

WISCONSIN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Kind of Fish and Locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
Mississippi river from Prescott downstream	Continuous	25 in aggregate	No size limit
(10) BULLHEADS	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(11) ROCK STURGEON	Saturday nearest May 1 to October 31	1	40 inches
(12) SHOVELNOSE (SAND OR HACKLEBACK) STURGEON			
(except in the St. Louis river and in the St. Croix river downstream to the St. Croix Falls dam)	Continuous	10	No size limit
In the St. Louis river and in the St. Croix river downstream to the St. Croix Falls dam	No open season		
(13) PADDLEFISH (SPOONBILL CATFISH)	No open season		
(14) ROUGH FISH	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
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History: 1-2-56; am. (1), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; renum. from WCD 21.04 and am. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; r. and recr. Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; r. and recr. Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67, *emerg cr (15), (16) eff. 4-26-67.*

WCD 21.04 Rough fish. Rough fish, for the purpose of this chapter shall be defined as follows: catfish 20 inches or over in length except above the dam at St. Croix Falls, carp, dogfish, redhorse, sheepshead, sucker, eel, celpout, garfish, buffalo fish, quillback, moon-eye, goldeye, shad and turtle.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; renum. from WCD 21.03 and am. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; am. Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61.

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.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60.

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.

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(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 from March 2 to, but not including, the Saturday nearest April 20.

History: 1-2-56; renum. from WCD 21.07 and am. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; am. (2), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62.

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 and 6 feet in width flat measure 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) 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 at any time.

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

History: 1-2-56; renum. from WCD 21.05 and am. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; r. and recr. (3), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; r. and recr. (2) (a), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66.

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