

Chapter NR 26

FISH REFUGES

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Note: Section 23.09, Stats., provides statutory authority for this chapter.

Note: Ch. NR 26 as it existed on December 31, 1976, was repealed and a new ch. NR 26 was created effective January 1, 1977.

NR 26.01 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner or at any time in, on or along the following described water areas.

(9) **CHIPPEWA COUNTY.** (a) That part of the Chippewa river from the Jim Falls dam located in section 29, T30N, R7W, and extending downstream for a distance of 1,000 feet.

(11) **COLUMBIA COUNTY.** (a) *Lake Columbia.* Those portions of the lake known as Lake Columbia located in sections 27, 33 and 34, township 12 north, range 9 east, and sections 3 and 4, township 11 north, range 9 east, beginning at the intake and outfall structures of the Columbia generating station and extending 2400 feet due south.

(13) **DANE COUNTY.** (a) *University of Wisconsin arboretum.* All springs, spring holes, streams, potholes and lagoons lying within the boundaries of the university of Wisconsin arboretum located in section 9, township 6 north, range 9 east, town of Madison, and in sections 26, 27, 28, 32, 33 and 35, township 7 north, range 9 east, town of Fitchburg.

(15) **DOOR COUNTY.** (a) *Samuelsons creek.* That stream known as Samuelsons creek from its mouth at the Sturgeon Bay ship canal upstream to its source.

(18) **EAU CLAIRE COUNTY.** (a) *Little Niagara creek.* That stream known as little Niagara creek from its mouth at the Chippewa river upstream to its source, said stream flowing through and along Putnam park and the property of the university of Wisconsin—Eau Claire, all located within the city limits of the city of Eau Claire.

(24) **GREEN LAKE COUNTY.** (a) *Grand river.* That part of the Grand river from state hwy. 44 downstream to the Green Lake—Marquette county line. This refuge is to remain in effect until May 2, 1993.

(26) **IRON COUNTY.** (a) *Flambeau river.* That part of the Flambeau river located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 34, township 42 north, range 2 east, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 3, township 41 north, range 2 east, beginning at the dam in and across the Flambeau river in section 34, township 42 north, range 2 east, commonly known as the Turtle—Flambeau dam and extending downstream from said dam to the U.S. government gaging station of said river in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section 3.

(31) **KEWAUNEE COUNTY.** (a) Flume of the Kewaunee nuclear power plant.

(b) That part of the Kewaunee river located in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 14, township 23 north, range 24 east, town of West Kewaunee, beginning at the county trunk highway F bridge and thence upstream to 500 feet past the fish return pipe of the Kewaunee river coho salmon spawning facility.

(36) **MANITOWOC COUNTY.** (a) Flume of the Point Beach nuclear power plant.

(39) **MARQUETTE COUNTY.** (a) *Fredreck creek.* That part of Fredreck creek beginning at the downstream side of the bridge on the fish hatchery road and thence upstream to its headwaters, said part of stream lying in sections 1 and 12, township 16 north, range 8 east.

(b) *Grand river.* That part of the Grand river beginning at the Grand River wildlife dam located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 1, township 14 north, range 10 east and extending downstream a distance of 50 feet. The following described area on the Grand river shall be included until May 1, 1993: from the Green Lake—Marquette county line downstream to the Grand River Marsh Wildlife Area dam including the Grand river marsh.

(51) **PRICE COUNTY.** North Fork, Flambeau river. That part of the Flambeau river from Upper Park Falls dam downstream to the state highway 182 bridge.

(57) **SAWYER COUNTY.** (a) *Chippewa river (west fork).* That part of the west fork of the Chippewa river beginning at the Moose Lake dam located in section 14, township 41 north, range 6 west, and thence downstream for a distance of 500 feet.

(b) *Spider creek.* That part of the Spider creek beginning at the Little Spider lake dam (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, sec. 33, T42N, R7W) downstream to state hwy. 77 (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, sec 33, T42N, R7W).

(c) That part of the Chippewa river from the Arpin dam located in section 23, T38N, R7W and extending downstream for a distance of 500 feet.

(63) **VILAS COUNTY.** (c) *Trilby lake.* That lake known as Trilby lake (camp 7) located in sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, township 40 north, range 6 east.

(64) **WALWORTH COUNTY.** (a) *Delavan lake.* Delavan lake and its tributaries. This refuge is to remain in effect until May 2, 1992.

(67) **WAUKESHA COUNTY.** (a) *Scuppernong springs.* All waters of the Scuppernong spring, Scuppernong creek and Scuppernong river located in that part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying south of state trunk highway 67 and east of county trunk highway ZZ; that part of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying south and west of state trunk highway 67; that part of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying south of state trunk highway 67 and east of county trunk highway ZZ;

the N½ of the SW¼ of the SE¼; that part of the SE¼ of the SE¼ lying west of state trunk highway 67; all lying in section 34, township 6 north, range 17 east, town of Ottawa.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; cr. (11), Register, February, 1979, No. 278, eff. 3-1-79; r. (50) (a) and (54) (a), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; cr. (57) (b), Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84; cr. (11) (b) and (33), Register, April, 1984, No. 340, eff. 5-1-84; emerg. cr. (9) (a), eff. 8-30-84; r. (4), (19) and (20), cr. (9), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; emerg. cr. (1), eff. 12-1-86; cr. (11) (c) and (51), Register, December, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1-1-88; cr. (31) (b), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89; r. (11) (b) and (c) and (33), cr. (24) and (64), am. (39) (b), Register, December, 1990, No. 420, eff. 1-1-91; r. (63)(b), Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92; (57) (c) renam. from NR 26.09 (57) (c), Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93; cr. (52), Register, November, 1994, No. 467, eff. 1-1-95; r. (52), Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 4-1-96; r. (63) (a), Register, May, 1996, No. 485, eff. 6-1-96.

NR 26.015 Fish refuges. The following described areas are created and established as fish refuges and no person may take, catch, disturb, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner until January 1, 1992 in, on or along the following described water areas:

(63) VILAS COUNTY. (a) Max Lake located in section 23, township 41 north, range 6 east.

History: Cr. Register, June, 1990, No. 414, eff. 7-1-90.

NR 26.02 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, catch, disturb, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from January 1 to May 1 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(17) DUNN COUNTY. (a) *Red Cedar river*. That part of the Red Cedar river beginning at the Cedar Falls dam located in section 6, township 28 north, range 12 west, and extending downstream 4,300 feet; also, that part of the Red Cedar river lying entirely in section 14, township 29 north, range 12 west.

(70) WINNEBAGO COUNTY. (a) *Fox river (Eureka dam)*. Beginning 200 feet downstream from the dam in and across the Fox river, located in section 31, township 18 north, range 14 east, commonly known as the Eureka dam, and thence upstream from the dam for 400 feet.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; r. (39), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; am. (70), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89; am. (70) (a), Register, November, 1994, No. 467, eff. 1-1-95.

NR 26.03 Fish refuges. The following described area is hereby created and established as a fish refuge, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, catch, disturb, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner or at anytime in, on or along the following described water areas throughout the open season for hunting migratory waterfowl each year.

(29) JUNEAU COUNTY. (a) *Meadow Valley flowage*. That part of the Meadow Valley flowage beginning at a point in the E½ of section 10, township 20 north, range 2 east, where the drainage ditch intersects the Meadow Valley flowage road; thence northerly along the east spoil bank of said ditch to the junction of a brushed line at the approximate interior quarter corner of section 3, township 20 north, range 2 east; thence west along said brushed line to its junction with the east-west drainage ditch; thence westerly along the north spoil bank of said ditch to its junction with the main north-south drainage ditch; thence south along the west spoil bank of said ditch to its point of intersection with the Meadow Valley flowage road; thence east along said Meadow Valley road to the point of beginning.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77.

NR 26.04 Fish refuges. The following areas are fish refuges, and no person may take, catch, disturb, capture, kill, or fish for fish in any manner from April 25 to May 14 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along them:

(55) RUSK COUNTY. *Thornapple river*. That portion of the Thornapple river from its confluence with the Chippewa river in

section 4, T34N, R7W upstream to the Thornapple road crossing in section 33, T35N, R1W.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1985, No. 360, eff. 1-1-86.

NR 26.05 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, catch, disturb, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from April 1 to the date immediately preceding the opening date of the general fishing season of each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(26) LITTLE TURTLE RIVER. That portion 200 feet upstream and 200 feet downstream of the Popko's Circle road (west) crossing (section 7, township 42 north, range 3 east).

(51) PRICE COUNTY. (b) *Solberg creek*. Solberg creek commonly known as Disappearing creek in section 20, township 38 north, range 1 east beginning at the dyke (road crossing) and extending 200 feet upstream.

(c) *Squaw creek*. Beginning at the bridge in section 16, township 38 north, range 1 west, then extending 300 feet upstream and 300 feet downstream.

(d) *Round lake*. Within 100 feet of the shoreline beginning at the Tucker Lake portage trail, and extending west along the shoreline for 1,300 feet, located in the SE¼ of the SE¼ of sec. 14, T40N, R3E.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; r. (51) (a), Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; cr. (51) (d), Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93; cr. (26), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 4-1-98.

NR 26.06 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, catch, disturb, capture, kill, or fish for fish in any manner from April 1 to May 14 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(26) IRON COUNTY. (a) *Gile flowage*. 1. Junk Shop dike. 200 feet on either side of the Junk Shop dike on Knight road where it crosses the flowage between section 36, township 46 north, range 2 east, and section 1, township 45 north, range 2 east.

2. County trunk highway C. 200 feet on either side of that part of county trunk highway C located in the SW¼ of the NW¼, and in the NW¼ of the SW¼, section 1, township 45 north, range 2 east.

(b) *Turtle river*. Beginning at the dam in and across the Turtle river located in section 6, township 42 north, range 3 east, commonly known as Lake of the Falls dam and thence downstream 1,000 feet.

(c) *Mercer creek*. That part of Mercer creek located between Mercer and Grand Portage lakes in section 36, township 43 north, range 3 east.

(d) *Fisher and Catherine lakes*. That part of the inlet and outlets connecting Fisher and Catherine lakes (sec. 2, T43N, R4E) for a distance of approximately 200 feet on either side of the road and culvert.

(e) *Turtle Flambeau flowage*. Within 200 feet of the shoreline of the peninsula in section 5, T41N, R3E, commonly known as Seifert's Point.

(57) SAWYER COUNTY. (a) *Connor creek*. That part of Connor creek between Lake of the Pines (Pickerel lake) and Connor lake, all in section 22, township 38 north, range 3 west.

(b) *Island creek*. That part of Island creek between Black Dan lake and Island lake, all in sections 1 and 2, township 39 north, range 5 west.

(c) *Knuteson creek*. That part of Knuteson creek beginning at Chetac lake in section 9, township 37 north, range 9 west and extending upstream to Knuteson lake in section 10, township 37 north, range 9 west.

(d) *Malviney creek*. All waters of Malviney creek, sections 9 and 16, township 37 north, range 9 west.

(e) *Squaw creek*. That part of Squaw creek beginning at Chetac lake and extending upstream for a distance of 1,000 feet, all in section 33, township 38 north, range 9 west.

(f) *Totogatic river*. That part of the Totogatic river beginning at Nelson lake in section 14, township 42 north, range 9 west and extending upstream to the Seeley Fire Lane road crossing in section 2, township 42 north, range 9 west.

(g) *Unnamed stream*. That part of the unnamed stream beginning in the NW¼ of section 16, township 37 north, range 9 west and extending upstream to a point 1,000 feet above state trunk highway 48 in section 21, township 37 north, range 9 west.

(65) WASHBURN COUNTY. (a) *Balsam Lake outlet*. That part of the waterway between Balsam lake and Red Cedar lake extending for a distance of 200 feet upstream and downstream from state trunk highway 48, all in section 34, township 37 north, range 10 west.

(b) *Bear creek*. That part of Bear creek extending 100 feet upstream and downstream from the town road crossing, all in sections 34 and 35, township 37 north, range 12 west.

(c) *Birch creek*. That part of Birch creek beginning at Balsam lake in section 26, township 37 north, range 10 west and extending upstream to the dam at the outlet of Birch lake in section 25, township 37 north, range 10 west.

(d) *Little Mud lake outlet*. That part of the waterway between Little Mud lake and Long lake extending for a distance 100 feet upstream and downstream from the town road crossing, all in sections 1 and 12, township 37 north, range 11 west.

(e) *Slim creek*. That part of Slim creek beginning at Long lake in section 16, township 38 north, range 10 west and extending upstream to the dam at the outlet of the Slim creek flowage in section 10, township 38 north, range 10 west.

(68) WAUPACA COUNTY. (a) *Little Wolf river*. Beginning at the dam in and across the Little Wolf river, located in section 15, township 23 north, range 13 east, in the village of Manawa, and thence downstream from the said dam for 500 feet.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; r. (26) (a) 3., Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; cr. (26) (d), Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84; cr. (26) (e), Register, December, 1985, No. 360, eff. 1-1-86.

NR 26.07 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, catch, disturb, capture, kill, or fish for fish in any manner from March 1 to June 30 of each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas.

(29) JUNEAU COUNTY. (a) *Meadow Valley flowage*. That part of the Meadow Valley flowage lying in the following described area:

Township 20 north, range 2 east.

Section 1 - W½

Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 - Entire sections

Section 7 - N½

Section 8 - N½

Section 9 - N½

Section 10 - N½

Section 11 - All that part lying north of the Meadow Valley flowage road and west of state highway 173.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; r. (71), Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78.

NR 26.08 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, catch, disturb, capture, kill, or fish for fish in any manner from March 1 of each year to the date immediately preceding the opening date of the general

fishing season, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas.

(5) BROWN COUNTY. (a) *Duck creek*. That part of Duck creek beginning at the first dam upstream of the foot bridge in Brown county Pamperin park located in the village of Howard, section 20, T24N, R20E and extending downstream 650 feet.

Note: The creation of a refuge on Duck creek is not intended to alter the jurisdictional relationship that otherwise exists between the state and the Oneida tribe.

(b) *Fox river*. That part of the Fox river beginning at the DePere dam located in the city of DePere, T23N, R20E and extending downstream to the downstream side of the Wisconsin Public Service power lines from the east shore of the river and extending parallel to the power lines in a southwesterly direction to the northeast corner of the Nicolet Paper Company.

(c) *Sensiba discharge area to the Suamico river*. The discharge area of the Sensiba wildlife area from the dike to the south end of the culvert under Sunset Beach road in section 24 T25N, R20E.

(10) CLARK COUNTY. (a) *South fork Eau Claire river*. From the Mead Lake dam downstream for 500 feet.

(13) DANE COUNTY. (a) *Wingra creek*. That portion of Wingra creek from the Wingra lake spillway downstream for a distance of 50 feet.

(b) *Yahara river*. 1. City of Madison. From the Tenney locks in section 12, township 7 north, range 9 east, downstream for a distance of 900 feet.

2. Village of McFarland. From the Exchange street bridge in sections 3 and 10, township 6 north, range 10 east, downstream for a distance of 600 feet, and upstream to the lock and dam.

3. Village of McFarland. Beginning 400 feet upstream from the Dyreson Road bridge located in section 14, T6N, R10E, and extending upstream for a distance of 1,000 feet.

(14) DODGE COUNTY. (a) *Beaver Dam creek*. That portion of Beaver Dam creek from county highway G bridge in the NW¼ of the NE¼, section 17, township 12 north, range 13 east, downstream to the mouth at Beaver Dam lake in the SW¼ of the SW¼, section 9, township 12 north, range 13 east.

(b) *Mill creek*. That portion of Mill creek from the Fox Lake dam in the SW¼ of the NE¼, section 26, township 13 north, range 13 east, downstream to Beaver Dam lake in the SW¼ of the SW¼, section 3, township 12 north, range 13 east.

(c) *Rock river (Hustisford dam)*. That part of the Rock river beginning at the Hustisford dam, in the village of Hustisford, and extending downstream for a distance of 725 feet.

(18) EAU CLAIRE COUNTY. *Eau Claire river*. That portion of the Eau Claire river in NW¼ SW¼, section 14, T27N, R9W, beginning at the Altoona dam and extending downstream 500 feet.

(20) FOND DU LAC COUNTY. (a) *Fond du Lac river*. That portion of the Fond du Lac river from U.S. highway 41 downstream to the Hickory street bridge in the city of Fond du Lac.

(b) *Silver creek*. That portion of Silver creek from C.T.H. NN (old state highway 23) downstream to the Green Lake - Fond du Lac county line.

(24) GREEN LAKE COUNTY. (a) *Silver creek*. That part of the Silver creek beginning at the Fond du Lac - Green Lake county line and extending downstream to the Spaulding bridge located in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼, section 23, township 16 north, range 13 east.

(39) MARQUETTE COUNTY. (a) *Fox river*. 1. That part of the Fox river beginning at the dam located in the NW¼ NW¼, sec. 26, T15N, R10E, and extending downstream a distance of 200 feet.

2. That part of the Fox river beginning at the Buffalo lake dam located in the NW¼ NW¼, sec. 16, T15N, R10E, and extending downstream a distance of 50 feet.

(b) *Grand river*. That part of the Grand river beginning 50 feet downstream from the Grand river wildlife area dam located in the

NW¼ NW¼, sec. 1, T14N, R10E, and extending downstream for a distance of 300 feet.

(c) *Lower Neenah creek*. That part of Lower Neenah creek beginning at the Briggsville dam located in the SE¼ NE¼, sec. 31, T14N, R8E, and extending downstream to the state highway 23 crossing.

(d) *Montello river*. That part of the Montello river beginning at the Lake Montello dam located in the NE¼ SE¼, sec. 8, T15N, R10E, and extending downstream to the first bridge crossing.

(66) WASHINGTON COUNTY. (a) *Cedar creek*. That portion of Cedar creek commencing at the dam which is the outlet of Big Cedar lake, downstream to the Kettle of Little Cedar lake, all in sections 32 and 33, township 11 north, range 19 east.

(b) *Pike Lake dam*. Beginning 500 feet above the dam at Pike lake, thence north and downstream on the Rubicon river to the St. Paul railroad right-of-way, in sections 14 and 23, township 10 north, range 18 east.

(68) WAUKESHA COUNTY. (a) *Bark river*. 1. From the inlet to Upper Nemahbin lake in the NW¼ of the NE¼, section 24, township 7 north, range 17 east upstream to the first dam at Mill road in the city of Delafield.

2. From the inlet to Lake Nagawicka in the NE¼, section 8, township 7 north, range 18 east, upstream to the highway 83 bridge in the NE¼, section 9, township 7 north, range 18 east.

(b) *Oconomowoc river*. From the inlet to Okauchee lake in the SE¼, section 19, township 8 north, range 18 east, upstream to the North lake outlet in the SE¼, section 17, township 8 north, range 18 east.

(c) *Pewaukee lake inlet*. An unnamed stream beginning at its mouth in the NE¼ of the NE¼, section 7, township 7 north, range 19 east, upstream including drainage ditches to the highway 16 bridge in the NE¼, section 6, township 7 north, range 19 east, and to the bridge at county highway KB in the NE¼, section 1, township 7 north, range 18 east.

(d) *Lac La Belle (Oconomowoc river)*. From the grill structure at the outlet, upstream for a distance of 600 feet in NW¼ NW¼, sec. 32, T8N, R17E.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; cr. (68) (d), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; cr. (13) (a) 3, and (39), (24) renum. from NR 26.14 (24), (14) (c) Register, renum. from NR 26.17 (14); cr. (18), Register, December, 1985, No. 360, eff. 1-1-86; emerg. cr. (5), eff. 3-26-94; cr. (5), Register, November, 1994, No. 467, eff. 12-1-94, except (b) and (c), eff. 1-1-95; am. (13) (a) 2., Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 4-1-96; am. (14) (a), Register, May, 1996, No. 485, eff. 6-1-96; cr. (10), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 3-2-98; renum. (13) (a) to be (13) (b), cr. (13) (a), Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 4-1-99.

NR 26.09 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from April 1 to May 31 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas.

(3) BARRON COUNTY. (a) *Sand creek*. That part of Sand creek between Little Sand lake and Sand lake in the NW¼ of the SW¼ and the W½ of the NW¼, section 27, township 36 north, range 14 west and from the dam outlet of Sand lake downstream 500 feet in the NW¼ of the NE¼, section 17, township 36 north, range 14 west.

(am) *Spring creek*. That portion of Spring creek from 100 feet north of county highway M to 100 feet south of county highway M.

(b) *Staples creek*. That part of Staples creek from its mouth (Staples lake) in the NW¼ of the SW¼, section 19, township 35 north, range 14 west, upstream for a distance of 3000 feet.

(c) *Beaver Dam lake inlets*. 1. All of an unnamed stream located in the SW¼ of the NE¼, section 35, township 36 north, range 14 west.

2. That part of the unnamed stream (Cumberland ditch) in the SW¼ of the NE¼, section 5, township 35 north, range 13 west

upstream to the unnamed lake (Riebe lake) in the SW¼ of the NW¼, section 4, township 36 north, range 13 west.

(d) *Granite lake inlet*. That part of an unnamed stream in the SW¼ of the NW¼, township 36 north, range 13 west upstream to U.S. highway 63 in the SW¼ of the SE¼, section 18, township 36 north, range 13 west.

(e) *Duck lake inlet*. All of the unnamed stream in the NW¼ of the SE¼, section 32, township 36 north, range 13 west, upstream to the Granite lake outlet.

(f) *Silver lake inlet*. That part of the unnamed inlet to Silver lake in the NE¼ of the NE¼ of section 23, township 36 north, range 13 west, upstream for a distance of 500 feet.

(g) *Hemlock creek*. That part of Hemlock creek in the NW¼ of the NE¼, section 36, township 36 north, range 10 west upstream for a distance of 500 feet.

(h) *Turtle creek*. That part of Turtle creek (Upper Turtle lake outlet) in the NE¼ of the NW¼, section 27, township 34 north, range 14 west, downstream for a distance of 300 feet and from the outlet of Lower Turtle lake in the SE¼ of the SW¼, section 27, upstream for a distance of 300 feet.

(i) *Rice creek*. That portion of Rice creek from 100 feet north of state highway 8 to 100 feet south of state highway 8.

(4) BAYFIELD COUNTY. (a) *Pikes creek*. That part of Pikes creek from the structure commonly known as Red dam extending downstream 100 feet, all in section 28, township 50 north, range 4 west.

(34) LANGLADE COUNTY. (a) *Wolf river*. That portion of the Wolf river from the Post Lake dam downstream for 75 feet to the bottom of the first rapids.

(49) POLK COUNTY. (a) *Balsam branch*. That part of Balsam branch from Wapogasset lake in the NE¼ of the NW¼, section 14, township 33 north, range 17 west upstream to the dam at Kennedy's Mill in the SE¼ of the SE¼, section 10, township 33 north, range 17 west.

(b) *Butternut creek*. That part of Butternut creek between Big Butternut lake and Little Butternut lake, Luck township.

(c) *Harder creek*. That part of Harder creek between Balsam lake and Half Moon lake, Milltown township.

(d) *Horse creek*. That part of Horse creek in the NW¼ of the SE¼, section 27, township 32 north, range 18 west (Cedar lake inlet) upstream for a distance of 1000 feet.

(e) *Sucker creek*. That part of Sucker creek beginning at the outlet of Lake Wapogasset and extending downstream to the county trunk highway F bridge, all in section 26, township 33 north, range 17 west.

(51) PRICE COUNTY. (a) *Schnur creek*. All of Schnur creek, beginning at the west shore of Schnur lake and extending westward to its mouth on the east shore of Butternut lake, SE¼ of NE¼, section 5, township 40 north, range 1 west.

(b) *South fork spirit river*. That portion from the Spirit lake dam downstream for 500 feet.

(54) RUSK COUNTY. (a) That part of Swift creek between Island Lake dam and 500 feet below the dam.

(57) SAWYER COUNTY. (a) That part of the Brunet river between Lake Winter dam and 500 feet below the dam.

(b) That part of the Couderay river between Radisson dam and 500 feet below the dam.

(59) WAUKESHA COUNTY. *Oconomowoc river*. That part of the Oconomowoc river between the Okauchee lake dam and 500 feet below the dam.

(63) VILAS COUNTY. (a) *Manitowish river*. Beginning at the dam across the Manitowish river located in section 9, township 42 north, range 5 east, commonly known as the Rest Lake dam, and extending downstream for a distance of 500 feet.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; cr. (54) and (57), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; cr. (57) (c), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; renum. (57) (c) to be NR 26.01 (57) (c), Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93; cr. (59), Register, December, 1993, No. 456, 1-1-94; cr.

(51), Register, November, 1994, No. 467, eff. 1-1-95; cr. (63) (a), Register, May, 1996, No. 485, eff. 6-1-96; am. (51), Register, October, 1997, No. 502, eff. 4-1-98; cr. (3) (am), (i) and (34), Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 4-1-99.

NR 26.10 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from July 15 to October 31 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(4) BAYFIELD COUNTY. *Bayfield hatchery outlet ditch.* That part of the Bayfield Hatchery outlet ditch from the Bayfield hatchery downstream to its confluence with Pike's creek.

(16) DOUGLAS COUNTY. (a) *Brule river.* That part of the Brule river commonly known as the Box Car Hole, extending downstream from the Box Car Hole 100 feet and extending upstream from the Box Car Hole 100 feet, allocated in section 2, township 47 north, range 10 west.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 12-1-77; cr. (4), Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 4-1-01.

NR 26.11 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from September 1 to May 31, each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(4) BAYFIELD COUNTY. (a) *Sioux river.* That part of the Sioux river commonly known as the Big Rock Hole extending downstream for a distance of 200 feet all in section 19, township 49 north, range 4 west.

(16) DOUGLAS COUNTY. (a) *Brule river.* That part of the Brule river commonly known as Skid Mays or Mays Ledges extending from the upper falls downstream to the upstream end of the island, all located in section 15, township 48 north, range 10 west.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; cr. (16), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89.

NR 26.12 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from April 15 to May 15 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(4) BAYFIELD COUNTY. (a) *Eau Claire Chain of Lakes.* That part of the Eau Claire river system connecting the Eau Claire Chain of Lakes in Barnes township.

(59) SHAWANO COUNTY. (a) *Wolf river.* That part of the Wolf river located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, section 36, township 27 north, range 15 east starting at the Shawano Paper Mill dam and extending downstream to the Shawano county highway M bridge.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; cr. (4), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; cr. (59) (b), Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; r. (59) (b), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85.

NR 26.13 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill, or fish for fish in any manner from September 1 to December 31 in each year, both dates inclusive, in, on, or along the following described water areas:

(15) DOOR COUNTY. (a) *Strawberry creek.* That stream known as Strawberry creek in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, section 16, township 27 north, range 26 east from the Sturgeon Bay ship canal upstream to its source.

(c) That portion of the Sturgeon Bay ship canal within 500 feet of Strawberry creek in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, section 16, township 22 north, range 26 east.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; r. (15) (b), Register, September, 1979, No. 285, eff. 11-1-79; cr. (15) (c), Register, January, 1980, No. 289, eff. 2-1-80.

NR 26.15 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner or at any time except during the open season for muskellunge in, on or along the following described water areas:

(54) RUSK COUNTY. (a) *Flambeau river.* That part of the Flambeau river within 200 feet of all hydroelectric dams.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; cr. (54), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; r. (57) (a), Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82.

NR 26.16 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from April 15 to June 1 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas as:

(7) BURNETT COUNTY. (a) *Clam river.* That part of the Clam river beginning at the dam located in section 26, township 39 north, range 16 west, commonly known as the Clam lake dam, and extending downstream for a distance of 300 feet.

(57) SAWYER COUNTY. (a) *Chief river.* That part of the Chief river beginning at a point 200 feet upstream from the county trunk highway B bridge and extending upstream to the dam at the outlet of Callahan lake, all in sections 34 and 35, township 41 north, range 7 west.

(b) *Chippewa river.* Beginning at the gate of the reservoir dam known as the Winter dam in government lots 1 and 9 in section 2, township 39 north, range 6 west, and extending downstream 1,000 feet.

(c) *Whitefish creek.* The entire length of Whitefish creek from Whitefish lake to Lac Courte Oreilles, all lying in sections 11 and 12, township 39 north, range 9 west.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; cr. (51), Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; r. (51), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83.

NR 26.17 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges, and it shall be unlawful for any person to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from February 15 of each year to the date immediately preceding the opening date of the general fishing season, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (intro.), Register, January, 1980, No. 289, eff. 2-1-80; renum. (14) to be NR 26.08 (14) (c), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85.

NR 26.18 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges, and it shall be unlawful for any person to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from March 1 to April 15, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(66) WASHINGTON COUNTY. (a) *Milwaukee river (Newburg dam).* That part of the Milwaukee river beginning at the Newburg dam in the town of Trenton and extending downstream for a distance of 300 feet.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77.

NR 26.19 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from April 10 to May 10 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following describe water areas.

(44) ONEIDA COUNTY. (a) *Squirrel river.* That part of the Squirrel river from the Squirrel lake dam in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, section 30, township 39 north, range 5 east, downstream from the said dam for a distance of 500 feet.

(64) VILAS COUNTY. (a) *Helen creek.* The entire length of stream from the point it enters Mamie lake in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW

¼, section 20, township 43 north, range 9 east upstream to the stream source in the NW¼ of the SW¼, section 31, township 43 north, range 9 east.

(b) *Spring creek*. That part of Spring creek from the point it enters Mamie lake in the NE¼ of the SW¼, section 21, township 43 north, range 9 east upstream to the Spring lake outlet in the NE¼ of the NW¼, section 27, township 43 north, range 9 east.

(c) *Big Arbor Vitae lake*. That part of Big Arbor Vitae lake beginning at the lake outlet in the NE¼ of the SE¼, section 30, township 40 north, range 7 east, extending downstream for a distance of 500 feet.

(d) *Little Arbor Vitae lake outlet*. That part of Little Arbor Vitae lake outlet beginning at the Little Arbor Vitae lake dam in the NE¼ of the SE¼, section 33, township 40 north, range 7 east extending downstream to Carrol lake, except unnamed lakes in the NE¼ of the SE¼, section 33, township 40 north, range 7 east. History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (64) (d), Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 4-1-96.

NR 26.20 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from April 10 to the date immediately preceding the opening date of the general fishing season of each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(44) ONEIDA COUNTY. (a) *Wisconsin river*. That part of the Wisconsin river beginning from the Rainbow flowage dam, county highway D, the SW¼ of the SW¼, section 30, township 39 north, range 8 east, downstream from the said dam for a distance of 500 feet.

(b) *Pelican river*. That part of the Pelican river below the 5th lake dam of the Moen lake chain in the SE¼, section 4, township 36 north, range 10 east and extending downstream from the said dam for a distance of 500 feet.

(c) *Little Rice creek*. That part of Little Rice creek below the Oneida lake dam in the NE¼ of the NE¼, section 8 extending downstream to Hancock lake.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77.

NR 26.21 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges, and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from April 10 to May 20 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas.

(44) ONEIDA COUNTY. (a) *Tomahawk river*. That part of the Tomahawk river beginning from the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company bridge in the NE¼ of the NE¼, section 27, township 38 north, range 5 east, downstream for a distance of 500 feet.

(b) *Willow river*. That part of the Willow river beginning at the upstream end of the rapids in the NE¼ of the NE¼, section 15, township 37 north, range 4 east, and extending downstream for a distance of 2,000 feet.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; cr. (44) (b), Register, December, 1990, No. 420, eff. 1-1-91; am. (44) (a), Register, May, 1996, No. 485, eff. 7-1-96.

NR 26.22 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from April 10 to May 15 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(64) VILAS COUNTY. (a) *Little St. Germain*. That part of Little St. Germain beginning at the lake outlet in the SW¼ of the SE¼, section 35, township 40 north, range 8 east extending downstream for a distance of 500 feet.

(b) *Allequash creek*. That part of Allequash creek beginning at county highway M, NW¼ of the NW¼, section 20, township

41 north, range 7 east, extending downstream to Trout lake and into Trout lake for a distance of 100 feet in all directions.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (64) (a), Register, November, 1994, No. 467, eff. 1-1-95; cr. (64) (b), Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 4-1-96.

NR 26.23 Fish refuges. (1) In order to prevent substantial depletion of the fish supply, the following described spawning areas and nursery areas in Lake Superior are hereby created and established as fish refuges and no person may take, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner at any one time in, on or along the following described water areas:

(a) From the southernmost point of Outer island in a straight line and a southerly direction to the Gullisland light and then south to the northernmost point of Michigan island proceeding in a southerly direction following the shoreline of Michigan island to the Michigan island light, then southerly towards the center of the mouth of the Bad river in Ashland county to latitude 46° 40'; then due east to the Michigan state line; then northerly along the state line to a point due east of the southerly tip of Outer island; from that point due west to the southernmost point of Outer island, the place of beginning excluding those waters within 2 miles of Outer island and within one mile of the mainland shoreline of Ashland county; except that licensed commercial fishers may fish all that area within these external boundaries wherein the lake bottom lies at a depth of 35 fathoms (210 feet) or more; and, except in those included waters less than 7 fathoms in depth which immediately adjoin Michigan island, gill nets with a mesh size of 2¼" or less stretch measure may be used from November 5 to December 5 for the taking of menominee whitefish. Float nets with a maximum stretch measure of 3 inches may be fished in this area for lake herring from November 1 to December 15 out to a bottom depth of 25 fathoms. The nets shall be a minimum of 2 fathoms from the bottom.

(b) All waters in which the bottom lies at a depth of less than 35 fathoms northerly from a line beginning 2 miles north of the Outer island light and extending westerly to the north end of North Twin island, then along the shoreline to the south end of North Twin island, then southwesterly to the north end of South Twin island, then northerly to the north end of Rocky island, then along the north shoreline to the northwest point of Rocky island, then northwesterly to the south end of Devils island, then along the shoreline to the north end of Devils island, then westerly to a point 2½ miles north of the York Island Shoal bell buoy. The area within the refuge from the northern tip of Devils island following the compass bearing 300 degrees to the refuge's western boundary, then due south to the southwest corner of the refuge and back to the north tip of Devils island will be open to fishing during period 3 (June 1 to September 30).

(2) In order to prevent substantial depletion of the fish supply, the following described spawning area in Lake Superior is hereby created and established as a fish refuge and no person may take, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner in, on or along Lake Superior from the outlet of the cooling water discharge of the Northern States Power Company in the City of Ashland to a line located 50 feet in all directions from the outlet, from March 1 through May 15.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (1), Register, January, 1980, No. 289, eff. 2-1-80; emerg. cr. (3), eff. 10-6-80; cr. (3), Register, March, 1981, No. 303, eff. 4-1-81; emerg. am. (1) (a) and r. and recr. (2), eff. 7-1-81; am. (1) (a) and r. and recr. (2), Register, August, 1981, No. 308, eff. 9-1-81; am. (3) Register, July, 1984, No. 343, eff. 8-1-84; emerg. am. (1) (a) and (b) and (2) (a), eff. 4-22-86; am. (1) (a) and (b) and (2) (a), Register, October, 1986, No. 370, eff. 11-1-86; am. (3) Register, June, 1989, No. 402, eff. 7-1-89; cr. (2) (b), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89; reprinted to correct printing error in (1) (a), Register, April, 1992, No. 436; am. (1) (a), (b) and (2) (Intro.) and (b), r. (2) (a), Register, June, 1997, No. 498, eff. 7-1-97; r. (3), Register, January, 1999, No. 517, eff. 4-1-99.

NR 26.24 Fish refuges. The following areas are created and established as fish refuges and no person may take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from March 1 to May 15 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas.

(9) **CHIPPewa COUNTY.** That portion of Otter creek from the Otter lake dam in section 11, township 30 north, range 5 west, downstream for a distance of 300 feet.

(15) **DOOR COUNTY.** (a) *Ahnapee river.* That portion of the Ahnapee river from the Forestville dam in section 29, township 26 north, range 25 east, downstream for a distance of 500 feet.

(38) **MARINETTE COUNTY.** (a) *Peshtigo river.* That part of the Peshtigo river beginning at the Badger Paper mill dam in the city of Peshtigo, section 19, township 30 north, range 23 east, downstream to the downstream side of the wooden covered foot bridge in section 19, township 30 north, range 23 east.

(61) **TAYLOR COUNTY.** That portion of Otter creek from county highway H, on the Chippewa-Taylor county line, upstream to the north boundary of section 19, township 30 north, range 4 west.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (intro.), Register, July, 1989, No. 403, eff. 8-1-89; cr. (38), Register, December, 1990, No. 420, eff. 1-1-91; cr. (9), (61), Register, November, 1994, No. 467, eff. 1-1-95.

NR 26.25 Fish refuges. The following described areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from the first Saturday in May to June 1 of each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(26) **IRON COUNTY.** (a) That part of the Manitowish river from the bridge at state highway 47, sec. 9, township 42 north, range 4 east, upstream to the Vilas county line, sec. 12, township 42 north, range 4 east.

(63) **VILAS COUNTY.** (a) That portion of the Manitowish river (excluding the lake basins of Vance, Sturgeon and Benson lakes) from U.S. highway 51, sec. 7, township 42 north, range 5 east, downstream to the Iron county line, sec. 7, township 42 north, range 5 east.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78.

NR 26.26 Panfish spawning refuges. The following described areas are created and established as fish refuges and no person may take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from the third Monday in May and continuing for 19 consecutive days, both dates inclusive, in on or along the following described water areas:

(25) **IOWA COUNTY.** (a) That portion of the Cox Hollow lake within 100 feet of the shoreline on the southern arm of the lake that is marked with buoys.

History: Cr., Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 4-1-00.

NR 26.27 Fish refuges. (1) The following described areas are created and established as fish refuges and no person may take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from March 1 to May 18 each year, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described water areas:

(16) **DOUGLAS COUNTY.** (a) *St. Louis river.* That part of the St. Louis river beginning STH 23 bridge section 8, township 48 N, range 15 W upstream to the Wisconsin-Minnesota border.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; emerg. am.(1), eff. 4-25-89; am. (1), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90.

NR 26.28 Fish refuges. The following areas are established as fish refuges and no person may fish for fish in any manner from April 15 to June 15 each year both dates inclusive in, on or along the following described water areas:

(50) **PRICE COUNTY.** (a) That portion of the Big Elk river beginning at the Jobs dam, located in section 14, township 37 north, range 1 west, downstream 500 feet below that dam.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83.

NR 26.29 Fish refuges. The following described areas are created and established as fish refuges and no person may take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from April 15 to May 15 each year in, on or along the following described water areas unless posted open to fishing with department signs:

(59) (a) *Embarrass river.* That part of the Embarrass river from county hwy. M bridge located in the SE 1/4, section 9, township 26 north, range 14 east downstream to Rangeline road located in the SE 1/4, section 13, township 26 North, range 14 east.

History: Cr. Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85.

NR 26.30 Fish refuges. The following described areas are created and established as fish refuges and no person may take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from August 1 to the Friday before the first Saturday in May, each year, both dates inclusive, in, on, or along the following described areas:

(52) **RACINE COUNTY.** (a) That part of the Root river located at Lincoln park in the city of Racine beginning 200 feet downstream from the fish ladder and extending upstream to 100 feet past the instream fish barrier of the Root river steelhead facility.

(b) That part of the Root river located at Lincoln park in the city of Racine beginning 100 feet downstream from the fish return pipe and extending upstream to 100 feet past the fish return pipe of the Root river steelhead facility.

History: Cr. Register, November, 1995, No. 479, eff. 4-1-96.

NR 26.31 Fish refuges. The following described areas are created and established as fish refuges and no person may take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner at any time when posted closed to fishing with department signs:

(33) **LAFAYETTE COUNTY.** Yellowstone lake sub-impoundment and rearing pond. Those waters known as Yellowstone lake sub-impoundment and Yellowstone lake rearing pond located immediately upstream from Yellowstone lake.

History: Cr. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 4-1-2001.

