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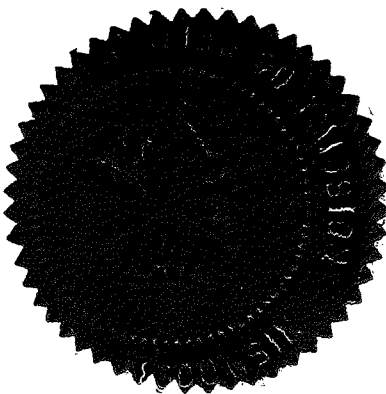


To All Whom These Presents Shall Come:

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 No. F-919

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 September 19 59

L. P. Voigt
Conservation Director

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

IN THE MATTER of revising Chapter WCD 21 ;
and Chapter WCD 22 of the Wisconsin ;
Administrative Code relating to regulating ; Order No. F-919
fishing in the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary ;
waters and the Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters. ;

ORDER OF THE STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN ADOPTING RULES

Pursuant to the 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 rules as follows:

Chapter WCD 21 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is revised to read:

Chapter WCD 21

WISCONSIN-MINNESOTA BOUNDARY WATERS

WCD 21.01	Mississippi river and boundary waters defined	WCD 21.10	Turtle traps
WCD 21.02	Seasons; limits	WCD 21.11	Carp
WCD 21.03	Hook and line fishing	WCD 21.12	Fishing near dams
WCD 21.04	Rough fish	WCD 21.13	Ice fishing shelters
WCD 21.05	Use of hook and line	WCD 21.14	Reciprocity, commercial fishing
WCD 21.06	Use of spears	WCD 21.15	Reciprocity, hook and line fishing
WCD 21.07	Minnow nets and traps	WCD 21.16	Transportation
WCD 21.08	Set lines (trot lines)	WCD 21.17	Illegal fish
WCD 21.09	Use of nets		

(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

WCD 21.01 MISSISSIPPI RIVER AND BOUNDARY WATERS DEFINED : For the purpose of hook and line fishing in the Mississippi river and interstate boundary waters, to apply to residents of Wisconsin and nonresident hook and line fishermen properly licensed under section 29.09 and 29.14, Wis. Stats., all waters known as the Mississippi river and Lake Pepin lying west of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad tracks on the east side of the Mississippi river, except in the City of La Crosse the secondary or switching tracks of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad; Lake St. Croix, the St. Croix river from the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad bridge at Prescott, as far in a northerly direction as the St. Croix river forms and acts as boundary waters between the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota, and in the St. Louis river including St. Louis Bay and Superior Bay from the north-south Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary line downstream to an imaginary line drawn between the northwest bank of the Nemadji river where it forms a junction with Superior Bay and the northwest bank of Superior entry channel where it forms a junction with Superior Bay, shall be defined as interstate boundary waters.

WCD 21.02 SEASONS: LIMITS . (1) There shall be established and maintained on the interstate boundary waters between the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota, which boundary waters are more particularly described under Section 21.01, the open and closed seasons for the taking of the various varieties and species

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of fish, bag limits, size limits, possession limits, and other rules and regulations as set forth herein.

(2) A closed season is established for each variety and species of fish named herein extending for the entire period of each year except the open season period embraced within the specified dates, both inclusive; and except as otherwise expressly provided, no person or persons shall take, catch, kill, or fish for fish of any variety at any time other than the open season therefor, nor have in his possession or under his control any fish in excess of the daily bag limit or possession limit, nor below the minimum size limit therefor at any time during the open season as provided in this chapter.

(3) The measurement of length of fish shall be taken in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the utmost end of the tail fin fully extended.

WCD 21.03 HOOK AND LINE FISHING. The following seasons, bag limits and other rules and regulations for hook and line fishing are established. The possession limit for each species shall be the same as the daily bag limit.

Kind of fish	Open Season	Daily Bag Limits	
		Quantity	Minimum Length
(1) Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the St. Louis river and in the St. Croix river downstream to the highway #64 bridge at Houlton-----	Saturday nearest June 7-March 1	5 in aggregate	No size limit
In all other waters-----	Saturday nearest May 15-March 1	5 in aggregate	No size limit
(2) Walleye and sauger-----	Saturday nearest May 1-March 1	6 in aggregate	No size limit
(3) Northern pike-----	Saturday nearest May 1-March 1	5	No size limit
(4) White bass and yellow bass (striped)-----	Continuous	25 each	No size limit
(5) Crappies-----	Continuous	25 in aggregate	No size limit
(6) Rock bass-----	Continuous	25	No size limit
(7) Sunfish and bluegills-----	Continuous	25 in aggregate	No size limit
(8) Perch-----	Continuous	25	No size limit
(9) Catfish-----	Saturday nearest May 1-March 1	25 in aggregate	No size limit

	Kind of fish	Open Season	Daily Bag Limits	
			Quantity	Minimum Length
(10)	Bullheads-----	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(11)	Hackleback (sand or shovel-nosed) sturgeon-----	Saturday nearest May 1-October 31	10	25 inches
(12)	Rock sturgeon-----	Saturday nearest May 1-October 31	1	30 inches
(13)	Paddlefish (spoonbill catfish)-----	No open season	-----	-----
(14)	Rough fish-----	Continuous	No bag limit	-----

(15) Sale prohibited; exceptions. 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 rough fish at all times, catfish 15 inches or over in length in the round or 12 inches dressed with head off and tail on, hackleback sturgeon 25 inches or over, and bullheads during that period of time from the Saturday nearest May 1 to the following October 31.

(16) Crayfish. 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.

WCD 21.04 ROUGH FISH. Rough fish, for the purpose of this chapter, shall be defined as follows: carp, dogfish, redhorse, sheepshead, sucker, eel, eelpout, garfish, buffalo fish, quillback, mooneye, goldeye, shad, catfish 20 inches or over in length and turtle.

WCD 21.05 USE OF HOOK AND LINE. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate 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 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 provided in this chapter. Tip-ups are permitted during the open season for hook and line angling.

(2) It shall be lawful for any person to take, catch, kill or fish for fish by means of trolling from a motor driven boat, sailboat or other boat while such boat is in motion.

WCD 21.06 USE OF SPEARS. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to use a spear, similar device or bow and arrow in any manner at any time for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing any game fish of any variety, or to have in possession or under control any fish spear, spring gaff or similar device in a fish house (shanty). Rough fish may be taken by means of spears or bow and arrow in the daytime only.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to take fish by means of spears or bow and arrow or to have in his possession on the water or immediate banks of the water any spear or similar device between March 2 and April 30.

WCD 21.07 MINNOW NETS AND TRAPS. (1) No person shall set, use or operate any minnow seine, minnow dip net or minnow trap other than as specified herein.

(2) The following described gear only may be used for the taking of minnows for bait:

(a) Minnow seines. Minnow seines shall not exceed 50 feet in length, 5 feet in depth, and shall contain mesh not to exceed one-half inch stretch measure.

(b) Minnow dip nets. Minnow dip nets used for taking, catching or killing minnows shall be defined as follows: a piece of netting suspended from a square or round 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.

(c) 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 one and one-half 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.

(3) There shall be no bag or possession limit on minnows so taken.

(4) Carp minnows may be transported for sale or for bait, only by boat or other floating conveyance on boundary waters where taken.

WCD 21.08 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 a total of 100 hooks 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 in length, hackleback sturgeon 25 inches or over in length, bullheads and rough fish only; size limits, except catfish, shall conform to the provisions of section WCD 21.03; in such fishing it shall be unlawful to use any frog or game fish, or part thereof either dead or alive as 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. Louis river, the St. Croix river and Lake St. Croix as defined in section WCD 21.01.

(2) Such set lines (trot lines) may be used from the Saturday nearest May 1 to October 31, inclusive, and shall be equipped with a metal tag as prescribed in section 29.37, Wis. Stats. Licenses for such set lines (trot lines) shall be obtained pursuant to section 29.37, Wis. Stats.

(3) At one end of every licensed set line (trot line) 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 two feet above the water and numbered with figures at least 3 inches in height corresponding with the number of the license authorizing the use of such set line.

(4) Set lines shall be lifted and fish removed at least once every 48 hours.

WCD 21.09 USE OF NETS. (1) (a) It shall be lawful for any person who is properly licensed under the provisions of section 29.34, Wis. Stats., to use a seine with a mesh of any size and such net may be of any dimension for the purpose of taking, catching, killing or fishing for rough fish throughout the year in the boundary waters of the Mississippi river, Lake Pepin, Lake St. Croix and the St. Croix river downstream from the U. S. highway #8 bridge in St. Croix Falls. Commercial fishing operations, except set lines and gill nets shall be prohibited on Sundays and legal holidays recognized by federal authority, except by permission of the conservation commission. Whenever the size of mesh is mentioned, the measurement shall be made by stretch measure. Such measurements shall apply to net meshes when in use and no allowance shall be made for the shrinkage due to any cause.

(b) All game fish taken with any net shall be returned to the water as soon as they appear in the operation.

(2) The following minimum size limits are hereby established for rough fish taken by licensed commercial fishermen: buffalo fish, 15 inches, catfish, 20 inches except as otherwise herein provided: all other species of rough fish, no size limit or bag limit.

(3) It shall be lawful for any person who is properly licensed under the provisions of section 29.34, Wis. Stats., to use a seine with a mesh of any size and such net may be of any dimension for the purpose of taking, catching, and killing not to exceed 200 pounds of catfish per day in the waters of the Mississippi river and Lake Pepin only from the first day of August to the 30th day of September, both dates inclusive, of each year. Such catfish shall be of a length of 15 inches or longer.

(4) Gill nets with a mesh of seven inches stretch measure or larger may be used at all times for the taking of rough fish only, in the waters of the Mississippi river and Lake Pepin only. No gill netting shall be used as a drag seine. No gill net shall be used as a drive net or drift net at any time.

(a) Every gill net shall be attached to an end stake, pole, or anchored buoy bearing a white flag not less than 16 inches square, with the upper end of the staff extending at least two feet above the water or ice at all times when the net is set or in operation and numbered with the figures at least 3 inches in height corresponding with the number of the license authorizing the use of such nets.

- (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.
- (c) No gill net shall be set in such a manner as to block off to any type of boat travel more than three-fourths the width of any slough, bay or channel.

(5) No net or nets, including set lines, may be used or operated in any water within 900 feet below any dam on the Mississippi river or in any of the following closed areas unless a contract or a permit is issued by the conservation commission: Lake Onalaska, the entire body of water created by the nine-foot channel dam at Onalaska, the lake extending northward from the dam to Brice Prairie and the extreme northern point of French island; Black river from Onalaska nine-foot channel dam to the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad bridge immediately south of Copeland park in the city of La Crosse; French lake, which is located on French island, lying opposite the city of La Crosse, between the Black river and East channel of the Mississippi river; Lagoon, which is located on Pettibone island within the corporate limits of the city of La Crosse, the closed area to include also the waterway connecting the Lagoon proper with the Mississippi river; Gravel pit and entire Bank Slough area from 13th place in the city of La Crosse southeasterly to where it enters Running Slough; Goose lake, lying in Pierce county and the Trempealeau lakes, known as Second, Third, and Round lakes, lying in Trempealeau county.

(6) No net or nets may be used or operated in any manner in the boundary waters described in this chapter except under the direct supervision of the conservation commission of Wisconsin, its agents or conservation wardens. Said commission may require the operators of such nets to pay for supervision individually or in groups in the manner they deem advisable and said commission shall fix the amount to be paid each supervising warden but it shall not exceed 8 dollars per day and actual and necessary expenses in any instance.

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

(8) The use or operation of all other nets except those hereinbefore mentioned in this chapter is prohibited in such boundary waters at all times with the exception of such nets as may be authorized by the conservation commission under contract or permit with the operator of the same. The specifications for the nets operated under contract or permit shall be agreed upon between the states of Wisconsin and Minnesota.

(9) No net or nets of any kind or set lines shall be set, lifted, hauled or operated in any manner between 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 set lines 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.

(12) All fishermen licensed under the provisions of section 29.34 and 29.37, Wis. Stats., shall report to the conservation commission on blanks to be furnished by the commission, detailed information regarding their activities which shall include the number of pounds and varieties of fish taken, amounts returned to the water, and any other information pertaining to the commercial fishing activities required by the conservation commission.

WCD 21.10 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 21.11 CARP. No carp taken in any manner in hook and line or commercial fishing shall be returned to the water.

WCD 21.12 FISHING NEAR DAMS. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to fish from any point or from any boat inside the area within 300 feet below or above any fishway, lock or dam, in the Mississippi river, except that from December 1 to the Saturday nearest May 1 the closed area below the Red Wing dam shall be extended to a point 1,000 feet from said dam. Such closed areas will be marked with suitable signs or buoys designating the closed area.

WCD 21.13 ICE FISHING SHELTERS. Buildings, vehicles, tents, fish shanties, or similar enclosures may be used on the ice for fishing purposes on the Mississippi river and Lake Pepin, Lake St. Croix, the St. Croix river and the St. Louis river as defined in section WCD 21.01 from the time the ice forms; provided, however, that all such enclosures or shelters shall be removed from the ice on or before March 1 of each year. 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 the enclosure or shelter is occupied. The name and address of the person owning such shelter or enclosure shall be painted on the outside thereof in such manner as to be readily seen and read at all times.

WCD 21.14 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 set lines, 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 set lines 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 fishermen in the waters of their state of residence only.

WCD 21.15 RECIPROcity, HOOK AND LINE FISHING. (1) All residents of Wisconsin and Minnesota holding a resident fishing license from their respective states, or residents of states other than Wisconsin and Minnesota holding an angling license issued by either state, may fish in any of the waters of the Mississippi river and Lake Pepin lying between the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad tracks on the Wisconsin side of the river and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad tracks on the Minnesota side of the river, including all sloughs and backwaters, bays and newly-extended water areas connected with the main channel of the Mississippi river by a channel which is navigable at periods when the water is approximately equal to the normal pool elevation as created by the war department, and in the waters of Lake St. Croix, and St. Croix river and the St. Louis river as defined in section WCD 21.01. This reciprocity applies only to hook and line fishing, spearing, and the taking of minnows and crayfish for such fishing.

(2) No set line, commercial fishing or turtle trapping reciprocity shall be authorized except as provided in section WCD 21.14. Residents of Wisconsin or Minnesota angling from a fish house shall comply with the law of their respective states relative to licensing and identification of fish houses. Residents of states other than Wisconsin and Minnesota who hold a nonresident fishing license from either state shall comply with the law of the issuing state relative to the licensing and identification of fish houses.

WCD 21.16 TRANSPORTATION. (1) Any properly licensed resident or nonresident holder of an angling or commercial fishing license from the state of Minnesota having lawfully taken fish in the boundary waters described in this chapter 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.

(2) 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 state highway #70 to its junction with state highway #35; thence northerly along state highway #35 to its junction with the main boundary.

WCD 21.17 ILLEGAL FISH. All illegal fish which are taken and cannot be returned alive or unharmed to the water shall be turned over to the Wisconsin conservation commission or its duly authorized agents. No person shall at any time throw into the boundary waters any dead fish or part thereof, but each fisherman shall bring to shore at his base of operations all such dead fish and parts thereof.

Chapter WCD 22 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code is revised to read:

Chapter WCD 22

WISCONSIN-IOWA BOUNDARY WATERS

WCD 22.01	Mississippi river boundary water defined	WCD 22.08	Set lines (trot lines) and set hooks
WCD 22.02	Seasons; limits	WCD 22.09	Use of nets
WCD 22.03	Hook and line fishing	WCD 22.10	Boundary, commercial fishing
WCD 22.04	Rough fish	WCD 22.11	Reciprocity, hook and line fishing
WCD 22.05	Use of hook and line	WCD 22.12	Illegal fish
WCD 22.06	Use of spears		
WCD 22.07	Minnow nets and traps		

(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

WCD 22.01 MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOUNDARY WATER DEFINED: 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 tracks to that part of the river following the boundaries between the states of Wisconsin and Iowa shall be defined as interstate boundary waters.

WCD 22.02 SEASONS; LIMITS. (1) There shall be established and maintained on the interstate boundary waters between the states of Wisconsin and Iowa, which boundary waters are more particularly described under section WCD 22.01, the open and closed seasons for the taking of the various varieties and species of fish, bag limits, size limits, possession limits, and other rules and regulations as set forth herein.

(2) A closed season is established for each variety and species of fish named herein extending for the entire period of each year except the open season period embraced within the specified dates, both inclusive; and except as otherwise expressly provided, no person or persons shall take, catch, kill, or fish for fish of any variety at any time other than the open season therefor, nor have in his possession nor under his control any fish in excess of the daily bag limit or possession limit, nor below the minimum size limit therefor at any time during the open season as provided in this chapter.

(3) The measurement of length of fish shall be taken in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the utmost end of the tail fin fully extended.

WCD 22.03 HOOK AND LINE FISHING. The following seasons, bag limits and other rules and regulations for hook and line fishing are established. The possession limit for each species shall be double the daily bag limit.

	Kind of fish	Open Season	Daily Bag Limit	
			Quantity	Minimum Length
(1)	Largemouth and smallmouth bass-----	Continuous	5 in aggregate	No size limit
(2)	Walleye and sauger-----	Continuous	10 in aggregate	No size limit
(3)	Northern pike-----	Continuous	5	No size limit
(4)	White bass-----	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(5)	Crappie-----	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(6)	Rock bass-----	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(7)	Pumpkinseed (sunfish) and bluegill-----	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(8)	Perch-----	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(9)	Catfish-----	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(10)	Bullhead-----	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(11)	Hackleback (sand or shovel-nosed) sturgeon---	Continuous	No bag limit	25 inches
(12)	Rock sturgeon-----	No open season	-----	-----
(13)	Paddlefish (spoonbill catfish)-----	No open season	-----	-----
(14)	Rough fish-----	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit

(15) Sale prohibited; Exceptions. 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 rough fish at all times, catfish 13 inches or over in length in the round or 10 inches dressed with head off and tail on, hackleback sturgeon 25 inches or over, and bullheads. The minimum length for bullheads offered for sale shall be 7 inches dressed with head off and tail on or 9 inches in the round.

(16) Crayfish. 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.

WCD 22.04 ROUGH FISH. Rough fish, for the purpose of this chapter, shall be defined as follows: carp, dogfish, redhorse, sheepshead, sucker, eel, eelpout, garfish, buffalo fish, quillback, mooneye, goldeye, shad and turtle.

WCD 22.05 USE OF HOOK AND LINE. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate 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 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 provided in this chapter. Five lines with one bait to each line may be used for fishing through the ice.

(2) It shall be lawful for any person to take, catch, kill or fish for fish by means of trolling from a motor driven boat, sailboat or other boat while such boat is in motion.

WCD 22.06 USE OF SPEARS. It shall be unlawful for any person to use a spear, similar device or bow and arrow in any manner at any time for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing any game fish of any variety, or to have in possession or under control any fish spear, spring gaff or similar device or bow and arrow in a fish house (shanty). Rough fish may be taken by means of spears or bow and arrow in the daytime only.

WCD 22.07 MINNOW NETS AND TRAPS. (1) No person shall set, use or operate any minnow seine, minnow dip net or minnow trap other than as specified herein.

(2) The following described gear only may be used for the taking of minnows for bait:

(a) Minnow seines. Minnowseines shall not exceed 50 feet in length, 5 feet in depth, and shall contain mesh not to exceed one-half inch stretch measure.

(b) Minnow dip nets. Minnow dip nets used for taking, catching, or killing minnows shall be defined as follows: A piece of netting suspended from a square or round 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.

(c) 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 one and one-half 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.

(3) There shall be no bag or possession limit on minnows so taken.

WCD 22.08 SET LINES (TROT LINES) AND SET HOOKS. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to set or operate more than 8 set lines (trot lines) with not to exceed a total of 50 hooks to each line and not to exceed a total of 400 hooks in the aggregate, for taking, catching, killing, or fishing for catfish 13 inches

or over in length, hackleback sturgeon 25 inches or over in length, bullheads and rough fish only; size limits shall conform to the provisions of section WCD 22.09; in such fishing it shall be unlawful to use any frog or game fish, either dead or alive, as bait.

(2) Such set lines (trot lines) may be used all year and shall be equipped with a metal tag as prescribed in section 29.37, Wis. Stats. Licenses for such set lines (trot lines) shall be obtained pursuant to section 29.37, Wis. Stats.

(3) At one end of every licensed set line (trot line) 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 with the number of the license authorizing the use of such set line. It shall be lawful to use buoys in lieu of flags providing that same are numbered with figures at least 3 inches in height corresponding with the number of the license authorizing the use of such set lines.

(4) Set or bank poles (set hooks). Set or bank poles (set hooks) may be used for the taking, catching, killing or fishing for catfish 13 inches or over in length, hackleback sturgeon 25 inches or over in length, bullheads and rough fish only, during the period of time extending from May 1 to the next succeeding October 31; size limits shall conform to the provisions of section WCD 22.09. In such fishing it shall be unlawful to use any game fish or frog, either dead or alive as bait.

(5) Each such set or bank pole (set hook) shall be equipped with a metal tag as prescribed in section 29.36, Wis. Stats. Licenses for such set or bank poles (set hooks) shall be obtained pursuant to section 29.36, Wis. Stats.

WCD 22.09 USE OF NETS. (1) All commercial fishermen conducting fishing operations shall comply with the provisions of 29.34, 29.37 or 29.343, Wis. Stats., whichever applies. It shall be lawful for any person properly licensed to use the following type nets for the taking of all species of fish as listed under paragraph (3). Whenever the size of mesh is mentioned, the measurement shall be made by stretch measure except in basket traps (slat nets). Such measurements shall apply to net meshes when in use and no allowance shall be made for the shrinkage due to any cause.

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Type net	Season	Specifications	Restrictions on use
Seine	All year	Any dimensions Any size mesh	No fishing on Sundays or legal holidays except from the time the ice goes out until May 1st. No nightfishing except as provided in WCD 22.09 (11). No operations within 900 feet of any dam on the Mississippi river.

Type net	Season	Specifications	Restrictions on use
Buffalo net	All year	Any dimensions Any size mesh	Must be raised and emptied once each 48-hour period unless a longer period is granted by the Wisconsin conservation commission or its agents. No operations within 900 feet of any dam on the Mississippi river.
Bait net	All year	Any size mesh Not over four foot hoop front	Must be used without lead or leads. Must be raised and emptied once, except for bait, each 48-hour period unless a longer period is granted by the Wisconsin conservation commission or its agents. No operations within 900 feet of any dam on the Mississippi river.
Frame net	Closed season May 15 to Sept. 15 inclusive	Any size mesh not over 4X8 foot hoop front with a single lead	Must be raised and emptied once each 48-hour period unless a longer period is granted by the Wisconsin conservation commission or its agents. No operations within 900 feet of any dam on the Mississippi river.

(3) A commercial fishing season with nets is hereby established for persons properly licensed pursuant to section 29.34, Wis. Stats., as follows:

Kind of fish	Open season	Minimum length
(a) Bullhead-----	No closed season	9 inches in the round 7 inches dressed
(b) Buffalo-----	No closed season	15 inches
(c) Carp-----	No closed season	None
(d) Catfish-----	No closed season	13 inches in the round 10 inches with head off and tail on

Kind of fish	Open season	Minimum length
(e) Dogfish-----	No closed season	None
(f) Garfish-----	No closed season	None
(g) Quillback-----	No closed season	None
(h) Redhorse-----	No closed season	12 inches
(i) Hackleback (sand or shovel-nosed) sturgeon-----	No closed season	25 inches
(j) Sheepshead-----	No closed season	No size limit
(k) Sucker-----	No closed season	12 inches
(l) Mooneye, goldeye, shad-----	No closed season	None
(m) Turtle-----	No closed season	None
(n) Eel-----	No closed season	None

All others. The taking of all other types of fish not mentioned in this section or under the minimum length or weight prescribed in this section is prohibited.

(4) Gill nets with a mesh of seven inches stretch measure or larger may be used at all times for the taking of rough fish and catfish 13 inches or over in length. 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.

(5) No net or nets may be used or operated in any waters within 900 feet below any dam on the Mississippi river.

(6) The Wisconsin conservation commission may at its discretion require supervision of commercial fishing operations and said commission may require the operators of such nets to pay for supervision individually or in groups in the manner they deem advisable, and said commission shall fix the amount to be paid each supervising warden. The conservation commission may also allow at any time one supervising warden for as many seine, hoop net, frame net (wing net), fyke net or gill net operations as it deems advisable.

(7) The conservation commission or its agents may also require at any time any operator of any seine, gill net, buffalo net, frame net, bait net, basket trap (slat net) or set line to cease the fishing operations of such net or nets when said commission finds these operations are proving destructive to game fish or for any other good or valid reason.

this chapter is prohibited in these waters at all times.

(9) Basket traps (slat nets) not more than 6 feet in length and not more than 72 inches in circumference, over-all dimensions, and with one end thereof closed with webbing of a mesh not less than one and one-fourth inches bar or square measure may be used for the taking of rough fish, bullheads 9 inches or over and catfish 13 inches or over during that period of time extending from May 1 to the next succeeding October 31 and shall be equipped with a metal tag as prescribed in section 29.343, Wis. Stats. Such webbing shall be attached in such manner that the length, depth or width of each mesh is not decreased. Licenses for such basket traps (slat nets) shall be obtained pursuant to section 29.343, Wis. Stats. All such nets mentioned above must be lifted at least once in every 48-hour period, unless a longer period is granted by the Wisconsin conservation commission or its agents.

(10) It shall be lawful for any person licensed pursuant to section 29.343 (3), Wis. Stats., to use a trammel net not more than 300 feet in length and with a mesh of any size for the taking of fish as set forth in section WCD 22.09. Such trammel nets may be used in that part of the Mississippi river between the states of Wisconsin and Iowa under the jurisdiction of the state of Wisconsin which lies within the navigation channel as established by the United States War Department; in Twelve Mile (Cassville) slough, State Line slough and Hurricane Chute in Grant county. Such trammel nets may be used in a drifting manner only. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate any trammel net in any manner except as provided in this section.

(11) No net or nets of any kind or set lines shall be lifted, hauled or drawn in any manner between one-half 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, except a trammel net, be used in a drifting manner.

(12) All fishermen licensed under the provisions of sections 29.34, 29.37 and 29.343, Wis. Stats., shall report to the conservation commission on blanks to be furnished by the commission, detailed information regarding their activities which shall include the number of pounds and varieties of fish taken, amounts returned to the water and any other information pertaining to commercial fishing activities required by the conservation commission.

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

WCD 22.10 BOUNDARY, COMMERCIAL FISHING. For the purpose of clamming, set line and commercial net fishing, the Mississippi river shall be designated as that part of the river following the boundaries between the states of Wisconsin and Iowa.

WCD 22.11 RECIPROCITY, HOOK AND LINE FISHING. All residents of Wisconsin and Iowa holding a resident hook and line fishing license from their respective states, or residents of states other than Wisconsin and Iowa holding a hook and line fishing license issued by either state may fish in any of the waters lying

between the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway tracks on the Iowa side of the river and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway tracks lying on the Wisconsin side of the river during the open season for hook and line fishing. This reciprocity does not apply to clambers or commercial gear operators.

WCD 22.12 ILLEGAL FISH. All illegal fish which are taken and cannot be returned alive or unharmed to the water shall be turned over to the conservation commission or its duly authorized agents. No person shall at any time throw into the boundary waters any dead fish or part thereof, but each fisherman shall bring to shore at his base of operations all such dead fish and parts thereof.

The rules contained herein shall take effect on January 1, 1960.

Dated: August 14, 1959

STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

By

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Conservation Director

APPROVED:

/s/ Gaylord A. Nelson
Governor

Sep. 22, 1959
Date