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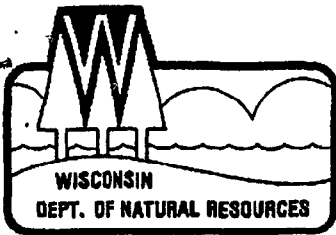
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Mr. Joseph Weller - Pres. Webb Lake Mens Club  
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Dear Mr. Weller:

Your request for the story behind the present delayed bass season opener regulation has been difficult to find out. Here is what I've been able to come up with.

I can't come up with an exact date this fish rule change went into effect but it had to have been about 10 years ago. What happened was a state assemblyman promised a friend of his, who was on his death bed, that he would do everything in his power to change the bass season opener to a later date. This assemblyman then put pressure on a couple of his Natural Resources Board Member friends (both of which no longer serve on the board), who in turn pressured Jim Addis, fish management chief at the time, to change (delay) the bass season opener regulation. The Fish Management Bureau Chief then pressured the Fish Management Inland Management Section Chief to implement this regulation change. This was of course carried out and did pass the state wide conservation congress vote and was quickly enacted into law.

I would urge you to be sure and talk to your local fish manager, Larry Damman, and get his biological assessment (need) for this regulation before you write your letter. I would suggest that you address your letter to the present Chief of Fisheries, Lee Kernan, with a carbon copy to the present Natural Resources Board Chairman, Herb Behnke, and Vice Chairman, Trygve Solberg. I have included all of their mailing addresses as per your request. If I can be of further help to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

*Stan Johannes*  
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	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, 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.	26 for rainbow trout; 15 for other trout and salmon
(c)	LARGEMOUTH AND SMALL-MOUTH 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 in total	14
		2. Waters within 1/4-mile, of Washington, Detroit, Plum, Pilot, Hog and Rock Islands	July 1 to March 1	5 of each	12
		3. Lake Superior and Kakagon river and connected sloughs	First Saturday in May to Friday nearest June 20	None may be kept	
			Saturday after Friday nearest June 20 to March 1	1	22
(f)	LAKE STURGEON	Lake Superior	Continuous	1 per yr	50
(fg)	RUFFE	Green Bay Lake Michigan Lake Superior	No open season	—	—
(fh)	WHITE PERCH	Lake Superior	No open season	—	—
		Lake Michigan	Continuous	None	None

(g) Herring of any size with no bag limit may be taken by hook and line at all times in the outlying waters.

(h) All species of fish of lawful size may be taken from the outlying waters including Chequamegon Bay by trolling from a motor driven boat or sailboat during the open season therefor. It shall be unlawful to spear any species or variety of fish in the outlying and reserve waters at any time, except that rough fish may be speared from sunrise to sunset in all outlying waters and may be taken with the use of spear guns by the method commonly known as skin diving by divers under the water in Lake Michigan. Northern pike may be speared through the ice in Lake Superior.

(2) As used in sub. (1), Green Bay shall mean Green bay, Sturgeon bay, Sawyer's harbor, the Sturgeon bay ship canal from Sturgeon bay to a line located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, section 22, T27N, R26E, Door county, commencing at a point on the southwest shore of the Sturgeon bay ship canal directly beneath the center of the Wisconsin public service company power line and extending in a northeasterly direction beneath and parallel to the center of the power line to a point on the northeast shore of the ship canal, and the Fox river from its mouth up to the dam at DePere.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. (1) (a), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (1) and (1) (a), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (1) (a) and (d); renum. (1) (c), (f) and (g) to be (1) (f), (g) and (h), cr. (1) (e), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; r. and recr. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; am. (1) (g) and (j), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; r. and recr. Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (1) (d) and (1) (i), Register, June, 1962, No. 78, eff. 7-1-62; am. (1) (d), Register, July, 1962, No. 79, eff. 8-1-62; am. (1) (g), Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1-1-64; am. (1) (intro.), (b) and (g), Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; am. (intro.), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; r. and recr. (1) (d), (f) and (g), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; am. (1) (d) and (g), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 10-1-68; r. and recr. (1) (c), r. (f), renum. (g) and (h) to be (f) and (g), renum. (i) to be (h) and am., Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; r. and recr. (1) (d) and r. (1) (f), Register, March, 1969, No. 159, eff. 4-1-69; renum. from WCD 20.02 to be NR 20.02, and am. (1) (c), Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; cr. (1) (f), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 1-1-72; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (d), eff. 9-23-72; am. (1) (c), Register, November, 1972, No. 203, eff. 1-1-73; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (d), eff. 11-16-72; am. (1) (d), Register, May 1973, No. 209, eff. 6-1-73; am. (1) (d) 1. and (c), Register, November, 1975, No. 239, eff. 12-1-75; am. (1) (c), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. (1) (c), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; am. (1) (d), Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82; am. (1) (a), Register, October, 1982, No. 322, eff. 11-1-82; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, April, 1983, No. 328,

eff. 5-1-83; cr. (2), Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84; am. (1) (c), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; emerg. am. (1) (d) 3., eff. 4-22-86; r. and recr. (1) (d) 1. and 2., Register, May, 1986, No. 365, eff. 6-1-86; renum. (1) (d) 3. to be (1) (d) 2. c. and am., Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; r. and recr. (1) (d), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; am. (1) (a) and (c), Register, November, 1988, No. 395, eff. 12-1-88; am. (1) (d) 3., cr. (1) (fg) and (fh), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90; am. (1) (f), Register, December, 1990, No. 420, eff. 1-1-91; emerg. am. (1) (c) and (2), eff. 2-14-91; am. (1) (c) and (2), Register, June, 1991, No. 426, eff. 7-1-91; am. (1) (a) 3. and (fh), r. and recr. (1) (d) 3., Register, December, 1991, No. 432, eff. 1-1-92; am. (1) (d) 2., Register, March 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92; am. (1) (e) 3., Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93; am. (1) (c) 3., Register, November, 1993, No. 455, eff. 1-1-94; am. (1) (a) 3., (b), (d) 1., Register, December, 1994, No. 468, eff. 1-1-95; am. (1) (d) 1. and 2., Register, March, 1995, No. 471, eff. 4-1-95; emerg. am. (1) (c), eff. 6-1-95; am. (1) (c), Register, September, 1995, No. 477, eff. 10-1-95; am. (1) (c), (d) 1., r. (1) (d) 2., Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 4-1-96; emerg. am. (1) (c), eff. 7-1-96; emerg. am. (1) (c), eff. 7-1-96; am. (1) (c), Register, December, 1996, No. 492, eff. 1-1-97; am. (1) (c), Register, July, 1997, No. 499, eff. 8-1-97; am. (1) (d) 1., 3. and (1) (e) 1., cr. (1) (d) 2., Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 2-1-99.

**NR 20.03 Season tables; open and closed seasons, size and bag limits and measurements.** (1) The open seasons specified in the following table apply to fishing in open waters and fishing through the ice. The department may, following scientific investigation and study, establish bag limits and size limits on the individual inland waters when it finds that the taking of fish will aid in management of the fishery and insure the citizens of this state additional opportunities for good fishing. Such special regulations shall become effective only after public informational meetings are held. The department may also establish an urban fishing program by posting the open and closed seasons on specified waters. For open seasons in specified waters see s. NR 20.04. The possession limit for each species of fish, except trout as specified in sub. (4), shall be double the daily bag limit specified in this chapter except that no person may have in possession or under control more than the daily bag limit while on the ice or waters or while fishing in the state of Wisconsin unless the person holds a permit issued by the department under this section and s. NR 19.05 for restocking of fish caught in a fishing tournament or holds a permit or license which authorizes possession of a greater number under s. 29.503, 29.737 or 29.745, Stats. The measurement of all fish taken shall be in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the utmost end of the tail fin fully extended.

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)			
1. Forest lake, Fond du Lac county; Yellowstone lake, Lafayette county; Bittersweet, Oberlin, Prong and Smith lakes, Vilas county	First Saturday in May to March 1	0	—
2. Lake Three, Day lake, East Twin lake, Little Clam lake, 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 and Stella lakes, Oneida county; Cochran and Bass lakes (T38N, R2W, sec. 18) and Sailer lake, Price county; Black lake, Sawyer county; Big Muskellunge, East Ellerson, Forest, Gunlock, Little Bass (T40N, R8E, sec. 15), Middle Ellerson, Papoose, Plum (T41N, R42E, sec. 31 & 32), Salsicht, Trout, Wabasso, West Plum, White Sand (T42N, R7E, sec. 27), and Whitney lakes, Vilas county	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0	—
	Third Saturday in June to March 1	1 in total	18
3. 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 lake, Vernon county; Delavan lake, Walworth county; Big Muskego lake, including Bass bay, Waukesha county.	First Saturday in May to March 1	1 in total	18
4. Columbia and Lazy lakes, Columbia county	Continuous	1 in total	18
5. Round lake (sec. 35, T20N, R11E), Waushara county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in total	18
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
6. Wilson lake, Iron county; Sawyer lake, Langlade county	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0	—
	Third Saturday in June to March 1	5 in total	No minimum length except the possession of fish between 12 and 16 inches is prohibited
7. Rockland lake, Racine county; Beulah lake, Walworth county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in total	No minimum length except the possession of fish between 12 and 16 inches is prohibited
8. Nebish lake, Vilas county	Continuous	5 in total	No minimum length except the possession of fish between 9 and 12 inches is prohibited
9. Spruce lake, Vilas county. Only artificial lures may be used pursuant to s. NR 20.04 (4) (a) 2.	Continuous	2 in total	12
10. Palette lake (sec. 3, T41N, R7E), Vilas county	Continuous	2 in total	16
11. Browns lake, Racine county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in total	16
12. Little Bass lake (T39N, R7E, sec. 15), Oneida county; Wildwood lake, Vilas county. Only artificial lures may be used on these lakes pursuant to s. NR 20.07 (11)	First Saturday in May to the Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0	—
	Third Saturday in June to Nov. 15	5 in total	14
13. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	1 in total with wall-eye, sauger, hybrids thereof and northern pike	No size limit
14. Gile flowage, Turtle-Flambeau flowage, Iron county	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0	—
	Third Saturday in June to March 1	2 in total	15
15. Lake Wazec, Jackson county	First Saturday in May to March 1	2 in total	14
16. Lower Clam lake (T39N, R6E, secs. 34 and 353), Burnett county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in total	14

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
18 Peshtigo flowage, Marinette county; all other inland waters north of a line following state hwy. 70 from the bridge over the St. Croix river east to state hwy 27, south on state hwy. 27 to state hwy. 64, east on state hwy 64 to its terminus in the city of Marinette and continuing due east to the shore of Green Bay; all other inland waters north of state hwy. 29 from its bridge over the Fox river east to its terminus in the city of Kewaunee and continuing due east to the shore of Lake Michigan	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June Third Saturday in June to March 1	0 5 in total	— 14
19. All other inland waters (am) HYBRID STRIPED BASS	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in total	14
1 Columbia lake, Columbia county (c) WALLEYE, SAUGER AND HYBRIDS THEREOF (see also s. NR 20.04)	Continuous	3	18
1. Forest lake, Fond du Lac county; Yellowstone lake, Lafayette county	First Saturday in May to March 1	0	—
2. Lac La Belle, Waukesha county	First Saturday in May to March 1	1	20
3. All urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	1 in total with large-mouth bass, small-mouth bass and northern pike	No minimum length
4. Nemadji river, Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Pokegama bay and Kimballs bay, Douglas county	Saturday nearest May 15 to March 1	2	15
5 Lake Wazec, Jackson county	First Saturday in May to March 1	2	15
6 Trout lake, Vilas county	First Saturday in May to March 1	3	15
7. Mineral, Spider and Moquah lakes, Ashland county; Silver lake, Columbia county; Lake Mendota and the following connected waters. Cherokee lake, Warner park lagoons, Pheasant Branch creek from its mouth upstream to county hwy M, Sixmile creek from its mouth upstream to state hwy. 19 in Sec. 8. and Yahara river from its mouth upstream to state hwy. 19, all in Dane county; Fox lake, Dodge county; Cranc, Lucerne and Pickerel lakes, Forest county; Blackhawk, Cox Hollow and Twin Valley lakes, Iowa county; Grand Portage and Mercer lakes, Iron county; Pickerel and Rollingstone lakes, Langlade county; Stella and Thunder lakes, Oneida county; Lee lake, Richland county; Sand lake, Rusk county; Delavan lake and its tributaries, Walworth county; Oconomowoc lake, Waukesha county	First Saturday in May to March 1	3	18
8. All Green Bay tributary streams from their mouths upstream to the first dam or lake	Continuous	3	No minimum length
9. Three lakes chain (includes Big, Big Fork, Big Stone, Crystal, Deer, Dog, Fourmile, Island, Laurel, Little Fork, Long, Medicine, Moccasin, Planting Ground, Rangeline, Round, Spirit, Townline, Virgin and Whitefish lakes, all connecting waters and Eagle river downstream to Vilas county line), Oneida county; Eagle chain (includes Catfish, Cranberry, Duck, Eagle, Lynx, Otter, Scattering Rice, Voyageur, Watersmeet including Wisconsin river from Otter Rapids dam to county highway G, Yellow birch lake, all connecting waters and Eagle river upstream to Oneida county line), Vilas county	First Saturday in May to March 1	3, but only 1 may be longer than 18"	No minimum length, except the possession of fish from 14" through 18" is prohibited
10. English lake, Ashland county; Dark, Herde and Long 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 Harper lakes, Taylor county; Anvil, Big Portage, Forest, Lost Canoe, Plum and White Sand (T42N R7E S27) lakes, Vilas county	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

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
3. Lac La Belle, Waukesha county (flathead catfish)	No open season	—	—
3m. Yellowstone lake, Lafayette county	First Saturday in May to March 1	0	—
4 In all other waters.	No closed season	10	No size limit
(i) WHITE BASS			
1 Columbia lake, Columbia county	Continuous	3	18
2. All other waters	Continuous	None	No size limit
(j) ROCK BASS			
1 Chippewa flowage, Sawyer county	First Saturday in May to November 30	25 in total, of which no more than 15 may be crappie	No size limit
	December 1 to March 1	15 in total, of which 0 may be crappie	No size limit
2. Lac La Belle, Waukesha county; Eagle lake, Racine county	Continuous	15 in total	No size limit
3. Big Muskego lake and Bass bay, Waukesha county	Continuous	15 in total	8
4. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	10 in total with bullheads	No size limit
5. Bladder and Sawdust lakes, Bayfield county; Pine lake, Iron county; Lake Wazee, Jackson county; Newman lake, Price county	Continuous	10 in total	No size limit
6. Turtle-Flambeau flowage, including Trude lake, Iron county	Continuous	10 in total	10 for crappie, no size limit for other species
7. All other waters	Continuous	25 in total	No size limit
(L) YELLOW BASS (STRIPED)			
1 Columbia lake, Columbia county	Continuous	3	18
2 All other waters	Continuous	None	No size limit
(m) BULLHEADS			
1 In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	10 in total with bluegill, crappie, pumpkinseed (sunfish) and yellow perch	No size limit
2 All other waters	Continuous	None	No size limit
(n) CISCO AND WHITEFISH			
1 Trout lake, Vilas county	Continuous	10 in total	No size limit
2 All other waters	Continuous	25 pounds and one fish in total	No size limit
(p) SHOVELNOSE (SAND OR HACKLEBACK)			
Sturgeon			
1. Chippewa river below the 1-94 bridge, Eau Claire county	No closed season	25	No size limit
a. Chippewa river above the 1-94 bridge, Eau Claire county	No open season	—	—
2. In all other waters south of highway #64 (except in the Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam upstream)	No closed season	25	No size limit
a. The Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam upstream	No open season	—	—
3. In all other waters north of highway #64	No open season	—	—
(q) ROCK AND LAKE STURGEON			
1. Hook and line season			
a In all waters except Lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, Winnebago and connecting waters; in the Embarrass river from the Pella dam, Shawano county downstream to its confluence with the Wolf river in Outagamie county; in the Shiocton river from the Outagamie-Shawano county line downstream to its confluence with the Wolf river, in the Little Wolf river from the Manawa dam, Waupaca county downstream to its confluence with the Wolf river in Waupaca county; the Wolf river from Keshena Falls downstream to Lake Poygan; and the Fox river downstream from milepost No. 63, commonly known as Johnson creek in Green Lake county to Lake Butte des Morts; in the St. Croix river from Upper St. Croix lake, Douglas county downstream to the Minnesota state line; in the Namekagon river from Namekagon lake, Bayfield county downstream to its confluence with the St. Croix river in Burnett county, in the Totogatic river from Totogatic lake, Bayfield county downstream to its confluence with the Namekagon river in Burnett county; and the Nemadji river, Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Pokegama bay and Kimballs bay, Douglas county; Wisconsin river, from the dam in Wisconsin Dells upstream to its origin, including all flowages and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge on the tributary; and all other waters of Menominee county.	First Saturday in September to October 15	1 per season	50



**NR 23.05 Hook and line fishing. (1)** No person may use more than 3 hooks, baits or lures. The line or lines shall be attended at all times.

**(2)** Any fish taken and retained in possession that is not released freely into the water immediately after capture shall be considered part of the angler's daily bag limit.

**(3)** No person may take fish by snagging or foul hooking unless authorized by s. NR 20.04 (3) (d) 2. f.

**(4)** No person may fish for fish of any variety during the

closed season for trout in the Brule river upstream from the railroad bridge in section 29, township 42 north, range 34 west. Iron county, Michigan and section 25, township 41 north, range 15 east, Florence county, Wisconsin and in the Montreal river above the Saxon Falls flowage.

**(5)** The seasons, size limits and bag and possession limits for hook and line fishing in the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters for the species listed in this subsection, except as provided in s. NR 23.06 are as follows.

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Possession and daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(a) BLUEGILLS, CRAPPIES, PERCH, WHITE AND YELLOW BASS AND SUNFISH in all boundary waters	No closed season	25 in total	No size limit
(b) All other species not listed in this subsection in all boundary waters	No closed season	No limit	No size limit
(c) LAKE STURGEON in all boundary waters	First Saturday in September to November 1	1 per season	50
(d) LARGEMOUTH BASS AND SMALL MOUTH BASS			
1. All boundary waters	First Saturday in May to November 30	0, beginning the first Saturday in May to the Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	-
		5 in total for the third Saturday in June to November 30	14
		5 in total beginning the Saturday following the Friday nearest June 20 to November 30	16
(e) MUSKELLUNGE	May 15 to November 30	1	40
(f) NORTHERN PIKE	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	No size limit
(g) TROUT AND SALMON			
1. All boundary waters except as otherwise provided in this paragraph	Last Saturday in April to September 30	5	7
2. Montreal and Menominee rivers from their mouths upstream to the first dam and Smokey Lake	No closed season	5	10
3. Brule river upstream from U.S. hwy 2	Last Saturday in April to September 30	5 in total	brook trout 8 brown trout 12
(h) WALLEYE AND SAUGER			
1. In lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in total	15
2. In rivers & impoundments	March 2 to the Friday before the first Saturday in May	1 in total	15
	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in total	15
(i) RUFFE in all boundary waters	No open season	-	-
(j) CATFISH	No closed season	10	No size limit

**History:** Cr. Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86; am. (5) (d), Register, November, 1988, No. 395, eff. 12-1-88; am. (5) (h), cr. (5) (i), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90; am. (5) (g), Register, January, 1991, No. 421, eff. 2-1-91; am. (1) (c), Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92; am. (5) (intro.), (a) and (b), r. and recr. (5) (d), (e), (f) and (h), cr. (5) (j), Register, November, 1993, No. 455, eff. 1-1-94; am. (2), Register, May, 1996, No. 485, eff. 6-1-96; am. (5) (d) 1., r. (5) (d) 2., Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 4-1-99.

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

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

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



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**PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION**

1 AN ACT <sup>gen cat</sup> relating to: open seasons <sup>g</sup> for the fishing of bass.

**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

Under current law, the department of natural resource (DNR) may establish different fishing seasons for different types of fish, and the seasons may vary throughout the state. Under this bill any fishing season established for bass must be the same throughout the state.

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

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

2 SECTION 1. 29.014 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:  
3 29.014 (1) The department shall establish and maintain open and closed  
4 seasons for fish and game, subject to sub. (1m), and any bag limits, size limits, rest  
5 days and other conditions governing the taking of fish and game that will conserve  
6 the fish and game supply and ensure the citizens of this state continued  
7 opportunities for good fishing, hunting and trapping.

History: 1997 a. 248 ss. 77 to 79, 383, 397, 399.



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**SUBMITTAL  
FORM**

**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU  
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The attached draft is submitted for your inspection. Please check each part carefully, proofread each word, and **sign** on the appropriate line(s) below.

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**Date:** 4/14/99

**To:** Representative Pettis

**Relating to LRB drafting number:** LRB-2638

**Topic**

Bass season

**Subject(s)**

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1. **JACKET** the draft for introduction \_\_\_\_\_  
in the **Senate** \_\_\_\_ or the **Assembly**  (check only one). Only the requester under whose name the drafting request is entered in the LRB's drafting records may authorize the draft to be submitted. Please allow one day for the preparation of the required copies.

2. **REDRAFT.** See the changes indicated or attached \_\_\_\_\_.  
A revised draft will be submitted for your approval with changes incorporated.

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If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please call 266-3561. If you have any questions relating to the attached draft, please feel free to call me.

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