

Chapter NR 22

WISCONSIN-IOWA BOUNDARY WATERS

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Note: Chapter NR 22 as it existed on March 31, 1982, was repealed and a new chapter NR 22 was created effective April 1, 1982.

NR 22.01 Purpose. (1) This chapter, along with other applicable rules and statutes, regulates fishing in the Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters.

(2) The rules contained in this chapter are not intended, nor do they authorize introducing into interstate commerce for purposes of human consumption or use, fish taken from the Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters which fail to meet or comply with food and drug administration (FDA) standards.

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NR 22.015 License waiver. (1) On the third Saturday in June each year, no fishing license is required to fish the Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters.

(2) The license waiver of sub. (1) does not apply to commercial fishing license requirements.

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NR 22.02 Definitions. Except as otherwise specifically defined in the statutes, the following terms, for the purpose of this chapter, are defined as follows:

(1) "Closed season" means that period of the year not included in the open season for each species of fish as provided in this chapter.

(2) "Commercial fish" means species of rough and detrimental fish as defined in this chapter, shovelnose (hackleback) sturgeon 25 inches and over in length, catfish 15 inches or over in length or 12 inches or over dressed and bullheads 9 inches or over in length or 7 inches and over dressed when taken with commercial fishing gear under a commercial fishing license.

(3) "Commercial fishing gear" or "commercial gear" means that equipment specifically authorized for use in commercial fishing by this chapter.

(4) "Commercial fishing licenses" means those licenses issued under ss. 29.34, 29.343, 29.36 and 29.37, Stats., authorizing commercial fish harvests.

(5) "Dressed fish" means fish with the head and viscera removed but the tail on.

(6) "Fisher" means any person engaged in fishing.

(7) "Length of fish" means unless otherwise specified, that distance measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the outermost end of the tail or caudal fin fully extended.

(8) "Minnows" mean all species defined as such in s. 29.01 (3) (a), Stats., and bullheads not exceeding 4 inches in length.

(9) "Possession limit" means double the daily bag limit.

(10) "Rough fish" means all species defined as such in s. 29.01 (3) (a), Stats., including grass carp which is also known as amur carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*).

(11) "Sport fishing" means any fishing, including the methods commonly known as hook and line fishing or angling conducted without a commercial fishing license and with other than commercial fishing gear.

(12) "Stretch measure" means the extension measure of net mesh size whenever the size of mesh of a net is specified and is the distance between the extreme angles of any single mesh with the mesh fully stretched. Such measurements shall apply to all nets except basket traps or slat nets.

(13) "Supervisor" means any department employe assigned or designated to oversee fishing activities conducted under this chapter.

(14) "Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters" means all waters from the Burlington northern railroad tracks on the east side of the Mississippi river extending west from the railroad tracks to that part of the river following the boundaries between the states of Wisconsin and Iowa.

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Subchapter 1 — Sport Fishing

NR 22.03 Reciprocity: sport fishing or spearing and dip netting. Any person holding a hook and line fishing license issued by either Iowa or Wisconsin may fish in waters of the Mississippi river lying between the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad tracks on the Iowa side of the river, and the Burlington northern railroad tracks lying on the Wisconsin side of the river, including all sloughs and backwaters, bays and newly extended water areas connected with the main channel of the Mississippi river by a channel which is navigable when the waters are approximately equal to the normal pool elevation as created by the U.S. army corps of engineers. This reciprocity applies only to hook and line fishing, spearing, dip netting, and the taking of minnows and crayfish for such fishing. Spearing and dip netting are prohibited within 200 feet of any U.S. army corps of engineers locks and dams. Residents of either Wisconsin or Iowa may not fish in these boundary waters when the angler's state of residency license has been revoked.

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