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United States of America  
**THE STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION



*To All Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

I, L. P. Voigt

Director of the Conservation Commission of the State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Conservation Commission Order F-892

has been compared by me with the original order in my custody and on file in the office of the Conservation Commission at Madison, Wisconsin, and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original order; that said order was duly passed and published as set forth therein.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the State Conservation Commission of Wisconsin at the State Office Building in the City of Madison, this 25th day of November, 19 57

L. P. Voigt  
L. P. Voigt, Conservation Director

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

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 IN THE MATTER of amending sections WCD 21.01; :  
 WCD 21.02 (1), (9), (15) and (16); WCD 21.03; :  
 WCD 21.04 (1); WCD 21.06 (1); WCD 21.08 (4) (b), :  
 (7), (9), (10) and (11); WCD 21.13; and creating :  
 WCD 21.15 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code :  
 relating to open and closed seasons, bag limits, :  
 size limits, possession limits and other regulations : Order No. F-892  
 for the taking of fish. :  
 (Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters.) :  
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ORDER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN ADOPTING,  
 AMENDING OR REPEALING RULES

Pursuant to authority vested in the State Conservation Commission of Wisconsin by sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats., the State Conservation Commission of Wisconsin hereby adopts, amends and repeals rules as follows:

Section WCD 21.01 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended to read:

WCD 21.01 DEFINING INTERSTATE BOUNDARY WATERS ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER.  
 For the purpose of hook and line fishing in the Mississippi river interstate boundary waters, to apply to residents of Wisconsin and nonresident hook and line fishermen properly licensed under sections 29.09 and 29.14, Wis. Stats., all waters from the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad tracks on the east side of the Mississippi river and extending west from said railroad track to that part of the river following the boundaries between the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota, shall be defined as interstate boundary waters.

Section WCD 21.02 (1), (9), (15) and (16) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended to read:

WCD 21.02

Kind of fish	Open season	Bag limits	
		Quantity	Minimum length
(1) <u>Largemouth and smallmouth bass</u> in the St. Croix river and Lake St. Croix and the St. Louis river.	Saturday nearest June 10 - March 1	5 each day	No size limit
In all other waters	Saturday nearest May 15 - March 1	5 each day	No size limit
(9) <u>Catfish</u>	Saturday nearest May 1 - March 1	25 each day	No size limit

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(15) Sale prohibited; exception. No such fish shall be sold, purchased, bartered, offered for sale or had under control or in possession for the purpose of sale or barter at any time except legally taken and possessed catfish 15 inches or over in length in the round or 12 inches dressed with head off and tail on and hackleback sturgeon during that period of time from the Saturday nearest May 1 to the following October 31.

(16) Crayfish season. There shall be an open season for the taking of crayfish from May 1 to March 1, both dates inclusive, with no bag limit and no size limit.

Section WCD 21.03 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended to read:

WCD 21.03 ROUGH FISH. Rough fish, for the purpose of this chapter, shall be defined as follows: carp, dogfish, redhorse, sheepshead, sucker, eel-pout, garfish, buffalo fish, quillback, mooneye, goldeye, shad, and catfish 20 inches or over in length and turtle.

Section WCD 21.04 (1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended to read:

WCD 21.04 HOOK AND LINE FISHING. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate more than two lines or two poles with one line attached to each pole and with one bait to each line except that fly fishermen may use 2 flies on one line, or with any fish line or lines unattended or by snagging or fouling with any hook, or by means other than angling or trolling except as otherwise provided by the Wisconsin Statutes or by commission order. It shall be unlawful for any person to take game fish of any variety at any time by any means other than with hook and line, except as specified in this section. Tip-ups are permitted during the open season for hook and line angling.

Section WCD 21.06 (1) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended to read:

WCD 21.06 SET LINES (TROT LINES). (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to set or operate more than four set lines (trot lines), with not to exceed 100 hooks attached to each line and not to exceed a total of 400 hooks in the aggregate, for the taking, catching, killing, or fishing for catfish 15 inches or over, hackleback sturgeon, sheepshead, buffalo fish, carp, sucker, dogfish, and eel only; size limits, except catfish, shall conform to the provisions of section WCD 21.02; in such fishing it shall be unlawful to use any frog, game fish, or part thereof for bait in the Mississippi river and Lake Pepin. The operation of legal set lines is permitted in the waters of the Mississippi river and Lake Pepin only and it shall be unlawful for any person to set, use, place or operate any set line in the boundary waters of the St. Croix river, Lake St. Croix and the St. Louis river as defined in section WCD 21.02.

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Section WCD 21.08 (4) (b), (7), (9), (10) and (11) of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended to read:

WCD 21.08 (4) (b) All gill nets shall be lifted and emptied of fish at least once in every 48-hour period when set in open water and at least once in every 96-hour period when set under the ice, unless a longer period is granted by the Wisconsin Conservation Commission or its agents.

(7) The state conservation commission or its agents may require any operator of any seine or gill net to cease the fishing operations when said commission finds these operations are destructive to game fish or for any other valid reason.

(9) No net or nets of any kind or setlines shall be set, lifted, hauled or operated in any manner between  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise of the following morning, except for the purpose of completing a seine haul with the permission of the supervisor, nor shall any net be used in a drifting manner.

(10) No licensed commercial fisherman or any member of his crew or any person in his boat shall have in his possession any game fish or sport angling equipment while operating licensed commercial gear including setlines or while traveling to or from the operation of such gear.

(11) No person shall have in his possession or under his control any basket trap (slat net), trammel net or wooden traps which might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish in any of the counties north of the southern boundary line of the state of Minnesota extended bordering the boundary waters as specified in this chapter.

Section WCD 21.13 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is amended to read:

WCD 21.13 RECIPROCITY, COMMERCIAL FISHING. For the purpose of this chapter the boundary waters of the Mississippi river, Lake Pepin, Lake St. Croix, and the St. Croix river for commercial fishing, including setlines, shall be designated as that part of the river following the boundaries between the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota. Licensed commercial fishermen from either Wisconsin or Minnesota shall have the privilege of landing their nets or setlines on either the Wisconsin or Minnesota banks of Lake Pepin, the Mississippi river, Lake St. Croix and the St. Croix river. The operation of commercial fishing gear in the bayous and sloughs beyond the banks of the Mississippi river or the banks of Lake Pepin, Lake St. Croix and the St. Croix river shall be limited to the licensed commercial fisherman in the waters of their state of residence only.

Section WCD 21.15 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is created to read:

WCD 21.15 TRANSPORTATION. Any properly licensed resident or non-resident holder of an angling or commercial fishing license from the State of Minnesota having lawfully taken fish in the boundary waters described in this order during the open season therefor, may land on the Wisconsin side of the said boundary waters and may transport such fish with him to the State of Minnesota by the most convenient, practicable route over the following described highways or roads in the State of Wisconsin or any part thereof:

(1) Beginning at the village of Victory (Vernon County) on state highway 35; thence northerly on said highway to its junction with state highway 54; thence northwesterly along state highway 35 to its junction with U. S. highway 8 and state highway 87 at St. Croix Falls; thence northerly along state highway 87 to its junction with state highway 48; thence northerly along state highway 48 to its junction with State Highway 70 thence easterly on #70 to its junction with state highway 35 ; thence northerly along state highway 35 to its junction with the main boundary.

The rules contained herein shall take effect on January 1, 1958.

Dated: October 11, 1957 STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

By

/s/ L. P. Voigt

Conservation Director

APPROVED:

/s/ Vernon W. Thomson

Governor

11-18-57

Date

10-17-57

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