

1. The total allowable commercial and home use harvest in the waters of Lake Superior east of Bark Point may not exceed 58,000 lake trout during the open season.

2. That number of lake trout to be harvested by non-Indian licensed commercial fishers from the waters of Lake Superior east of Bark Point may not exceed 15,000 lake trout during the open season.

3. That number of lake trout to be harvested by the Red Cliff and Bad River bands, including both commercial and home use fishers, from the waters of Lake Superior east of Bark Point may not exceed 43,000 lake trout during the open season. The Red Cliff and Bad River bands shall inform the department of the extent and method of the allocation between commercial and home use fishers. If the Red Cliff and Bad River bands do not reach an agreement on the method of allocating the tribal quota between them, the department may divide the quota 26.5% for the Bad River band and 73.5% for the Red Cliff band.

4. All lake trout and siscowet harvested by commercial and home use fishers shall be tagged in accordance with sub. (3).

5. The department may recall tags furnished or authorized in accordance with sub. (3), when necessary to implement a quota reduction.

(b) *Harvest of fish from Lake Superior for home use by Lake Superior Chippewas.* Members of the Bad River and Red Cliff bands of Lake Superior Chippewas may harvest species of fish for which there is an open season during said season, under home use permits issued by their respective tribal councils.

1. Home use permits will be issued to the heads of households only, and only one permit will be issued to an individual.

2. Permittees are restricted to the use of no more than 350 feet of gill net and sale of fish pursuant to these permits is prohibited. These fishing activities shall be restricted to waters adjacent to the reservations of the Bad River and Red Cliff bands.

(2) LAKE MICHIGAN AND GREEN BAY. (a) *Chubs.* The total allowable annual commercial harvest of chubs in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan shall be determined by the natural resources board based on recommendations from the department.

1. The total allowable commercial harvest for any license year may not exceed 3,500,000 pounds, not including forage fish allowed under par. (c).

2. No more than 400,000 pounds of the total allowable commercial harvest for any license year may be taken in the northern chub fishing zone.

3. No more than 3,000,000 pounds of the total allowable commercial harvest for any license year may be taken in the southern chub fishing zone.

4. The department reserves 100,000 pounds of the total allowable annual commercial harvest of chubs to be used for special assessment.

(b) *Yellow perch.* The total allowable annual commercial harvest of yellow perch in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall

be determined by the natural resources board based on recommendations from the department.

1. The total allowable commercial harvest in zone 1 for any license year may not exceed 400,000 pounds.
2. The total allowable commercial harvest in zone 2 for any license year may not exceed 13,300 pounds.
3. The total allowable commercial harvest in zone 3 for any license year may not exceed 306,700 pounds.

(c) *Forage fish*. The total allowable annual commercial harvest of forage fish in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall be determined by the natural resources board based on recommendations from the department.

1. The total allowable commercial harvest of forage fish by trawls in any license year may not exceed 18,000,000 pounds in Lake Michigan and Green Bay, of which no more than 2,500,000 pounds may be taken from Green Bay. Of the 2,500,000 pounds which may be taken by trawls from Green Bay, no more than 1,000,000 pounds may be smelt.
2. The total allowable commercial harvest of forage fish in Lake Michigan and Green Bay by commercial gear other than trawls may not exceed 500,000 pounds in any license year.
3. This paragraph shall be in effect until May 1, 1991.

(d) *Menominees*. 1. The total allowable annual commercial harvest of menominees in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall be determined by the natural resources board based on recommendations from the department.

2. The total allowable commercial harvest of menominees in Lake Michigan and Green Bay may not exceed 75,000 pounds in any license year, with no more than 1,000 pounds to be taken from zone 1, 46,000 pounds from zone 2 and 28,000 pounds from zone 3.

(e) *Whitefish*. 1. The total allowable annual commercial harvest of whitefish in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall be determined by the natural resources board based on recommendations from the department.

2. The total allowable commercial harvest of whitefish in Lake Michigan and Green Bay may not exceed 1,150,000 pounds in any license year, with no more than 105,000 pounds to be taken from zone 1, 945,000 pounds from zone 2 and 100,000 pounds from zone 3.

(3) TAGGING OF FISH. All fish species or subspecies required to be tagged in accordance with this section shall be tagged with tags furnished or authorized by the department before being brought to any dock or shore when fishing in open water and before being transported when fishing with nets under ice. Such fish shall be individually tagged.

(a) Tags authorized shall be approved in writing by the secretary of the department and shall conform to the following minimum specifications:

1. Tags shall be individually, serially numbered in nonrepeating number series.

2. Tags shall be color-coded by year in a color which does not repeat in the next consecutive year.

3. Tags shall include an appropriate state or tribal identification.

4. Tags shall only be ordered in a number sufficient to limit the harvest to a biologically determined quota.

5. Issuing authorities shall maintain records of tag allotments to individual fishers by tag serial numbers. Tag records shall be open to inspection by state conservation wardens during regular office hours.

6. Tags are valid for use only for the license season.

(b) Untagged fish may not be left unattended.

(c) Untagged fish may not be transferred between watercraft.

(d) Tags shall be locked and remain attached to fish until prepared for final consumption. Tags shall remain with smoked or filleted fish until sold to final consumers. Commercial fishers of the outlying waters or licensed wholesale fish dealers shall not be considered final consumers and must be in possession of tags for smoked and filleted fish.

(e) Tags provided or authorized by the department for tagging fish may not be transferred.

(f) No person may possess or use tags furnished or authorized by the department for tagging fish which have been modified or tampered with.

(g) No treaty fisher may lift nets in Wisconsin waters while in possession of tags issued by a tribe or another state for fish taken in Michigan waters.

(4) ALLOCATION. The harvest quotas established shall be allocated to individual commercial fishing licensees in accordance with s. NR 25.07.

(5) CATCH FEES. Catch fees to be charged for commercial harvest of fish species whose populations are sustained or supplemented through stocking shall be determined and assessed as follows:

(a) The department shall determine catch fees annually for each fish species population subject to this subsection and shall provide this information upon request by February 15 of each year.

(b) The catch fee for a given fish species population shall be equivalent to the department's direct cost in providing those fish for commercial harvest.

(c) Catch fees shall be charged on a per fish harvested basis.

(d) Catch fees shall be collected through the sale of fish tags furnished or authorized by the department in accordance with sub. (3) at offices indicated on the quota applications provided under s. NR 25.07 (3). The total number of tags that may be purchased by an individual licensee shall be equivalent to that licensee's individual catch quota as determined in accordance with s. NR 25.07.

(e) Unused fish tags purchased in accordance with par. (d) shall be returned by the licensee to the department at the office where purchased within 15 days of the end of the open season for that fish species popula-

tion. The department shall return the catch fees paid by that licensee for those unused fish tags.

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**NR 25.07 Individual licensee catch quotas. (1) LAKE SUPERIOR.** The allotment of harvest quotas as established in s. NR 25.06 (1) to individual licensed commercial fishers on Lake Superior shall be by the Lake Superior commercial fishing board upon application in accordance with sub. (3), and as follows:

(a) *Lake trout.* 1. Each licensed commercial fisher shall receive an equal share of the annual lake trout harvest quota established under s. NR 25.06 (1) (a) 2.

2. Allocation of the lake trout quota to individual licensees shall be by issuance of appropriate tags by the department. The number of tags issued to each individual licensee shall be based on the average dressed weight of individual lake trout commercially harvested during the previous year.

(2) **LAKE MICHIGAN AND GREEN BAY.** The allotment of harvest quotas as established in s. NR 25.06 (2) to individual licensed commercial fishers on Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall be by the Lake Michigan commercial fishing board upon application in accordance with sub. (3), as follows:

(a) *Chubs.* 1. A chub fishing permit shall be issued under this subdivision to each applicant who selects the northern chub fishing zone under sub. (3) (d) and meets the following criteria:

a. Is a licensed commercial fisher;

b. Owns a boat of 35 feet in overall length or longer which shall be used by the applicant in fishing under the applicant's chub permit;

c. The boat is equipped with a powered net lifter; and

d. Held a Lake Michigan chub harvest permit for the northern chub fishing zone for the 1985-1986, 1986-1987 or 1987-1988 license year.

1m. A chub fishing permit and individual licensee catch quota shall be issued under this subdivision to each applicant who selects the southern chub fishing zone under sub. (3) (d) and meets the following criteria:

a. Is a licensed commercial fisher;

b. Owns a boat of 35 feet in overall length or longer which shall be used by the applicant in fishing under the applicant's chub permit; and