

Animal and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Bag limit	Size limit	Methods of taking
(1) Crayfish All areas except Wis.-Minn. boundary waters. See s. NR 21.04 (13)	Continuous	None	None	Crayfish may be taken by hand, minnow seine, minnow dipnets or minnow traps, as defined in s. NR 20.10, and by crayfish traps with an entrance not to exceed 2½ inches at its greatest diagonal measurement. All traps used to take crayfish shall be raised and crayfish removed at least once each day following day set unless otherwise authorized by the district director All traps shall be tagged with a tag clearly bearing in the English language the name and address of the owner and trapper.
(2) Frogs				
(a) Jefferson county	No open season for bullfrogs	—	—	—
(b) All other areas	Saturday nearest May 1 to Dec. 31	None	None	No person may take frogs with the aid of a firearm.
(3) Turtles				Turtles may be taken as follows: Traps. A maximum of 5 hoop net turtle traps may be used to trap turtles. Hoop nets shall be constructed with a mesh of not less than 8 inch stretch measure providing traps are set so that not less than 2 inches of the hoops extend above the surface of the water. Float and tank type turtle traps not exceeding 4 feet square or 4 feet in diameter may be used for trapping turtles. Each trap while in use shall have attached in a manner as to be visible and legible at all times, a metal tag bearing in the English language the name and address of the operator of the trap and no other person may tend or operate the trap. Turtle traps shall be checked and the entrapped contents shall be removed at least once each day following the day set. By hand, and hook and line. Hooking. Turtles may also be taken from trout streams, during the open season, by the method commonly known as hooking.
(a) All areas except Wis.-Minn. and Wis.-Iowa boundary waters. See ss. NR 21.13 and 22.13	June 16 to April 30	None	None	
(b) Trout streams				

(4) ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS. (a) *Crayfish*. 1. Prohibitions. No person may:

a. Use live crayfish as bait on the inland waters except on the Mississippi river;

b. Possess live crayfish while on any inland waters of the state, except the Mississippi river, unless that person is engaged in crayfish removal.

Simultaneous possession of live crayfish and hook and line fishing equipment while on the inland waters, except the Mississippi river, shall be considered prima facie evidence of a violation of this subsection.

c. Place, deposit, throw or otherwise introduce live crayfish into any waters of the state unless a permit authorizing introduction has been issued by the department.

2. Bait. a. Crayfish may be taken with use of bait consisting only of parts of fish lawfully taken or fish by-products including fish meal or prepared parts of such fish.

b. Bait or parts of bait authorized in this subdivision may not be deposited in the waters of this state unless they are enclosed within the trap.

3. Floats or markers. Floats or markers used to locate traps for the taking of crayfish:

- a. May not exceed 5 inches in size at its greatest dimension;
- b. May not extend more than 4 inches above the surface of the water.
- c. Shall plainly and clearly display in the English language the name and address of the owner or operator; and
- d. Shall be of a color other than orange or fluorescent colorations.

(b) *Frogs*. This section does not apply to frogs propagated in captivity.

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SUBCHAPTER II

WILDLIFE DAMAGE

NR 19.75 Purpose. This subchapter is adopted to implement and administer the wild animal damage abatement and claim program established under s. 29.598, Stats. In its administration, the department shall assure that the funds appropriated by the legislature are used in the most cost-effective manner. Wild animal damage abatement measures when determined by the department, and the administering county to be cost-effective shall be funded and receive priority in payment over damage claims.

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NR 19.76 Definitions. For purpose of this subchapter and s. 29.598, Stats.:

(1) "Contiguous land" means lands under the ownership or control, other than by lease, of an applicant for deer, bear or goose damage payments which are connected to the lands subject to a claim application or separated only by a roadway, easement, license or waterway.

(2) "County" means a county board of supervisors who has, by resolution, approved application and administration of a program under s. 29.598, Stats.

(3) "Crops on agricultural lands" includes Christmas trees.

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