

southward along the mainland shore to the reserve waters of Chequamegon bay.

(1) No nets of any kind shall be used, set, placed or operated in that portion of southern Green Bay lying north or east of a line commencing at the end of Ogden Street in the city of Marinette and running southeasterly to the most southwesterly point of Seagull Bar, thence along the shoreline of Seagull Bar to the public boat landing located in section 16, T30N, R24E, Marinette county.

History: 1-2-56; am. (5), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (2) and (5), Register, June, 1959, No. 42, eff. 7-1-59; am. (4) and (8), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; cr. (9), Register, February, 1968, No. 146, eff. 3-1-68; renum. WCD 25.02 to be NR 25.02; am. (8), Register, December, 1970, No. 180, eff. 1-1-71; am. (5), Register, July, 1972, No. 199, eff. 8-1-72; am. (2) and (9) and r. (3), Register, May, 1973, No. 209, eff. 6-1-73; cr. (10), Register, June, 1974, No. 222, eff. 7-1-74.

NR 25.03 Closed seasons. A closed season is established for each variety of fish and crayfish named in this chapter extending during all the time of the year except the open season period embraced within specified dates, both inclusive, and except as otherwise expressly provided no person shall take, catch or kill fish of any variety in excess of the daily bag limit and no person shall take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish by means other than as specified in this chapter, nor at any time other than the open season therefor, nor have in his possession or under his control any fish or crayfish in excess of the possession limit or below the minimum size therefor during the open season. Wherever a period of time is specified by dates in this chapter the first and last dates so specified are included in such period of time unless the context specifically provides otherwise.

History: 1-2-56; r. and recr. Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. Register, September, 1966, No. 129, eff. 10-1-66; renum. WCD 25.03 to be NR 25.03, Register, December, 1970, No. 180, eff. 1-1-71.

NR 25.04 Open seasons; size limits. (1) **OPEN SEASONS.** In the outlying waters there shall be an open season on the various species of fish as follows:

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Species	A	B	C
	Lake Michigan and Northern Green Bay	Southern Green Bay	Lake Superior
(b) WHITEFISH	December 1 to October 25	December 1 to October 25	November 26 to October 24
(c) CHUBS	April 1 to December 31, pursuant to NR 25.04 (3), Wis. Adm. Code	NO OPEN SEASON	AT ALL TIMES
(d) HERRING OR BLUEFIN	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES
(e) YELLOW PERCH	June 11 to April 9	May 20 to April 9	June 2 to April 14
(f) SUCKERS	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES
(g) WALLEYE AND SAUGER	NO OPEN SEASON IN LAKE MICHIGAN	May 20 to March 9	NO OPEN SEASON
	May 20 to March 9 in Northern Green Bay		
(h) NORTHERN PIKE	NO OPEN SEASON IN LAKE MICHIGAN	May 20 to March 9	NO OPEN SEASON
	May 20 to March 9 in Northern Green Bay		
(j) OTHERS (Except as listed above and otherwise specified in NR 20.02 and NR 25.06)	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES	AT ALL TIMES

(2) **SIZE LIMITS.** No fish of any of the following varieties taken in gear or equipment authorized by this chapter, shall be retained, sold, or transported of the length or size less than that specified for each variety. The following method of measuring shall apply: The measurement of the length of a fish within the meaning of this chapter shall be taken in a straight line in a natural position without manipulation from the tip of the snout to the end of the fully extended tail-fin. A "fish in the round" shall be deemed to be a fish that is entirely intact as it was taken out of the water with no part removed by dressing; a "dressed fish" shall be deemed a fish with the head and tailfin attached but the entire gut or viscera (stomach, liver, intestine, gonads) removed; and a "filleted fish" shall be deemed to be a fish with the entire head, gut or viscera, gills, bones, scales and all of the fins removed. The measurement of length and weight shall apply without any allowance made for the shrinkage of the fish.

Species	A	B	C
	Lake Michigan and Northern Green Bay	Southern Green Bay	Lake Superior
(b) WHITEFISH.....	17 inches	17 inches	17 inches
(e) YELLOW PERCH.....	8 inches in the round or dressed 5¼ inches with head and tail off 6" headless	7½ inches in the round or dressed 5¼ inches with head and tail off 6" headless	8 inches in the round or dressed 5¼ inches with head and tail off 6" headless
(f) SUCKERS	No size limit	No size limit	No size limit
(g) WALLEYE AND SAUGER	15 inches	15 inches	_____
(h) NORTHERN PIKE	20 inches	20 inches	_____
(k) BUFFALO	18 inches	18 inches	_____
(l) CATFISH	16 inches in the round	16 inches in the round	_____
(m) OTHERS (except smelt, menominees, herring, chubs, sheepshead, carp and alewife for which there is no size limit)	8 inches	8 inches	8 inches

(3) QUOTAS. (a) The total allowable harvest of chubs by commercial methods during the open season in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan and northern Green Bay shall be 120,000 pounds taken annually.

(b) Participation in the chub fishery is limited to licensed fishermen operating under contracts issued for assessment of chub populations in these waters. Prior to January 1, 1976 there shall be no more than 6 such contracts issued annually. The ports adjacent to the areas in which such contract fishing shall occur and the maximum assessment catch by port are designated in the following table:

1975 Chub Quota - Lake Michigan

Ports	Quota
Kenosha	13,000 lbs.
Racine	27,000 lbs.
Milwaukee	41,000 lbs.
Port Washington	6,000 lbs.
Sheboygan	27,000 lbs.
Other Waters	6,000 lbs.
Total	120,000 lbs.

(c) During the open season commencing April 1, 1976, and thereafter, there shall be no more than 7 such contracts issued annually. The total allowable harvest to be taken annually shall be divided equally among contract fishermen operating in waters of Lake Michigan and northern Green Bay designated by the department. Such contract fishing shall occur in waters generally adjacent to the following ports or areas: Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee, Port Washington, Sheboygan, Manitowoc and waters adjoining Door and Kewaunee counties.

(d) Contracts shall be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Experience in the commercial chub fishery;
2. Adequacy of fishing gear;
3. Knowledge of the area in which fishery is to occur;

4. Financial responsibility;
5. Demonstrated reliability.
- (e) Such contracts shall contain provisions regarding:
 1. Sale of catch through Wisconsin licensed wholesale fish dealers;
 2. Provisions for quantity and type of gear allowed;
 3. Designation of areas in which fishing is allowed;
 4. Individual quota and provisions for reporting catch;
 5. Compensation to the contractor. Criteria to be considered in determining compensation includes but are not limited to:
 - a. Operating costs;
 - b. Value of catch;
 - c. Reasonable profit;
 - d. Area to be fished;
 - e. Time of year.
 6. Examination of the catch;
 7. Performance bond;
 8. Contract revocation.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1) (a) and (b) and (2) (m), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (2) (e), Register, June, 1959, No. 42, eff. 7-1-59; r. and recr. (1), am. (2) (m), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (1) (a), (2) (a), Register, June, 1962, No. 78, eff. 7-1-62; am. (1) (b), Register, November, 1964, No. 107, eff. 12-11-64; am. (1) (a), (b), (g) and (h) and (2) (a), Register, December, 1965, No. 120, eff. 1-1-66; renum. WCD 25.04 to be NR 25.04; am. (1) (b), Register, December, 1970, No. 180, eff. 1-1-71; r. (1) (a) and (2) (a), Register, July, 1972, No. 199, eff. 8-1-72, emerg. am. (1) and cr. (3), eff. 6-2-75, am. (1) and cr (3), Register, February, 1976, No. 242, eff. 3-1-76.

NR 25.05 Illegal fish. (1) (a) All illegal fish caught in nets which cannot be returned alive or unharmed to the water shall be tagged with tags furnished by the department of natural resources as soon as possible after removal from the water. Such tags shall remain attached to the fish until prepared for final consumption, and no such fish or part thereof other than offal shall be transported in any manner without such tag or tags attached thereto.