

Chapter WCD 20

FISHING; INLAND WATERS; OUTLYING WATERS

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(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

WCD 20.01 Closed seasons. There shall be and are provided and established the following open and closed seasons, bag limits, size limits, possession limits and other regulations for the several varieties and species of fish, crayfish, and frogs in the waters within the state of Wisconsin. A closed season is established for each variety of fish, crayfish and frogs named in this chapter extending during all the time of the year except the open season period embraced within the specified dates, both inclusive, and except as otherwise expressly provided no person shall take, catch or kill fish of any variety, or fish for fish by any means other than with hook and line, nor at any time other than the open season therefor, nor have in his possession or under his control any fish, crayfish, or frogs in excess of the daily bag or possession limit, or below the minimum size therefor during the open season.

WCD 20.02 Waters classified; hook and line fishing in outlying waters. (1) For the purpose of regulating hook and line fishing in outlying waters, the closed seasons, size limits, bag and possession limits shall be the same as those prescribed for the inland waters of the county in which such outlying waters are located, except as otherwise specifically provided in the following table.

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a) Walleye and sauger	Lake Superior	At all times	5	13

Except there shall be no bag limit from July 1 to September 30 for walleye and sauger that are 15 inches or more taken from outlying waters of Lake Superior, exclusive of bounded bays and reserve waters.

Green Bay	At all times	5	No size limit
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Except there shall be no bag limit from May 20 to April 9 for walleye and sauger that are 15 inches or more taken from outlying waters of Green Bay, exclusive of bounded bays and reserve waters.

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(b) Northern pike or pickerel	Lake Michigan and Green Bay	At all times	5	No size limit
Except there shall be no bag limit from May 20 to April 9 for northern pike or pickerel that are 20 inches or more taken from outlying waters of Green Bay, exclusive of bounded bays and reserve waters.				
	Lake Superior	At all times	5	No size limit
(c) Perch	In all outlying waters, including bounded bays and reserve waters.	At all times	No bag limits or size limit; except from April 10 to May 19 in the waters of southern Green Bay and from April 10 to May 31 in Lake Michigan and northern Green Bay there shall be a daily bag limit of 50 per day and such fish taken between those dates shall not be sold, traded or bartered in any manner.	
(d) Lake trout	Lake Michigan and Green Bay	November 11-October 9	No bag limit	17
	Lake Superior	November 6-September 30	No bag limit	17

(e) There shall be no bag limit on catfish 16 inches or more in the outlying waters exclusive of bounded bays and reserve waters.

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

(g) All species of fish of lawful size may be taken from the outlying waters including Chequamegon bay by trolling from a motor-driven 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 carp may be speared from sunrise to sunset in all outlying waters, and lake trout and northern pike may be speared through the ice in Lake Superior.

(2) INTERSTATE INLAND BOUNDARY WATERS. Fishing seasons and other fishing regulations on the interstate boundary waters between the state of Wisconsin and Minnesota and the states of Wisconsin and Iowa, namely the Mississippi river, Lake Pepin, the St. Croix river, Lake St. Croix, and the St. Louis river, where they form a common boundary between the said states and on interstate boundary waters between the states of Wisconsin and Michigan are not established under the provisions of this chapter.

(3) INLAND WATERS. Fishing seasons and other fishing regulations in all other waters classified as inland waters including the Kakagon sloughs in Ashland county come under the provisions of this chapter.

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WCD 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 water and fishing through the ice, except that the conservation director shall close the season for fishing through the ice in any inland waters when he finds after scientific investigation and study that continued fishing through the ice in such waters would result in a depletion of the supply of game fish therein and that such closed season is necessary to conserve the fish supply and insure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing therein and such closed seasons shall be put into effect by posting a notice thereof on or in the vicinity of the shore of the waters

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affected, such posting being deemed by the commission to be the most feasible way of notifying the public that such closed season is in effect and such closed seasons shall remain in full force and effect so long as such waters are covered with ice and so long as such posting is continued. For open seasons in specified waters see section WCD 20.04. The possession limit for each species of fish shall be the same as the daily bag limit specified in this chapter. 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 seasons (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a) Largemouth bass and smallmouth bass (Bag limit means total of all) In all waters in Dane, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Walworth and Waukesha counties, including the Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac Dam downstream.....	May 1 to February 15	5	No size limit
In all waters in Door county.....	July 1 to February 15	5	No size limit
In all other waters.....	June 20 to February 15	5	No size limit
(b) Walleye and sauger See also section WCD 20.04			
In all waters north of state highway 64.....	May 15 to February 15	5	13
In all waters south of state highway 64, including Door county.....	May 1 to February 15	5	No size limit
(c) Northern pike or pickerel See also section WCD 20.04			
Island Lake chain in Chippewa and Rusk counties (includes Island, Chain, Clear, McCann, Long and Hurd lakes); the Court Oreilles chain in Sawyer county (includes Grindstone, Court Oreilles, Whitefish, Sand, Sissabagama and Holly lakes and Billy Boy flowage); Shawano lake in Shawano county; all waters in Iron, Oneida, Price, Rusk and Vilas counties.....	No closed season	25	No size limit
In all other waters north of state highway 64 ..	May 15 to February 15	5	No size limit
In all waters south of state highway 64, including Door county.....	May 1 to February 15	5	No size limit
(d) Muskellunge (Includes hybrid muskellunge).....	May 25 to November 15	1	30
(e) Trout (Any variety except lake trout) (Bag limit means total of all) In all waters.....	May 1 to September 7	10	6
There shall be special open seasons for trout in the following waters: Ashland county— <i>Bad</i> river from its mouth upstream to Copper Falls; <i>Polato</i> river from its mouth upstream to Guerneville Falls; <i>White</i> river from its mouth upstream to White river dam;			

Kind of fish and locality	Open seasons (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
Bayfield county— <i>Iron</i> river from its mouth upstream to the Ori- enta dam; <i>Flag</i> river from its mouth upstream to the junc- tion with Little Flag river (T49N, R8W, Sec- tion 2); <i>Cranberry</i> river from its mouth upstream to the Lenawee road (T50 N, R7W, Section 28); <i>Siskowitt</i> river from its mouth upstream to the second bridge (T51N, R6W, Section 35);	April 1 to May 1 and September 8 to November 15	5 5	13 13
<i>Sioux</i> river from its mouth upstream to "Big Rock Falls" (T49N, R4W, Section 18); <i>Fish</i> river and <i>Fish</i> creek from its mouth up- stream to the junction of Pine creek in T47N, R6W, Section 13;			
Douglas county— <i>Brule</i> river from its mouth upstream to U. S. highway 2			
Jordan lake in Adams county; Silver lake in Barron county; Cisco and Perch lakes in Bayfield county; Axehandle lake in Chippewa county; Edith, Fisher, Keyes, Lost and Riley lakes in Florence county; Green Lake in Green Lake county; Crystal, O'Brien and Weber (Upson) lakes in Iron county; Bear, Crystal, Florence, Moose and Pence lakes and Phlox pond in Lang- lade county; Long and Bass lakes in Lincoln county; Echo, Lindquist, Sand, Spur and Thun- der lakes in Marinette county; Boulder, Poreu- pine, Shay and White lakes in Oconto county; Dorothy, Lily and Little Bass lakes in Oneida county; Pine lake in Polk county; Patterson lake in Price county; Devils lake in Sauk county; Perch lake in St. Croix county; Bluegill, Devils, Diamond and Joyce lakes in Vilas county; Lake Geneva in Walworth county; Spencer lake in Waupaca county; Pearl and Little Silver lakes in Waushara county	September 8 to February 15	10	6
(f) Lake trout	January 1 to September 30	2	17
(g) Catfish, all waters	No closed season	25	No size limit
Catfish may be taken by spearing and by hook and line in the waters of Lake Winnebago in Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties	February 11 to March 1	25	No size limit
Catfish may be taken by spearing and by hook and line in the waters of Lake Poygan in Wau- shara and Winnebago counties; Lake Butte des Morts and Lake Winneconne in Winnebago county; and in the connecting waters down- stream to Lake Winnebago.....	February 11 to February 15	25	No size limit
(h) Sand, shovel-nosed or hackleback sturgeon	No closed season	25	No size limit
(i) *White bass and yellow bass (striped) (Bag limit means total of both).....	No closed season	25	No size limit
(j) *Rock bass	No closed season	25	No size limit
(k) *Crappie	No closed season	25	No size limit
(l) *Sunfishes, bluegills, and roach (Bag limit means total of all).....	No closed season	25	No size limit

Kind of fish and locality	Open seasons (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(m) *Perch *There is no bag limit on white bass and yellow (striped) bass, rock bass, crappie, sunfish, bluegill, roach and perch in Lake Mendota in Dane county and in all inland waters in Kenosha, Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties.	No closed season	25	No size limit
(n) Bullheads Beaver Dam lake and Fox lake in Dodge county.	No closed season	25	No size limit
In all other waters	No closed season	None	No size limit
(o) Cisco and whitefish	No closed season	25 pounds and 1 fish in aggregate	No size limit
(p) Rock or lake sturgeon Rock or lake sturgeon may be taken in the waters of Lake Winnebago in Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties by spearing only.	February 11 to March 1	2 per sea- son *See Note	40
Rock or lake sturgeon may be taken in the waters of Lake Poygan in Winnebago and Waushara counties; Lake Butte des Morts and Lake Winneconne in Winnebago county and in the connecting waters downstream to Lake Winnebago by spearing only.	February 11 to February 15	1 per sea- son *See Note	40
No person shall have in his possession or under his control any spear or similar device in any building, tent, shanty or similar enclosure on the waters of Lake Poygan, Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winneconne and Lake Winnebago or in the waters connecting such lakes, except during the open season for spearing sturgeon in such waters.			
Rock or lake sturgeon may be taken in all other waters by hook and line only.	September 5 to October 15	2 per sea- son *See Note	30
*Note A tag costing one dollar must be attached immediately and locked to the tail of each sturgeon caught. Tags are issued by the Conservation Department. Not more than 2 such tags shall be issued to any person. The serial number of each tag shall be entered on the fishing license by the person issuing such tags.			
(q) Paddle-fish or spoonbill cat	None		

(2) Each person who has speared a sturgeon during the open season for spearing sturgeon shall exhibit such sturgeon, with his sturgeon tag attached as required by section 29.396, Wis. Stats., to a conservation warden or other authorized conservation department personnel at an official sturgeon registration station established for such purpose. Such sturgeon shall be so exhibited at such sturgeon registration station in the county where speared not later than 24 hours after the spearing of such sturgeon. Upon approval by the officer, said officer shall attach a special tag to such sturgeon indicating that it has been inspected and recorded and such tag shall remain attached and locked to such sturgeon until the carcass is finally consumed.

(3) A closed season is established for the taking, catching, or killing of fish of any variety or fishing for fish from December 1 to the

following April 29, both dates inclusive, on all waters commonly known as the Chippewa flowage and that part of the Chippewa river in the following described area, Sawyer county:

Township 39 north, range 6 west.

Sections 1, 2, and 3.

Township 39 north, range 7 west.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, and 10.

Township 39 north, range 8 west.

Sections 1 and 12.

Township 40 north, range 6 west.

Sections 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35.

Township 40 north, range 7 west.

Sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, and 36.

Township 40 north, range 8 west.

Sections 13, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36.

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WCD 20.04 Open seasons in specified waters. (1) The open season for hook and line fishing for northern pike or pickerel and walleye and sauger in the following described waters shall begin on April 1 of each year. Bag limits, possession limits and size limits shall be the same as prescribed in the season tables.

(a) *Little Fox river waters.* The Little Fox river waters shall include the Fox river in Kenosha county.

(b) *Rock river waters.* The Rock river waters shall include:

1. The Rock river in Dodge, Jefferson and Rock counties.
2. The Crawfish river in Columbia, Dodge and Jefferson counties.
3. The Beaver Dam river beginning at the dam in the city of Beaver Dam in Dodge county downstream to the Crawfish river.
4. The Scuppernong river beginning at the dam at Palmyra in Jefferson county downstream to the Bark river.
5. The Bark river beginning at the dam at Hebron in Jefferson county downstream to the Rock river.
6. The Yahara river beginning at the dam at Fulton in Rock county downstream to the Rock river.
7. The Busseyville creek in Dane and Jefferson counties beginning at the Rockdale dam downstream to Lake Koshkonong.

(c) *Lafayette county waters.* The Lafayette county waters shall include the Pecatonica river and the Fever river in Lafayette county.

(d) *Manitowoc county waters.* The Manitowoc county waters shall include the Branch river, the East and West Twin rivers, the Little Manitowoc river, the Manitowoc river and the Sheboygan river in Manitowoc county.

(e) *Sheboygan county waters.* The Sheboygan county waters shall include the Black river, the Pigeon river and the Sheboygan river in Sheboygan county.

(f) *Waukesha county waters.* The Waukesha county waters shall include all waters in Waukesha county.

(g) *Lake Koshkonong waters.* Lake Koshkonong waters shall include Lake Koshkonong in Dane, Jefferson and Rock counties.

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(2) DUCK CREEK, OPEN SEASON. (a) There shall be an open season for the taking of all species of fish through the ice only from sunrise to sunset by means of spears or dip nets, with no size limit or bag limit, in the waters of Duck creek, beginning at its mouth and extending upstream to the first dam above Pamperin Park, all in the town of Howard, Brown county.

(b) All fish taken from Duck creek under the provisions of this subsection shall be removed from the ice and no game fish so taken shall be sold, traded or bartered in any manner.

(c) This season shall be effective from January 1 until the ice goes out of that area of Duck creek defined in this subsection.

(3) SPECIAL WATERS. (a) There shall be no closed season for hook and line fishing for any species of fish except sturgeon and trout in the following described waters, all bag limits, minimum size limits and other regulations governing fish and fishing as set forth in this chapter shall remain in full force and effect: Goose lake in Adams county; Summit lake in Ashland county; Devils and Mud lakes in Barron county; Totogatic lake in Bayfield county; Lizzie Paul's lake in Buffalo county; Big Doctor, Crystal, Green, Mud and North Frog lakes in Burnett county; Beaver, County, Finley, Hallie, Hemlock, Jims, Knickerbocker, Loon, Mary Jane, Roedecker, Sallisbury, Shattuck and Town Line lakes in Chippewa county; Bass and Crystal lakes in Dane county; Emily, Lost and Sinnissippi lakes in Dodge county; Dunnville Bottoms excluding the Red Cedar river in Dunn county; Price lake in Florence county; Mullet lake in Fond du Lac county; Rush lake in Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties; Heart and Maria lakes in Green Lake county; Town Line flowage in Jackson county; Bean, Hahns, Hope, Red Cedar and Mud lake at Koshkonong in Jefferson county; Lily and Montgomery lakes in Kenosha county; Silver Birch lake in Pepin county; Coon, East, Elbow, Little Butternut, Little Horseshoe, Rice and White Ash lakes in Polk county; Bass and Pleasant lakes in Portage county; Blockhouse, Gates, Island, LeTourneau, Perch, Riley, Sailor, Spirit and Wintergreen lakes in Price county; Grass and Bowers lakes in Rock county; Bog, Caley, Round and #4 lakes in Rusk county; Bushnell, Pine, Squaw, Three and Twin lakes in St. Croix county; Deer, Devils, Mud, North and Swamp lakes in Sawyer county; Kolpack and White lakes in Shawano county; Sheboygan Marsh in Sheboygan county; Loraine, North, Pell and Wandawega lakes in Walworth county; Bucks, Devils, Randall and Transus lakes in Washburn county; Big Muskego lake (except Bass Bay) in Waukesha county and Campbells, Crystal, Hatch, Kinney, Silver and White lakes and Marion Millpond in Waupaca county; Lake Winnebago in Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties; Fond du Lac river within the city limits of Fond du Lac in Fond du Lac county; Lake Poygan in Winnebago and Waushara counties; Lake Winneconne and Butte des Morts in Winnebago county; the Wolf river in Winnebago, Waupaca and Outagamie counties and in Shawano county upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano; the Willow river in Waushara county beginning at the dam at Aurora-ville downstream to Lake Poygan; the Pine river in Waushara county beginning at the dam at Poysippi downstream to Lake Poygan; the Waupaca river in Waupaca county beginning at the dam at Weyauwega downstream to the Wolf river; the Little Wolf river in Waupaca

county beginning at the dam at Manawa downstream to the Wolf river; the Embarrass river beginning at the dam at Pella in Shawano county downstream to the Wolf river in Outagamie county; the Shioc river in Outagamie county; the Fox river (except Little Lake Butte des Morts) in Marquette, Green Lake, Waushara, Winnebago and Outagamie counties downstream to the dam at DePere in Brown county; Buffalo lake in Marquette county; Lake Puckaway in Green Lake county; the Grand river from Fairwater in Fond du Lac county downstream to the Fox river in Marquette county; the Wisconsin river beginning at the dam at Mosinee in Marathon county downstream to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad bridge in Crawford and Grant counties including all connecting sloughs and bayous, except that part of the Yellow river in the Castle Rock flowage in Juneau county upstream from the electric power transmission line across said flowage in Sections 26 and 35, Township 17 North, Range 4 East, Juneau county.

(b) Dip netting is permitted in any manner through the ice by dip nets not to exceed three feet in diameter or three feet square and of a mesh not less than three inches stretch measure. One dip net per person is permitted. Such fishing shall be carried on during the hours from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and no person shall have more than twenty-five pounds and one fish of any species of game fish of any size in his possession or under his control at any time in the following described waters: Goose lake in Adams county; Summit lake in Ashland county, Devils and Mud lakes in Barron county, Totagatic lake in Bayfield county; Lizzie Paul's lake in Buffalo county; Big Doctor, Crystal, Green, Mud and North Frog lakes in Burnett county; County, Hallie, Knickerbocker, Loon, Roedecker, Sallisbury, Shattuck and Town Line lakes in Chippewa county; Bass and Crystal lakes in Dane county; Emily and Lost lakes in Dodge county; Dunnville Bottoms (excluding the Red Cedar river) in Dunn county; Price lake in Florence county; Mullet lake in Fond du Lac county; Rush lake in Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties; Heart and Maria lakes in Green Lake county; Town Line flowage in Jackson county; Castle Rock flowage in Adams and Juneau counties except that part of the Yellow river in the Castle Rock flowage in Juneau county upstream from the electric power transmission line across said flowage in Sections 26 and 35, Township 17 north, Range 4 East, Juneau county; Petenwell flowage in Adams, Juneau and Wood counties; Lily and Montgomery lakes in Kenosha county; Silver Birch lake in Pepin county; Coon, East, Elbow, Little Horseshoe, Rice and White Ash lakes in Polk county; Bass and Pleasant lakes in Portage county; Blockhouse, Gates, Island, LeTourneau, Perch, Riley, Sailor, Spirit and Wintergreen lakes in Price county; Bowers and Grass lakes in Rock county; Bog, Caley, #4 and Round lakes in Rusk county; Bushnell, Pine, Squaw, Three and Twin lakes in St. Croix county; Devils, Mud, North and Swamp lakes in Sawyer county; Kolpack and White lakes in Shawano county; Loraine, North, Pell and Wandewega lakes in Walworth county; Bucks, Devils, Randall and Tranus lakes in Washburn county; Big Muskego lake (except Bass bay) in Waukesha county; Campbells, Crystal, Hatch, Kinney, Silver and White lakes in Waupaca county.

(4) EXPERIMENTAL WATERS; PERMITS; REPORTS. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish in the waters of Murphy flowage located on that part of Hemlock creek extending from county highway "F" in section 29 upstream to the inlet in section 27, Township 36 North, Range 9 West, Rusk county and in the waters of Nebish, Spruce, Mystery, Escanaba and Palette lakes situated in sections 34 and 35, Township 42 North, Range 7 East, and sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12, Township 41 North, Range 7 East, Vilas county except under the following conditions:

1. Fishing in such waters is authorized only under permit, which may be secured at the checking stations indicated by posted signs in the immediate area.
2. Fishing in such waters shall be done only with hook and line or rod and reel except that cisco may be taken in Palette lake by means of licensed dipnets or seines.
3. The provisions of this section shall apply to such waters throughout the year.
4. All permits are valid only for the date issued and shall be turned in at the checking stations at the termination of each day's fishing activities by the fisherman.
5. There is a continuous open season with no daily bag limit or size limit for all species of fish contained in these waters.
6. All fish taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited to the Conservation Commission or its agents at the checking station for examination, identification and marking.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish in the waters of Lawrence Creek situated in section 36, Township 17 North, Range 7 East, Adams county, and in sections 31 and 32, Township 17 North, Range 8 East and sections 4 and 5, Township 16 North, Range 7 East, Marquette county, except under the following conditions:

1. Fishing in such waters is authorized from May 1 to September 7 under permit only which may be secured at the checking stations indicated by posted signs in the immediate area.
2. Fishing in such waters shall be done only with hook and line or rod and reel.
3. All permits are valid for the date issued and shall be turned in at the checking stations at the termination of each day's fishing activities by the fisherman.
4. There is no daily bag limit or size limit for all species of fish contained in these waters.
5. All fish taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited to the conservation commission or its agents at the checking station for examination, identification and marking.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish in the waters of Lake Eau Claire and the Eau Claire river from the Lake Eau Claire dam in Section 5, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, upstream to the Troubled Waters bridge on highway "G" in section 12, Township 26 North, Range 6 West; in that portion of Hay creek downstream from highway "MN" in Section 34, Town-

ship 26 North, Range 6 West, and that portion of Muskrat creek downstream from county highway "MN" in Sections 25 and 35, Township 26 North, Range 6 West, Eau Claire county; in the waters of Mauthe lake located in Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, Township 13 North, Range 19 East, Fond du Lac county; in the waters of the Yellowstone river, including Yellowstone lake, from the dam located in Section 1, Township 3 North, Range 4 East, upstream to the highway "F" bridge in Section 35, Township 4 North, Range 4 East in Lafayette county; and all that water commonly known as the Fox river and Little Lake Butte des Morts extending from immediately below the dam in the city of Neenah and the dam and lock in the city of Menasha, both in Winnebago county, and extending downstream to the uppermost dam in the city of Appleton in Outagamie county, except under the following conditions:

1. Fishing in such waters shall be done only with hook and line or rod and reel except that rough fish and minnows may be taken as authorized under the general fishing regulations in the county in which such waters are located.

2. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to such waters through the year.

3. There is a continuous open season with no daily bag limit or size limit for all species of fish contained in such waters.

(5) PESHTIGO RIVER; FLY FISHING ONLY. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, or kill fish, or fish for fish by any means other than the use of an artificial fly by the method commonly known as "fly fishing" in the following described waters with a daily bag limit of 5 trout per day and a minimum size limit of 12 inches:

Peshtigo river—In, on or along that part of the Peshtigo river lying in Marinette county, Wisconsin, beginning at the Johnson Falls dam in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, Township 33 North, Range 19 East, and extending downstream to the foot of Spring Rapids in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Township 32 North, Range 19 East.

(b) For the purpose of this section, an artificial fly means a single hook dressed with fur, feathers, hair, silk, tinsel, thread or similar material to imitate the natural food of trout.

(6) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, the open and closed seasons and other regulations established by this chapter shall apply to the area described herein.

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WCD 20.05 Closed season for crayfish and frogs. (1) CRAYFISH. There shall be a closed season on crayfish or crabs in Crawford, Grant, La Crosse, and Vernon counties from March 1 to Saturday nearest May 1. In all other inland waters the closed season shall be from March 1 to June 15. During this period it is unlawful to take, capture, kill, or have in possession or under control any crayfish or crab taken from the inland waters.

(2) **METHOD OF TAKING.** During the open season crayfish or crabs may be taken in the following ways: By hand in all counties; By minnow seines and minnow dip nets where the same are permitted for

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the taking of minnows (see minnow regulations, section WCD 20.10); By crab traps with the entrance of the trap not to exceed 1½ inches in diameter in the following named counties:

Brown	La Crosse	Trempealeau
Buffalo	Manitowoc	Vernon
Calumet	Oneida	Vilas
Crawford	Outagamie (See	Waukesha
Fond du Lac	par. (3) (b)	Waupaca
Grant	Pepin	Waushara
Green Lake	Pierce	Winnebago (See
Kewaunee	Sheboygan	par. (3) (b)

and up to a point 5 miles inland on all rivers and streams located in Oconto county which flow into the waters of Green Bay.

(3) (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any crayfish trap in any stream inhabited by trout.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to set, place or operate any crayfish trap from March 1 to July 14, both dates inclusive, in, on and along all that part of Little Lake Butte des Morts and the Fox river in Winnebago and Outagamie counties beginning at the outlet of Lake Winnebago and extending downstream to the upper Appleton dam in section 35, township 21 north, range 17 east, in the city of Appleton, including all connecting sloughs, bayous and backwaters.

(4) FROGS. (a) The open season for taking, killing or capturing frogs shall be from April 30 to December 31, both dates inclusive.

(b) All frogs taken legally during the open season may be held, purchased, and sold during the closed season. Persons engaged in the business of propagating frogs may possess and sell frogs at any time.

(c) There shall be no open season for bullfrogs in Jefferson and Walworth counties.

WCD 20.06 Prohibited fishing under particular conditions. (1) (a) *Waters and methods.* No person shall take, capture, or kill fish of any variety or fish for fish during the closed season for trout in streams and creeks containing trout.

(b) *Use of boat.* It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture, or kill fish or fish for fish of any variety at any time in the inland waters of this state from a motor-driven boat when the motor is running or from any boat in tow of a motor-driven boat when the motor is running or from any sailboat when in motion; or by means of shutting or drawing off water for that purpose.

(c) *Fishing near dams.* It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture, or kill fish of any variety or fish for fish by means other than with hook and line within two hundred feet of any fishway, lock or dam in the inland waters at any time, except that whitefish and cisco may be taken with dip nets, subject to section WCD 20.11, within 200 feet of the Long lake dam on the Brill river at the outlet of Long lake in the SW¼ of the SW¼ of section 24, T 37 N, R 11 W, Washburn county and within 200 feet of the Mikana dam on the Red Cedar river at the outlet of Red Cedar lake in the SE¼ of the NE¼ of section 21, T 36 N, R 10 W, Barron county.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to fish in any manner during the open season for waterfowl in Camp Lake in Kenosha county,

Browns and Eagle lakes in Racine county, and the Sheboygan Marsh in Sheboygan county except that it shall be lawful to fish from the shore, and from piers or through the ice in such waters at all times during the open seasons established by this chapter.

History: 1-2-56; Am. (2) Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57.

WCD 20.07 Prohibited methods of fishing. (1) No person shall take, catch, kill or fish for fish of any variety with more than 2 lines or 2 poles with one line attached to each pole and with one bait to each line except that fly fishermen may use 2 flies to one line or with any fish line or lines unattended in any of the inland waters of the state or by snagging or fouling with any hook or by means other than angling and trolling except as otherwise provided by the Wisconsin statutes or by commission order.

(2) No person shall use a spear or bow and arrow for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing any fish at any time from sunset to sunrise in any inland waters. Rough fish only may be taken by means of a spear or bow and arrow. Burbot or lawyers, but no other species of fish may be taken by means of spears from sunset to sunrise in the waters of the Amnicon and Nemadji rivers and the Black river upstream to the Soo line bridge all in Douglas county and the Bad river in Ashland county from December 15 to January 15 only. All species of fish of any size, but subject to the bag limits for each species of fish as set forth in this chapter, may be taken at any time in the natural channel of the Chippewa river from the Jim Falls dam downstream to the county highway "Y" bridge in Chippewa county by any means except poisons, explosives or stupefactive.

(3) It shall be lawful to take rough fish by hand at any time in all waters.

(4) (a) No person shall have in his possession or under his control on any of the inland waters or shores of inland waters at any time in the counties of Ashland (except in the Bad river), Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas (except in the Amnicon and Nemadji rivers and the Black river upstream to the Soo line bridge from December 15 to January 15, inclusive), Iron, Marinette in that portion of the county west of highway "41" only, Oconto in that portion of the county west of highway "141" only, Oneida, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas and Washburn any spear, gun or similar device that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish.

(b) No person shall have in his possession or under his control on any of the inland waters or shores of inland waters of the counties of Adams, Brown, Buffalo, Calumet, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Dane, Door, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Green, Iowa, Jackson, Juneau, Kenosha, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon (except that spearing is prohibited in the Big Eau Pleine flowage from the dam upstream to highway No. 97 from November 1 to April 30), Marinette in that portion of the county east of highway "41" only, Monroe, Oconto in that portion of the county east of highway "141" only, Pepin, Racine, Sauk, Shawano, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington and Wood in the nighttime, sunset to sunrise, nor at any time from March 2 to April 30, inclusive, nor at any time on any stream or creek containing trout, any gun,

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spear or similar device, that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish.

(c) It shall be lawful for any person to take rough fish by means of spears or bow and arrow at any time of the year during daylight hours, sunrise to sunset, in the inland waters or shores of inland waters of the counties of Crawford, Dodge, Grant, Green Lake, Fond du Lac, Jefferson, Lafayette, Marquette, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Portage, Richland, Rock, Sheboygan, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago.

(5) (a) It shall be unlawful to have in possession any spear, gun or bow and arrow or similar device that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish on any stream or creek containing trout at any time of the year, day or night.

(b) Suckers and carp may be speared during the daytime, sunrise to sunset only, from March 15 to May 1, both dates inclusive in the following trout waters:

1. The White river below where the east and west branches of the White river join in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 10, township 18 north, range 10 east, in the town of Dakota to the Marquette county line.

2. Willow creek between the point where the two branches of said stream unite in section 12, township 18 north, range 11 east, town of Marion, and Lake Poygan.

3. The Pine river between the point where the said stream crosses the highway in section 3, township 19 north, range 12 east, town of Leon, and Lake Poygan, all in Waushara county.

(6) Panfish and rough fish may be taken by the method commonly known as skin diving by divers under the water with the use of spears or spear guns in the following waters: Crooked and Jordan lakes in Adams county; Lake Arbutus in Clark and Jackson counties; Lake Mendota in Dane county; Wolf and Helen lakes in Portage county; Lake Seven and Lake Ellen in Sheboygan county; Lake Geneva in Walworth county; Cyclone and Mathews lakes in Washburn county; Lake Five and Wallace lake in Washington county; Stratton and Spencer lakes in Waupaca county.

(7) It shall be unlawful for any person to use goldfish in any form or manner for bait, or have goldfish in possession on the inland and outlying waters of this state.

(8) No person shall set, place, use or operate or have in possession or under control any snag line or snag pole, snag hook or parts thereof or cluster of fish hooks that might be attached to same designed to be placed in or drawn through the water for the purpose of catching or drawing such hooks into the body of fish or used for that purpose; except that carp, but no other species or variety of fish, may be taken by means of a gaff hook through the ice in the daytime only (sunrise to sunset) in the outlying and reserve waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay.

History: 1-2-56; Am. (2), (4) (a), (b), (c), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57.

WCD 20.08 Turtle traps. Hoop net turtle traps with a mesh of not less than 7 inch stretch measure providing such traps are so set that not less than 2 inches of the hoops extend above the surface of the water, and float and tank type turtle traps not exceeding 4 feet square or 4 feet in diameter may be used for trapping turtles. Each

such trap while in use shall have attached thereto in such manner as to be visible and legible at all times, a metal tag bearing the name and address of the operator of such trap and it shall be unlawful for any other person to tend or operate such trap.

WCD 20.09 Dip nets in inland waters. (1) **GENERAL RESTRICTIONS.** Except as provided in this section and in sections WCD 20.04, WCD 20.10 and WCD 20.11, no person shall set, use, or operate any dip net in any of the inland waters of the state for taking, catching, or killing any variety of fish. No person while operating a dip net for rough fish shall fish for fish in any other manner at that time.

(a) There shall be a daily bag limit and a possession limit of 25 suckers per person taken under the provisions of this section and no suckers so taken shall be sold or bartered in any manner. There is no bag limit on other species of rough fish.

(2) **USE OF DIP NETS.** (a) *Definition.* Dip nets used for taking, catching, or killing rough fish shall be defined as follows: a piece of netting suspended from a round or square frame not exceeding 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square and making a bag when lifted not more than 4 feet deep. It shall be unlawful to use dip nets in any manner other than raising and lowering vertically when fishing.

(b) *Marinette and Oconto counties.* Not more than one dip net per person may be used all year for the taking, catching, or killing of rough fish in the daytime only from sunrise to sunset in Marinette and Oconto counties in all of the streams and rivers flowing into Green Bay from a point 200 feet upstream from the mouth, and extending a distance of 10 miles inland in a straight line.

(c) *Door, Kewaunee, Brown, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha counties.* One dip net per person may be used all year for the taking, catching and killing of rough fish in the following waters: in any of the streams (but not the lakes) of Door, Kewaunee, Brown, Manitowoc and Sheboygan counties except the tributaries of the Kewaunee river, the West Twin or Neshoto river and its tributaries above the dam at Shoto, the East Twin or Mishicot river and its tributaries above the dam at Mishicot and the Manitowoc river and its tributaries above the dam at Manitowoc Rapids and the Fox river in Brown county from 50 feet below the railroad bridge upstream to the dam at DePere; in all the non-trout streams and rivers flowing into Lake Michigan in Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha counties in that part of each of such streams beginning at the mouth and extending upstream to a point 500 feet below the first dam located on any such stream.

(d) *Fond du Lac county.* One dip net per person may be used in the daytime only, from May 1 to March 15, for taking, catching or killing rough fish, except suckers, in that part of the Fond du Lac river in Fond du Lac county beginning at its mouth and extending upstream three miles.

(e) *Dodge and Jefferson counties.* One dip net per person may be used in the daytime only for the taking, catching or killing of rough fish, except suckers, all year, in the following waters:

1. In the Rock river in Dodge and Jefferson counties.
2. In the Crawfish river in Jefferson county.
3. In Beaver Dam lake in Dodge county.

(f) *Calumet county*. One dip net per person may be used from May 1 to May 31, both dates inclusive for the removal of rough fish from that part of Lake Winnebago within a distance of 500 feet from the shoreline of Calumet county.

(3) **SMELT.** (a) Dip nets not exceeding 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square may be used at any time for the taking, catching, or killing of smelt in all the streams and rivers flowing into Lake Michigan and the northern and southern parts of Green Bay, with the exception of the Fox river in Brown county from 50 feet below the railroad bridge upstream to the dam in the city of DePere, in that part of each of such streams beginning at or in the bay or lake and extending upstream to a point 500 feet below the first dam located on any such stream or a distance of five miles inland on any of such streams where no dam is located within five miles of the mouth.

(b) Dip nets not exceeding 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square, may be used from April 1 to May 25 for the taking, catching, or killing of smelt and suckers in all streams flowing into Lake Superior in Bayfield, Ashland and Iron counties and the Brule river in Douglas county from a point beginning at their mouths and extending inland for a distance of one-half mile in a straight line. Zoning does not apply on Bear creek, Bluff creek and the Nemadji river, the St. Louis river and the other non-trout streams in Douglas county and in the waters of the Chippewa, Bad, and White rivers in Ashland county not inhabited by trout.

(c) Seines not more than 75 feet in length and not more than 6 feet in depth may be used from April 1 to May 25 for the taking, catching, and killing of smelt and suckers in all the outlying waters except that portion of the Fox river in Brown county from 50 feet below the railroad bridge upstream to the dam in the city of DePere.

WCD 20.10 Minnow nets, traps, and seines. (1) **USE LIMITED.** No person shall set, use, or operate any minnow seine, minnow dip net or minnow traps in any of the inland waters of this state for taking, catching, or killing fish of any variety, other than as specified in this section.

(2) **POSSESSION LIMIT.** It shall be unlawful for any person to take in any waters in any one day more minnows than are specified in subsection (4) (c). The possession and transportation of minnows legally taken is permitted throughout the state.

(3) **MUD MINNOWS.** There shall be a closed season for the taking of mud minnows from January 15 to April 25, both dates inclusive. There shall be no bag limit on mud minnows taken from any inland waters.

(4) **INLAND WATERS.** (a) The following described gear only may be used for the taking of minnows for bait:

1. *Minnow seines.* Minnow seines shall not exceed 25 feet in length, 5 feet in depth, and shall contain mesh not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ inch stretch measure.

2. *Minnow dip nets.* Minnow dip nets shall be defined as follows: A piece of netting suspended from a round or square frame not exceeding 6 feet in diameter or 6 feet square and making a bag when lifted not more than 4 feet deep. It shall be unlawful to use dip nets

in any manner other than raising and lowering vertically when fishing.

3. *Minnow traps.* Minnow traps shall be of a length not greater than 24 inches and a diameter of not more than 16 inches with an opening in the throat of the trap not larger than 1½ inches in diameter. Such traps shall have securely attached to them a label or tag clearly bearing in the English language the name and address of the operator. All minnow traps shall be raised and the minnows removed from them at least once in every 24 hours.

(b) It shall be unlawful to use minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps of any type or description in any inland waters inhabited by trout except that not to exceed three minnow traps may be used in all trout waters during the open season for trout. Licensed bait dealers may use not more than 20 traps without permits in all trout waters during the open season for trout in the following counties: Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano and Vilas.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person, except bait dealers licensed pursuant to section 29.137, Wis. Stats., to have in possession or under control more than 600 minnows taken from inland waters at any time.

History: 1-2-56; Am. (4), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57.

WCD 20.11 Whitefish and cisco in inland waters. (1) The rules and regulations set forth in this section shall apply to the use of whitefish and cisco dip nets and seines licensed pursuant to section 29.35, Wis. Stats.

(2) Cisco dip nets shall not exceed 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square and such seines shall not exceed 75 feet in length or 6 feet in depth and with a mesh not greater than 2 inches stretch measure.

(3) The open season for fishing whitefish and cisco with such dip nets and seines in inland waters shall be from October 10 to January 15 inclusive.

(4) No person shall have in possession or under control at any time more than 25 pounds and 1 fish in aggregate of whitefish or cisco taken from inland waters.

History: 1-2-56; Am. (4), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57.

WCD 20.12 Set lines and set or bank poles in inland waters. (1) The rules and regulations set forth in this section shall apply to the use of set lines and set or bank poles licensed pursuant to sections 29.36 and 29.37, Wis. Stats., and it shall be unlawful for any person to set, place, lift or attend any licensed set line or set or bank pole in any of the inland waters except as provided in this section.

(2) At each end of every licensed set line when set in any of the inland waters there shall be placed and maintained a white flag not less than 16 inches square with the upper end of the staff extending at least 2 feet above the water and numbered with figures at least 3 inches in height corresponding to the number of the license authorizing the use of such set line.

(3) No setline shall be equipped with hooks of a size smaller than 5/0. No set or bank pole shall be equipped with hooks of a size smaller than 3/0.

(4) It shall be unlawful to set, place, lift, attend or have in possession while on any of the inland waters of the state any licensed set line from sunset to sunrise or any unlicensed set line at any time.

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(5) Licensed setlines equipped with not more than 100 hooks and set or bank poles may be used from May 20 to September 30 in the waters of Lake Winnebago, Lake Butte des Morts, Little Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winneconne, Lake Poygan, in the Wolf river downstream from the mouth of the Rat river in Winnebago county, in the Fox river downstream from highway "21" bridge in the city of Omro to the dam in the city of DePere. On such setlines it shall be unlawful to use any frog, crayfish or fish or part thereof except that a square chunk cut from fish may be used. There shall be no bag limit on catfish in the waters defined in this subsection.

(6) Licensed setlines equipped with not more than 25 hooks and set or bank poles may be used from May 20 to September 30 in the following waters: The Wolf river from 500 feet below the dam at Shawano in Shawano county downstream to the mouth of the Rat river in Winnebago county; the Fox river from mile post #63, sometimes known as Johnson creek in Green Lake county downstream to highway "21" bridge in the city of Omro in Winnebago county. On such setlines it shall be unlawful to use any frog, crayfish or fish or part thereof except that a square chunk cut from fish and live bait of a minimum size of six inches or larger may be used. The bag and size limit established in the season tables shall apply except that there shall be no bag limit on catfish in these waters.

(7) Licensed setlines equipped with not more than 25 hooks and set or bank poles may be used from May 20 to October 15 in the following waters: The Wisconsin river from the north line of Sauk county to its mouth, the Black river downstream from the highway "12" bridge in the city of Black River Falls; the Blue River downstream from the highway "C" bridge in Grant county and the Kickapoo river in Crawford county. Licensed, set or bank poles *only* may be used from May 20 to October 15 in the Pecatonica river in Green county. On such setlines, or set or bank poles, it shall be unlawful for any person to use as bait, any frog, crayfish, or fish or part thereof except that in the Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam downstream to its mouth, in the Pecatonica river in Green county; the Blue river downstream from the highway "C" bridge in Grant county, and in the Kickapoo river in Crawford county, from 200 feet below the dam at Gays Mills downstream to its mouth it shall be legal to use live bait of a minimum size of six inches or larger on setlines or set or bank poles. The bag and size limits established in the season tables shall apply.

(8) For the purpose of this section, catfish taken by setlines or set or bank poles in the following waters shall not be construed to be game fish and may be sold: The Wisconsin river downstream from the north line of Sauk county to its mouth; Lake Winnebago, Lake Butte des Morts, Little Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winneconne, Lake Poygan and the river connecting said lakes; the Wolf river downstream from 500 feet below the dam at Shawano; and the Fox river from the Princeton locks downstream to the dam in the city of DePere.

History: 1-2-56; am. (3), (5), (6), (7); Cr. (8), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57.

WCD 20.13 Fish shanties, shelters, ice fishing hours and ice fishing in outlying waters. The following rules and regulations are hereby established for the use of buildings, vehicles, tents, fish shanties, and

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similar enclosures and shelters maintained, occupied or used for fishing purposes on the ice of any inland waters pursuant to section 29.283, Wis. Stats.:

(1) **PROHIBITED SHELTER.** Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section no person shall construct, use, maintain or occupy for fishing purposes any building, vehicle, tent, fish shanty, or similar enclosure or shelter whatsoever upon the ice of any inland waters of the state.

(2) **FISH SHANTIES.** (a) Buildings, vehicles, tents, fish shanties, portable shelters or similar enclosures may be used on the ice for fishing purposes. The door of any such enclosure or shelter shall be equipped with a latch which will permit the door to be readily opened from the outside at all times while enclosure or shelter is occupied. All such shelters shall be removed from the ice on or before March 15 on all waters listed in this subsection or previous to that time by order of the conservation commission or by its agents when they feel that the ice has become unsafe for travel thereon.

(b) Buildings, vehicles, tents, fish shanties, or similar enclosures may be used on the ice for fishing purposes on Allouez Bay, St. Louis Bay, St. Louis river and Superior Bay in Douglas county and Chequamegon Bay in Ashland and Bayfield counties from the time the ice forms; provided, however, that all such enclosures or shelters shall be removed from the ice on or before March 15 of each year.

(3) **ICE FISHING HOURS.** No person shall take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish of any variety through the ice with hook and line from 8:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. of the following morning in any of the inland waters of the state.

(4) **NAME OF OWNER.** All buildings, tents, fish shanties, and similar enclosures or shelters maintained, occupied, or used for fishing purposes on the ice of any inland waters and the outlying waters of Chequamegon Bay where so authorized by the conservation commission or by statute shall have in the English language the name and address of the person owning or using the same painted on the outside thereof in such manner as to be readily seen and read at all times.

(4m) **STURGEON SPEARING.** In the waters of Lake Poygan in Winnebago and Waushara counties, Lake Butte des Morts and Lake Winneconne in Winnebago county and Lake Winnebago in Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties and in the waters connecting these lakes, it shall be unlawful for any person to cut, use or maintain, a hole larger than 12 inches in diameter or square, through the ice and within the enclosure of any building, tent, shanty or similar enclosure for the purpose of fishing, except that when there is an open season for spearing sturgeon in any of the above specified waters, it shall be legal to cut, use and maintain holes of unrestricted sizes, from 24 hours before and continuing through such season.

(5) **ICE FISHING IN OUTLYING WATERS.** The same seasons, bag limits, and size limits are established for fishing through the ice in the outlying waters of this state as are established under the general fishing seasons for outlying waters.

History: 1-2-56; Cr. (4m), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57.

WCD 20.14 Commission permitted to take fish. No provision in this chapter shall prohibit the state conservation commission of Wisconsin, its agents, deputy conservation wardens or representatives of the fish management division of such commission from taking any of the fish mentioned at any time wherein they deem it advisable and necessary to promote the general conservation progress.

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