

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

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to repeal NR 20.20(4)(h)7. and 8.; to amend NR 19.025(3)(a) and (5)(a), 19.275(3)(a), 19.30, 20.06(10), 20.16(1)(b)2., 20.20(1)(a), (c), (cm), (d) and (h)1., 20.20(2)(bm), 20.20(2)(g)3., 20.20(3)(f)1., 20.20(26)(g)3., 20.20(29)(a), (c), (cm), (d) and (h), 20.20(32)(c), (d), and (g), 20.20(35)(a)1., (c)1., (g)1., (g)1g., and 1m, 20.20(37)(a), (c)1., (e)2. and (i), 20.20(42)(b), (c), and (f), 20.20(44)(a), (b)1. and (g), 20.20(50)(a), (b)1. and 3., (cm), (d)3., and (h)2., 20.20(51)(bg), 20.20(55)(bg), 20.20(57)(c), 20.20(64)(h)3. and 11., 20.20(67)(a)2., 20.20(68)(a)2., 20.20(72)(a), (c), (cm), (d) and (h)1., 20.20(73)(o)6., 24.09(1) (intro) and 24.10; and to create NR 19.27(4)(a)1.d, 20.20(7)(c)2., 20.20(16)(g)4m., 20.20(35)(b)2. and (d)1., 20.20(36)(am), 20.20(49)(f)2., 20.20(56)(i)5m., and 20.20(64)(d)4., relating to fishing and clamming on the inland, outlying, and boundary waters of Wisconsin.

FH-01-09

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

1. Statutes Interpreted: In promulgating this rule, ss. 29.014(1), 29.039, 29.041, 29.053, 29.531 and 29.533, Stats., which authorize fishing, and 29.537, which authorizes clamming, have been interpreted as giving the department the authority to make changes to fishing and clamming regulations on inland and boundary waters of Wisconsin.

2. Statutory Authority: Sections 29.014(1), 29.039, 29.041, 29.053, 29.537 and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

3. Explanation of Agency Authority to Promulgate the Proposed Rules Under the Statutory Authority: Sections 29.014(1), 29.039, 29.041, 29.053 and 29.537, Stats., grant rule making authority to the department to establish and maintain open and closed seasons for fish, clams and game and any bag limits, size limits, rest days and conditions governing the taking of fish, clams and game that will conserve the fish, clams, and game supply and ensure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing, hunting and trapping; grant that the department may establish limitations relating to taking, possession, transportation, processing, and sale or offer for sale, of nongame species; and provide that the department may regulate hunting and fishing on and in all interstate boundary waters, and outlying waters. Section 227.11(2)(a), Stats., expressly confers rulemaking authority on the department to promulgate rules interpreting any statute enforced or administered by it, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute.

4. Related Rule or Statute: None.

5. Plain Language Rule Analysis:

Sections 1 and 4 allow the department to conduct criminal history background checks on individuals who want to serve as department-sponsored volunteer angler education instructor or a mentor as part of a department sponsored or approved learn-to-hunt program. These instructors often and primarily serve as instructors for youth. Similar to the hunter, boater, snowmobile, ATV and trapper education volunteer instructor programs, it is important that we make sure we are not providing the opportunity for any individual who is not allowed to associate with children or who has been convicted of an illegal act involving children, from having the opportunity to work with children during the angler education programs conducted by DNR.

This proposal would also remove the condition that a mentor for fishing programs may not serve as a mentor for more than 3 anglers and clarify that the applicant, instructors and mentors need to possess a valid fishing license. Section 1 will also reduce the 30 day advanced notice for applications for fishing programs to 15 days.

Sections 2 and 3 clarify that either a small game or a fishing license is a valid approval for taking crayfish as they are the licenses most related to the activities of harvesting these species. This is similar to what is required for taking turtles.

Section 5 clarifies that any line or device used for fishing must be under the control of the angler with a tethered line that allows for the retrieval of the device and attached hook and line, and explicitly states that remote-controlled fishing devices must also be tethered or connected to a line of which the angler has control.

Section 6 removes a requirement that barbless hooks must be used during the early, catch-and-release inland trout season. Barbed hooks would be permissible, but artificial lures only would still be required.

Sections 7, 8, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 28 and 33 clarify the boundaries of the Wisconsin river from its origin downstream to the southern Columbia county line as “Wisconsin river, including bayous, sloughs, and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge.” This wording is similar to wording currently in place for the Wisconsin river from the southern Columbia county line downstream to the mouth of the river, and affects waters in Adams, Juneau, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, and Wood counties. In Juneau, Lincoln, Marathon, and Portage counties additional language is used to further clarify the boundaries of the Wisconsin river and its flowages.

These sections also include similar wording for the Chippewa river, East fork of the Chippewa river, the North and South forks of the Flambeau river, LaCrosse river, Lemonweir river, and Yellow river in Ashland, Juneau, LaCrosse, Monroe, Price, Rusk, and Sawyer counties.

Section 9 sets a minimum length restriction for walleye in Upper Clam lake (Ashland county) of 15 inches.

Section 10 increases the minimum length restriction for walleye in Beaver Dam lake (Barron county) from 15 inches to 18 inches, and reduces the daily angler bag limit for walleye from 5 fish to 3 fish.

Section 11 creates an annual open season for trout in Balsam pond and Beaver, Little Star, Nymphia, and Overby (Blaisdell) lakes (Bayfield county), where the seasons in these lakes are currently closed every other year. The annual open season will be between the first Saturday in May and September 30.

Section 12 removes the 14 inch minimum length restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Twenty-six lake (Burnett county).

Section 13 extends the end of open season for trout in Anderson lake (Douglas county) from September 30 to the first Sunday in March.

Section 14 sets a minimum length restriction for walleye in Bearskull, Fisher, Owl, and Upper and Lower Springstead lakes (Iron county) of 15 inches.

Section 19 increases the minimum size restriction for northern pike in Silver lake (Manitowoc county) from 26 to 32 inches and reduces the daily angler bag limit from 2 to 1.

Section 22 also corrects an administrative error which improperly lists the minimum length restriction for walleye in the Wisconsin river downstream from the St. Regis dam in Rhinelander (Oneida county) as none rather than 15 inches.

Section 22 also increases the minimum length restriction for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Burrows lake (Oneida county) from 14 inches to 18 inches, and decreases the daily angler bag limit from 5 to 1.

Section 23 increases the minimum length restriction for walleye in Big Round lake (Polk county) from 15 inches to 18 inches, and reduces the daily angler bag limit for walleye from 5 fish to 3 fish.

Section 27 replaces the current 9 inch minimum length restriction for trout in Manley creek (Sauk county) with a 9 inch maximum size restriction. This rule will expire 10 years after implementation.

Section 29 increases the minimum size restriction for muskellunge in Big Sand and Long lakes (Vilas county) from 34 inches to 50 inches.

Section 30 increases the minimum size restriction for walleye in Dead Pike lake (Vilas county) from none to 18 inches, and reduces the daily angler bag limit from 5 to 3.

Section 30 also increases the minimum length restriction for walleye in White Sand (T42 N R7E S27) and Long lakes (Vilas county) from 15 inches to 18 inches, and reduces the daily angler bag limit for walleye from 5 fish to 3 fish, and also corrects an administrative error which improperly lists the closing date of the open angling season for walleye as March 1 rather than the first Sunday in March.

Sections 31 and 32 add Regner (Washington county) and Foxbrook (Waukesha county) ponds to the state's urban fishing program, in which there is a continuous open season but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s. 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April, and in which persons may possess 1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total, and an unlimited number of rough fish.

Section 34 specifies that the total daily bag limit for walleye, sauger, and walleye-sauger hybrids is 5 in lake Winnebago system waters, of which only 1 may be a sauger or hybrid.

Section 35 prohibits commercial clamming in the St. Louis River where it forms the boundary between Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Sections 35 and 36 close recreational and commercial clamming and prohibits collection of dead shells in the St. Croix river where it forms the boundary between Wisconsin and Minnesota, and prohibits collection of dead shells from waters within the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway. This standardizes rules between Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the National Park Service in these waters.

6. Summary of and Comparison with Existing or Proposed Federal Regulations: None known.

7. Comparison of Similar Rules in Adjacent States: Fisheries management rules are generally quite similar in the states surrounding Wisconsin. Each bordering state regulates fishing by the use of seasons, bag limits and size limits. Specific seasons, bag and size limits may differ for species across the surrounding states; however, the general principles are similar. Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois all have statewide seasons, bag and size limits for fish species, along with special or experimental regulations on individual waters.

8. Summary of Factual Data and Analytical Methodologies Used in Support of the Rule: Rule proposals were developed by fisheries and law enforcement staff to address management and enforcement concerns. Proposals were reviewed for need and adequacy, and approved by a fish team or law enforcement team supervisor and forwarded to regional director for approval. Proposals approved by the regions were forwarded to the Fisheries Management Bureau Director, who conducted a review with the Fisheries Management Board, law enforcement, legal services, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. Only proposals approved by the Fisheries Management Bureau Director are included.

9. Analysis and Documentation Used in Support of the Agency's Determination Under s. 227.114, Stats., (Small Business Impact): The proposed rules do not apply directly to businesses, but to sport anglers.

10. Effect on Small Business, Including How the Rule Will Be Enforced: The proposed rules do not impose any compliance or reporting requirements on small businesses nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule. The rule will eliminate the opportunity for commercial clamming operations in the St. Louis and St. Croix Rivers, but no individuals have been operating in these waters in more than 10 years. The rules will be enforced by Conservation Wardens who have arrest powers and may use citations.

11. Agency contact person: Joseph Hennessy, FM/4, 101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI 53707-7921; email: Joseph.Hennessy@wisconsin.gov; phone: 608.267.9427.

SECTION 1. NR 19.025(3)(a) and (5)(a) are amended to read:

(3) GENERAL; CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

(a) An applicant shall submit a request for a waiver at least 30 days prior to a hunting or trapping the event and 15 days before a fishing event. The department may waive the 15 day period for fishing events when the department determines it is not required to conduct criminal history, character or background checks. All applications shall be submitted on forms provided by the department.

(5) SPECIAL FISHING CONDITIONS, LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

(a) Except as provided in par. (b), the applicant, instructors and mentors shall possess a valid fishing approval. During the field portion of the fishing activity there may be no more than 3 novice participants per mentor.

SECTION 2. NR 19.27(4)(a)1.d is created to read:

(a) Crayfish.

1. `Prohibitions.' No person may:

d. Take, possess or control a crayfish unless the person is in possession of a valid approval which authorizes the hunting of small game or which authorize fishing, unless otherwise exempt from the need to possess one of more of these approvals to hunt or fish under ch. 29, Stats.

SECTION 3. NR 19.275(3)(a) is amended to read:

NR 19.275(3)(a)

(3) ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS. No person may do any of the following:

(a) Take, possess or control a turtle unless the person is in possession of a valid approval ~~issued under s. 29.624, 29.161, 29.204, 29.207, 29.231 or 29.235, Stats.,~~ which authorizes the hunting of small game, ~~or an approval issued under s. 29.624, 29.228, 29.219, 29.231, 29.235, 29.531, or 29.533, Stats.,~~ which authorize fishing, unless otherwise exempt from the need to possess one of more of these approvals to hunt or fish under ch. 29, Stats.

SECTION 4. NR 19.30 is amended to read:

NR 19.30 Criminal history checks; volunteer ~~safety~~ instructors. Whenever application is made to the department by a person interested in becoming certified to instruct as a volunteer all-terrain vehicle, boating, bow hunter, hunter education, Wisconsin cooperative trapper education program or snowmobile safety instructor, the bureau of law enforcement shall conduct a criminal history, character and background check on the applicant. Notwithstanding s. NR 19.025, the bureau of law enforcement shall conduct a background check on any person who applies to serve as an angler or aquatic education instructor, or an educational outdoor skills activity mentor. Upon becoming aware of information indicating prior illegal activity, the department shall make appropriate inquiry into criminal history and character of instructor or mentoring applicants and determine their suitability for the proposed activity.

SECTION 5. NR 20.06(10) is amended to read:

NR 20.06(10)

(10) Fish in open water with a free-floating, remote controlled or anchored buoyant device with attached hook and line that is not held or otherwise controlled by the angler with the use of a line connected to the device.

Note: This method is commonly known as jug fishing.

SECTION 6. NR 20.16(1)(b)2. is amended to read:

NR 20.16(1)(b)2.

2. No person may use any hooks, baits or lures other than artificial lures ~~with barbless hooks~~ while fishing for any species of fish on trout streams specified in par. (a).

SECTION 7. NR 20.20(1)(a), (c), (cm), (d) and (h) are amended to read:

(1) ADAMS (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Mason lake; Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge.</u>	a. Motor trolling is permitted	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge.</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	14
(cm) muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> upstream from the Castle Rock dam	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to November 30	1	45
(d) Northern pike	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge.</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1	32
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge.</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 to 28 and only 1 may be > 28 <u>inches</u>	15

SECTION 8. NR 20.20(2) (bm) is amended to read:

(2) ASHLAND (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(bm) Lake sturgeon	1. East Fork Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>flowing into the Chippewa river upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge,</u> including Pelican lake, and North Fork Flambeau river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>flowing into the Flambeau river upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge.</u>	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
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SECTION 9. NR 20.20(2) (g)3. is amended to read:

(2) ASHLAND (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Gordon lake, Lake Galilee, Upper Clam lake, Zielke lake, North Fork Flambeau river and its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, Mineral lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 14 <u>inches</u>	None
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SECTION 10. NR 20.20(3)(f)1. is amended to read:

(3) BARRON (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Red Cedar lake, Hemlock lake, <u>Beaver Dam lake</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
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SECTION 11. NR 20.20(4)(h)7. and 8. are repealed.

SECTION 12. NR 20.20(7)(c)2. is created to read:

(7) BURNETT (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Twenty-six lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
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SECTION 13. NR 20.20(16)(g)4m. is created to read:

(16) DOUGLAS (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73)). Note: Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Kimballs bay and Pokegama bay are considered part of the St. Louis river, a Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary water. See chapter NR 21. The Nemadji river is an inland water that is contiguous with these Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters but is regulated under this subsection.

(g) Trout and salmon	4m. Anderson lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	7
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SECTION 14. NR 20.20(26)(g)3. is amended to read:

(26) IRON (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Bearskull lake , Catherine lake, Cedar lake, Echo lake, Fisher lake , Gile flowage, Island lake, Little Oxbow lake, Lower Springstead lake , Owl lake , Oxbow lake, Pine lake, Randall lake, Sandy Beach lake, Sherman lake, Spider lake, Upper Springstead lake , North Fork Flambeau river and its tributaries, West Branch Montreal river, Turtle river upstream from Echo lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than <u>44 14 inches</u>	None
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SECTION 15. NR 20.20(29) (a), (c), (cm), (d) and (h) are amended to read:

(29) JUNEAU (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Kilburn flowage, Wisconsin river and its sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, including only that portion of Castle Rock flowage south of the county highway G bridge.</u>	a. Motor trolling is permitted.	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
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(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	<p>1. Yellow river and sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u>, Lemonweir river and sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u>, Wisconsin river and sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the western boundary of the Wisconsin River on Lake Petenwell is County Highway G, and the western boundary of the Wisconsin river on Castle Rock lake north of county highway G is the confluence of the Yellow river and Castle Rock lake, and county highway G between 41st and county highway HH does not establish a boundary for Castle Rock lake.</u></p>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	14
(cm) Muskellunge	<p>1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> upstream from the Castle Rock dam, <u>except the western boundary of the Wisconsin River on Lake Petenwell is County Highway G, and the western boundary of the Wisconsin river on Castle Rock lake north of county highway G is the confluence of the Yellow river and Castle Rock lake, and county highway G between 41st and county highway HH does not establish a boundary for Castle Rock lake.</u></p>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday 1 in May to November 30	45	
(d) Northern pike	<p>1. Wisconsin river and its flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the western boundary of the Wisconsin River on Lake Petenwell is County Highway G, and the western boundary of the Wisconsin river on Castle Rock lake north of county highway G is the confluence of the Yellow river and Castle Rock lake, and county highway G between 41st and county highway HH does not establish a boundary for Castle Rock lake.</u></p>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	1	32
	<p>2. Yellow river and sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u>, Lemonweir river and sloughs, bayous and flowages, <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge.</u></p>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	2	26

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	<p>1. Yellow river and its sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> Lemonweir river and its sloughs, bayous and flowages, <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u>, Wisconsin river and its sloughs, bayous and flowages, <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the western boundary of the Wisconsin River on Lake Petenwell is County Highway G, and the western boundary of the Wisconsin river on Castle Rock lake north of county highway G is the confluence of the Yellow river and Castle Rock lake, and county highway G between 41st and county highway HH does not establish a boundary for Castle Rock lake.</u></p>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 to 28 and only 1 may be > 28 inches	15
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SECTION 16. NR 20.20(32) (c), (d) and (g) are amended to read:

(32) LA CROSSE (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	<p>1. La Crosse river including sloughs and bayous <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> from Lake Neshonoc dam downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks</p>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(d) Northern pike	<p>1. La Crosse river including sloughs and bayous <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> from Lake Neshonoc dam downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks</p>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	<p>1. La Crosse river including sloughs and bayous <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> from Lake Neshonoc dam downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks</p>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15

SECTION 17. NR 20.20(35) (a)1., (c)1., and (g)1., 1g. and 1m. are amended to read:

(35) LINCOLN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	<p>1. Spirit River flowage, Wisconsin river downstream from CTH A including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u>, except Lake</p>	a. Motor trolling is permitted	As specified in this subsection or sub.(73)	As specified in this subsection or sub.(73)	As specified in this subsection or sub.(73)
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(c) Muskellunge	1. Deer lake, Nokomis lake, Rice River flowage, Wisconsin river <u>including sloughs, bayous, and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> downstream from Merrill hydro-dam	a. Hook and line.	Saturday nearest Memorial Day to November 30	1	40
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Wisconsin river upstream from Grandfather dam <u>to King's dam including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the boundary of the Wisconsin and Somo rivers is the Tomahawk Railway Railroad bridge on the west side of lake Mohawksin, the boundary of the Wisconsin and Tomahawk rivers is the Canadian National Railroad bridge nearest Baymill road, and the boundary of the Wisconsin and Spirit rivers is the confluence of the Spirit river with the Wisconsin river located one mile south of the Spirit river dam.</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
	1g. Wisconsin river upstream from Kings dam including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	15
	1m. Wisconsin river downstream from Grandfather dam including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge.</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 to 28 and only 1 may be > 28 <u>inches</u>	15

SECTION 18. NR 20.20(35) (b)2. and (d)1. are created to read:

(35) LINCOLN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Wisconsin river downstream from King's dam including sloughs,	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
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bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the boundary of the Wisconsin and Somo rivers is the Tomahawk Railway Railroad bridge on the west side of lake Mohawksin, the boundary of the Wisconsin and Tomahawk rivers is the Canadian National Railroad bridge nearest Baymill road, and the boundary of the Wisconsin and Spirit rivers is the confluence of the Spirit river with the Wisconsin river located one mile southeast of the Spirit reservoir dam

(d) Northern pike	1. Wisconsin river downstream from King’s dam including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the boundary of the Wisconsin and Somo rivers is the Tomahawk Railway Railroad bridge on the west side of lake Mohawksin, the boundary of the Wisconsin and Tomahawk rivers is the Canadian National Railroad bridge nearest Baymill road, and the boundary of the Wisconsin and Spirit rivers is the confluence of the Spirit river with the Wisconsin river located one mile southeast of the Spirit reservoir dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
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SECTION 19. NR 20.20(36)(am) is created to read:

(36) MANITOWOC (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan and its tributaries, see sub. (73))

(am) Northern pike	1. Silver lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	32
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SECTION 20. NR 20.20 (37)(a), (c)1., (e)2., and (i) are amended to read:

(37) MARATHON (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Big Eau Pleine reservoir upstream to the first state hwy. 153 bridge, Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and Peplin and Johnson Creeks and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, is the South-Bound Lane of Interstate 39.</u>	a. Motor trolling is permitted	As specified in this subsection or sub.(73)	As specified in this subsection or sub.(73)	As specified in this subsection or sub.(73)
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(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and Peplin and Johnson Creeks and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, is the South-Bound Lane of Interstate 39.</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(e) Northern pike	2. Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and Peplin and Johnson Creeks and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, is the South-Bound Lane of Interstate 39.</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Wisconsin river including <u>all</u> sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and Peplin and Johnson Creeks and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, is the South-Bound Lane of Interstate 39.</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 to 28 and only 1 may be > 28	15

SECTION 21. NR 20.20(42) (b), (c) and (f) are amended to read:

(42) MONROE (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Lemonweir river including all connecting flowages, bays, sloughs and bayous <u>upstream to the first dam or bridge or water control structure</u> , east fork Lemonweir river upstream to highway 173 bridge, south fork Lemonweir river upstream to Tomah dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Northern pike	1. Lemonweir river including all connecting flowages, bays, sloughs and bayous <u>upstream to the first dam or bridge or water control structure</u> , east fork Lemonweir river upstream to highway 173 bridge, south fork Lemonweir river upstream to Tomah dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	2	26
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lemonweir river including all connecting flowages, bays, sloughs	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March	15

and bayous upstream to the first dam or bridge or water control structure, east fork Lemonweir river upstream to highway 173 bridge, south fork Lemonweir river upstream to Tomah dam

31, 2007 none may be from 20 to 28 and only 1 may be > 28

SECTION 22. NR 20.20(44)(a), (b)1., and (g), as amended by Clearinghouse Rule 09-010, are amended to read:

(44) ONEIDA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Columbus lake, Rainbow flowage, Sugar Camp lake, Thunderlake and Willow flowage	a. Motor trolling is permitted	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
-	1. Wisconsin river and sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first high dam or highway bridge, downstream from the St. Regis dam in Rhineland	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	14
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Bearskin lake, Crescent lake, Pelican lake, Stella lake, <u>Burrows lake</u>	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0	--
		Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18	Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Wisconsin river and sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, downstream from the St. Regis dam in Rhineland	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None, pursuant to s. NR 20.35 - 15
	<u>2. 1.</u> 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)	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total but only 1 may be longer than 18 <u>inches</u>	None except the possession of fish from 14 through 18 is prohibited
	<u>3. 2.</u> Alva, Bearskin, Buckskin, Buffalo, Crescent, Diamond, George, Hasbrook, Katherine, Lost (T38N R9E S24), Mercer, Moen chain	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 14	None

including Moen, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth lakes and connecting waters, Muskellunge, Oneida, Pine (T37N R9E S4), Sevenmile, Soo, Squash and Squirrel lakes and Sugar Camp chain including Dam, Sand, Echo, Chain and Stone (T39N R9E S32) lakes and connecting waters

in March inches

~~4~~.3. Maple lake, Stella lake, Thunder lake a. Hook and line. First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March 3 in total 18

~~5~~.4. Shishebogama lake a. Hook and line. First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March 3 in total posted at public boat landings pursuant to s. NR 20.37 18 unless otherwise posted at public boat landings pursuant to s. NR 20.37

SECTION 23. NR 20.20(49)(f)2. is created to read:

(49) POLK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids 2. Big Round lake a. Hook and line First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March 3 18

SECTION 24. NR 20.20(50)(a), (b)1. and 3., (cm), (d)3. and (h)2. are amended to read:

(50) PORTAGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species 1. Little Eau Pleine flowage upstream to the first county hwy. O bridge, Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except that the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, will be defined by the South-Bound Lane of Interstate 39. a. Motortrolling is permitted As specified in this subsection or sub. (73) As specified in this subsection or sub. (73) As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)

(b) Largemouth 1. Wisconsin river a. Hook and line Continuous 1 in total 18

and smallmouth bass	including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> from Stevens Point Flowage dam to Al-Tech Park spillway	3. Bass lake, Pleasant lake, portions of the Wisconsin river not listed in this paragraph, including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge except that the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, will be defined by the South-Bound Lane of Interstate 39</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous 5 in total 14	
(cm) Muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except that the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, will be defined by the South-Bound Lane of Interstate 39, north of U.S. hwy. 10.</u>	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial Day to November 30	1	45
	2. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, south of U.S. hwy. 10.</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to November 30	1	45
(d) Northern pike	3. Wisconsin river downstream from the Lake DuBay dam including all sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except that the eastern boundary of the</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1	32

Wisconsin River and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, will be defined by the South-Bound Lane of Interstate 39.

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge except that the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, will be defined by the South-Bound Lane of Interstate 39.</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 to 28 and only 1 may be > 28 inches	15
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SECTION 25. NR 20.20(51)(bg) is amended to read:

(51) PRICE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(bg) Lake sturgeon	1. Butternut lake, North Fork Flambeau river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> , South Fork Flambeau river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> , Jump river downstream from the confluence of the north and south forks.	a. Hook and line. Tag required (see s. NR 20.07).	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
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SECTION 26. NR 20.20(55)(bg) is amended to read:

(55) RUSK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(bg) Lake sturgeon	1. Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> , Jump river, South Fork Flambeau river	a. Hook and line. Tag required (see s. NR 20.07).	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
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SECTION 27. NR 20.20(56)(i)5m. is created to read:

(56) SAUK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(i) Trout and salmon	5m. Manley creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in total	None, but fish larger than 9 inches may not be possessed until May 2, 2020, when
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the minimum size restriction reverts to 9

SECTION 28. NR 20.20(57)(c) is amended to read:

(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Lake sturgeon	1. Chippewa river including Radisson flowage and <u>all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake</u> , East Fork Chippewa river including Blaisdell lake, Hunter lake, and Barker lake <u>and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake</u> , West Fork Chippewa river downstream from the Moose lake dam including Chippewa flowage <u>and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake</u> , North Fork Flambeau river <u>and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake</u> , South Fork Flambeau river <u>and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake</u> .	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
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SECTION 29. NR 20.20(64)(d)4. is created to read:

(64) VILAS (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(d) Muskellunge	4. Big Sand and Long lakes	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50
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SECTION 30. NR 20.20(64)(h)3., 4. and 11. are amended to read:

(64) VILAS (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Anvil, Big Portage, Forest, Lost Canoe, <u>and Plum and White Sand (T42N R7E S27) lakes, Vilas county</u>	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 18 <u>inches</u>	None except the possession of fish from 14 through 18 is prohibited
	4. 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, Kentuck, Ike Walton, Island, Laura, Little Arbor Vitae, Little Star, Manitowish, North Crab, North Turtle, Oxbow, Presque Isle, Rest, Rock, Rush, South Turtle, Spider, Squaw, Star, Stone, Van Vliet and Wild Rice lakes	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 14 <u>inches</u>	None

11. Found ~~lake, Long, Dead Pike, and~~ a. Hook and First Saturday 3 in total 18
White Sand (T42 N R7E S27) lakes line. in May to
~~March 1 the~~
first Sunday
in March

SECTION 31. NR 20.20(67)(a)2. is amended to read:

(67) WASHINGTON (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	2. The following posted urban waters: Boot lake, Hartford millpond from the dam upstream to Marine drive, Homestead Hollow park pond, Kewaskum millpond from the dam upstream to STH 28, Sandy Knoll park pond, Wells lake from the dam upstream to the first dam on Silver creek, <u>Regner pond</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	None
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SECTION 32. NR 20.20(68)(a)2. is amended to read:

(68) WAUKESHA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	2. The following posted urban waters: Calhoun park pond, Heyer park pond north, Heyer park pond south, Lepper Dam millpond from the dam upstream to Roosevelt drive, Lions-Overland park pond, Menomonee park pond, Minooka park pond, Muskego park pond, Nixon park pond, Regal park pond, Woodfield park pond north, Woodfield park pond south, <u>Foxbrook pond</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	None
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SECTION 33. NR 20.20(72)(a), (c), (cm), (d) and (h)1. are amended to read:

(72) WOOD (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(a) All species	1. Wisconsin river including <u>all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge.</u>	a. Motor trolling is permitted.	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Yellow river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> from the highway 54 dam at Dexterville downstream, Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge.</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	14
(cm) Muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river including <u>all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge.</u>	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to November 30	1	45
(d) Northern pike	1. Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	1	32
	2. Yellow river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, from the highway 54 dam at Dexterville downstream</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	2	26
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Yellow river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u> from the highway 54 dam at Dexterville downstream, Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages <u>upstream to the first dam or highway bridge.</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2014 none may be from 20 to 28 and only 1 may be > 28 <u>inches</u>	15

SECTION 34. NR 20.20(73)(o)6. is amended to read:

(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(o) Walleye, sauger and <u>walleye-sauger</u> hybrids	6. Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 walleye, 1 sauger and hybrids in total, but only 1 may be a sauger or walleye-sauger hybrid	None
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SECTION 35. NR 24.09(1) (b) is amended to read:

NR 24.09 Commercial clamming: size limits; open seasons, species and waters.

(1) Except as provided in subs. (2) and (3), no person may engage in commercial clam shelling except between sunrise and sunset during the open season in waters which are open to commercial clam shelling, for clams of a species which is open to commercial clam shelling and which are of the minimum size or larger, as shown in the following table:

Waters Open to Commercial Clam Shelling	Open Season	Open Species	Minimum Size
(b) Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters except Lake St. Croix, the St. Croix river, and the St. Louis river	No open season	mapleleaf (<i>Quadrula quadrula</i>)	2 3/4"
		pigtoe (<i>Fusconaia flava</i>)	2 3/4"
		pimpleback (<i>Quadrula pustulosa</i>)	2 3/4"
		threeridge (<i>Amblema plicata</i>) <u>None</u>	3"

SECTION 36. NR 24.10 is amended to read:

NR 24.10 Clamming: size limits; open seasons, species and waters. No person may engage in clamming except between sunrise and sunset during the open season in waters which are open to clamming, for clams of a species which is open to clamming and which are of the minimum size or larger, as shown in the following table:

Waters Open to Clamming	Open Season	Open Species	Minimum Size
<u>All boundary and outlying waters, except the St. Croix River where it forms the boundary between Wisconsin and Minnesota</u>	all year	all except those listed in s. NR 27.03 (2) (g) or (3) (g)	None
<u>St. Croix River where it forms the boundary between Wisconsin and Minnesota</u>	<u>No open season</u>	<u>None, and collection of dead shells is prohibited</u>	<u>None</u>
All inland waters	No open season	None. However, dead shells that are not from endangered or threatened clams may	None

be collected, except
that collection of all
dead shells is
prohibited in all
waters within the St.
Croix National Scenic
Riverway

SECTION 37. EFFECTIVE DATE. This rule shall take effect April 1, 2010 except Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 31, 32, 35 and 36, which shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

SECTION 31. BOARD ADOPTION. This rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on May 27, 2009.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Matthew J. Frank, Secretary

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