Chapter WCD 25

OUTLYING WATERS; COMMERCIAL FISHING

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(Section 29.085, Wis. Stats.)

WCD 25.01 Measurement of nets. (1) Whenever the size of mesh of any gill net is specified, the size shall be determined by extension measure. The measurement shall be made of meshes irrespective of where the gill net or gill netting is found, whether in the water, on boat, on reel, on dock, or in any other place on land. Extension measure shall mean the distance between the extreme angles of any single mesh, and such measurements shall be taken between and inside the knots with a flexible steel gauge constructed and used as prescribed by the national bureau of standards as hereinafter defined. All measurements of the mesh of gill nets or gill netting shall be made by inserting in the mesh parallel with the selvage, a gauge made of spring steel, free from rust, of a length equal to the number of inches prescribed in this chapter for the mesh measured. The ends of the gauge shall be free of sharp edges or burrs. The gauge shall be straight and shall not be graduated, and any necessary markings shall be placed near the ends of the gauge. The length of the straight gauge, measured parallel with the long edge, shall not at any point exceed nor be less than the prescribed length by more than one-thousandth (.001) of an inch. Its width at any point shall not exceed 9/16 of an inch nor be less than 7/16 of an inch. Its thickness shall be such that when it is set vertically on a solid anvil with its upper end loaded with a dead weight between 7½ and 8½ ounces, the gauge shall deflect at its middle 1/10 of its length. The gauges to be used for measuring the mesh of gill nets or gill netting as provided by this chapter shall be certified and approved by the national bureau of standards.

(2) In gauging a mesh, the flexible gauge shall be held only by the ends and bent between thumb and forefinger, the bent rule shall be then inserted in the mesh parallel with the selvage and with the collapsed mesh, and finger pressure shall be released immediately, not gradually. If the gauge does not straighten out completely under its own tension within 2 seconds after it is released in the mesh, without slipping a knot or breaking the twine, the mesh shall be considered unlawful; and if the majority of 10 or more meshes selected at random by the enforcement officer from any part or parts of the gill net or

from the entire gill net or from any gill netting being gauged are found to be unlawful, the gill net or gill netting shall be seized and held subject to the order of the court. The meshes to be gauged shall be at least three meshes removed from the selvage or side lines, shall not be stretched or manipulated in any way prior to or after the insertion of the gauge, and the same mesh shall not be gauged more than once.

(3) Whenever and wherever the size of the mesh of gill nets or gill netting is prescribed in this order it shall be the size of the mesh throughout the entire life of the gill net or gill netting.

WCD 25.02 Reserve waters. The following waters are reserve waters and except as otherwise expressly provided no nets of any kind or set hooks shall be used, set, placed or operated therein. (1) Allouez Bay, Superior Bay, St. Louis Bay, the St. Louis river and Chequamegon Bay beginning at the Houghton Point signal light proceeding in a southerly direction following the mainland shoreline to the city of Ashland and continuing along to Chequamegon Point and on across the cut, if present, thence along the south or west shore of Long Island to the signal light on the extreme northwest point of Long Island, thence westerly to the Houghton Point light, the place of beginning.

(2) All waters in Lake Superior within ¼ mile of any harbor, pier or breakwater or from the mouth of any stream flowing into Lake Superior except that no net, nets or set hooks shall be used, set, placed or operated within one mile of the shoreline beginning one mile west of the mouth of the Poplar river in Douglas county on the west and ending one mile east of the Iron river in Bayfield county on the east and within one mile of the mouth of the Bad river in Ashland county and the Sioux river in Bayfield county or within ¼ mile of the shoreline in that area lying between the reserve waters at the mouths of the Onion and Sioux rivers in Bayfield county.

(3) All waters in Lake Superior within ¼ mile from the entry to the channel between Wisconsin Point and Minnesota Point.

(4) All waters of Lake Michigan, northern Green Bay and southern Green Bay within one-half mile from any harbor, pier or breakwater or one-fourth mile from the mouth of any navigable stream flowing into Lake Michigan, northern Green Bay or southern Green Bay.

(5) All waters in Lake Michigan within ½ mile from any harbor, pier or breakwater in Milwaukee county or within ½ mile from the shoreline of Milwaukee county, and within ½ mile of any harbor, pier or breakwater in Racine county or within ½ mile from the shore of that portion of Racine lying between Wind Point Light and the south boundary of the J. I. Case–Clausen works.

(6) All waters in the following bays or harbors in Door county; Sturgeon bay, Sawyer's Harbor, Little Sturgeon bay, Riley's bay, Egg Harbor, Fish Creek Harbor, Eagle Harbor, Bailey's Harbor, Moonlight (Mud) bay, North bay, Rowley's bay, Washington Harbor, Jackson Harbor, Detroit Harbor, West Harbor and Engleson Harbor.

(7) No gill net of any kind shall be used, set, placed or operated in the waters of Lake Michigan, northern Green Bay or southern Green Bay within ¼ mile of any shoreline in Door county.

(8) No nets of any kind shall be used, set, placed or operated from June 1 to September 30 of each year in that portion of southern Green

Bay, lying south or east of a line commencing at the most northerly point of Snake island in section 30, township 28 north, range 25 east, Door county, thence northeasterly approximately one mile to a stake or buoy placed by the Wisconsin conservation department, thence easterly to the Sherwood Point light.

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WCD 25.03 Closed seasons: A closed season is established for each variety of fish and crayfish named in this chapter extending during all the time of the year except the open season period embraced within specified dates, both inclusive, and except as otherwise expressly provided no person shall take, catch or kill fish of any variety in excess of the daily bag limit and no person shall take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish by means other than as specified in this chapter, nor at any time other than the open season therefor, nor have in his possession or under his control any fish or crayfish in excess of the possession limit or below the minimum size therefor during the open season.

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WCD 25.04 Open seasons; size limits. (1) OPEN SEASONS. In the outlying waters there shall be an open season on the various species of fish as follows:

Species	A Lake Michigan and Northern Green Bay	B Southern Green Bay	C Lake Superior
(a) LAKE TROUT	December 11 to September 30	December 11 to September 30	NO OPEN SEASON
(b) WHITEFISH	December 11 to ~~September 30~~	December 11 to ~~September 30~~	November 26 to October 24
(c) CHUBS	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES
(d) HERRING OR BLUEFIN	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES
(e) YELLOW PERCH	June 11 to April 9	May 20 to April 9	June 2 to April 14
(f) SUCKERS	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES
(g) WALLEYE AND SAUGER	NO OPEN SEASON IN LAKE MICHIGAN June 1 to March 31 in northern Green Bay	May 20 to March 31	NO OPEN SEASON
(h) NORTHERN PIKE	NO OPEN SEASON IN LAKE MICHIGAN June 1 to March 31 in northern Green Bay	May 20 to March 31	NO OPEN SEASON
(j) OTHERS (except as listed above and otherwise specified in WCD 20.02 and WCD 25.06)	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES

(2) SIZE LIMITS. No fish of any of the following varieties taken in gear or equipment authorized by this chapter, shall be retained, sold, or transported of a length or size less than that specified for each variety. The following method of measuring shall apply: The measurement of the length of a fish within the meaning of this chapter shall be taken in a straight line in a natural position without manipulation from the tip of the snout to the end of the fully extended tail-fin. A "fish in the round" shall be deemed to be a fish that is entirely intact as it was taken out of the water with no part removed by dressing; a "dressed fish" shall be deemed a fish with the head and tailfin attached but the entire gut or viscera (stomach, liver, intestine, gonads) removed; and a "filleted fish" shall be deemed to be a fish with the entire head, gut or viscera, gills, bones, scales and all of the fins removed. The measurement of length and weight shall apply without any allowance made for the shrinkage of the fish.

Species	A Lake Michigan and Northern Green Bay	B Southern Green Bay	C Lake Superior
(a) LAKE TROUT	17 inches	17 inches	----------
(b) WHITEFISH	17 inches	17 inches	17 inches
(e) YELLOW PERCH	8 inches in the round or dressed	7½ inches in the round or dressed	8 inches in the round or dressed
	5¼ inches with head and tail off	5¼ inches with head and tail off	5¼ inches with head and tail off
	6″ headless	6″ headless	6″ headless
(f) SUCKERS	No size limit	No size limit	No size limit
(g) WALLEYE AND SAUGER	15 inches	15 inches	----------
(h) NORTHERN PIKE	20 inches	20 inches	----------
(k) BUFFALO	18 inches	18 inches	----------
(l) CATFISH	16 inches in the round	16 inches in the round	----------
(m) OTHERS (except smelt, menominees, herring, chubs, sheepshead, carp and alewife for which there is no size limit)	8 inches	8 inches	8 inches

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WCD 25.05 Illegal fish. All illegal fish which are taken and cannot be returned alive or unharmed to the water shall be turned over to the state conservation commission or its duly authorized agents. No person shall at any time throw into the outlying 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.

WCD 25.06 Protected fish. All black bass, rock bass, crappie, muskellunge, sturgeon, rainbow or steelhead trout, brook trout, brown trout and all illegal lake trout and whitefish, and all other illegal fish

caught or taken alive in any licensed fishing gear shall be immediately and carefully returned to the water alive. When found dead in such gear they shall be turned over to the conservation commission or its authorized agents.

WCD 25.07 Crayfish. (1) (a) There shall be an open season on crayfish or crabs in all of the outlying waters from June 16 to the last day of February of the next year and except during this season it shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture or kill, or have in possession or under control any crayfish or crab taken from outlying waters.

(b) During the open season crayfish or crabs may be taken in all outlying waters by the following means only: By hand, by use of minnow seines and minnow dip nets, and by crayfish or crab traps with the entrance to the trap not to exceed 1½ inches in diameter, except that it shall be unlawful to use any crayfish or crab trap in the waters of Sturgeon Bay in Door county.

History: 1–2–56; am. (1) (a), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1–1–62.

WCD 25.08 Nets: Permitted nets; size of mesh, prohibited nets. (1) GILL NETS. (a) Gill nets not more than 30 meshes deep and with a mesh of not less than 4½ inches may be used for the taking of all species of fish during the open season therefor in the waters of Lake Michigan and northern Green Bay.

(b) Gill nets with a mesh of not less than 2½ inches nor more than 2¾ inches, and not to exceed 35 meshes deep, may be used for the taking of herring, chubs, perch, menominees and smelt in the waters of Lake Michigan and northern Green Bay, except that smelt may be taken as specified under section WCD 25.08 (1) (p) and herring under the ice as set forth in WCD 25.08 (1) (d). The setting or placing of such nets in water less than 15 fathoms is prohibited for a period of 5 days just prior to the opening of the perch season.

(c) During the period from November 1 to November 30, in each year, no set hooks or gill nets other than gill nets with a mesh of not less than 2½ inches or not more than 2¾ inches, shall be set, placed or operated in the waters of Lake Michigan or northern Green Bay except under permit from the Wisconsin Conservation Commission or its duly authorized agents.

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(d) In the waters of southern Green Bay and northern Green Bay, gill nets, not more than 60 meshes deep and with a mesh of not less than 2¼ nor more than 2¾ inches flexible rule measure may be used at all times for the purpose of taking herring only, provided that the bottom maitre or lead lines will be at least 1 fathom (6 ft.) from the bottom. During the period from September 1 to January 20 each year, such nets may be set on the bottom.

(e) In the waters of southern Green Bay, gill nets not more than 30 meshes deep and with a mesh of not less than 4 inches may be used for the taking of all species of fish during the open season therefor in those waters south or west of a line drawn from the outer end of the south pier at the entrance of the Menominee river at Marinette to Limekiln Bluff in Door county; north or east of said line, gill nets so used shall be not less than 4½ inch mesh and not more than 30 meshes deep.

(f) In the waters of southern Green Bay, the size of mesh of all new gill nets and new gill netting used for the purpose of taking herring, chubs, perch, menominees, and smelt shall be not less than 2½ inches and not more than 2¾ inches. In actual fishing operations, gill nets having a mesh of not less than 2⅜ inches and not more than 2¾ inches, and not to exceed 60 meshes deep, may be used or possessed for the purpose of taking herring, chubs, perch, menominees, and smelt from the waters of southern Green Bay, except that smelt may be taken as specified under section WCD 25.08 (1) (p) and herring under the ice as set forth in section WCD 25.08 (1) (d).

(g) In the waters of southern Green Bay during the period from April 10 to May 19, no set hooks or gill nets of any kind may be used, set, placed or operated except as provided in section WCD 25.08 (d) for the taking of herring and section WCD 25.08 (p) for the taking of smelt except that in the waters north or east of a line drawn from the outer end of the south pier at the entrance of the Menominee River at Marinette to Limekiln Bluff in Door County, gill nets not more than 30 meshes deep and with a mesh of not less than 4½ inches may be used for the purpose of taking fish for which there is an open season thereon.

(h) In the waters of Lake Superior, gill nets with a mesh of not less than 4½ inches may be used for the taking of all species of fish during the open season therefor. The depth or width of such nets shall be not more than 30 meshes.

(j) In the waters of Lake Superior, gill nets with a mesh of not less than 2⅜ inches and not more than 2¾ inches may be used for the taking of herring, menominees, smelt, perch, or longjaws; except that gill nets with a mesh of any size may be used for the taking of longjaws, herring, smelt and menominees from November 1 to December 31. The depth or width of such nets shall be not more than 35 meshes, except as provided for herring float nets.

(k) In the waters of Lake Superior, during that period each year extending from the time the ice goes out until July 14, gill nets with a mesh of not less than 2⅜ inches nor more than 2¾ inches and not more than 35 meshes deep may be used, set, placed or operated only in waters of a depth not less than 40 fathoms for the purpose of taking longjaws and herring.

(m) In the waters of Lake Superior, no person shall use, set, place, or operate any gill net or gill nets with a mesh of less than 4½ inches, from July 15 to September 1 of each year, except that bait nets may be used to obtain bait for set hooks and float nets as provided in section WCD 25.08 (1) (n).

(n) In the waters of Lake Superior, gill nets with meshes of any size and not more than 60 meshes deep may be used for the taking of herring only, provided, however, that the bottom maitre cord or lead line shall be not nearer than one fathom to the bottom of the lake. Such nets shall be known as herring float nets and may be used at any time of the year.

(o) During that period extending from January 15 to March 1 of each year, the operation of gill nets and set hooks with or from a boat is prohibited in the waters of Lake Superior.

(p) In the waters of Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, northern Green Bay and southern Green Bay, with the exception of bounded bays and reserve waters, gill nets with a mesh of not more than 1¾

inches flexible rule measure may be used at all times for the taking of smelt.

(q) No person shall during any one year be licensed to use in the aggregate more than 150,000 feet of gill nets, and in addition thereto not more than 3 gangs of hooks with not more than 3,000 hooks to each gang.

(2) BAIT NETS. Each set hook licensee may use or operate in the waters of Lake Michigan, northern Green Bay, and Lake Superior not more than 5,000 feet of gill net with a mesh of not less than 1⅝ inches nor more than 1½ inches and not to exceed 11 feet deep, except in reserve waters, for the purpose of taking bloaters for bait to be used on set hooks only. Any fish taken in such nets shall not be sold, traded, or bartered in any manner.

(3) POUND NETS. (a) Pound nets may be used in the waters of Lake Michigan, northern Green Bay, southern Green Bay and Lake Superior for the taking of all species of fish during the open seasons therefor, except during the period from April 10 to May 19 no pound net exceeding 15 feet in depth may be used in the waters of southern Green Bay.

(b) No pound net may be used, set, placed or operated in more than 80 feet of water.

(c) During the closed season for whitefish no pound nets of any kind shall be used, set, placed, or operated in the waters of Lake Superior.

(4) DROP AND FYKE NETS. (a) Drop and fyke nets may be used in the waters of Lake Michigan and northern Green Bay and southern Green Bay for the taking of all species of fish during the open season therefor, except that no drop or fyke nets may be set, placed or operated in the waters of southern Green Bay during the period from April 10 to May 19 of each year.

(b) Drop and fyke nets may be set under the ice in water not more than 50 feet in depth. The lifting of such nets shall be done in fishing shanties only. All live illegal fish shall be returned to the water immediately and must be lowered to a point at or near the bottom of the bay by the use of sink nets or frames.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to use, set, place or operate any fyke or drop net of any description, except the legal submarine trap net, in any of the waters of Door county.

(d) It shall be unlawful to use, set, place or operate any fyke or drop net, or any submarine trap net in the waters of Lake Superior.

(5) SUBMARINE TRAP NETS. (a) Submarine trap nets may be used in the waters of Lake Michigan, northern Green Bay and southern Green Bay for the taking of all species of fish during the open season therefor except that the use of submarine trap nets in Door county waters is prohibited unless a permit has first been obtained from the conservation commission or its agents.

(b) Submarine trap nets may be used, set, placed or operated in not more than 50 feet of water.

(c) Submarine trap nets shall not be used, set, placed or operated in Lake Superior.

(d) Submarine trap nets shall be not more than 30 feet in depth and the pot shall be square or rectangular. This includes any portion of the leads, hearts and crib.

(e) Submarine trap nets shall not be set, placed or operated in the waters of southern Green Bay during the period from April 10 to May 19 of each year.

(6) SEINES. (a) It shall be unlawful to use any seine with a mesh of less than 3 inches except as otherwise expressly provided.

(b) Seines of any size mesh not more than 75 feet in length and not more than 6 feet in depth, and one dip net not exceeding 8 feet in diameter or 8-feet square, may be used for the taking of smelt and suckers only in any of the outlying waters, including reserve waters, and in the Fox river up to 1,500 feet below the dam at De Pere, from April 1 to May 25, except that such a dip net may be used for the taking of smelt only in the waters of the Fox river up to 500 feet below the dam in the city of De Pere from April 1 to June 1. It shall be unlawful to use any seine in the waters of southern Green Bay during the period from April 10 to May 19 of each year except as expressly provided. Dip nets must be attended at all times while in use.

(c) Minnow seines not exceeding 75 feet in length and 6 feet in depth and one minnow dip net not exceeding 6 feet in diameter or 6-feet square may be used in any of the outlying waters, including reserve waters, and in that part of the Fox river extending from the mouth up to, but not within 1,500 feet of the dam at De Pere, for taking, catching or killing minnows for bait only. Dip nets must be attended at all times while in use.

(7) TRAWLS. (a) Trawls may be used in the waters of Lake Michigan, northern and southern Green Bay for the taking of all species of fish for which there is no minimum size limit thereon. No trawl may be operated unless a permit has first been obtained from the conservation commission or its agents. The permit specifies the conditions under which it may be operated.

(8) CONTRABAND NETS. (a) All nets or set hooks used in violation of this chapter are contraband and shall be seized and held subject to the order of the court whenever found in any prohibited waters or on any vessel, dock, reel, or fishing premises, or in any port or landing places bordering on such waters. Any such contraband net or nets, set hook or hooks so found shall be deemed sufficient evidence of the use of such net or nets, set hook, or hooks by the owner, owners, or operators thereof, who shall be subject to the same penalties as provided for other offenses mentioned in this chapter.

(b) Whenever any gill net set in the waters of Lake Michigan, northern Green Bay, and southern Green Bay for the purpose of catching herring, chubs, perch, menominees and smelt, and any gill net set in the waters of Lake Superior shall take illegal fish of any species, in an amount equal to more than 10% by weight of the total catch or lift, they shall be deemed illegally set and shall be seized and held for the order of the court by the state conservation commission or its deputies, and the owners or operators thereof shall be subject to the penalties in section 29.63 (1) (h), Wis. Stats., unless such nets are immediately removed from such fishing grounds.

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WCD 25.09 Fish grinders or choppers. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person operating any fishing boat or boats or any other conveyance on the outlying waters to carry or transport on board such boat or boats or any other conveyance used at any time in the transportation of fish or fishing gear, any grinder or chopper or any other instrument or device by which fish can be ground up or so mutilated that identification of the species and measurement of the individual fish are impossible.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person operating on the outlying waters to have in possession or under control on such waters or to bring to shore any fish ground up or so mutilated that identification of the species and measurement of the individual fish are impossible.

WCD 25.10 Defining Green Bay line. For the purpose of this chapter, the waters of Green Bay shall be divided in two parts and all that area south of the line drawn from the most northerly point of Friedmann's Point at Fish creek, located in the southwest quarter of section 29, township 31 north, range 27 east, Door county; thence northwesterly to the most southeasterly point of Chambers island; thence along the southwest shoreline to the most southwesterly point of Chambers island; thence due west to the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary line, including the Fox river as far as the dam at DePere, shall be referred to as southern Green Bay, and all waters in Green Bay north of the above described line shall be referred to as northern Green Bay. Northern Green Bay and Lake Michigan shall be separated as follows: Commencing at the northwest side of the Northport dock where it joins the shoreline in township 32 or 33 north, range 29 east; thence in a northeasterly direction to the range light (signal light) on Plum island; thence along the north and west shore of Plum island to the U. S. coast guard station; thence northerly to the southwesterly point of Shellswick dock, which is located on Lodbell's point on Washington island; thence along this dock to the shoreline of Lodbell's point; thence along the west shore of Washington island to Boyer's Bluff light; thence due north to the Michigan-Wisconsin boundary line.

WCD 25.11 Nets for rough fish. Gill nets with a mesh of not less than 6½ inches, extension measure, and not more than 12 meshes deep may be used for taking carp and such other rough fish, which are found to be detrimental to game fish, in any of the reserve or closed waters of Lake Michigan, northern Green Bay, and southern Green Bay, including the following bays or harbors in Door county, to wit: Sturgeon Bay, Sawyer's Harbor, Little Sturgeon Bay, Riley's Bay, Egg Harbor, Fish Creek Harbor, Eagle Harbor, Bailey's Harbor, Moonlight (Mud) Bay, North Bay, Rowley's Bay, and Washington Harbor, Jackson Harbor, Detroit Harbor, West Harbor, and Engleson Harbor in Washington Island. Such fishing shall be carried on pursuant to a contract granted by the conservation commission and under the direct supervision of said commission and under such terms and conditions as it may specify.

WCD 25.12 Possession; transportation. No person shall transport or cause to be transported, deliver, receive, offer to deliver or receive for transportation, have in possession or under control, sell, trade or barter, or offer to sell, trade or barter any fish of the varieties men-

tioned in section WCD 25.06 wherein such fish have been caught in any net, or on set hooks. Wherever and whenever such fish are received by or offered to any person for transportation, sale, trade or barter in the course of business or otherwise, such person shall forthwith notify the commission or its deputies, stating full particulars.

WCD 25.13 Trout and whitefish; transportation and possession of. It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm or corporation to sell, purchase or barter, or offer for sale, purchase, or barter, or have in possession or under control, or to smoke or salt any undersized lake trout or whitefish, irrespective of how, when or where taken or caught, except as provided under section 29.06, Wis. Stats.

WCD 25.14 Setting of nets by conservation commission; issuance of permits. (1) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the conservation commission or its agents from the setting or operating of nets, or authorizing the setting or operating of nets for the purpose of obtaining spawn for any state fish propagation project or program and for the purpose of scientific investigations and in aid of the fishing industry in the outlying waters during the closed season for the various species of fish.

(2) All persons engaged in fishing for lake trout and whitefish shall strip all ripe fish of such species, both male and female, save all of the spawn, properly impregnate it, and deliver it to the conservation commission or its duly authorized agents, or otherwise dispose of it in such manner as directed by the conservation commission or its duly authorized agents.

WCD 25.15 Reports. On or before the tenth day of each month each person licensed pursuant to section 29.33, Wis. Stats., shall report for the preceding calendar month to the state conservation commission in writing, on blanks furnished by said commission, the number of his license, the number of pounds of each kind of fish taken, the kind and amount of fishing gear employed, the length of time (number of nights) each unit was fished without being lifted, and such other data as the conservation commission may require to follow the trend of the fisheries. Such report shall be made each month regardless of whether or not any fish were taken or any fishing done during the preceding month, and if no fish were taken the fact shall be so noted. Failure to file such reports as specified shall be considered a violation of the provisions of this chapter.

WCD 25.16 Trolling. All species of fish of lawful size may be taken from the outlying waters including bounded bays and reserve waters, by trolling from a motor-driven or sail boat during the open season.

WCD 25.17 Spears. 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 may be taken with the use of spear guns by the method commonly known as skin diving by divers under the water in Lake Michigan.

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WCD 25.18 Snag lines. No person shall set, place, use, have in possession or under control in or on the waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay any snag line or snag pole, snag hook or parts thereof or cluster of fishhooks 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; except that carp may be taken by means of a gaff hook through the ice from sunrise to sunset in the outlying and reserve waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay.

WCD 25.19 Use of certain nets prohibited. (1) No person shall have in possession or under control, or place, set or operate in any manner in the outlying waters any trammel net, trawl, long tunnel pound or any other net of the pound net variety except the legal fyke or drop net, submarine trap net and the short tunnel pound net whose tunnel is placed wholly and within the pot, crib or pound of such net and whose pot, crib or pound is totally uncovered at the top and the hearts of which are totally uncovered at the top and bottom.

(2) In the waters of southern Green Bay, northern Green Bay and Lake Michigan (except Door county waters) it shall be lawful to use, set, place or operate drop nets the hoods and hearts of which are covered in any manner on the top or bottom, but no tunnel of any drop net used, set, placed or operated in such waters shall be more than 15 feet in length. The depth of the pot of any drop or fyke net shall be not more than 5 feet in diameter. The hearts of such nets shall not be covered for a length greater than 6 feet.

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