOR COUNTY - PERSHING WILDLIFE AREA

19. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

20. **ALLOW GUN DEER AND MUZZLELOADER-ONLY DEER HUNTING IN THE "REFUGE" PORTION OF THE PINE ISLAND WILDLIFE AREA** - This proposal would allow deer hunting in the "refuge" portion of the Pine Island wildlife area during the regular gun and muzzleloader deer season. Currently, this area is only open during the late-bow season. Deer concentrate in this area during the gun seasons. In addition, this area experiences a high concentration of late season bow hunters on opening day with associated hunter behavior problems. This rule would allow better control of deer in the area, alleviate hunting pressure and open additional public land to deer hunting.

**DO YOU FAVOR ALLOWING GUN DEER MUZZLELOADER HUNTING IN THE "REFUGE" PORTION OF THE PINE ISLAND WILDLIFE AREA?**

20. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

21. **EXPAND THE LOADED OR UNCASSED FIREARM RESTRICTIONS FOR STATE-OWNED LANDS TO INCLUDE COLUMBIA COUNTY** In recent years, firearm target practice at parking lots, gravel pits, open fields, etc. on state-owned lands in Columbia County has increased significantly. This target practice has resulted in significant littering, vandalism of signs, damage to gates, destruction of property boundary signs, broken glass in parking lots, etc. and complaints from adjacent landowners concern for safety. These damages have resulted in significant maintenance costs to the DNR wildlife management program and increased law enforcement patrol which are responsible for the management and maintenance of these public use facilities.

Under this rule, on Columbia County state-owned lands, hunting would still be allowed in accordance with hunting regulations, target shooting could occur at established target ranges, and shooting could occur while training dogs under a DNR permit within a designated dog training area. Currently there are 12 other counties in Wisconsin that have this restriction.

**DO YOU FAVOR MAKING IT ILLEGAL TO POSSESS A LOADED OR UNCASSED FIREARM OR AIRGUN ON STATE-OWNED LANDS IN COLUMBIA COUNTY EXCEPT WHILE HUNTING, DOG TRAINING, OR SHOOTING AT ESTABLISHED TARGET RANGES.**

21. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**PROPOSED STATEWIDE FISHERIES RULE CHANGES**

22. **Motor trolling (1999)** - Eliminate the term "position fishing" and allow motor trolling with one line per angler on all inland waters currently closed to trolling, except that planer boards (floating devices that carry or direct the fishing line away from the boat) would not be allowed. Also, under this proposal, row trolling would remain unchanged except that it would be unlawful to have a motor in the water while "row trolling". All waters currently open to motor trolling would not be affected.

Currently, motor trolling (with up to 3 lines per angler) is only allowed on certain designated waters but "position fishing" (fishing with a line extended vertically into the water while the boat is maneuvered by a motor) is allowed statewide. The position fishing definition has proven to be confusing, making enforcement of the trolling rules difficult.

**DO YOU FAVOR ELIMINATION OF "POSITION FISHING", ALLOWING MOTOR TROLLING WITH ONE LINE PER ANGLER (BUT WITH NO PLANER BOARDS) ON ALL INLAND WATERS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO MOTOR TROLLING, AND PROHIBITING "ROW TROLLING" WITH A MOTOR IN THE WATER?**

22. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

23. **Special closure for bait harvesting (1999)** - Provide the department with authority to close waters to bait harvest quickly (upon notification, public informational meetings, and posting) where exotic species are documented to occur and are likely to be inadvertently transferred to other waters by bait collectors.

**DO YOU FAVOR GRANTING THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORITY TO CLOSE WATERS TO BAIT HARVEST (UPON NOTIFICATION, PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING, AND POSTING) WHEN EXOTIC SPECIES ARE PRESENT AND ARE LIKELY TO BE INADVERTENTLY TRANSPORTED TO OTHER WATERS BY BAIT COLLECTORS?**

23. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

24. **Trout and salmon regulations on Lake Superior (1999)** - Simplify trout and salmon regulations for Lake Superior by eliminating the restriction on the number of brown trout in the daily bag limit that exceed 20" (currently only 2 may exceed 20") and reducing the minimum length limit for steelhead from 28" to 26" to match the regulations on the tributaries.

**DO YOU FAVOR THE PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FOR TROUT AND SALMON ON LAKE SUPERIOR?**

24. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

25. **Bass limits on Green Bay and Lake Michigan (1999)** - Increase the minimum length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass from 12" to 14" on Green Bay and its tributaries and on Lake Michigan (excluding waters adjacent to Washington Island) to make them consistent with current statewide regulations on inland waters.

**DO YOU FAVOR INCREASING THE MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT FOR BASS ON GREEN BAY (INCLUDING ITS TRIBUTARIES) AND LAKE MICHIGAN FROM 12" TO 14"?**

25. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

26. **Repeal the "Mid Lake" refuge (1999)** - Allow fishing for species other than lake trout in the area of Lake Michigan known as the "Mid lake" refuge. This proposal would repeal the refuge but would close the lake trout fishing season within the former boundaries of the refuge. This area will also remain closed to commercial fishing.

**DO YOU FAVOR ALLOWING FISHING FOR ALL SPECIES EXCEPT LAKE TROUT IN THE AREA KNOWN AS THE "MID LAKE" REFUGE, WITH CONTINUED CLOSURE OF THE AREA TO COMMERCIAL FISHING?**

26. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

27. **Walleye and sauger limits on Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters (1999)** - Establish a 15" minimum length limit for walleye and sauger on Pool 3 of the Mississippi River to make the minimum length limit consistent with waters upstream and downstream of Pool 3.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING A 15" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT FOR WALLEYE AND SAUGER ON POOL 3 OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER?**

27. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

28. **Bass limits on Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters (1999)** - Establish a 14" minimum length limit and a daily bag limit of 5 in total for largemouth and smallmouth bass on all boundary waters with Michigan to make these waters consistent with most other inland waters of WI and MI. The minimum length will be decreased from 16" to 14" on Smokey Lake and the minimum length limit will be increased from 12" to 14" on all other boundary waters.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING A 14" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT (DAILY BAG LIMIT OF 5 IN TOTAL) FOR BASS ON ALL WI-MI BOUNDARY WATERS?**

28. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

29. **Sauger limits on Lake Winnebago (1999)** - Eliminate the harvest of sauger (daily bag limit of 0) on Lake Winnebago system waters until 2005 to help insure recovery of the population, which has declined to very low levels over the last 5 years.

**DO YOU FAVOR ELIMINATING THE HARVEST OF SAUGER ON THE LAKE WINNEBAGO SYSTEM UNTIL 2005?**

29. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

30. **Northern pike season and limits on the upper Wolf River and Lake Winnebago system waters (1999)** - Establish a 26" minimum length limit, decrease the daily bag limit from 5 to 2, and establish a closed season from March 2 to, but not including, the first Saturday in May, for northern pike on 1) the upper Wolf River from Partridge lake upstream to the dam at Shawano and its tributaries up to the first dam or lake (includes the Embarrass River upstream to the dam at Pella; and the Little Wolf River upstream to the dam at Manawa, the Waupaca river upstream to the dam at Weyauwega, and the Shioc River); and on 2) tributaries to Lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Poygan, Winneconne (includes the Fond du Lac River within the city limits of Fond du Lac, Puckyan river, Pine river upstream to the dam at Poysippi, Willow river upstream to the dam at Auroraville, Pumpkinseed creek upstream to County Highway D) to make the northern pike regulations consistent on all Lake Winnebago system waters.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING UNIFORM NORTHERN PIKE REGULATIONS (26" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT, A DAILY BAG LIMIT OF 2, AND A CLOSED SEASON FROM MARCH 2 TO, BUT NOT INCLUDING THE FIRST SATURDAY IN MAY) ON ALL LAKE WINNEBAGO SYSTEM WATERS?**

30. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Local Fisheries Rule Changes**

**ASHLAND COUNTY**

31. **Bass limits on Little Clam Lake (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Little Clam lake. This regulation, in conjunction with an aeration system that will be installed in 1998, will assist in recovery of the bass population, which has suffered from periodic winterkills.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON LITTLE CLAM LAKE?**

31. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**BARRON COUNTY**

32. **Fish refuge on Rice Lake (1999)** - Create a fish refuge from Jan. 1 to May 1 on Rice Creek, Barron County, for 100 feet on either side of STH 8 (just E of Cameron). This proposal is intended to protect spawning walleye in a major spawning area for the Chetek Chain of Lakes.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING A FISH REFUGE ON RICE CREEK?**

32. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

33. **Fish Refuge on Spring Creek (1999)** - Create a fish refuge on Spring Creek, Barron County, 100 feet on either side of CTH M (just E of city of Rice Lake) from April 1 to May 31. This proposal is intended to protect spawning walleye in a major spawning area for Montanis Lake.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING A FISH REFUGE ON SPRING CREEK?**

33. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**BUFFALO and PEPIN COUNTIES**

34. **Northern pike limits on the lower Chippewa River (1999)** - Simplify northern pike regulations on the lower Chippewa River by exempting waters south of US Highway 10 in Buffalo and Pepin Counties from the 26" minimum length limit and 2 daily bag limit for northern pike. This section would be regulated as a northern zone water (5 daily bag limit and no minimum length limit) and would make it consistent with waters of the Chippewa River north of US Highway 10 and with the Mississippi River, at the downstream end of this reach.

**DO YOU FAVOR ELIMINATING THE MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND INCREASING THE DAILY BAG LIMIT FROM 2 TO 5 FOR NORTHERN PIKE ON THE LOWER CHIPPEWA RIVER SOUTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 10?**

34. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY**

35. **Bass Limits on Long, Herde and Dark Lakes (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Long, Herde, and Dark Lakes, Chippewa County. The increasingly popular smallmouth bass fishery in these interconnected waters needs additional protection to improve reproduction and increase predation on over-abundant rusty crayfish.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON LONG, HERDE, AND DARK LAKES, CHIPPEWA COUNTY?**

35. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**DANE COUNTY**

36. **Fish refuge on Wingra Creek (1999)** - Create a fish refuge from March 1 to opening day on Wingra (Murphy) Creek, Dane County, from the Wingra Lake spillway downstream for 50 feet to minimize foul-hooking of muskellunge that congregate below that spillway in the spring.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING A FISH REFUGE ON WINGRA CREEK?**

36. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**KENOSHA COUNTY**

37. **Bass limits on Silver Lake (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Silver lake to improve size-structure of the largemouth bass population, increase predation on carp and slow-growing panfish (bluegill and yellow perch), and provide an opportunity for memorable bass fishing.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON SILVER LAKE, KENOSHA COUNTY?**

37. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**LANGLADE COUNTY**

38. **Fish refuge on the Wolf River (1999)** - Create a fish refuge from April 1 to May 31 on the Wolf River from the Post lake dam downstream for 75 feet to the bottom of the first rapids to minimize foul-hooking and illegal harvest when walleye are concentrated below the dam.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING A FISH REFUGE ON THE WOLF RIVER BELOW POST LAKE?**

38. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**MARINETTE COUNTY**

39. **Trout limits on the Pike River (1999)** - Change trout regulation category from 5 to 4 on Pike River from the confluence of the North and South branches downstream to CTH K. The intent is to provide young anglers with more trout fishing opportunities by reducing the size limits and removing the "artificial lures only" restriction. The proposal was supported at the 1997 hearings (428 Yes, 66 No) as an advisory question from the Trout Committee of the Conservation Congress.

**DO YOU FAVOR CHANGING TROUT REGULATION CATEGORIES FROM 5 TO 4 ON THE PIKE RIVER, MARINETTE COUNTY?**

39. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**MARQUETTE COUNTY**

40. **Trout limits on the Mekan River (1999)** - Extend the category 5 regulation (artificial lures only, 12" minimum length limit, 3 daily bag limit with only 1 trout over 15") for trout on the Mekan River from STH 22 downstream to Germania Marsh barrier (approx. 3 river miles) to provide consistent regulation of this population, which inhabits the lower reaches of the Mekan River (downstream of STH 22) early in the fishing season.

**DO YOU FAVOR EXTENDING THE CATEGORY 5 REACH ON THE MECAN RIVER DOWNSTREAM TO THE GERMANIA MARSH BARRIER?**

40. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**ONEIDA AND VILAS COUNTIES**

41. **Bass limits on Shishebogama lake (1999)** - Decrease the minimum length limit from 18" to 14" and increase the daily bag limit from 1 to 5 for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Shishebogama lake, Oneida and Vilas Counties. A lake property owners association, which was formed after this special regulation went into affect, requested that the existing rule be reconsidered at public hearings in light of their strong opposition to it.

**DO YOU FAVOR DECREASING THE MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT FROM 18" TO 14" AND INCREASING THE DAILY BAG LIMIT FROM 1 TO 5 IN TOTAL FOR BASS ON SHISHEBOGAMA LAKE, ONEIDA AND VILAS COUNTIES?**

41. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**PRICE COUNTY**

42. **Bass limits on Sailor lake (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Sailor lake. Sailor Lake currently has a 15" minimum length limit and 2 daily bag limit for bass. This regulation will be phased out in 1998 as part of the statewide 14" minimum length limit. This regulation change is intended to protect and enhance the already high-quality bass population in this small (170 acre), infertile lake.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON SAILOR LAKE, PRICE COUNTY?**

42. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**ST. CROIX COUNTY**

43. **Muskellunge limits on St. Croix County waters (1999)** - Establish 40" minimum for musky in all waters of St. Croix County. Currently, only 2 waters contain muskies: 1) Cedar lake, on the Polk County border, which already has a 40" minimum and; 2) the Apple River (including Riverdale and Apple Falls Flowages), which originates in Polk County, already has a 40" minimum upstream from the St. Croix-Polk County border).

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING A 40" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT FOR MUSKELLUNGE ON ALL WATERS IN ST. CROIX COUNTY?**

43. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**SAWYER COUNTY**

44. **Trout regulations on Stress Springs (1999)** - Establish catch-and-release fishing with artificial lures for trout on Stress Springs, Sawyer County to preserve this unique wild brook trout stock, a probable brood source for the Namekagon River, which is threatened by expanding fishing pressure.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING WITH ARTIFICIAL LURES FOR TROUT ON STRESS SPRINGS, SAWYER COUNTY?**

44. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

45. **Trout regulations on the Namekagon River (1999)** - Establish catch-and-release fishing with artificial lures for trout on the Namekagon River from Airport Road upstream to the Phipps Dam, Sawyer County to preserve this unique brook trout strain which is declining due to poor natural reproduction and overharvest.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING WITH ARTIFICIAL LURES FOR TROUT ON THE NAMEKAGON RIVER, SAWYER COUNTY?**

45. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**SHAWANO COUNTY**

46. **Northern pike limits on Pella Pond (1999)** - Establish a 26" minimum length limit and reduce the daily bag limit from 5 to 2 for northern pike on Pella Pond, Shawano, County, to increase predation on bullheads, carp and suckers and provide quality northern pike fishing. The proposal resulted from petition received from property owners and anglers in the area.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING A 26" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND REDUCING THE DAILY BAG LIMIT FROM 5 TO 2 FOR NORTHERN PIKE ON PELLA POND, SHAWANO, COUNTY?**

46. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY**

47. **Northern pike limits on Sheboygan Marsh (1999)** - Eliminate 26" minimum length limit and increase the daily bag limit from 2 to 5 for northern pike on Sheboygan Marsh, Sheboygan County to allow harvest of this northern pike which is subjected to frequent summer- and winterkills.

**DO YOU FAVOR ELIMINATING THE 26" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND INCREASING THE DAILY BAG LIMIT FROM 2 TO 5 FOR NORTHERN PIKE ON SHEBOYGAN MARSH, SHEBOYGAN COUNTY?**

47. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**VERNON COUNTY**

48. **Bass limits on Jersey Valley lake (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Jersey Valley Lake to improve fishing quality by increasing survival of bass from 14" to 18".

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON JERSEY VALLEY LAKE, VERNON COUNTY?**

48. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

49. **Bass limits on Sidie Hollow lake (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Sidie Hollow lake to improve fishing quality by increasing survival of bass from 14" to 18".

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON SIDIE HOLLOW LAKE, VERNON COUNTY?**

49. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

50. **Bass limits on Runge Hollow lake (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Runge Hollow lake to improve fishing quality by increasing survival of bass from 14" to 18".

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON RUNGE HOLLOW LAKE, VERNON COUNTY?**

50. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



51. **Trout regulations on Seas Branch (1999)** - Change trout regulations from category 3 to category 5, with catch and release only, artificial lures and barbless hooks, on Seas Branch, upstream from the impoundment in T13N R4W S14, Vernon County, as part of a research project evaluating the removal of brown trout and its impact on resident brook trout populations.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING WITH ARTIFICIAL LURES AND BARBLESS HOOKS ONLY ON SEAS BRANCH, VERNON COUNTY?**

51. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**VILAS COUNTY**

52. **Bass limits on Wabasso lake (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Wabasso lake. Wabasso Lake currently has a 15" minimum length limit and 2 daily bag limit for bass, which will be phased out in 1998 as part of the statewide 14" minimum length limit. This proposed regulation change is intended to protect and enhance the already high-quality bass population in this small (49 acre), infertile lake.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON WABASSO LAKE, VILAS COUNTY?**

52. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

53. **Bass limits on Big Muskellunge Lake (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Big Muskellunge lake.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON BIG MUSKELLUNGE LAKE, VILAS COUNTY?**

53. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

54. **Bass limits on Forest Lake (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Forest lake.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON FOREST LAKE, VILAS COUNTY?**

54. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

55. **Bass limits on West Plum Lake (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on West Plum lake.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON WEST PLUM LAKE, VILAS COUNTY?**

55. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

SEE ALSO "ONEIDA AND VILAS COUNTIES"

**WALWORTH COUNTY**

56. **Bass limits on Delavan Lake (1999)** - Establish an 18" minimum length limit and 1 daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Delavan lake to protect bass from overharvest, establish a balanced and diverse recreational fishery, and maintain the excellent water quality that was originally achieved through removal of rough fish and enhancement of fish-eating predator species.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING AN 18" MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT AND 1 DAILY BAG LIMIT FOR BASS ON DELAVAN LAKE, WALWORTH COUNTY?**

56. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**WASHBURN COUNTY**

57. **Walleye and sauger limits for Shell Lake (1999)** - Eliminate the restriction of only 1 walleye or sauger per day longer than 14" on Shell lake, Washburn County in response to petitions in opposition to this proposal. Under this proposal, the walleye regulations would revert back to no minimum length limit and a daily bag limit of 5.

**DO YOU FAVOR ELIMINATING THE RESTRICTION OF ONLY 1 WALLEYE OR SAUGER LONGER THAN 14" ON SHELL LAKE, WASHBURN COUNTY?**

57. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**WAUPACA COUNTY**

58. **Bass limits on Brekke Lake (1999)** - Establish a 14" through 18" protected slot length limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass with a daily bag limit of 3, of which only 1 may be longer than 18", on Brekke Lake, Waupaca County to provide more harvest from this abundant, slow-growing population while protecting spawning-age fish from 14" to 18". Ultimately, it is expected that the size-structure of the population will improve.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING A 14" THROUGH 18" PROTECTED SLOT LENGTH LIMIT FOR BASS WITH A DAILY BAG LIMIT OF 3, OF WHICH ONLY 1 MAY BE LONGER THAN 18", ON BREKKE LAKE, WAUPACA COUNTY?**

58. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**WAUSHARA COUNTY**

59. **Trout regulations on Soules and Pine Creeks (1999)** - Change trout regulations from category 2 to category 5, with catch and release only, artificial lures and barbless hooks, on Soules Creek and Pine Creek, Waushara County, as part of a research project evaluating the removal of brown trout and its impact on resident brook trout populations.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING WITH ARTIFICIAL LURES AND BARBLESS HOOKS ONLY ON SOULES AND PINE CREEKS, WAUSHARA COUNTY?**

59. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

## Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection Advisory Questions

**Potential changes in Shoreland Zoning rules** - Given the development pressures now confronting Wisconsin's waters, and the resultant impacts on water quality and habitat, an important juncture has been reached for one of the state's most important resources, our inland shores. The following advisory questions ask for your opinion about some ideas to further protect Wisconsin's shorelands in the face of growing development.

60. Current standards prohibit "clear-cutting" of "trees and shrubbery" within 35 feet of the water, except for one 30-foot corridor for every 100 feet of frontage. Do you favor eliminating loopholes so that no cutting, brushing, mowing, raking, or burning would be permitted within 35 feet of the water (to re-establish a buffer of native vegetation) except for one 30-foot viewing and access corridor per lot, unless variances are part of approved habitat restoration plans?

60. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

61. Current standards allow lots in sewered subdivisions to be 65 feet wide and 10,000 square feet in area. Do you favor eliminating the provision for smaller lots on sewered subdivisions so that any new lot, whether sewered or not, would be required to be at least 100 feet wide and at least 20,000 square feet in area?

61. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

62. Current standards "grandfather-in" nonconforming structures closer than 75 feet to the water that existed before the ordinance went into effect, but suggest a cumulative expansion / renovation cap equal to 50% of the assessed value of the structure. To ease enforcement and tracking, do you favor replacing the cap based on assessed value with one based on square footage, and setting an absolute limit on how large a nonconforming structure could be?

62. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

63. Current standards allow new boathouses to be built directly on the water's edge, one of the few exceptions to the 75 foot setback requirement. Do you favor requiring new boathouses to be at least 75 feet from the water?

63. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

64. Current standards allow some new buildings to be placed less than 75 feet from the water, based on the average distance from the water of surrounding buildings. Do you favor eliminating this practice, so that all new buildings would be required to be at least 75 feet from the water?

64. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

65. **Trophy walleye regulations** - More opportunities to catch trophy walleye in Wisconsin could be provided by using special regulations on select waters. These regulations might consist of very high minimum length limits, maximum length limits (where no fish larger than a certain length are harvested), or some type of protected slot length limit (where no fish within a certain range of lengths could be harvested).

**WOULD YOU FAVOR PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CATCH TROPHY WALLEYES ON SELECTED WATERS IN WISCONSIN BY ESTABLISHING SPECIAL REGULATIONS THAT WOULD INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF CATCHING A TROPHY WALLEYE?**

65. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

## CONSERVATION CONGRESS ADVISORY QUESTIONS

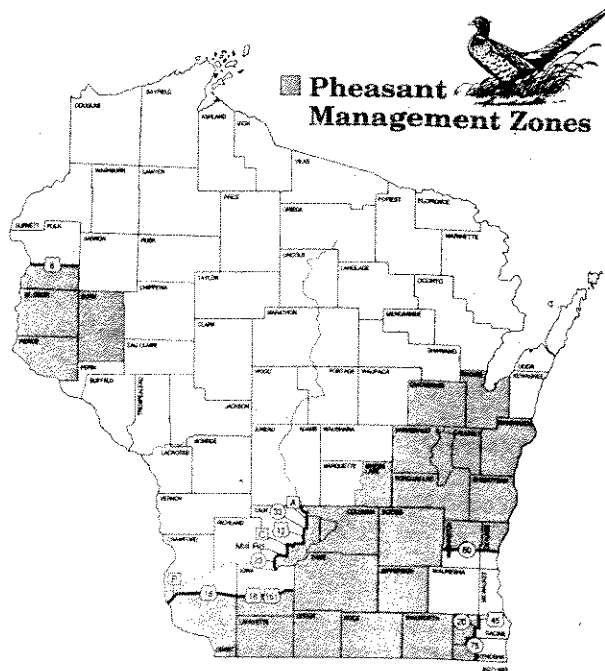
The following Conservation Congress advisory questions for 1998 include both state and local issues. They are not rule proposals of the Department of Natural Resources.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

66. **Pheasant Bag Limit Changes-** In the pheasant management zones the population has declined. With changes in the CRP program, the decline may continue. Most of the crops are harvested by December in these areas and this forces the pheasants to group-up which makes them more vulnerable. The hunting opportunity could be enjoyed by more hunters if the bag limit were lowered to one bird per day during December in these management zones.

**DO YOU FAVOR A DAILY BAG LIMIT OF ONE BIRD IN THE PHEASANT MANAGEMENT ZONES DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER?**

66. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



A pheasant stamp is required to hunt pheasants in the pheasant management zones.

## BEAR AND HUNTING WITH DOGS COMMITTEES

67. **Hunting with Dogs** - The present rule in Wisconsin for hunting bears with dogs allows for only six (6) dogs. This rule also applies to the training season. This rule severely limits the number of hunters and dogs that can participate, since most hunts involve different families with multiple dogs. It is especially restrictive to young hunters who are trying to introduce their trailing dogs to the sport.

The original 6 dog rule was born from "perceived problems" of dogs being abandoned by hunters in the woods. (This was never the case.) There is no limit on the number of dogs in any other type of hunting in Wisconsin; furthermore, there is absolutely no biological reason for a no replacement rule whatsoever.

**DO YOU FAVOR ALLOWING HUNTERS TO SUBSTITUTE A DOG IN THE TRAILING PROCESS AS LONG AS ONLY 6 DOGS ARE STILL INVOLVED IN THE HUNT?**

67 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

## BIG GAME COMMITTEE

68. **Deer Gun Season Hunting Hours** - The existing deer gun season hunting hours do not open and/or close uniformly statewide. This condition allows hunters in some parts of the state to start shooting when it is still dark and in other parts of the state hunters must wait to shoot until well after daylight.

An improvement in hunter safety and an increase in hunting opportunities can be achieved by changing the deer hunting hours to coincide with the small game hours as it was in 1989 and 1990.

**DO YOU SUPPORT CHANGING THE GUN SEASON HUNTING HOURS TO COINCIDE WITH THE SMALL GAME HOURS?**

68 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

## ENDANGERED RESOURCES & LAW ENFORCEMENT

69. **Shining**- The Law Enforcement Committee is looking to gauge public sentiment on shining.

**DO YOU FAVOR A STATEWIDE BAN ON SHINING WILDLIFE FROM PUBLIC ROADWAYS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND DECEMBER 31?**

69 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES COMMITTEE**

70. **Continuation of Funding for Recycling** - Wisconsin currently has a strong recycling program that helps conserve landfill space. The Congress has previously gone on record in support of recycling. Wisconsin citizens have overwhelmingly supported and participated in these program.

**SHOULD THE STATE OF WISCONSIN CONTINUE TO FUND RECYCLING PROGRAMS?**

70. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

71. **State Tipping Fees** - The Wisconsin state legislature has instructed the DNR to recommend funding sources for recycling through at least the year 2004. Surrounding states impose state landfill surcharges and are closing many of their landfills. This encourages out-of-state flow of waste into Wisconsin landfills. Currently landfill surcharges provide an economic incentive for waste reduction and recycling.

**SHOULD THE STATE OF WISCONSIN INSTITUTE LANDFILL SURCHARGES TO PARTIALLY OR FULLY COVER THE COSTS OF WISCONSIN'S RECYCLING PROGRAMS?**

71. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**FORESTRY AND PARKS AND BIG GAME COMMITTEES**

72. **Muzzleloader Deer Hunting in Whitefish Dunes State Park** - Whitefish Dunes State Park features a large lake front sand dune area which has sensitive and unusual vegetation. The park's large deer herd is browsing on this vegetation, at a level which concerns many park users. The park includes a large acreage beyond the dune area. Allowing muzzleloader deer hunting on a permit only basis, in the non-dune portion of the park, would allow a new recreational opportunity for hunters, while dealing with the browsing problem. The hunt would take place during the traditional 9-day deer gun season.

**DO YOU FAVOR ALLOWING A SPECIAL MUZZLELOADER ONLY DEER HUNT DURING THE REGULAR NINE DAY DEER SEASON, BY PERMIT, AT WHIEFISH DUNES STATE PARK?**

72. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**FUR HARVEST**

73. **Tagging Traps and Snares** - Present regulations do not permit any trap to be set unless a metal tag is attached, stamped or engraved legibly with the name and address of the owner of the trap. The proposed change in regulations would place the responsibility of trap sets to the person setting, operating and placing the trap, and would aid DNR Law Enforcement in identifying proper contact person, when necessary.

The regulation would be changed to read: A person may not set any trap or snare unless a metal tag is attached, stamped or engraved legibly with the name and address of the person who sets and places said trap or snare. Heavy duty stamped tags are desirable.

**DO YOU FAVOR CHANGING THE PRESENT REGULATIONS TO REQUIRE THAT THE PERSON SETTING THE TRAP OR SNARE HAVE THEIR NAME ATTACHED TO THE TRAP RATHER THAN THE OWNER OF THE TRAP?**

73. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**HUNTING WITH DOGS COMMITTEE**

74. Since the reintroduction of the fisher in Wisconsin, their population has grown at a very rapid rate and their range is also growing. We now have a two month trapping season November 1 to December 31. It has been proposed that we establish a fisher hunting season to run from January 1 to January 31 so as not to interfere with the fisher trapping season.

**DO YOU FAVOR ESTABLISHING A FISHER HUNTING SEASON TO RUN JANUARY 1 TO JANUARY 31?**

74. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

75. **Natural Resources Board Appointment of the DNR Secretary** - The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources used to be appointed by the Natural Resources Board. The Secretary is now appointed by the Governor.

**DO YOU SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO RESTORE THE AUTHORITY OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD TO APPOINT THE DNR SECRETARY?**

75. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**MISSISSIPPI RIVER COMMITTEE**

76. **Hydropower Dams on the Chippewa River** - The Chippewa River from its headwaters to where it meets the Mississippi River below Lake Pepin has been significantly modified by the six hydropower dams located along its length. When electricity is generated, surges of water cause high water for miles downstream. Yet, when turbines are shut down, water levels drop drastically. These "peaking" fluctuations in the water levels have a significant impact on fish and wildlife habitat on the Chippewa and the Mississippi Rivers over a vast area.

**SHOULD THE STATE OF WISCONSIN ACTIVELY PURSUE ALTERATION OF THE HYDROGENERATION "PEAKING" FLUCTUATIONS ON THE CHIPPEWA RIVER IN ORDER TO LESSEN THE IMPACT ON STREAM HABITAT?**

76. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

77. **Environmental Management Program on the Mississippi River** - The Upper Mississippi River System Environmental Management Program (EMP) is the only mechanism presently available for addressing habitat problems on the Mississippi River and cooperatively monitoring its ecological health. The EMP has an annual budget of \$19.5 million, about two-thirds of which is used for habitat rehabilitation and enhancement projects in the five states bordering the upper river. Since the EMP's authorization in 1986, 17 EMP habitat projects have been built along Wisconsin's portion of the Mississippi River. These projects have directly improved over 8,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat. Although eleven more projects are scheduled between now and 2002, the U.S. Congress is considering its options for future funding of the program.

**SHOULD THE STATE OF WISCONSIN CONTINUE TO STRONGLY ADVOCATE THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS AUTHORIZE AND FULLY FUND THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER?**

77. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**TURKEY COMMITTEE**

78. **Fall Turkey Hunting Season Dates** - We have gradually expanded the fall turkey hunting opportunity to provide increased use of the resource without jeopardizing the turkey population or decreasing the quality of the hunt.

When there was a short fall season, a Monday opening may have helped reduce a surge of hunters on the first day. However, now that the season extends for 4 weeks and experience has shown balanced hunting pressure throughout the season, adding the 2 weekend days prior to the current opening would add hunting opportunity without appreciable impact on the resource or the hunting experience.

The current season opens on the Monday nearest October 10 and extends for 28 days.

**DO YOU SUPPORT A FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASON OPENING ON THE SATURDAY NEAREST OCTOBER 10 AND EXTENDING FOR 30 DAYS?**

78. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



**WARM WATER COMMITTEE**

79. **Muskellunge Fishing on Big Lake Sissabagama** - Muskellunge fishing on Big Lake Sissabagama is good but could be even better if more fish were released.

The present size limit of 34" does not protect the fish sufficiently. Many people release muskies but many people are still killing fish and preventing the population from reaching larger sizes. A size limit of 40" would protect more fish and improve musky fishing both in size and number of fish caught.

**DO YOU FAVOR INCREASING THE MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT FOR MUSKELLUNGE FROM 34" TO 40" ON BIG LAKE SISSABAGAMA?**

79. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

80. **Closure Date for Fishing on Inland Waters**- The general inland waters regulations indicate that the season for all game fish runs from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup>, with the exception of muskellunge and bass in the northern zone.

Many sporting seasons begin on Saturdays and end on Sundays, such as deer hunting, sturgeon spearing and small game hunting. To simplify the regulations concerning the closing of game fish season, it is proposed that the March 1<sup>st</sup> date be changed to read "the first Sunday in March".

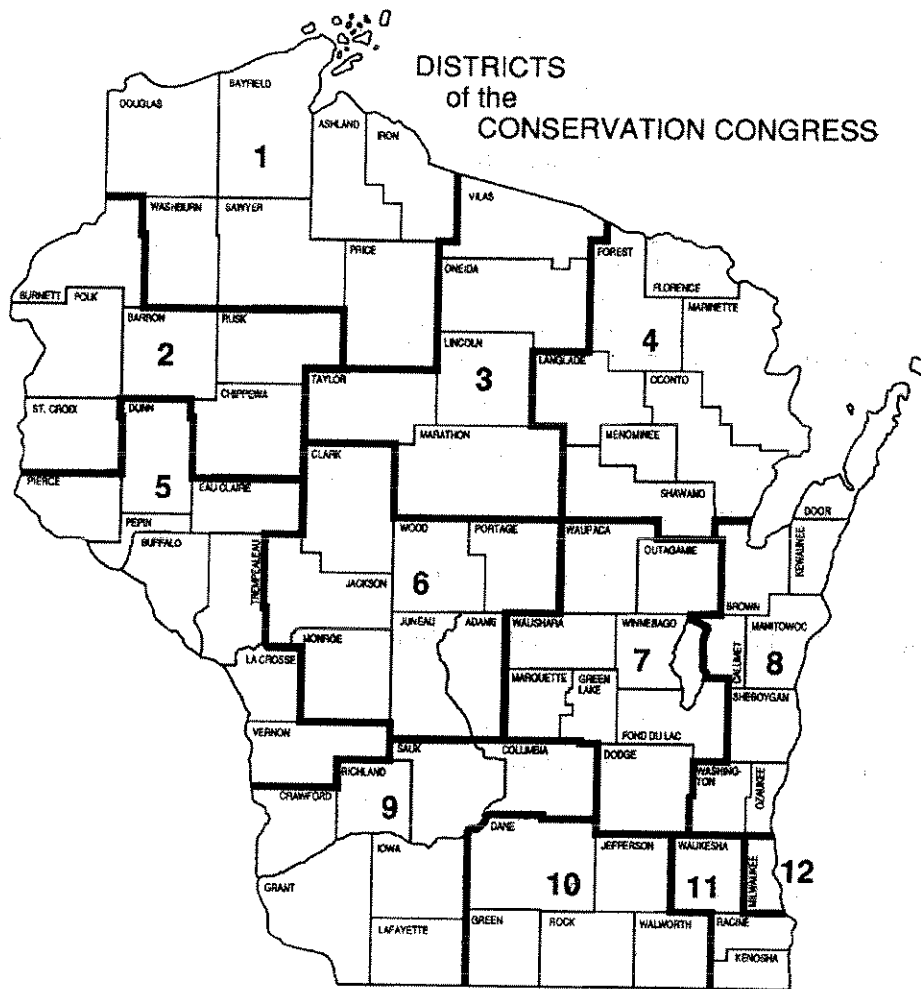
**DO YOU FAVOR CHANGING THE CLOSURE OF THE INLAND WATER FISHING SEASON TO THE FIRST SUNDAY IN MARCH?**

80. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

81. **Public Access to Inland Waters** - Public access on our lakes and streams is vital to allow Wisconsin citizens to fish, hunt and otherwise recreate on Wisconsin waters.

**DO YOU STRONGLY SUPPORT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN ITS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE PUBLIC ACCESS ON LAKES AND STREAMS WHERE EITHER THERE IS NO OR INADEQUATE PUBLIC ACCESS?**

81. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD RENUMBERING, AMENDING,  
REPEALING AND RECREATING, AND CREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to renumber NR 10.13(1)(b)8. and 15.02(3), amend NR 10.01(4)(d), 10.06(7), 10.25 (3)(a), 11.02 (intro.) , 11.04 (intro.) , 11.041 (intro.) , 11.042 (intro.) , 11.043 (intro.), and 45.09(5) (intro.), repeal and recreate NR 10.01(4)(a)4, 10.01(4)(e)4, and create NR 10.01(3)(em)3, 10.09(1)e and 10.13(1)(b)8.a. relating to hunting and trapping regulations

WM-1-98

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 29.174(3) and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 29.174(2), 29.107, 29.1075 and 29.103, Stats.

In this order:

Section 1 expands the archery season in DMU 77M.

Section 2 allows trapping in the Mississippi zone during the later part of long duck seasons.

Section 3 regulates otter harvest through a continuous preference system

Sections 4 and 8 extend turkey hunting hours.

Section 5 allows the use of handguns firing shotshells by disabled hunters.

Sections 6 and 7 regulate the use of 220 conibear type traps.

Section 7 opens 14 waterfowl closed areas to muzzleloader deer hunting.

Section 10 permits gun deer hunting in the Pine Island refuge.

Section 11 prohibits carrying loaded or uncased firearms on state lands in Columbia County unless engaged in authorized activities.

SECTION 1. NR 10.01(3)(em)3 is created to read:

NR 10.01(3)(em)3 Deer bow season.

Kind of animal and locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
3. M-3 Deer management unit 77M	Beginning on the third Saturday in September and continuing through the Thursday immediately prior to the opening of the deer gun season and reopening on the	One deer of either sex and one antlerless deer per hunter's choice and bonus permit issued under s. NR 10.104.

Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing through January 31.

SECTION 2. NR 10.01(4)(a)4 and (e)4 are repealed and recreated to read:

NR 10.01(4)(a)4 .

Kind of animal and Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
4. 'Mississippi River zone' - All that part of Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, LaCrosse, Trempealeau, and Vernon counties lying east of the Chippewa river and west of the Burlington Northern railway	Beginning on the second Monday in November or the day following the close of the open season for ducks as established under sub. (1)(b)1., whichever occurs first, and continuing through the last day of February	None

NR 10.01(4)(e)4 .

Kind of animal and Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
4. 'Mississippi River zone' - All that part of Buffalo, Crawford, Grant, LaCrosse, Trempealeau, and Vernon counties lying east of the Chippewa river and west of the Burlington Northern railway	Beginning on the second Monday in November or the day following the close of the open season for ducks as established under sub. (1)(b)1., whichever occurs first, and continuing through January 15.	None

SECTION 3. NR 10.01(4)(d) is amended to read:

NR 10.01(4)(d) .

Kind of animal and Locality	Open season (all dates inclusive)	Limit
(d) Otter trapping		
1. North zone as described in s. NR 10.36	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through April 30.	<del>3 per season by permit</del> <u>One per permit issued under s. NR 10.145</u>
2. Central zone as described in s. NR 10.36	Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March.	<del>2 per season by permit</del> <u>One per permit issued under s. NR 10.145</u>

3. South zone as described in s. NR 10.36

Beginning on the first Saturday in December and continuing through the first Sunday in March

~~1 per season by permit~~  
One per permit issued under s. NR 10.145

SECTION 4. NR 10.06(7) is amended to read:

NR 10.06(7) WILD TURKEY HUNTING. The hunting hours for pursuing wild turkeys shall be the same as the hours established in sub. (3) except that spring hunting hours shall close at ~~12:00 noon~~ 5:00 p.m. daily.

SECTION 5. NR 10.09(1)(e) is created to read:

NR 10.09(1)(e) Persons possessing a class A or C disabled permit may use handguns chambered for .410 or larger shot shells for hunting all species except deer, bear, turkey and migratory game birds.

SECTION 6. NR 10.13(1)(b)8. is renumbered to NR 10.13(1)(b)8.a.

SECTION 7. NR 10.13(1)(b)8.b. is created to read:

NR 10.13(1)(b)8.b. Set, place or operate any 7"x 7" killer, 220 conibear type, trap; as a water set unless one-half of the trap is located underwater at all times; as an elevated set unless the trap is placed at least 5 feet above the surface; as a set in or on the ground unless the trap trigger is within an enclosure that provides openings no greater than 50 square inches each and is recessed a minimum of 7 inches from the enclosure openings; or as a bottom entry enclosure set unless the entire opening of the enclosure is no more than 7 inches above the surface. The measurement to the surface is the distance to the first surface beneath the trap or opening, where the surface is ground, ice, crusted or packed snow or any other hard material. For the purposes of this paragraph, an enclosure means any device that creates a barrier to the trap allowing entry only through designated openings.

SECTION 8. NR 10.25 (3)(a) is amended to read:

NR 10.25(3)(a) Spring season. A wild turkey taken during the spring seasons established in s. NR 10.01(2)(f) shall be registered no later than ~~2 hours after the closing time on the day of harvest~~ 5:00 p.m. on the day after it was killed.

SECTION 9. NR 11.02, 11.04, 11.041, 11.042 and 11.043 are amended to read:

NR 11.02 WATERFOWL CLOSED AREA EXCEPT GUN DEER AND SPECIAL GOOSE HUNTING. (intro.) A closed season is established in the following areas posted with department signs. No person may hunt or trap any species of wild animal thereon, except Canada geese on areas and during periods established in s. NR 10.23 and deer during periods established in s. NR 10.01(3)(e) and (es), during the open seasons on waterfowl established in s. NR 10.01(1). Legally killed or crippled game may be retrieved from such areas by dog or hand.

NR 11.04 WATERFOWL CLOSED AREA; GUN DEER HUNTING PERMITTED. (intro.) A closed season is established in the following areas posted with department signs. No person may hunt or trap any species of wild animal thereon, except deer during periods established in s. NR 10.01(3)(e) and (es), during the open season on waterfowl established in s. NR 10.01(1)(b) and (g). Legally killed or crippled game may be retrieved from such areas by dog or hand.

NR 11.041 WATERFOWL CLOSED AREA; TRAPPING AND GUN DEER HUNTING PERMITTED. (intro.) A closed season is established in the following areas posted with department signs. No person may hunt any species of wild animal thereon, except deer during periods established in s. NR 10.01(3)(e) and (es), during the open season on waterfowl established in s. NR 10.01(1)(b) and (g). Legally killed or crippled game may be retrieved from such areas by dog or hand.

NR 11.042 WATERFOWL CLOSED AREA; TRAPPING AND DEER HUNTING PERMITTED. (intro.) A closed season is established in the following areas posted with department signs. Trapping of furbearing mammals is permitted during established seasons. No person may hunt any species of wild animal, except deer during periods established in s. NR 10.01(3)(e) and (em) and (es), during the open season on waterfowl established in s. NR 10.01(1)(b) and (g). Legally killed or crippled game may be retrieved from such areas by dog or hand.

NR 11.043 WATERFOWL CLOSED AREA; DEER HUNTING PERMITTED. (intro.) A closed season is established in the following areas posted with department signs. No person may hunt or trap any species of wild animal, except deer during periods established under s. NR 10.01(3)(e), ~~and~~ (em) and (es), during the open seasons on waterfowl established in s. NR 10.01(1)(b) and (g). Legally killed or crippled game may be retrieved from such areas by dog or hand.

SECTION 10. NR 15.02(3) is renumbered to NR 15.022(11)

SECTION 11. NR 45.09(5) (intro.) is amended to read:

NR 45.09(5) (intro.) No person may possess any loaded or uncased firearm or air gun within the exterior boundary of any state-owned lands posted with department signs in Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sauk, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington ~~and or~~ Waukesha counties or on state forest lands in the Kettle Moraine or Point Beach state forests, state recreation areas or on state trails established on abandoned railroad grades, except as follows:

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on \_\_\_\_\_.

The rule shall take effect the first day of the month following publication as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats., except Section 1,2,3,5 and 11, which shall take effect March 1, 1999.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin \_\_\_\_\_.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
George E. Meyer, Secretary

(SEAL)

ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD  
REPEALING, RENUMBERING, AMENDING AND CREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to repeal NR 20.015(8m) and (13m), 21.04(2)(b), 23.05(5)(d)2. and 26.23(3); to renumber NR 20.015(4a); to amend NR 20.02(1)(d)1., 3., and (e)1., 20.03(1)(a)2. and 3., (c)10., 12., 14. and 15., (d)6., (4)(g)37., 38., 56., 62. and 69., (6)(d)1.zb., 20.06(1)(b)(intro.), 21.04(2)(c) and 23.05(5)(d)1.; and to create NR 20.015(4g),(7m), (8g), (8t) , 20.02(1)(d)2., 20.03(1)(a)5m. and (8)(cm), 20.06(1)(am), 25.10(2)(i), 26.08(13)(a), 26.02(3) and 26.09(3)(am) and (34) relating to recreational and commercial fishing regulations and fish refuges.

FH-12-98

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 29.174 and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 29.085 and 29.174(2)(a), Stats.

In this order:

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 22 and 23 eliminate "position fishing", allow "motor trolling" with one bait, hook or lure and no planer boards on all inland waters currently closed to trolling, and prohibit "row trolling" while a propulsion device (i.e., a motor) is in the water;

Section 4m creates a definition of waters included in the "Lake Winnebago system";

Section 5g creates a definition of "planer board" to include floating devices that direct a fishing line away from the boat;

Sections 5m, 5t, 27m and 33 allow fishing within the area of Lake Michigan formerly known as the "Mid Lake refuge" by repealing the refuge, closing the season for lake trout in the area that was formerly the refuge, with a daily bag limit of 0 for lake trout for sport anglers and continued closure of the area to commercial fishing;

Section 6 increases the minimum length limit from 12" to 14" and establishes a combined daily bag limit of 5 for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Green Bay and Lake Michigan;

Section 7 increases the daily bag limit for brown trout greater than 20" from 2 to 5 and reduces the minimum length limit for rainbow trout from 28" to 26" on Lake Superior;

Section 8 establishes an 18" minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 1 for largemouth and smallmouth bass on: Little Clam lake, Ashland county; Sailor lake, Price county; Big Muskellunge, Forest, Wabasso and West Plum lakes, Vilas county; and reduces the minimum length limit from 18" to 14" and increases the daily bag limit from 1 to 5 in total for bass in Shishebogama lake, Oneida county;

Section 9 establishes an 18" minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 1 for largemouth and smallmouth bass on: Long, Herde and Dark lakes, Chippewa county; Silver lake, Kenosha county; Jersey Valley, Sidie Hollow and Runge Hollow lakes, Vernon county; and Delavan lake, Walworth county;

Section 10 establishes a protected slot length limit of 14" to 18" and a daily bag limit of 3 in total, with only 1 fish larger than 18" allowed on Brekke lake, Waupaca county;

Section 11 establishes a 14" to 18" protected slot length limit and a daily bag limit of 5 in total, with only 1 fish larger than 18", for walleye and sauger on Dark and Herde lakes and tributaries to the Yellow river, Chippewa county;

Sections 12 and 13 eliminate the restriction that allowed only 1 walleye larger than 14" to be harvested daily from Shell lake, Washburn county, and establish a no minimum length limit and 5 daily bag limit;

Section 14 establishes a daily bag limit of 0 for sauger on the Lake Winnebago system (as defined in section 4m);

Section 15 establishes a 26" minimum length limit and a daily bag limit of 2 for northern pike on Pella pond, Shawano county and the entire Lake Winnebago system, and excludes the lower Chippewa river south of U.S. highway 10, Buffalo and Pepin counties, and Sheboygan marsh, Sheboygan county from the 26" minimum length limit and 2 daily bag limit;

Section 16 changes the trout regulation category from 5 to 4 for the Pike river, Marinette county;

Section 17 extends downstream boundary of the category 5 trout regulation segment on the Mekan river, Marquette county, from state highway 22 to the Germania barrier;

Section 18 establishes catch and release only fishing with artificial lures for trout in Stress springs and the Namekagon river from Airport road upstream to the Phipps dam, Sawyer county;

Section 18m establishes catch and release only fishing with artificial lures and barbless hooks for trout in Seas branch, Vernon county, upstream from the impoundment in T13N R4W S14;

Section 19 establishes catch and release only fishing with artificial lures and barbless hooks for trout in the upper Pine river (upstream from Wild Rose millpond) and Soules creek (upstream from Wautoma millpond), Waushara county;

Section 20 establishes a 40" minimum length limit for muskellunge in all waters of St. Croix county;

Section 21 establishes procedures for closing waters to bait harvest when unintentionally introduced, potentially harmful exotic species are found to be present;

Section 24 and 25 establish a 15" minimum length limit for walleye and sauger on Pool 3 of the Mississippi river;

Sections 26 and 27 increase the minimum length limit for bass on all Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters from 12" to 14" and makes the season consistent with other inland waters of Wisconsin;

Section 28 establishes a fish refuge on Rice creek, Barron county, for 100 feet upstream and downstream of state highway 8 from January 1 to May 1;

Sections 29 and 30 establish a fish refuge on Wingra creek, Dane county, from the Wingra Lake spillway downstream for 50 feet;

Section 31 establishes a fish refuge on Spring creek, Barron county, for 100 feet upstream and downstream of county highway M from April 1 to May 31;

Section 32 establishes a fish refuge on Wolf river, Langlade county, from the Post Lake dam downstream for 75 feet to the bottom of the first rapids from April 1 to May 31.

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SECTION 1. NR 20.015(8m) is repealed.

SECTION 2. NR 20.015(13m) ["Troll" or "Trolling"] is repealed.

SECTION 3. NR 20.015(4a) is renumbered as NR 20.015(7r).

SECTION 4. NR 20.015(7g) is created to read:

NR 20.015(7g) "Lake Winnebago System" means lakes Butte des Morts, Winneconne, Poygan, Winnebago and the following connected waters: Fox river from Lake Winnebago upstream to the dam above Princeton; Wolf river from its mouth upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano; Fond du Lac river within the city limits of Fond du Lac; Puckyan river,



Green Lake county; Embarrass river from its mouth upstream to the dam at Pella; Little Wolf river from its mouth upstream to the dam at Manawa; Waupaca river from its mouth upstream to the dam at Weyauwega; Pine river from its mouth upstream to the dam at Poysippi; Willow river from its mouth upstream to the dam at Auroraville; Pumpkinseed creek from its mouth upstream to the city highway D bridge, Winnebago county; and Shioc river, Outagamie county.

SECTION 4m. NR 20.015(7m) is created to read:

NR 20.015(7m) "Motor trolling" means the mechanical propulsion of a boat while a lure, bait or similar device that may be used to attract or catch fish is in the water.

SECTION 5. NR 20.015(8g) is created to read:

NR 20.015(8g) "Row trolling" means the manual propulsion of a boat by means of oars, paddles or similar devices while a lure, bait or similar device that may be used to attract or catch fish is in the water.

SECTION 5g. NR 20.015(8t) is created to read:

NR 20.015(8t) "Planer board" means a floating device that directs or carries a fishing line away from a boat.

SECTION 5m. NR 20.02(1)(d)1. is amended to read:

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
Trout and Salmon	1. Lake Michigan and Green Bay <u>except that portion described in subd. 2.</u>	All year except the open season for lake trout is from March 1 through October 31	5 in total of which only 2 may be lake trout <del>and, from April, 1995, through March 31, 1996, no more than 3 may be coho salmon</del>	10

SECTION 5t. NR 20.02(1)(d)2. is created to read:

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(d) Trout and Salmon	2. Lake Michigan within the following area: All waters bounded by a line beginning at a point where 43 degrees 7 minutes north latitude and 87 degrees 40 minutes west longitude intersect, northerly to 43 degrees 20 minutes north latitude, easterly to 87 degrees 20 minutes west longitude, northerly to 43 degrees 30 minutes north latitude, easterly to the Wisconsin-Michigan state line, southerly to 43 degree north latitude, westerly to 87 degrees 14 minutes west longitude, northerly to 43 degrees 3 minutes north latitude, westerly to 87 degrees 18 minutes, southerly to 43 degrees north latitude, westerly to 87 degrees 23 minutes west longitude, northwesterly to 43 degrees 7 minutes north latitude, and westerly to 87 degrees 40 minutes west latitude. This area encompasses the elevated areas of the lake bed commonly known as the Sheboygan reef, the Northeast reef, the Milwaukee reef, and the	All year except there is no open season for lake trout	5 in total of which 0 may be lake trout	10

East reef.

SECTION 6. NR 20.02(1)(e)1. is amended to read:

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(e) Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	1. Lake Michigan and Green Bay (excluding waters within 1/4-mile of Washington, Detroit, Plum, Pilot, Hog and Rock Islands)	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 <del>of each in total</del>	<del>12</del> 14

SECTION 7. NR 20.02(1)(d)3. is amended to read:

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(d) Trout and Salmon	3. Lake Superior	All year except the open season for lake trout is from December 1 through September 30.	10 in total, of which no more than 5 may be salmon and no more than 5 may be trout. Of the 5 trout, <del>no more than 2 may be brown trout longer than 20 inches;</del> no more than 1 may be a rainbow trout; no more than 3 may be lake trout; and no more than 1 may be a lake trout longer than 25 inches.	<del>28</del> 26 for rainbow trout; 15 for other trout and salmon.

SECTION 8. NR 20.03(1)(a)2. is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS (See also s. NR 20.04)			
2. Lake Three, Day lake, East Twin lake, <u>Little Clam lake</u> , Mineral lake and Spillerberg lake, Ashland county; Crooked and Lund lakes, Bayfield county; Crane, Luna, McKinley, Pickerel, Three Johns, Trump, White Deer and Windfall lakes, Forest county; Evelyn, O'Brien and One Man lakes, Iron county; Bearskin, Crescent, Oneida, Pelican, <del>Shichebogama</del> and Stella lakes, Oneida county; Cochram and Bass lakes (T38N, R2W, sec. 18) and <u>Sailer lake</u> , Price county; Black lake, Sawyer county; <u>Big Muskellunge</u> , East Ellerson, Forest, Gunlock, Little Bass (T40N, R8E, sec. 15), Middle Ellerson, Papoose, Plum (T41N, R42E, sec. 31&32), Salsich, Trout, <u>Wabasso</u> , <u>West Plum</u> , White Sand (T42N, R7E, sec. 27), and Whitney lakes, Vilas county	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June  Third Saturday in June to March 1	0  1 in total	--  18

SECTION 9. NR 20.03(1)(a)3. is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS (See also s. NR 20.04)			
3. <u>Long, Herde and Dark lakes, Chippewa county; Fish lake, Mud Lake (T9N, R7E, sec. 3,4), Lake Mendota, Dane county; Fox lake, Dodge county; Silver lake, Kenosha county; Eagle Lake, Racine county; Jersey Valley, Sidie Hollow and Runge Hollow lakes, Vernon county; Delavan lake, Walworth county; Big Muskego lake, including Bass bay, Waukesha county</u>	First Saturday in May to March 1	1 in total	18

SECTION 10. NR 20.03(1)(a)5m. is created to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS (See also s. NR 20.04)			
5m. Brekke lake, Waupaca county	First Saturday in May to March 1	3 in total, but only 1 may be longer than 18"	No minimum length but the possession of fish from 14 through 18 inches is prohibited

SECTION 11. NR 20.03(1)(c)10. is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open Season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(c) WALLEYE, SAUGER AND HYBRIDS THEREOF (see also s. NR 20.04)			
10. <u>English lake, Ashland county; Dark, Herde and Long lake lakes, Yellow river and tributaries, Chippewa county; Chippewa river from Dells Pond dam (Eau Claire county) upstream to Radison flowage dam (Sawyer county) including all impoundments and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, Chippewa, Eau Claire, Rusk and Sawyer counties; Jump river and its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, Chippewa, Price, Rusk and Taylor counties; Butternut and Franklin lakes, Forest county; Boot, Long and McDermott lakes, Iron county; North Spirit, Spirit, Thompson and Whitcomb lakes, Price county; Flambeau river from its confluence with the Chippewa river upstream to the Thornapple flowage dam and its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, Rusk County; Grindstone lake, Sawyer county; Diamond, North Harper, Rib, Sackett and South</u>	First Saturday in May to March 1	5, but only 1 may be longer than 18"	No minimum length, except the possession of fish from 14" through 18" is prohibited

Harper lakes, Taylor county; Anvil, Big Portage, Forest, Lost Canoe, Plum and White Sand (T42N R7E S27) lakes, Vilas county

SECTION 12. NR 20.03(1)(c)12. is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open Season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(c) WALLEYE, SAUGER AND HYBRIDS THEREOF (see also s. NR 20.04)	First Saturday in May to March 1	5, but only 1 may be longer than 14"	No minimum length
12. Gordon lake, Lake Galilee, Upper Clam and Zielke lakes, north fork Flambeau river and its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, Ashland county; Bony, Jackson, Middle Eau Claire and Namekagon lakes, Pike lake chain (includes Buskey Bay, Millicent, Hart, Twin Bear, Eagle, Flynn and McCarry lakes), Bayfield county; Patten lake, Florence county; Bearskull, Catherine, Cedar, Echo, Fisher, Gile flowage, Island, Little Oxbow, Lower Springstead, Owl, Oxbow, Pine, Randall, Sandy Beach, Sherman, Spider and Upper Springstead lakes, north fork Flambeau river and its tributaries, west branch Montreal river and Turtle river upstream from Echo lake, Iron county; Enterprise, Jesse, Rose and Sawyer lakes, Langlade county; Pesabic lake, Lincoln county; Alva, Bearskin, Buckskin, Buffalo, Chain, Crescent, Dam, Diamond, East Horsehead, Echo, Fifth, Fourth, George, Hasbrook, Hat Rapids, Katherine, Lost (T38N R9E S24), Manson, Mercer, Moen, Muskellunge, Oneida, Pelican, Pine, Sand, Second, Sevenmile, Soo, Squash, Squirrel, Stone (T39N R9E S32) and Third lakes, Oneida county; north fork and south fork Flambeau river including impoundments and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, Price county; south fork Flambeau river and its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, Flambeau river upstream from Thornapple flowage dam including impoundments and its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, Rusk county; north fork, south fork and Flambeau river proper including tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, Sawyer county; Alder, Averill, Big (T42N R6E S4), Big Arbor Vitae, Big Muskellunge, Birch, Boulder, Buckskin, Clear, Crab, Dead Pike, Emily, Fawn (T42N R5E S11), Fishtrap, Harris, High, Ike Walton, Island, Laura, Little Arbor Vitae, Little Star, Manitowish, North Crab, North Turtle, Oxbow, Presque Isle, Rest, Rock, Rush, South Turtle, Sherman, Spider, Squaw, Star, Stone, Van Vliet and Wild Rice lakes, Vilas county; Bass (Patterson) and Shell lake, Washburn county			

SECTION 13. NR 20.03(1)(c)14. is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open Season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(c) WALLEYE, SAUGER AND HYBRIDS THEREOF (see also s. NR 20.04) 14. Spillerburg lake, Ashland county; Wilson lake, Iron county; Big Crooked lake (T42N R6E S12), Jenny and Sanford lakes, Vilas county; <u>Shell lake, Washburn county</u>	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	No minimum length

SECTION 14. NR 20.03(1)(c)15. is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open Season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(c) WALLEYE, SAUGER AND HYBRIDS THEREOF (see also s. NR 20.04) 15. <del>Lakes Butte des Morts, Winneconne, Poygan, Winnebago and the following connected waters: Fox river upstream to the dam above Princeton; Wolf river upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano; Fond du Lac river within the city limits of Fond du Lac; Puckyan river, Green Lake county; Embarrass river from its mouth upstream to the dam at Pella; Little Wolf river from its mouth upstream to the dam at Munawa; Waupaca river from its mouth upstream to the dam at Weyauwega; Pine river upstream to the dam at Poysippi; Willow river upstream to the dam at Auroraville; Pumpkinseed creek upstream to the city hwy. D bridge, Winnebago county; and Shioe river, Outagamie county.</del> <u>Lake Winnebago system</u>	Continuous	5 for <u>walleye</u> , 0 for <u>sauger and walleye and sauger hybrids</u>	No minimum length

SECTION 15. NR 20.03(1)(d)6. is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open Season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(d) NORTHERN PIKE (See also NR 20.04) 6. Prairie, Chetek, Pokegama, Mud, Ten Mile and Staples lakes, Barron county; Ellison, Muskellunge, Sand Bar and Tomahawk lakes, Bayfield county; Dunham lake, Burnett county; Stevens lake, Forest county; lake Six, Iron county; Bear, John and Munger lakes, Oconto county; Peshtigo flowage, Marinette county; Balsam, Long and Loveless lakes, Polk county; <u>Pella pond, Shawano county; Whitney lake, Vilas county; Slim lake, Washburn county; Partridge lake and Wolf river (downstream from Partridge lake), Waupaca county; Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, Winnebago, and Little Butte des Morts lakes, Wolf river and Fox river downstream from state hwy. 21/116 bridge, Calumet, Fond du Lac,</u>	First Saturday in May to March 1	2	26

Waushara and Winnebago counties Lake Winnebago system notwithstanding s. NR 20.04 which applies to other species in these waters; all tributaries and connected sloughs to Lake Superior upstream to the first dam or lake; all other waters of Portage county except Dubay lake and Little Eau Pleine flowage; all other waters south of U.S. highway 10 except Chippewa river, Buffalo and Pepin counties and Sheboygan marsh, Sheboygan county

SECTION 16. NR 20.03(4)(g), Table 1, subdivision 37., is amended to read:

TABLE 1

County	Water name	Portion	Regulation Category	Gear Restrictions, Size Limits, Daily Bag limits and Daily Size limits for Category 5 Waters, and Open Season Exceptions for Other Categories (Open Seasons Include Both Dates)
37. Marinette	All waters not listed		1	
	Beaver creek	All	4	
	Beaver creek (north branch)	Mouth upstream to 25th road	4	
	Beaver creek (north branch)	Upstream from 25th road	2	
	Beaver creek (south branch)	All	2	
	Cedarville creek	All	2	
	Chemical creek	All	2	
	Eagle creek	All	2	
	Harvey creek	All	2	
	Holmes creek	All	4	
	K. C. creek	Upstream from STH 8	2	
	K. C. creek	Mouth upstream from STH 8	4	
	Lake Noquebay	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Left Foot lake	All	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1. Daily bag limit: 2 splake. Size limit: splake 12,
	Lindquist lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Little Wausaukee creek	All	2	
	MacIntire creek	All	2	
	Meadow brook	All	2	
	Medicine brook	All	2	
	Middle Inlet creek	All	4	
	Middle Inlet creek (lower)	All	2	
	Middle Inlet creek (upper)	All	2	
	Miscauno creek	All	2	
	Miscauno creek (south branch)	All	2	
	Montana lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Murphy creek	Mouth upstream to Nelligan lake	2	
	Murphy lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Otter creek	All	2	
	Pemebonwon river	All	2	
	Pemebonwon river (north branch)	All	2	
Pemebonwon river (south branch)	All	2		
Peshtigo river	Upstream from CTH C	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30. Daily bag limit 3 trout. Size	

			limit: 9,. Open season: October 1 through November 15.
			Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released.
Peshtigo river	Between Johnson falls and Springs rapids	5	
Pike river	All	<del>5</del> 4	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: 2 trout. Size limit: brown trout 18,, brook and rainbow trout 10, <del>Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: 2 trout. Size limit: brown trout 18, brook and rainbow trout 10,</del>
Pike river (little south branch)	All	2	
Pike river (north branch)	Mouth upstream to CCC Camp road	4	
Pike river (north branch)	CCC Camp road to North pond	2	
Pike river (south branch)	All	2	
Pothole lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
Rat river	All	2	
Sand lake	All	1	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
Sidney creek	Mouth upstream to mouth of unnamed creek in NE 1/4 of SW 1/4,S21, T37N, R17E	2	
Smith creek	All	4	
Spikehorn creek	All	4	
Squaw creek	All	2	
Sullivan creek	All	2	
Thunder lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
Thunder river	All	2	
Thunder river (north fork)	All	4	
Thunder river (south fork)	All	4	
Wausaukee river	All	4	

SECTION 17. NR 20.03(4)(g), Table 1, subdivision 38., is amended to read:

TABLE 1

County	Water name	Portion	Regulation Category	Gear Restrictions, Size Limits, Daily Bag limits and Daily Size limits for Category 5 Waters, and Open Season Exceptions for Other Categories (Open Seasons Include Both Dates)
38. Marquette	All waters not listed		2	
	Chaffee creek	CTH B downstream to Mecan river	3	
	Klawitter creek	All	4	
	Mecan river	Upstream from 14th ave.	3	
	Mecan river	14th ave. downstream to <del>STH</del> <u>22 Germania barrier</u>	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used Daily bag and size limit: 3 trout, only 1 of which is over 15,. Size limit: all trout 12,

Neenah creek (upper)	Upstream from STH 82	5	Daily bag limit: 1 trout. Size limit: 18,
Neenah creek (lower)	Downstream from STH 82	3	
Westfield creek	Downstream from Lawrence lake	3	
Wood lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1

SECTION 18. NR 20.03(4)(g), Table 1, subdivision 56., is amended to read:

TABLE 1

County	Water name	Portion	Regulation Category	Gear Restrictions, Size Limits, Daily Bag limits and Daily Size limits for Category 5 Waters, and Open Season Exceptions for Other Categories (Open Seasons Include Both Dates)
56. Sawyer	All streams not listed		1	
	All lakes and spring ponds not listed		3	
	Alder creek	All	2	
	Ashagon lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Badger creek	All	2	
	Bean creek	All	2	
	Bear creek	All	2	
	Beaver creek	All	2	
	Benson creek	All	2	
	Blueberry creek	All	2	
	Brunet river	All	3	
	Camp Smith lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Casey creek	All	2	
	Chippanazie creek	All	2	
	Conner creek	All	2	
	Crooked rapids	All	2	
	Dead creek	All	2	
	Deer creek (Meteor township)	All	3	
	Deer creek (Winter township)	All	2	
	Devils creek	All	2	
	Eddy creek	All	2	
	Forty-one creek	All	2	
	Grindstone creek	All	2	
	Hackett creek	All	2	
	Hatchery creek	All	2	
	Hauer creek	All	2	
	Hauer springs	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 2 trout, only 1 of which may be over 15"
	Hay creek	All	2	
	Hemlock Spur creek	All	2	
	Knapp Stout creek	All	2	
	Knuteson creek	All	2	
	Little Connors creek	All	2	
	Little Weigor creek	All	3	
	Log creek	All	2	
	Long creek	All	2	
	Maple creek	All	2	
	Mason creek	All	2	
	McDermott brook	All	3	



Mosquito branch	All	2	
Moss creek	All	2	
Namekagon river	STH 63 upstream to Pacwawong dam	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag and size limits: 3 trout under 10", or 2 trout under 10" and 1 over 15"
Namekagon river	Airport road upstream to Phipps dam	3 5	<u>Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used.</u> <u>Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released.</u>
Namekagon river	Downstream from Lake Hayward	5	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept.30. Daily bag limit: 3 trout. Size limit: 9". Open season: Oct. 1 to May 1 the following restrictions apply. Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
Osgood lake	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 2 trout, only 1 of which may be over 15"
Perch lake	All	3	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
Pine creek	All	2	
Pipestone creek	All	2	
Porcupine lake	All	5	Daily bag and size limit: 2 trout, only 1 of which may be over 15"
Price creek	All	3	
Rainbow creek	All	2	
Silverthorn lake	All	5	Daily bag limit: 1 trout Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
Spooky Bay creek	All	2	
<u>Stress springs</u>	<u>All</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used.</u> <u>Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released.</u>
Sucker creek	All	2	
Swan creek	All	2	
Swift creek	All	2	
Thirty-three creek	All	2	
Totagatic river	All	3	
Tupper creek (north branch)	All	2	
Venison creek	All	3	
South Branch of Marshall creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout. Size limit: brown and rainbow trout shall be under 14" or over 18", brook trout shall be under 10" or over 14"
Yarnell creek	All	2	

SECTION 18m. NR 20.03(4)(g), Table 1, subdivision 62., is amended to read:

TABLE 1

County	Water name	Portion	Regulation Category	Gear Restrictions, Size Limits, Daily Bag limits and Daily Size limits for Category 5 Waters, and Open Season Exceptions for Other Categories (Open Seasons Include Both Dates)
62 Vernon	All waters not listed		3	
	Bear creek (south)	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout. Size limit: brown trout shall be under 14", or over 18". Brook trout shall be under 10", or over 14"
	Bishop branch	All	4	
	Coon creek	CTH KK upstream to CTH P	4	
	Elk creek	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout. Size limit: brown trout

			shall be under 14", or over 18". Brook trout shall be under 10", or over 14"
Esofea pond	All	2	
Jersey Valley lake	All	4	
Kickapoo river (west fork)	Hwy. 82 upstream to CTH S and Bloomingdale road (S6, T13N, R3W)	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released
Melancthon	All	5	Daily bag limit: 3 trout. Size limit: brown trout shall be under 14", or over 18". Brook trout shall be under 10", or over 14"
Runge Hollow lake	All	4	
Seas branch	<u>Upstream from impoundment in T13N R4W S14</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Gear restriction: only artificial lures and barbless hooks may be used. Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released</u>
Sidie Hollow lake	All	4	
Timber Coulee	CTH P upstream to Olstad road	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag limit: 1 trout. Size limit: 14"

SECTION 19. NR 20.03(4)(g), Table 1, subdivision 69., is amended to read:

TABLE 1

County	Water name	Portion	Regulation Category	Gear Restrictions, Size Limits, Daily Bag limits and Daily Size limits for Category 5 Waters, and Open Season Exceptions for Other Categories (Open Seasons Include Both Dates)
69. Waushara	All waters not listed		2	
	Johns lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	Mecan river and springs	All	3	
	Pine river (Lower)	Downstream from Wild Rose millpond	3	
	<u>Pine river (Upper)</u>	<u>Upstream from Wild Rose millpond</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Gear restriction: only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released.</u>
	<u>Soules creek</u>	<u>Upstream from Wautoma millpond</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Gear restriction: only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. Daily bag limit: all trout caught shall be immediately released.</u>
	Spring lake	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	White River pond (west branch)	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
	White river (main branch)	Upstream from Lower White River millpond	5	Gear restriction: only artificial lures may be used. Daily bag and size limit: 3 trout per day, only 1 brown trout over 15". Size limit: brook and rainbow trout 9", brown trout 12"
	White river (west branch)	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to Sept. 30
	Wild Rose Mill pond	All	2	Open season: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to March 1
Willow creek	Downstream from Blackhawk road	3		

SECTION 20. NR 20.03(6)(d)1.(Table 1)zb. is amended to read:

NR 20.03(6)(d) Minimum size limits. 1. The minimum size limits for muskellunge is 40 inches for all waters listed in Table 1.

**TABLE 1**  
Waters with a 40-inch Minimum Size Limit on Muskellunge

County	Waters
zb. St. Croix	<del>Cedar lake</del> All waters

SECTION 21. NR 20.03(8)(cm) is created to read:

NR 20.03(8)(cm) *Presence of nonindigenous species.* Pursuant to par. (d), the department may close the season for all bait harvest in all or part of any water that has been documented to contain detrimental species that are not indigenous to the waters of the state, to prevent the further transport of nonindigenous species to other waters of the state. The closed season shall remain in full force and effect until opened pursuant to par. (d)2., if the department determines that the nonindigenous species is no longer present or the nonindigenous species no longer poses a threat to other waters of the state.

SECTION 22. NR 20.06(1)(am) is created to read:

NR 20.06(1)(am) *Row trolling.* No person may have a mechanical propulsion device in the water while row trolling.

SECTION 23. NR 20.06(1)(b)(title) and (intro.) are amended to read:

NR 20.06(b)(title) *Motor trolling. (intro.)* No person may fish with more than one hook, lure or bait or use planer boards in inland waters ~~of the state~~ while fishing by the method of motor trolling, except in the waters of Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Racine, Rusk, Taylor, Washburn and Waukesha counties, the Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages from county trunk A east of Tomahawk, Lincoln county, downstream, except Lake Mohawksin, the Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous and flowages up to the flowing portion of all tributary streams from the Holcombe flowage, Chippewa county, downstream, the Fox river from Buffalo lake downstream to the DePere dam and the following named lakes and rivers including their flowages and sloughs:

SECTION 24. NR 21.04(2)(b) is repealed.

SECTION 25. NR 21.04(2)(c) is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open Season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(2) WALLEYE AND SAUGER			
(c) Mississippi river <del>except pool 3</del>	Continuous	6 in aggregate	No size limit for sauger, 15 for walleye

SECTION 26. NR 23.05(5)(d)1. is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Possession and daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(d) LARGEMOUTH BASS AND SMALLMOUTH BASS			
1. All Boundary waters <del>except as otherwise provided in this paragraph</del>	First Saturday in May to November 30	0, beginning the first Saturday in May to the Friday <del>nearest June 20</del> preceding the third Saturday in June. 5 in total for the third Saturday following Friday <del>nearest in June</del> 20 to November 30	--  12 14

SECTION 27. NR 23.05(5)(d)2. is repealed.

SECTION 27m. NR 25.10(2)(i) is created to read:

NR 25.10(2)(i) No commercial fishing gear of any kind may be used, set, placed or operated in all waters bounded by a line beginning at a point where 43 degrees 7 minutes north latitude and 87 degrees 40 minutes west longitude intersect, northerly to 43 degrees 20 minutes north latitude, easterly to 87 degrees 20 minutes west longitude, northerly to 43 degrees 30 minutes north latitude, easterly to the Wisconsin-Michigan state line, southerly to 43 degree north latitude, westerly to 87 degrees 14 minutes west longitude, northerly to 43 degrees 3 minutes north latitude, westerly to 87 degrees 18 minutes, southerly to 43 degrees north latitude, westerly to 87 degrees 23 minutes west longitude, northwesterly to 43 degrees 7 minutes north latitude, and westerly to 87 degrees 40 minutes west latitude. This area can be further described as the northern third of grid 1903, the northeastern two thirds of grid 1904, all of grid 1905 except a rectangular area along its southern border, all of grids, 1705, 1803, 1804 and 1805, and those portions of grids 1706, 1806 and 1906 in Wisconsin waters. This area encompasses the elevated areas of the lake bed commonly known as the Sheboygan reef, the Northeast reef, the Milwaukee reef, and the East reef.

SECTION 28. NR 26.02(3) is created to read:

NR 26.02(3) BARRON COUNTY. *Rice creek*. That portion of Rice creek 100 feet north of state highway 8 and 100 feet south of state highway 8.

SECTION 29. NR 26.08(13)(a) is renumbered to NR 26.08(13)(b)

SECTION 30. NR 26.08(13)(a) is created to read:

NR 26.08(13)(a) *Wingra creek*. That portion of Wingra creek from the Wingra lake spillway downstream for a distance of 50 feet.

SECTION 31. NR 26.09(3)(am) is created to read:

NR 26.09(3)(am) *Spring creek*. That portion of Spring creek 100 feet north of county highway M and 100 feet south of county highway M.

SECTION 32. NR 26.09(34) is created to read:

NR 26.09(34) LANGLADE COUNTY. *Wolf river*. That part of the Wolf river beginning at the Post Lake dam and extending downstream for 75 feet to the bottom of the first rapids.

SECTION 33. NR 26.23(3) is repealed.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on

\_\_\_\_\_.

The rules shall take effect on April 1, 1999 as provided in s. 227.22(2)(b), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
George E. Meyer, Secretary

(SEAL)

## RESOLUTION INSTRUCTIONS

In order to be accepted for further consideration by the Conservation Congress, all resolutions introduced at the county meetings must meet the following requirements:

1. MUST BE OF STATEWIDE CONCERN OR SIGNIFICANCE.
2. THE ISSUE COVERED CANNOT BE RESOLVED AT THE COUNTY, AREA OR DISTRICT LEVEL.
3. ISSUES MUST BE PRACTICAL, ACHIEVABLE, REASONABLE AND NOT OBVIOUSLY INAPPROPRIATE.
4. CURRENT STATE STATUTES AND LAW MUST BE CONSIDERED, WITH REASONABLE CAUSE FOR CHANGE BEING PRESENTED IF APPLICABLE.
5. THE RESOLUTIONS MUST BE PRESENTED IN WRITING ACCORDING TO THE FORM IN THE EXAMPLE AND MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:
  - a. Clearly defined problem or concern of statewide significance,
  - b. Suggested solution to the problem,
  - c. Signature of individual author or designated representative of the organization presenting the resolution,
  - d. Description of further action desired for the resolution, and
  - e. Must be voted on at the county hearing.

As directed by the Conservation Congress Code or Procedure, all resolutions accepted at the spring county hearings will be referred to the standing committee on resolutions for further action and consideration at the annual spring Conservation Congress convention.

WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS NOT MEETING THE ABOVE CRITERIA AND VERBAL RESOLUTIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE SPRING CONSERVATION CONGRESS CONVENTION, but rather, if supported, will be designated "County Recommendations" and referred directly to appropriate Conservation Congress study committees for review.

SEE SAMPLE RESOLUTION ON FOLLOWING PAGE.

## SAMPLE RESOLUTION

**The Problem:**

Dinosaurs are a threat to agriculture across the state, especially in April and May, because they make deep footprints in newly planted farm fields, damaging the emerging crops. The problem is aggravated in souther Wisconsin, because dinosaurs are migrating across the state line to avoid hunting pressure in Illinois.

There is already an overpopulation on dinosaurs in Wisconsin.

At present, state law does not permit dinosaur hunting at any time during the year. We feel that Wisconsin law should be consistent with Illinois, which permits dinosaur hunting in the spring.

The suggested resolution for the above issue is as follows:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin farmers are suffering significant crop damage because of dinosaur incursions.

WHEREAS, there are already too many dinosaurs in Wisconsin, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in \_\_\_\_\_ County on April \_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing to the state legislature rule changes allowing a spring dinosaur hunting season.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

County Vote:      Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

Approved:        Yes \_\_\_\_\_      No \_\_\_\_\_

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