

Chapter NR 20

FISHING; INLAND WATERS; OUTLYING WATERS

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(Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

NR 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 in excess of the daily bag limit and no person shall take, catch or kill fish, or fish for fish by any means other than 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 possession limit, or below the minimum size therefor during the open season.

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NR 20.02 Waters classified; hook and line fishing in outlying waters.

(1) For the purpose of regulating hook and line fishing in the outlying waters, the closed seasons, size limits, bag and possession limits, number of hooks and lines and ice fishing regulations 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 (in.)
(a) WALLEYE AND SAUGER (Bag limit means total of all)	Green Bay	At all times	5	No size limit
	Lake Superior	At all times	5	No size limit
(b) NORTHERN PIKE	Lake Michigan and Green Bay	At all times	5	No size limit
	Lake Superior	At all times	5	No size limit

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(c) PERCH-----	In all outlying waters, including bounded bays and reserve waters	At all times	No bag limits or size limit; except during the closed season for commercial fishing in the waters of southern Green Bay and in the waters of Lake Michigan and northern Green Bay when there shall be a daily bag limit of 50 per day and such fish taken during the closed season shall not be sold, traded or bartered in any manner.	
(d) TROUT AND SALMON--	Lake Michigan, Green Bay and Lake Superior	Continuous	5 in aggregate	10
(e) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS---	Lake Michigan and Green Bay	July 1 to February 15	5 of each	No size limit
	Lake Superior	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5 of each	No size limit
(f) LAKE STURGEON-----	Lake Superior	Continuous	1 per year	40

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

(h) All species of fish of lawful size may be taken from the outlying waters including Chequamegon Bay by trolling from a motor driven boat 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 rough fish 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. Northern pike may be speared through the ice in Lake Superior.

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NR 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 waters and fishing through the ice, except that the department shall close the season for fishing through the ice in any inland waters when it finds after scientific investigation and study that continued fishing through the ice in such

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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 affected, such posting being deemed by the department 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 NR 20.04. The possession limit for each species of fish shall be double the daily bag limit specified in this chapter except that no person shall have in his possession or under his control more than the daily bag limit while on the ice or waters or while fishing in the state of Wisconsin. 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 season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS			
In all waters of Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer and Washburn Counties.....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5 of each	10
In all other waters.....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5 of each	No size limit
(c) WALLEYE AND SAUGER			
In all waters of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor and Washburn Counties.....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5 in aggregate	13
In all other waters (See also Sec. NR 20.04).....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5 in aggregate	No size limit
(d) NORTHERN PIKE (See also Sec. NR 20.04)			
In all waters of Dane, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Racine, Rock, Sauk, and Walworth Counties.....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	2 (except that there is a daily bag limit of 5 and no mini- mum length in Wisconsin River in Dane, Sauk, and Iowa counties)	22
In all waters of Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor and Washburn Counties.....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5	18
Shawano lake in Shawano county and all waters in Menominee county.....	No closed season	25	No size limit
In all other waters.....	Second Saturday in May to February 15	5	No size limit

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(e) MUSKELLUNGE (Includes hybrid muskellunge)-----	Second Saturday in May to November 30	1	30
(f) 1. TROUT AND SALMON (any variety except splake and lake trout) (Bag limit means total of all)-----	The second Sat- urday in May at 5 a.m. to but not including June 1	5 in aggregate	6
	June 1 to September 15	10 in aggregate	6
2. There shall be a special extended open season for trout and salmon in the following waters-----	Saturday nearest April 1 to, but not including the second Saturday in May and September 16 to November 15	5, of which only 2 may be rainbow trout or salmon	10
Ashland county: Bad river from its mouth upstream to Copper falls; Potato river from its mouth upstream to Guerney falls; White river from its mouth up- stream to White river dam; Bayfield county: Cranberry river from its mouth upstream to the Lenawee road (T50N, R7W, Sec. 28); Fish river and Fish creek from its mouth upstream to the junction of Pine creek (T47N, R6W, Sec. 13); Flag river from its mouth upstream to the junc- tion with the Little Flag river (T49N, R8W, Sec. 2); Iron river from its mouth upstream to Orienta dam; Sioux river from its mouth up- stream to Big Rock falls (T49N, R4W, Sec. 19); Siskowitt river from its mouth upstream to second bridge (T41N, R6W, Sec. 35); Douglas county: Brule river from its mouth upstream to U. S. Highway #2; Iron county: Graveyard creek from its mouth upstream to U. S. Highway #2; Oronto creek from its mouth upstream to its source; Parker creek from its mouth upstream to its source.	September 16 to November 15	5 in aggregate	6
3. There shall be an extended open season for trout and salmon on the following waters---			
Risk creek pond in Adams county; Cammerer lake in Ashland county; Anderson lake, Balsam pond, Beaver lake, Blaisdell lake, Little Hidden, Little Star, Mimi and Nymphia lakes in Bay- field county; Bradley and Dark lakes in Chip- pewa county; Stewart lake and Salmo pond in Dane county; Gravel Pit in Clark county; An- derson lake in Eau Claire county; Lions Club Youth pond in Eau Claire county; Sand lake (Sec. 13, T39N, R18E) in Florence county; Bug, Logger, and Valley lakes in Forest county; Up- per Zander lake in Green county; Birch lake in Iowa county; Hoffman, Lowe creek pond, Trout Run SCS, Trout Run Church and Oxbow ponds in Jackson county; Pence and Townline lakes in Langlade county; Ament, Hanson, Horgan, Mo- raine, and Tahoe lakes in Lincoln county; Cata- ract, Evans and Hans Biegel ponds in Monroe county; Bass lake (Sec. 15, T39N, R7E) in Oneida county; Kinnickinnic and River Falls ponds in Pierce county; Clarey lake, Ice House lake, and Pickerel lake in Polk county; Patter-			

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Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
son lake in Price county; Camp Smith lake in Sawyer county; North Twin and Spruce lakes in Taylor county; Eleva-Osseo Club and Ettrick ponds in Trempealeau county; Esofea and Timber Coulee ponds in Vernon county; Bluegill, Firefly (Weber), Little John, Jr., Otto Mielke and Pauto lakes in Vilas county; Sawmill lake in Washburn county; Lannon Park pond in Waukesha county and Keller lake, Waupaca county.			
4. There shall be an extended open season for trout and salmon on all other lakes containing trout or salmon except natural spring and spring ponds.	September 16 to February 15	5 in aggregate	6
(g) LAKE TROUT AND SPLAKE	First Saturday in January to September 30	2 in aggregate	17
(h) CATFISH			
In all waters of Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties and the Wisconsin river from the dam at Wisconsin Dells downstream to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad tracks.	No closed season	25	No size limit
In all other waters	No closed season	10	No size limit
(i) WHITE BASS	No closed season	None	No size limit
(j) ROCK BASS	No closed season	None	No size limit
(k) CRAPPIE, BLUEGILL, PERCH, PUMPKINSEED (SUNFISH)	No closed season	50 in aggregate	No size limit
(l) YELLOW BASS (STRIPED)	No closed season	None	No size limit
(m) BULLHEADS	No closed season	None	No size limit
(n) CISCO AND WHITEFISH	No closed season	25 pounds and one fish in aggregate	No size limit
(o) PADDLEFISH OR SPOONBILL CATFISH	No open season		
(p) SHOVELNOSE (SAND OR HACKLEBACK) STURGEON			
In all waters south of highway #64 (except in the Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam upstream)	No closed season	25	No size limit
The Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam upstream	No open season		
In all waters north of highway #64	No open season		
(q) ROCK AND LAKE STURGEON			
Hook and line season 1. In all waters: (except Lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, Winnebago and connecting waters; and the Wolf river from the dam at Shawano downstream to Lake Poygan; and the Fox river downstream from milepost No. 63, commonly known as Johnson creek in Green Lake county to Lake Butte des Morts)	First Saturday in September to October 15	1 per season	40
Spawning season			
2. Lakes Butte des Morts, Poygan and Winneconne and connecting waters	No open season		

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
3. Lake Winnebago.....	First Saturday in February to March 1	The bag limit on speared sturgeon is one (1) per season regardless of the water in which speared	40
(r) PADDLEFISH OR SPOONBILL CATFISH.....	No open season	-----	-----
(u) SUCKER AND REDHORSE.....	No closed season	50 in aggregate	No size limit

4. 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 Lakes Butte des Morts and Winneconne in Winnebago county, Lake Poygan in Waushara and Winnebago counties; Lake Winnebago in Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties and all connecting waters including the Wolf River from the dam at Shawano downstream to Lake Poygan and the Fox River from milepost No. 63, commonly known as Johnson Creek, in Green Lake county downstream to Lake Butte des Morts, except during the open season for spearing sturgeon when such open season is in effect on a specified water named above.

(2) (a) 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 29.148, Wis. Stats., to a warden or other authorized department personnel at an official sturgeon registration station established for such purpose. Such sturgeon shall be so exhibited at such sturgeon registration station in a county adjacent to the waters where speared not later than 6:00 p.m. on the day speared. Upon approval by the officer, said officer shall attach a special tag to each 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.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to transport any sturgeon in or on any motor-driven vehicle from the time such sturgeon is taken to the time it is lawfully registered pursuant to section NR 20.03 (2) (a) unless the sturgeon is carried openly exposed and in such manner so that the sturgeon tag attached to the sturgeon cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

(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, but not including, the second Saturday in May of the next year, 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.

(4) In those waters for which a permit for treatment with toxicant has been issued the Department of Natural Resources may direct that all species of fish of any size may be taken by dip nets, minnow seines and spears with no bag or possession limit from the date of issuance of said permit until the commencement of treatment and such open season shall be put into effect by posting a notice thereof on or in the vicinity of the waters affected and by publication of one or more newspapers having wide circulation in the area affected.

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NR 20.04. Open seasons in specified waters.

(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 the first Saturday in January until the ice goes out of that area of Duck creek defined in this subsection.

(3) SPECIAL WATERS—LAKES. (a) There shall be no closed season for hook and line fishing for any species of fish except muskellunge, 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:

8. Calumet county—Winnebago
13. Dane county—Koshkonong
14. Dodge county—Beaver Dam, Emily, Lost and Sinnissippi
17. Dunn county—Dunnville bottoms

- 20. Fond du Lac county—Mullet and Winnebago
- 24. Green Lake county—Big Green, Maria and Puckaway
- 28. Jefferson county—Bean, Goose, Hahns, Hope, Koshkonong, Red Cedar and Mud (at Koshkonong)
- 39. Marquette county—Buffalo
- 50. Portage county—Bass and Pleasant
- 54. Rock county—Koshkonong
- 56. St. Croix county—Bushnell, Pine (at Baldwin), Three and Twin
- 60. Sheboygan county—Sheboygan marsh
- 69. Waupaca county—Campbell, Crystal, Cynco (Rice), Hatch, Kinney, Partridge, Partridge Crop, Silver, and White, and Marion millpond.
- 70. Waushara county—Fish (at Wautoma), Beans, Pine (at Hancock), Poygan and Big Twin
- 71. Winnebago county—Butte des Morts, Poygan, Winneconne, and Winnebago

(am) SPECIAL WATERS—RIVERS AND STREAMS. There shall be no closed season for hook and line fishing for any species of fish except muskellunge, 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:

- 1. Baraboo river in Sauk and Columbia counties.
- 2. Black river including sloughs and bayous from the dam at Black River Falls in Jackson county downstream to its confluence with the Mississippi river.
- 3. Chippewa river including sloughs and bayous beginning at the Holcombe flowage dam in Chippewa county downstream to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad in Buffalo and Pepin counties.
- 4. Eau Claire river including sloughs and bayous in Eau Claire county from the Altoona dam downstream to its confluence with the Chippewa river.
- 5. Embarrass river beginning at the dam at Pella in Shawano county downstream to the Wolf river in Outagamie county.
- 6. Fond du Lac river within the city limits of Fond du Lac in Fond du Lac county.
- 7. Fox river (except Little Lake Butte des Morts) downstream from the westerly crossing of highway #33 at Portage in Columbia county and in Marquette, Green Lake, Waushara, Winnebago and Outagamie counties downstream to the dam at De Pere in Brown county.
- 8. Fox river in Kenosha county and upstream in Racine county to the Waterford dam.
- 9. Grand river from Fairwater in Fond du Lac county downstream to the Fox river in Marquette county.
- 10. La Crosse river including Lake Neshonoc sloughs and bayous from the Perch lake dam at Sparta downstream to the Mississippi river.
- 11. Lemonweir river including all connecting flowages, bays, sloughs and bayous in Juneau and Monroe counties and the East Fork Lemonweir upstream to the highway #173 bridge and the South Fork Lemonweir upstream to the Tomah dam.
- 12. Little Wolf river in Waupaca county beginning at the dam at Manawa downstream to the Wolf river.

13. Pecatonica river in Lafayette and Green counties.
14. Pine river in Waushara county beginning at the dam at Poy-sippi downstream to Lake Poygan.
15. Pumpkinseed creek in Winnebago county from county trunk "D" bridge downstream to Lake Poygan.
16. Red Cedar river including all connecting sloughs and bayous in Dunn county from its confluence with the Chippewa river to the Lake Menomin Northern States Power Dam.
17. Rock river waters.
 - a. Rock river in Fond du Lac, Dodge, Jefferson and Rock counties and all waters in the Horicon marsh.
 - b. Crawfish river in Columbia, Dodge and Jefferson counties.
 - c. Beaver Dam river beginning at the dam in the city of Beaver Dam in Dodge county downstream to the Crawfish river.
 - d. Scuppernong river beginning at the dam at Palmyra in Jefferson county downstream to the Bark river.
 - e. Bark river beginning at the dam at Hebron in Jefferson county downstream to the Rock river.
 - f. Yahara river beginning at the dam at Fulton in Rock county downstream to the Rock river.
 - g. Busseyville creek in Dane and Jefferson counties beginning at the Rockdale dam downstream to Lake Koshkonong.
18. Rubicon river in Dodge county.
19. Shioc river in Outagamie county.
20. Waupaca river in Waupaca county beginning at the dam at Weyauwega downstream to the Wolf river.
21. White river below dam at Burlington to Fox river in Racine county.
22. Wildcat river in Dodge county.
23. Willow river in Waushara county beginning at the dam at Auroraville downstream to Lake Poygan.
24. Wisconsin river and flowages beginning at the St. Regis dam in Rhinelander in Oneida county downstream to the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy railroad bridge in Crawford and Grant counties including all connecting sloughs and bayous including that part of the Yellow river and all connecting flowages, sloughs and bayous from its confluence with the Castle Rock flowage in Juneau county upstream to the highway #54 dam at Dexterville.
25. Wolf river in Winnebago, Waupaca and Outagamie counties and in Shawano county upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano.
26. Yellowstone river from the dam downstream in Lafayette county.

(b) The department shall open the season for fishing with dip nets in any waters when it finds after scientific investigation and study that the fish populations in such waters are threatened with imminent mortality because of depletion of dissolved oxygen or other adverse habitat conditions under which fish will not survive. During such open season all species of fish may be taken by means of dip nets not more than 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet square, but no person shall have more than 25 pounds and 1 fish of any species of game fish of any size so taken in his possession. No person shall fish with more than one such dip net and such dip net fishing shall be carried on only during the hours from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Such open season shall be put into effect by posting a notice thereof on or in the vicinity of the shore of the waters affected, such posting being deemed by the department

to be the most feasible way of notifying the public that such open season for fishing with dip nets is in effect. Such open season shall remain in full force and effect only so long as such waters are covered with ice and so long as such posting is continued.

(c) There shall be no closed season for hook and line fishing for any species of fish except sturgeon and smallmouth bass from the mouth upstream to the first dam in any stream tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay except the Pigeon River in Sheboygan county which shall be open upstream to county trunk MM. 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 except that during the period from September 16 to but not including the second Saturday in the following May there shall be a minimum size limit of 10 inches on brook, brown, and rainbow trout and salmon and a daily bag limit of 5 of which only 2 may be rainbow trout and during such period hook and line fishing is restricted to the use of natural baits or artificial flies with a single hook with a hook gape size one-half inch from point to shank or smaller. The use of double, treble or similar gang hooks and artificial baits is prohibited. Night fishing with hook and line is prohibited between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. during the extended season from September 16 to but not including the second Saturday in May.

(d) It shall be lawful to take trout and salmon by hand and by foul hooking or snagging from September 16 through December 31 while fishing with hook and line on waters listed below, with a hook gape size not to exceed one-half inch measured from point to shank. Night fishing is prohibited between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. This paragraph applies only to the following named streams from the mouth upstream to the first dam and to the waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay:

1. Rivers:

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| Ahnapee River | Menominee River |
| East Twin River | Milwaukee River |
| Kewaunee River | Oak Creek |
| Little Manitowoc River | Sheboygan River |
| Little River | Strawberry Creek |
| Manitowoc River | West Twin River |

2. Other:

Lake Michigan and Green Bay (except when fishing from a boat)

(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.

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2. Fishing in such waters shall be done only with hook and line or rod and reel except that cisco may be taken in Pallette lake by means of licensed dip nets 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 except in Pallette lake there shall be a daily bag limit of 5 and a minimum size limit of 10 inches on coho salmon and a daily bag limit of 10 trout in Nebish lake, and a minimum size limit of 22 inches on northern pike in Escanaba lake.

6. All fish taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited to the department 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 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 and in Rush lake in Fond du Lac and Winnebago counties, 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 subsection shall apply to such waters through the year with the exception of Rush lake as provided in subsection (3) (b).

3. In Yellowstone lake there shall be a continuous open season for all fish species except trout which shall have the same season as provided in the regular season tables for inland waters.

a. There shall be no daily bag limit on panfish and for northern pike there shall be a daily bag limit of 2 and a 22-inch size limit.

b. Bag and size limits on other fish species shall be the same as provided in the regular season tables for inland waters.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish in, on or along any waters situated in Governor Dodge State Park upstream from the dam forming Twin Valley lake except under the following conditions:

1. There shall be a continuous open season for all fish species except trout which shall have the same season as provided in the regular season tables for inland waters.

2. There shall be no daily bag limit on panfish and for northern pike there shall be a daily bag limit of 2 and a 22-inch size limit.

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(5) **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:

1. *Peshigo river*—In, on or along that part of the Peshtigo river lying in Marinette county, beginning at the Johnson Falls dam in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 32, township 33 north, range 19 east, and extending downstream to the foot of Spring Rapids in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 15, township 32 north, range 19 east, with a daily bag limit of 5 trout and a minimum size limit of 10 inches on trout.

2. *Wolf river*—In, on or along that part of the Wolf river lying in Langlade county, beginning at the railroad trestle in Section 19, township 32 north, range 14 east extending downstream to the east-west quarter line dividing the west half of section 33, township 32 north, range 14 east marked by a road which runs along side the Diercks irrigation pond with a daily bag limit of 5 trout per day and a minimum size limit of 10 inches on trout.

3. *Wolf river*—In, on or along that part of the Wolf river lying in Menominee county, beginning at the head of the ledge rock area known as "The Trip" and located near the east line of section 27, township 30 north, range 15 east extending downstream to the foot of "Ducknest Rapids" located just above the south line of section 27, township 30 north, range 15 east, as designated by signs posted by the department on each bank of the Wolf river at the beginning, end and within said described area.

(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.

History: 1-2-56; Cr. (5), Register, March, 1956, No. 3, eff. 4-28-56; am. (1) through (5), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (1) (c), (3) (a) and (b) and (4) (b) and (c), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (1) (a), (3) (a), and (b), (4) (c), and (5) (a), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; am. (3) (a) (b) emerg. eff. 2-1-59; am. (3) (a), (b), emerg. eff. 2-28-59; r. (1) (a), am. (3) and (4) (c) 2., Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; cr. (4), Register, May, 1960, No. 53, eff. 6-1-60; am. (1) (d) and (e), (3), (4) (b) 2. and (4) (b) 4., Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; am. (4) (b) 1., Register, March, 1961, No. 63, eff. 4-1-61; am. (1), (2) (c), (3) (a), (4) (b) 1., and (4) (c) intro. par., Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (3) (b) and (4) (d) 2., Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1-1-63; r. (1) (d); am. (3) (a) and (b); (4) (a) 2. and 5. and (4) (b) 1. and (4) (d) 2., Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1-1-64; am. (3) (a); r. and recr. (3) (b), Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; am. (3) (a), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; r. and recr. (1) (g); cr. (1) (h) (i); am. (3), (a), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; cr. (5) (a) 3., Register, April, 1967, No. 136, eff. 5-1-67; r. (1) (b) 1., am. (4) 5., Register, May, 1967, No. 137, eff. 6-1-67; r. and recr. (1) am. (3) (a), (4) (a) 5., and (4) (b), 1.; Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 1-1-68; r. (4) (b), Register, June, 1968, No. 150, eff. 7-1-68 emerg. am. (3) (c), eff. 9-30-68; am. (3) (a) and (c), (4) (a) 2. and (d), (intro. par.), Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; am. (4) (a) 5., Register, March, 1969, No. 159, eff. 4-1-69; am. (3) (a) and (c); r. and recr. (4) (a) 5. (4) (c) 3. and (4) (d), Register, October, 1969, No. 166, eff. 1-1-70; am. (4) (a) 5., Register, May, 1970, No. 173, eff. 6-1-70; renum. WCD 20.04 to be NR 20.04; r. and recr. (3) (a), cr. (am), am. (b) and (c), (4) (a) 6. and (5) (a) 3., Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; am. (5) (a) 1. and 2., Register, January, 1971, No. 181, eff. 2-1-71; am. (3) (c), and cr. (d), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 9-1-71; r. (1), am. (3) (am) 10., and (4) (c) 2., Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 1-1-72.

NR 20.05 Season for crayfish and frogs. (1) **CRAYFISH.** There is no closed season on crayfish or crabs in the inland waters except in Manitowoc county where there is a closed season from March 1 to but not including the Saturday nearest June 15.

(2) **METHOD OF TAKING.** Crayfish or crabs may be taken in the following ways: by hand, minnow seines, minnow dip nets and minnow traps where the same are permitted for the taking of minnows (see minnow regulations, section NR 20.10) and by crab traps with the entrance of the trap not to exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. Each such trap shall have securely attached to it a label or tag clearly bearing in the English language the name and address of the operator. All such traps shall be raised and the crayfish or crabs removed therefrom at least once in every 24 hours.

(3) **FROGS.** (a) The open season for taking, killing or capturing frogs shall be from the Saturday nearest May 1 to December 31.

(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.

(d) It is unlawful to take frogs with the aid or use of any firearms.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2) and (4) (a), r. (3) (b), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; r. and recr. Register, March, 1959, No. 39, eff. 4-1-59; am. (2), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; am. (1) and (4) (a), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; r. and recr., Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1-1-63; cr. (3) (d), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; renum. WCD 20.05 to be NR 20.05; am. (2), Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

NR 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 except that rough fish may be taken by hand.

(b) *Trolling.* 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 the 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. The restrictions in this paragraph do not apply to the waters of Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Racine, Rusk and Washburn counties and the following named lakes and rivers including their flowages and sloughs:

Adams county

Mason

Ashland county

Kakagon Slough

Chippewa county

Chain

Holcombe Flowage

Long 32-8

Clark county

Arbutus

Dane county

Crystal

Kegonsa

Mendota

Monona

Waubesa

Dodge county

Beaver Dam

Fox

Sinnissippi

Door county

Clarks
Kangaroo

Dunn county

Menomin
Tainter

Eau Claire county

Altoona
Big Dells Pond
Eau Claire

Florence county

Halsey
Twin Falls Flowage

Forest county

Butternut
Franklin
Kentuck
Lucerne
Metonga
Pickerel
Pine
Wabicon

Green Lake county

Green
Maria
Puckaway

Jefferson county

Koskonong
Rock

Juneau county

Kilburn Flowage

Kenosha county

Elizabeth

La Crosse county

Neshonoc

Langlade county

Post (Lower)
Post (Upper)
Rollingstone

Lincoln county

Mohawksin
Spirit R. Flowage

Marathon county

Big Eau Pleine Reservoir

Marinette county

Chalk Hills Flowage
High Falls Reservoir
Noquebay

Marquette county

Buffalo

Monroe county

Monroe County Flowage

Oconto county

Christy
Machickanee (Stiles Pond)
White Potato

Oneida county

Columbus
Crescent S17, T36, R8
Katherine
Rainbow Flowage
Rice R. Flowage
Sugar Camp
Thunder
Willow Flowage

Portage county

L. Eau Pleine Flowage

Price county

Pike
Round

St. Croix county

Cedar

Sauk county

Redstone

Sawyer county

Chetac
Grindstone
Lac Court Oreilles
Nelson
Price Flowage
Round
Whitefish
Windigo

Shawano county

Shawano

Sheboygan county

Sheboygan Marsh

Taylor county

Chequamegon
Mondeaux Flowage

Vilas county

Big Portage
Black Oak
Kentuck
Laura
Smoky
Stormy

<i>Walworth county</i>	Oconomowoc
Beulah	Okauchee
Como	Pewaukee
Delavan	Pine
Geneva	
Whitewater	<i>Waupaca county</i>
	Partridge
<i>Washington county</i>	White
Big Cedar	
Pike	<i>Winnebago county</i>
	Butte Des Morts
<i>Waukesha county</i>	L. Butte des Morts
Big Muskego	Poygan
Lac LaBelle	Rush
Little Muskego	Winnebago
Nagawicka	Winneconne

Wisconsin river from County Trunk A east of Tomahawk, Lincoln county, downstream, the Chippewa river from Holcombe downstream and the Fox river from Buffalo lake downstream to the dam at De Pere.

(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 hook or line within 200 feet of any fishway, lock or dam in the inland waters at any time.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (1) (c) and (2), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (1) (b) Register, April, 1958, No. 28, eff. 5-1-58; am. (2), Register, August, 1958, No. 32, eff. 9-1-58; am. (1) (b), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; am. (2), Register, August, 1959, No. 44, eff. 9-1-59; am. (1) (b), r. and recr. (2), Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; am. (1) (b) and (2), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; am. (2), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; am. (1) (b), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; am. (1) (b); cr. (1) (d) and (e), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (1) (e), Register, July, 1962, No. 79, eff. 8-1-62; am. (1) (b), Register, April, 1963, No. 88, eff. 5-1-63; am. (1) (b); r. (2), Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; am. (1) (a) and (c); r. (1) (d) and (e), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; r. and recr. (1) (b), Register, October, 1969, No. 166, eff. 1-1-70; am. (1) (b), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; renum. WCD 20.06 to be NR 20.06, Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

NR 20.07 Prohibited methods of fishing. (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Wisconsin Statutes or by department order:

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, or kill fish or fish for fish of any variety with more than 2 lines or 2 poles with 1 line attached to each pole and with 1 hook or bait to each line.

(b) Any fisherman fishing with not more than 1 line or pole with 1 line attached thereto may have attached to such line not more than 2 lures or 2 hooks or 2 baits.

(c) Any fisherman fishing through the ice with hook and line on all inland waters may fish with not more than 3 lines with not more than one hook attached to each line.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any person to fish with or leave any fish line or lines unattended in any waters; it shall be unlawful for any person to take any fish by snagging or fouling in any manner or with the aid or use of any firearm or pellet gun in any manner or by any means other than angling or trolling.

(e) No person shall use as bait or possess or release any minnows or other fish except trout on any waters or shores of such waters

which have been chemically treated for trout management and which are so identified and designated by signs posted on the shores thereof by the Department of Natural Resources.

(f) No person shall use minnows as bait while fishing through the ice in Green Lake, Green Lake county except where the lake is 50 feet or less in depth.

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(2) No person shall, except as expressly provided, have in his possession or under his control on any of the inland waters or shores of inland waters between the hours of sunset and sunrise any gun, bow and arrow, spear or similar device that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish. 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 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 of each species of fish as set forth in this chapter, may be taken during the open season in the natural channel of the Chippewa river in Chippewa county from the Jim Falls dam downstream to the first bridge by hook and line, by hand, or by a dip net not to exceed 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet square, except that during the open season for rock or lake sturgeon, gaff hooks, spears, and other legal fishing gear may be used for taking fish, and such fish may be foul hooked during such season.

(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 in any of the inland waters or shores of inland waters at any time any spear or similar device that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish 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 Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie railroad bridge from December 15 to January 15, inclusive), Iron, Oconto in that portion of the county west of highway #141 only, Oneida, Pierce, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas and Washburn counties and except that rough fish may be taken with bow and arrow from the Saturday nearest May 20 to July 1 each year in Barron, Burnett, Douglas, Iron and Polk counties and by spears or by the method known as skin diving with the use of spears or spear guns in Burnett county from the Saturday nearest May 20 to November 1 from sunrise to sunset.

(b) No person shall have in his possession or under his control any gun, bow and arrow, spear or similar device that might be used for the purpose of taking, catching or killing fish on any of the inland waters or shores of inland waters at any time from March 2 to April 20, inclusive, in the Counties of Adams, Brown, Buffalo, Calumet (except during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water), Chippewa, Clark, Dane, Door, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Fond du Lac (except during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water), Forest, Jackson, Juneau, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon (except that spearing is prohibited in the Big Eau Pleine flowage from the dam upstream to Highway 97 from November 1 to April 20), Marinette, Monroe, Oconto in that portion of the county east of Highway 141 only, Outagamie (except during the sturgeon spearing season in any specified water), Ozaukee, Pepin,

Portage, St. Croix, Sauk, Shawano, Trempealeau, Walworth, Washington, Winnebago (except Waukau Creek and during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water) and Wood. It shall be lawful to take rough fish by means of spear or spear-fishing by the method commonly known as skin diving or bow and arrow from sunrise to sunset in the inland waters of the counties or portions thereof named in this paragraph from April 21 through March 1, both dates inclusive, except in Devil's Lake in Sauk County, and except in Calumet, Fond du Lac and Winnebago Counties during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water.

(c) It shall be lawful for any person to take rough fish by means of spears or by spearfishing by the method commonly known as skin diving or bow and arrow at any time of the year, sunrise to sunset, in the inland waters or from shores of inland waters of the counties of Columbia, Crawford, Dodge, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Marquette, Milwaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sheboygan, Vernon, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara (except during a sturgeon spearing season in any specified water) and in Waukau creek in Winnebago county.

(d) It is lawful to take white bass, yellow bass (striped), rock bass, crappie, bluegill, perch, pumpkinseed (sunfish) and bullheads with the use of spears and spearguns by skindiving and scuba diving in all waters where spearing for rough fish is permitted subject to the same seasons prescribed in subsection (4) (a), (b) and (c) and subject to bag limits prescribed in section NR 20.03.

(5) (a) The possession or use of a gun, bow and arrow, spear or similar device for the taking, catching or killing of fish in or on any stream containing trout is prohibited at all times except as indicated in subsection (5) (b) and (c).

(b) Suckers and carp may be speared, sunrise to sunset only, from Saturday nearest March 15 to, but not including the Saturday nearest May 1, in the following trout waters in Waushara county:

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 the dam in Auroraville.

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 to the dam in Poysippi.

(c) Turtles may be taken from trout streams the year-round by the method commonly known as "hooking".

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

(8) No person shall set, place, use, 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, sunrise to

sunset, in the outlying and reserve waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay.

(9) 'No person shall use or have in his possession or under his control or maintenance in any of the inland waters of this state, any live box, crib or similar device except receptacles carried by or with the fisherman to contain his catch while fishing, that might be used for the keeping of fish unless he shall have securely attached thereto in such a manner as to be readable and legible at all times a tag of permanent material bearing the name and address of the owner or user.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2), (4) (a), (b), (c), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (2), (4), (5), (6) and (8), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (1), (4) (a), (b) and (c), (6) and (7), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; am. (1) and (4), Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; r. and recr. (1) and (2); am. (4) (b) and (c) and (6); cr. (9), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; am. (4) (a), Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; am. (1) (d) and (e); (4) (a), (b) and (c); (5) (b) and (6), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (1) (e) and (4) (a) and (b), Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1-1-63; am. (6), Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1-1-64; am. (1) (d) and (e) and (6), Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; am. (1) (d) and (1) (a), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; am. (1) (d); r. and recr. (1) (e); am. (4) (a), (b) and (c); am. (5) (a); cr. (5) (c); r. (6), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; am. (1) (c) and (4) (a), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 1-1-68; am. (1) (e) and (4) (c), Register, October, 1969, No. 166, eff. 1-1-70; am. (4) (b), Register, February, 1970, No. 170, eff. 3-1-70; renum. WCD 20.07 to be NR 20.07; am. (1), intro. par.; r. and recr. (c), cr. (f), and am. (4) (a), Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; am. (4) (b), Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71; cr. (4) (d), Register, July, 1971, No. 187, eff. 9-1-71.

NR 20.08 Turtle traps. Hoop net turtle traps with a mesh of not less than 6 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.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; renum. WCD 20.08 to be NR 20.08, Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

NR 20.09 Dip nets in inland waters. (1) **GENERAL RESTRICTIONS.** Except as provided in this section and in sections NR 20.04, NR 20.10 and NR 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 and no person shall fish with hook and line from any boat that has a dip net attached. Only one dip net per person is permitted for the taking of smelt and minnows. Such dip net must be attended at all times while in use.

(a) It is unlawful to sell, barter or trade in any manner any suckers taken pursuant to this section.

(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.

the department may remove bullheads from the waters specified or cause them to be removed therefrom pursuant to sections 29.62 and 29.625, Wis. Stats.:

- (a) Castle Rock flowage and the Wisconsin river in Adams and Juneau counties, beginning at the Petenwell dam and extending downstream to the Castle Rock dam except that part of Yellow river in Castle Rock flowage (locally called the Buckhorn area) in Juneau county upstream from the electric power transmission line across said flowage in sections 26 and 35, T17N, R4E, Juneau county.
 - (b) Enterprise lake in Langlade county.
 - (c) Lake DuBay in Marathon county.
 - (d) Little Lake Butte des Morts from the lower dam on the Fox river at Menasha, Winnebago county, to the upper dam in Appleton, Outagamie county.
 - (e) Little Rice lake in Forest county.
 - (f) All waters in Oneida county.
 - (g) Petenwell flowage and the Wisconsin river beginning at the Nekoosa dam in Wood county extending downstream to the Petenwell dam in Adams and Juneau counties.
 - (h) All waters in Vilas county.
 - (i) Long lake in Florence and Forest counties, Line flowage and Pine river flowage, Halsey, Bass, West Bass, Scout and Frog (section 16 township 39 north range 19 east) lakes.
 - (k) Potato lake in Rusk county.
 - (m) Rib lake in Taylor county.
 - (n) All waters in Lincoln county.
 - (o) Sheboygan marsh in Sheboygan county.
 - (p) Town Corner lake in Marinette county.
 - (q) The Rock river from highway #49 downstream to the dam at Hustisford.
- (2) The department of natural resources finds, pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that perch are detrimental fish in the following specified waters:
- (a) Landing lake, Mill lake, North Twin lake, Rice lake (Sec. 14, T40-41N, R9E), South Twin lake, High lake and Fishtrap lake in Vilas county.
- (3) The department of natural resources finds, pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that catfish are detrimental fish in the following specified waters and that the department may remove catfish from the waters specified or cause them to be removed therefrom pursuant to sections 29.62 and 29.625, Wis. Stats.
- (a) Green lake in Green Lake county.
- (4) The department of natural resources finds, pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that pan fish are detrimental fish in the following specified waters and that the department may remove pan fish from the waters specified or cause them to be removed therefrom pursuant to sections 29.62 and 29.625, Wis. Stats.
- (a) Township of Chicog in Washburn county.
 - (b) Crescent lake (section 8-16-17-18-20-21, T36N, R8E) and Stella lake in Oneida county.
- (5) The department of natural resources finds pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that smelt are detrimental fish in all waters of the state and that the department may remove smelt from these

waters or cause them to be removed pursuant to sections 29.62 and 29.625, Wis. Stats.

(6) The department of natural resources finds pursuant to section 29.623, Wis. Stats., that channel catfish are detrimental fish in lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Little Butte des Morts, Winneconne, and Poygan and the river connecting said lakes, and the Fox river from the Princeton locks downstream to the dam in the city of De Pere and that the department may remove channel catfish from these waters or cause them to be removed pursuant to sections 29.62 and 29.625, Wis. Stats.

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NR 20.16 Closed areas. It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, disturb, kill or fish for fish of any variety on any area of water so posted with department signs, the same being located within the exterior limits of the following waters:

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| (1) Adams county ----- | (a) Wisconsin river |
| (4) Bayfield county ----- | (a) Sioux river |
| | (b) Camp lake |
| | (c) Lamereau lake |
| | (d) Nancy lake |
| (7) Burnett county ----- | (a) Clam river |
| (10) Clark county ----- | (a) Eau Claire river |
| (13) Dane county ----- | (a) Fish lake |
| | (b) Yahara river |
| (14) Dodge county ----- | (a) Beaver creek |
| | (b) Mill creek |
| (15) Door county ----- | (a) Hibbard's creek |
| | (b) Lilly Bay creek |
| | (c) Samuelson's creek |
| | (d) Fish creek |
| | (e) Reibolts creek |
| | (f) Whitefish Bay creek |
| | (g) Strawberry creek |
| | (h) Sturgeon Bay shipping canal |
| (16) Douglas county ----- | (a) Brule river |
| (20) Fond du Lac county ----- | (a) Fond du Lac river |
| (21) Forest county ----- | (a) Crane lake |
| (26) Iron county ----- | (a) Gile flowage |
| | (b) West branch of Montreal river |
| | (c) Turtle river |
| (29) Juneau county ----- | (a) Wisconsin river |
| | (b) Necedah dam on Yellow river |
| (30) Kenosha county ----- | (a) Rock lake |
| (31) Kewaunee county ----- | (a) Little Scarboro creek |
| | (b) Three Mile creek |
| | (c) Ahnapee river |
| | (d) Kewaunee river |

