

## 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 422

July 27, 1999 – Introduced by Representatives JOHNSRUD, BRANDEMUEHL, GRONEMUS, GUNDERSON, PETROWSKI, HAHN and OWENS, cosponsored by Senators SCHULTZ, CLAUSING, RUDE, BAUMGART, COWLES and FARROW. Referred to Committee on Natural Resources.

1     **AN ACT to amend** 29.014 (1); and **to create** 29.014 (1m) of the statutes; **relating**  
 2             **to:** bag and possession limits for panfish in the boundary waters between Iowa  
 3             and this state.

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### *Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under current law, the department of natural resources (DNR) may establish bag and possession limits for different types of fish, and these limits may vary throughout the state. Under this bill, DNR may not set a bag or possession limit for panfish for the boundary waters between Iowa and this state that is different from a statewide limit unless DNR makes written findings to justify the difference.

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

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

4             **SECTION 1.** 29.014 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:  
 5             29.014 (1) The department shall establish and maintain open and closed  
 6             seasons for fish and game and. The department shall also establish and maintain  
 7             any bag limits, subject to sub. (1m), possession limits, size limits, rest days and other

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1 conditions governing the taking of fish and game that will conserve the fish and game  
2 supply and ensure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing,  
3 hunting and trapping.

4 **SECTION 2.** 29.014 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

5 29.014 **(1m)** (a) In this subsection, “panfish” means any fish defined as such  
6 by the department.

7 (b) The department may not establish a bag limit or possession limit for panfish  
8 in the boundary waters between this state and Iowa that differs from a statewide bag  
9 limit and possession limit for panfish established for the department unless the  
10 department makes written findings, supported by substantial evidence, to justify the  
11 different limit.

12 (c) If the department has in effect a rule that establishes a bag limit or  
13 possession limit for panfish in the boundary waters between this state and Iowa that  
14 is subject to the requirement of written findings under par. (b), the rule shall contain  
15 a provision that it expires on March 1 of any year unless the department, between  
16 January 1 and March 1 of that year, reviews the written findings and determines  
17 that the written findings continue to be supported by substantial evidence.

18 **SECTION 3. Effective date.**

19 (1) This act takes effect on the first day of the 10th month beginning after  
20 publication.

21 (END)