

| Kind of fish and locality   | Open season<br>(both dates<br>inclusive)  | Daily<br>bag<br>limit               | Minimum<br>length<br>(inches) |
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| son lake in Price county; Camp Smith lake in Sawyer county; North Twin and Spruce lakes in Taylor county; Eleva-Osseo Club and Eittrick 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                            |                                     |                               |

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| 3. Lake Winnebago.....   | First Saturday<br>in February to<br>March 1 | The bag<br>limit on<br>speared<br>sturgeon<br>is one (1)<br>per season<br>regardless<br>of the<br>water in<br>which<br>speared | 40                            |
| 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, Pond 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. |   |  |                               |
| (r) PADDLEFISH OR SPOONBILL CATFISH.....   | No open season                              | -----  | -----                         |
| (u) SUCKER AND REDHORSE.....   | No closed season                            | 50 in<br>aggregate   | No size limit                 |

(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.