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weir 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 Poyssippi 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.

h. Waterloo (Maunasha) creek beginning at the dam (Malthouse) at Waterloo in Jefferson county downstream to its confluence with the Crawfish river, Dodge county.

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.

a. Mill creek in Portage county.

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) 1. Except as provided in the following subdivisions 2, 3, and 4, and except for posted streams, there shall be no closed season for hook and line fishing for any species of fish except sturgeon, small-mouth bass and largemouth bass in waters of Lake Michigan, Green Bay and upstream to the first dam or lake on any stream which is a tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay.

2. During the period from the Saturday nearest May 1 to September 15, the bag limits, minimum size limits and other regulations governing fish and fishing as set forth in this chapter apply to the waters of Lake Michigan, Green Bay and upstream to the first dam or lake on any stream which is tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay.

3. During the period from September 16 to but not including the Saturday nearest May 1 in the following May, annually, upstream to the first dam or lake on any stream tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay, the minimum size of trout and salmon shall be 10 inches and the daily bag limit shall be 5 of such fish in the aggregate. During such period, hook and line fishing is restricted to the use of natural baits or artificial lures with a hook gape size not larger than one-half inch from point to shank. During such period, fishing with hook and line is prohibited between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on all streams tributary to Lake Michigan and Green Bay, except the Menominee river.

4. During the period from September 16 through December 31, it shall be lawful to take trout and salmon by hand without the use of any device and by foul hooking while fishing with hook and line with either natural baits or artificial lures with a hook gape size not larger than one-half inch from point to shank, in the waters of Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, including ship canal, Sawyer Harbor, and upstream to the first dam or lake in all streams tributary to these waters. During such period fishing by hand and hook and line is prohibited between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. on all streams tributary to Lake Michigan and Green Bay, except in the Menominee river. The size limit on trout and salmon shall be 10 inches and the bag limit shall be 5 of such fish in the aggregate.

(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.

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 Nebish lake there shall be a daily bag limit of 10 trout in aggregate.

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:

(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. *Peshtigo 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; am. (3) (a) 28, 56 and 71, (3) (am) 7, cr. (3) (am) 3 a, 7 a and 24 a and r. (4) (c) 1 and 2, Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75.

**Note:** For a complete history of NR 20.04 see the history note for NR 20.04 as it appeared in the December, 1974 Administrative Register.

**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 1½ 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

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- (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.

**History:** Cr. Register, September, 1958, No. 33, eff. 10-1-58; cr. (1) (h) and (2) Register, March, 1959, No. 39, eff. 1-1-59; cr. (1) Register, July, 1959, No. 43, eff. 1-1-59; am. (2) Register, October, 1959, No. 46, eff. 11-1-59; cr. (3) Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; am. (1) (1); cr. (k) (m) and (n) and (4) Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; cr. (1) (o) (p), and (4) (b), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (1) (f) (h) (n), (2) (a) and (4) (b) Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1-1-63; cr. (1) (q), Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1-1-64; cr. (5), Register, June, 1970, No. 174, eff. 7-1-70; renun. WCD 20.15 to be NR 20.15; am. (1) intro. par., (2) intro. par., (3) intro. par., and (4) intro. par., Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; cr. (6), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 1-1-72.

**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                  |
|                            | (e) Pikes creek                 |
| ( 7) Burnett county -----  | (a) Clam river                  |
| (10) Clark county -----    | (a) Eau Claire river            |
| (13) Dane county -----     | (a) Pheasant Branch creek       |
|                            | (b) Yahara river                |
| (14) Dodge county -----    | (a) Beaver Dam creek            |
|                            | (b) Mill creek                  |
|                            | (c) Rock river                  |
| (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 |
|                            | (i) Heins creek                 |
| (16) Douglas county -----  | (a) Brule river                 |

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| (17) Dunn county -----        | (a) Red Cedar river                 |
| (20) Fond du Lac county ----- | (a) Fond du Lac river               |
| (21) Forest county -----      | (a) Crane lake                      |
| (23) Green county -----       | (a) Zanders lake                    |
| (26) Iron county -----        | (a) Gile flowage                    |
|                               | (b) West branch of Montreal river   |
|                               | (c) Turtle river                    |
| (28) Jefferson county -----   | (a) Rock river                      |
| (29) Juneau county -----      | (a) Wisconsin river                 |
|                               | (b) Necedah dam on Yellow river     |
| (30) Kenosha county -----     | (a) Rock lake                       |
|                               | (b) Kenosha harbor                  |
| (31) Kewaunee county -----    | (a) Little Scarboro creek           |
|                               | (b) Three Mile creek                |
|                               | (c) Ahnapee river                   |
|                               | (d) Kewaunee river                  |
| (35) Lincoln county -----     | (a) Spirit flowage                  |
| (36) Manitowoc county -----   | (a) Molash creek                    |
|                               | (b) East Twin river                 |
|                               | (c) Little Manitowoc river          |
|                               | (d) Point Beach Nuclear Power plant |
| (37) Marathon county -----    | (a) Big Eau Pleine flowage          |
| (38) Marinette county -----   | (a) Little river                    |
| (39) Marquette county -----   | (a) Fox river                       |
|                               | (b) Montello river                  |
|                               | (c) Grand river                     |
| (44) Oneida county -----      | (a) Wisconsin river                 |
|                               | (b) Tomahawk river                  |
|                               | (c) Willow flowage                  |
|                               | (d) Little Bass lake                |
|                               | (e) Squirrel river                  |
| (50) Portage county -----     | (a) Wisconsin river                 |
|                               | (b) Little Plover river             |
| (51) Price county -----       | (a) North Fork of Flambeau river    |
|                               | (b) Big Elk river                   |
|                               | (c) Solberg creek                   |
|                               | (d) Squaw creek                     |
| (54) Rock county -----        | (a) Atlas pond                      |
|                               | (b) Lions Beach pond                |
| (58) Sawyer county -----      | (a) Area below Chippewa flowage dam |
|                               | (b) Chief river                     |
| (59) Shawano county -----     | (a) Wolf river                      |
| (60) Sheboygan county -----   | (a) Weeden's creek                  |
|                               | (b) Sheboygan river                 |
| (62) Trempealeau county ----- | (a) Beaver creek                    |
|                               | (b) Trempealeau river               |
|                               | (c) Elk creek                       |
| (64) Vilas county -----       | (a) Nebish lake                     |
|                               | (b) Palette lake                    |
|                               | (c) Helen creek                     |

- (d) Spring Creek Sec. 33, T43N, R9E.
- (e) Big Arbor Vitae lake outlet
- (f) Little Arbor Vitae lake outlet
- (g) Little St. Germain inlets and outlets
- (h) Trout river
- (65) Walworth county ----- (a) Lake Geneva
- (b) Beulah lake
- (68) Waukesha county ----- (a) Lower Genesee lake
- (b) Moose lake
- (c) Lower Nashotah lake
- (d) Bark river
- (e) Oconomowoc river
- (f) Pewaukee lake and inlets and outlets

**History:** Cr. Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; am. Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1-1-64; cr. (20) and (39), Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; cr. (1) (a), (26) (c), (29) (a), (49) (a) and (58) (a), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; am. Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; emerg. cr. (39) (a), eff. 4-26-67; cr. (39) (a), Register, May, 1967, No. 137, eff. 6-1-67; cr. (15) (a) (b) and (c); (29) (b); (31) (a) and (b); (36) (a); (51) (a); and (60) (a), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 1-1-68; cr. (7) (a) and (15) (d), (e), and (f); am. (64) (e) and (f), Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; cr. (10) (a); (15) (g) and (h); (31) (c) and (d); (36) (b) and (c); (38) (a); (39) (b); (51) (b); (58) (a) and (60) (b), Register, October, 1969, No. 166, eff. 1-1-70; renun. WCD 20.16 to be NR 20.16; am. intro. par., Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; cr. (36) (d) and (68) (f), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 1-1-72; am. (4), Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 7-1-72; cr. (4) (e), (15) (i) and (39) (c), Register, November, 1972, No. 203, eff. 1-1-73; r. and recr. (64) (d), Register, October, 1973, No. 214, eff. 1-1-74; r. and recr. (13) and (14), cr. (14) (c), (17) (a), (23) (a), (28) (a), (30) (b), (44) (e), (50) (b), (51) (c), and (d), (54) (a) and (b), (58) (b), (62) (a), (b) and (c), (65) (b), Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75.

**NR 20.17 Report of licensed guides.** All Wisconsin guides licensed under the provisions of section 29.165, Wis. Stats., and operating in the Wisconsin waters of Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall report to the department on blanks to be furnished by the department detailed information regarding their fishing activities which shall include the quantity, the varieties of fish taken, and any other information pertaining to their fishing activities required by the department.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1973, No. 209, eff. 6-1-73; am., Register, June, 1974, No. 222, eff. 7-1-74.