

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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) STURGEON (ROCK AND SHOVELNOSE) The Mississippi river from the Red Wing dam upstream and the St. Croix and St. Louis rivers.....	Saturday nearest July 1 to October 31	1 in aggregate	40
(12) STURGEON (ROCK AND SHOVELNOSE) The Mississippi river from the Red Wing dam downstream.	Saturday nearest May 1 to October 31	1	40
(a) ROCK STURGEON.....	Saturday nearest May 1 to October 31	1	40
(b) SHOVELNOSE STURGEON.....	Continuous	10	No size limit
(13) PADDLEFISH (SPOONBILL CATFISH).....	No open season	-----	-----
(14) ROUGH FISH.....	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit

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(15) SALE PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS. No such fish shall be sold, purchased, bartered, offered for sale or had under control or in possession for the purpose of sale or barter at any time except legally taken and possessed rough fish at all times, catfish 15 inches or over in length in the round or 12 inches dressed with head off and tail on, hackleback sturgeons 25 inches or over, and bullheads during that period of time from the Saturday nearest May 1 to the following October 31.

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

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) and (16) eff. 4-26-67; cr. (15) and (16), Register, May, 1967, No. 137, eff. 6-1-67; am. (11) and (12), Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; renum. from WCD 21.03 to be NR 21.03, Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

NR 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, eelpout, 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; renum. from WCD 21.04 to be NR 21.04, Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

NR 21.05 Use of hook and line. (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Wis. Stats. 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) 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.

(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; am. (1), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 1-1-68; am. (1), Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; r. and recr. (1), Register, October, 1969, No. 166, eff. 1-1-70; renum. from WCD 21.05 to be NR 21.05 and am. (1), intro. par., Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

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

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to take fish by means of spears or bow and arrow or to have in his possession on the water or immediate banks of the water any spear or similar device 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; renum. from WCD 21.06 to be NR 21.06, Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

NR 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.