

Species	Area	Open season	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (in.)
(e) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALL-MOUTH BASS	1. Lake Michigan and Green Bay (excluding waters within ¼-mile of Washington, Detroit, Plum, Pilot, Hog and Rock Islands)	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 of each	12
	2. Waters within ¼ mile, of Washington, Detroit, Plum, Pilot, Hog and Rock Islands.	July 1 to March 1	5 of each	12
	3. Lake Superior and Kakagon river and connected sloughs	First Saturday in May to Friday nearest June 20	None may be kept	
		Saturday after Friday nearest June 20 to March 1	1	22
(f) LAKE STURGEON	Lake Superior	Continuous	1 per yr	50
(g) RUFFE	Green Bay Lake Michigan Lake Superior	No open season	—	—
(h) WHITE PERCH	Lake Superior	No open season	—	—
	Lake Michigan	Continuous	None	None

(g) Herring of any size with no bag limit may be taken by hook and line at all times in the outlying waters.

(h) All species of fish of lawful size may be taken from the outlying waters including Chequamegon Bay by trolling from a motor driven boat or sailboat during the open season therefor. It shall be unlawful to spear any species or variety of fish in the outlying and reserve waters at any time, except that rough fish may be speared from sunrise to sunset in all outlying waters and may be taken with the use of spear guns by the method commonly known as skin diving by divers under the water in Lake Michigan. Northern pike may be speared through the ice in Lake Superior.

(2) As used in sub. (1), Green Bay shall mean Green bay, Sturgeon bay, Sawyer's harbor, the Sturgeon bay ship canal from Sturgeon bay to a line located in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼, section 22, T27N, R26E, Door county, commencing at a point on the southwest shore of the Sturgeon bay ship canal directly beneath the center of the Wisconsin public service company power line and extending in a northeasterly direction directly beneath and parallel to the center of the power line to a point on the northeast shore of the ship canal, and the Fox river from its mouth up to the dam at DePere.

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(i), Register, June, 1962, No. 78, eff. 7-1-62; am. (1) (d), Register, July, 1962, No. 79, eff. 8-1-62; am. (1) (g), Register, December, 96, eff. 1-1-64; am. (1) (intro. par.), (b) and (g), Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; am. intro. par., Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; r. and recr. (1) (d), (f), and (g), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; am. (1) (d) and (g), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 10-1-68; r. and recr. (1) (e); r. (f); renum. (g) and (h) to be (f) and (g); renum. (i) to be (h) and am., Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; r. and recr. (1) (d) and r. (1) (f), Register, March, 1969, No. 159, eff. 4-1-69; renum. from WCD 20.02 to be NR 20.02, and am. (1) (e), Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; cr. (1) (f), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 1-1-72; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (d) eff. 9-23-72; am. (1) (e), Register, November, 1972, No. 203, eff. 1-1-73; emerg. r. and recr. (1) (d) eff. 11-16-72; am. (1) (d), Register, May 1973, No. 209, eff. 6-1-73, am. (1) (d) 1 and (e), Register, November, 1975, No. 239, eff. 12-1-75; am. (1) (e), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. (1) (c), Register, August, 1979, No. 284, eff. 9-1-79; am. (1) (d), Register, December, 1980, No. 300, eff. 1-1-81; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82; am. (1) (a), Register, October, 1982, No. 322, eff. 11-1-82; r. and recr. (1) (c), Register, April, 1983, No. 328, eff. 5-1-83; cr. (2), Register, December, 1983, No. 336, eff. 1-1-84; am. (1) (c), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; emerg. am. (1) (d) 3., eff. 4-22-86; r. and recr. (1) (d) 1. and 2., Register, May, 1986, No. 365, eff. 6-1-86; renum. (1) (d) 3. to be (1) (d) 2. c. and am. Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; r. and recr. (1) (d), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; am. (1) (a) and (e), Register, November, 1988, No. 395, eff. 12-1-88; am. (1) (d) 3., cr. (1) (fg) and (fh), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90; am. (1) (f), Register, December, 1990, No. 420, eff. 1-1-91; emerg. am. (1) (c) and (2), eff. 2-14-91; am. (1) (c) and (2), Register, June, 1991, No. 426, eff. 7-1-91; am. (1) (a) 3. and (fh), r. and recr. (1) (d) 3., Register, December, 1991, No. 432, eff. 1-1-92; am. (1) (d) 2., Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92; am. (1) (e) 3., Register, December, 1992, No. 444, eff. 1-1-93; am. (1) (e) 3., Register, November, 1993, No. 455, eff. 1-1-94.

NR 20.03 Season tables; open and closed seasons, size and bag limits and measurements. (1) The open seasons specified in the following table apply to fishing in open waters and fishing through the ice. The department may, following scientific investigation and study, establish bag limits and size limits on the individual inland waters when it finds that the taking of fish will aid in management of the fishery and insure the citizens of this state additional opportunities for good fishing. Such special regulations shall become effective only after public informational meetings are held. The department may also establish an urban fishing program by posting the open and closed seasons on specified waters. For open seasons in specified waters see s. NR 20.04. The possession limit for each species of fish, except trout as specified in sub. (5), shall be double the daily bag limit specified in this chapter except that no person may have in possession or under control more than the daily bag limit while on the ice or waters or while fishing in the state of Wisconsin unless the person holds a permit issued by the department under this section and s. NR 19.05 for restocking of fish caught in a fishing tournament or holds a permit or license which authorizes possession of a greater number under s. 29.135, 29.513, 29.52 or 29.535, Stats. The measurement of all fish taken shall be in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the utmost end of the tail fin fully extended.

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS			
1. a. Forest lake, Fond du Lac county; Bittersweet, Oberlin, Prong and Smith lakes, Vilas county	First Saturday in May to March 1	0	—
b. Browns lake, Racine county and Pretty lake, Waukesha county (largemouth bass)	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	16
c. Wilson lake, Iron county; Kimball lake, Mueller lake and Sawyer lake, Langlade county	First Saturday in May to Friday nearest June 20	0	
	Saturday after Friday nearest June 20 to March 1	5	No minimum length except the possession of fish between 12 and 16 inches is prohibited
em. Rockland Lake, Racine county; and Beulah lake, Walworth county (largemouth bass)	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	No minimum length except the possession of fish between 12 and 16 inches is prohibited
d. Lake Three, Day lake, East Twin lake, Mineral lake and Spillerberg lake, Ashland county; Crooked and Lund lakes, Bayfield county; Evelyn, O'Brien and One Man lakes, Iron county; Cochran and Bass lakes, Price county; and Black lake, Sawyer county	First Saturday in May to Friday nearest June 20	0	—
	Saturday after the Friday nearest June 20 to March 1	1	18
e. Fish and Mud lakes (T9N, R7E, Sec. 3,4), Dane county	First Saturday in May to March 1	1	18
f. Gates and Loon lakes, Ashland county; Bass, East Twin and West Twin lakes, Bayfield county; Gile flowage and Upson lake, Iron county; Blockhouse and Sailor lakes, Price county; South Twin lake, Taylor county; and Wabasso lake, Vilas county	First Saturday in May to Friday nearest June 20	0	—
	Saturday after Friday nearest June 20 to March 1	2	15
3. Nebish lake (sec. 11, T41N, R7E) Vilas county (smallmouth bass)	Continuous	5	No minimum length except the possession of fish between 9 and 12 inches is prohibited.
5. Spruce lake, Vilas county (largemouth bass) (See also s. NR 20.04 (d) (a) 2. and 5.)	Continuous	2	12
5m. Columbia lake, Columbia county (largemouth and smallmouth bass)	Continuous	1	18
6. Little Bass lake, Oneida county (smallmouth bass) and Wildwood lake, Vilas county (largemouth bass). See also s. NR 20.04 (8) (d)	First Saturday in May to Friday nearest June 20	0	—

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
	Saturday after Friday nearest June 20 to November 15	5	12
7.c. Round lake (sec. 25, T20N, R11E), Waushara county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	18
8. Palette lake (sec. 3, T41N, R7E), Vilas county (smallmouth bass)	Continuous	2	16
8m. Lower Clam lake (secs. 34 and 35, T39N, R6E), Burnett county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 of each	14
9. All other inland waters north of a line beginning with state hwy. 70 bridge over the St. Croix river, following state hwy. 70 east to its intersection with state hwy. 27, then south following state hwy. 27 to its intersection with state hwy. 64, then east following state hwy. 64 to its terminus in the city of Marinette, then due east to the waters of Green Bay; and all inland waters in Brown, Kewaunee and Door counties north of a line beginning with the state hwy. 29 bridge over the Fox river, following state hwy. 29 east to its terminus in the city of Kewaunee, then continuing due east to the waters of Lake Michigan. Also, the Peshtigo flowage upstream to state hwy. 64 in Marinette county.	First Saturday in May to the Friday nearest June 20	None may be kept	—
	Saturday after Friday nearest June 20 to March 1	5 of each	12
a. All Green Bay tributary streams from their mouth upstream to the first dam or lake.	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 of each	12
10. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	1 in aggregate with walleye, sauger, hybrids thereof and northern pike	No size limit
11. In all other inland waters	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 of each	14
(am) HYBRID STRIPED BASS			
1. Columbia lake, Columbia county	Continuous	3	18
(c) WALLEYE, SAUGER AND HYBRIDS THEREOF			
1. Lac La Belle, Waukesha county	1st Saturday in May to March 1	1	20
2. Forest lake, Fond du Lac county	First Saturday in May to March 1	0	—
3. Trout lake, Vilas county	First Saturday in May to March 1	3	15
4. The Nemadji river, Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Pokegama bay, and Kimballs bay, Douglas county	Saturday nearest May 15 to March 1	2	15

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
5. Tributaries to Lake Superior and their connected sloughs including all of the Bad river, White river, Fish creek, Kakagon and Sand Cut rivers in Ashland county; the Iron river and Fish Creek sloughs in Bayfield county; the Bois Brule river, Middle river, Poplar river and the Amnicon river in Douglas county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5, of which no more than one may be over 20 inches in length	15
6. Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winneconne, Lake Poygan, Lake Winnebago and waters upstream on the Fox river to the state hwy. 23 bridge at Princeton and waters upstream on the Wolf river to the dam in the city of Shawano	Continuous	5	No size limit for sauger; 15 for walleye
7. Lake Mendota and its following tributaries: Cherokee lake, Warner Park lagoons, Pheasant Branch creek from its mouth upstream to county hwy. M, Sixmile creek from its mouth upstream to state hwy. 19 in Sec. 8, and Yahara river from its mouth upstream to state hwy. 19; all in Dane county	First Saturday in May to March 1	3	18
8. Delavan lake and its tributaries all in Walworth county	No open season until May 2, 1992, then first Saturday in May to March 1	3	18
9. All Green Bay tributary streams from their mouth upstream of the first dam or lake	Continuous	3	No size limit
10. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	1 in aggregate with largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and northern pike	No size limit
11. In all other waters (See also s. NR 20.04)	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	15
(d) NORTHERN PIKE (See also NR 20.04)			
1. In all waters of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Racine and Walworth counties	First Saturday in May to March 1	2	No size limit
a. Forest lake, Fond du Lac county	First Saturday in May to March 1	0	—
2. Mason lake, Adams county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	22
4.a. Beaver Dam lake, Dodge county	First Saturday in May to March 1	2	26
5.a. Lake Mendota and its following tributaries: Cherokee lake, Warner Park lagoons, Pheasant Branch creek from its mouth upstream to county hwy. M, Sixmile creek from its mouth upstream to state hwy. 19 in Sec. 8, and Yahara river from its mouth upstream to state hwy. 19; all in Dane county, Silver lake, Kenosha county and Wilson flowage, Price county	First Saturday in May to March 1	1	32
b. Long lake, Waushara county	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	32

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
6. The Nemadji river, Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Pokegama bay, and Kimballs bay, Douglas county	Saturday nearest May 15 to March 1	2	No size limit
7. Delavan lake and its tributaries all in Walworth county	Closed until May 2, 1992, then first Saturday in May to March 1	1	32
8. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	1 in aggregate with largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and walleye, sauger and hybrids thereof	No size limit
9. In all other waters	First Saturday in May to March 1	5	No size limit
(f) TROUT AND SALMON (any variety except lake trout and splake in inland lakes.)			
2. All Lake Michigan and Green Bay tributary streams upstream to the first dam or lake or to the third county highway "C" bridge on the Kewaunee river. (See also s. NR 20.04 (3) (c).)	All year except the open season for lake trout is from May 1 through Labor Day	5 in total of which only 2 may be lake trout	10
4. a. Lake Superior tributary streams except Montreal river and waters upstream from the following: Ashland county Bad river-Copper falls Brunsweller river-state hwy. 13 Marengo river-state hwy. 13 Potato river-Guerney falls White river-White river dam Bayfield county Iron river-Oriente dam Little Sioux river-falls in NE ¼ of the NE ¼, sec. 13, T49N, R5W Siskiwit river-falls in SW ¼ of the NW ¼, sec. 35, T51N, R6W Douglas county Amnicon river-Amnicon falls Black river-Big Manitou falls Middle river-U.S. hwy. 2 Poplar river-U.S. hwy 2	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in aggregate of which only 2 may be brown trout exceeding 15 inches and only 1 of which may be rainbow trout	brook trout 8 brown trout 10 rainbow trout 12 salmon 12
b. There is a special early and extended open season for trout and salmon in the following county tributary streams. ASHLAND COUNTY: Bad river from its mouth upstream to Copper Falls; Potato river from its mouth upstream to Guerney falls; White river from its mouth upstream to White River dam; Brunsweller and Marengo rivers to hwy. 13	Saturday nearest April 1 to the day before the first Saturday in May and October 1 to November 15, but fishing in the Brule river, excluding taking smelt with gear specified in s. NR 20.09 (3) (b), is prohibited one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.	5 in aggregate of which only 2 may be brown trout exceeding 15 inches and only 1 of which may be rainbow trout	brook trout 8 brown trout 10 salmon 12 rainbow trout 26

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
BAYFIELD COUNTY:			
Cranberry river from its mouth upstream to the Lenawee road (T50N, R7W, sec. 28); north fork Fish creek (T47N, R5W, sec. 1) from its mouth upstream to the junction with Pine creek (T47N, R6W, sec. 13); Flag river from its mouth upstream to the junction with the east fork of Flag river; Iron river from its mouth upstream to Orienta dam; Sioux river from its mouth upstream to Big Rock falls (T49N, R4W, sec. 19); Siskiwit river from its mouth upstream to second bridge (T51N, R6W, sec. 35).			
DOUGLAS COUNTY:			
Brule river from its mouth upstream to the U.S. hwy. 2 bridge crossing; Amnicon river from its mouth upstream to Amnicon falls; Middle river from its mouth upstream to U.S. hwy. 2; Nemadji river from its mouth upstream to Great Northern Railroad Bridge (T47N, R14W, sec. 4); Black river from its mouth upstream to Big Manitou falls; Poplar river from its mouth upstream to U.S. hwy. 2 and the St. Louis river from its mouth upstream to the Wisconsin-Minnesota state line.			
IRON COUNTY:			
Graveyard creek from its mouth upstream to U.S. hwy. 2; Oronto creek from its mouth upstream to its source; Parker creek from its mouth upstream to its source.			
c. There is a special extended open season for trout and salmon in the following county tributary waters.	October 1 to November 15	5 in aggregate of which only 2 may be brown trout exceeding 15 inches and only 1 may be rainbow trout	brook trout 8 brown trout 10 rainbow trout 12 salmon 12
BAYFIELD COUNTY:			
Bono creek from its mouth upstream to its source; Boyd creek from its mouth upstream to its source; Onion river from its mouth up to Lake Superior District Power Company power line (T49N, R4W, sec. 6); Pikes creek from its mouth upstream to the Red dam; Pine creek from its mouth upstream to junction with Little Pine creek (T47N, R6W, sec. 11) and Whittlesey creek from its mouth upstream to Town Hall road.			
(g) LAKE TROUT AND SPLAKE, except as provided in par. (f)	First Saturday in January to September 30	2 in aggregate	17
1. Trout lake (sec. 12, 13, 24, T41N, R6E; sec. 7, 8, 17, 19, 20, T41N, R7E, Vilas county) in the south basin commonly known as South Trout lake, north to the narrows identified as Cathedral Point.	No open season	—	—
2. Palette lake, Vilas county	No open season	—	—

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(h) CATFISH			
1. In all waters of Brown, Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties, the Wisconsin river from the dam at Wisconsin Dells downstream to the dam at Prairie du Sac and the Wisconsin river from the railroad bridge at Sauk City to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks.	No closed season	25	No size limit
2. The Wisconsin river from the dam at Prairie du Sac downstream to the railroad bridge at Sauk City.	First Saturday in May to November 30	25	No size limit
3. Lac La Belle, Waukesha county (flathead catfish)	No open season	—	—
4. 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) BLUEGILL, CRAPPIE, PUMPKINSEED (sunfish), YELLOW PERCH, BULLHEADS			
1. Delavan lake and its tributaries all in Walworth county	Closed until May 2, 1992, then no closed season	25 in aggregate	No size limit
1g. Green Bay tributary streams upstream to the first dam or lake.	Continuous	50 in aggregate, of which no more than 25 may be yellow perch	No size limit
1m. Lac La Belle, Waukesha county	Continuous	15 in aggregate	No size limit
2. In all urban waters of Kenosha, Racine, Walworth, Milwaukee, Waukesha, Washington, Ozaukee and Sheboygan counties	Continuous	10 in aggregate	No size limit
3. All other waters	Continuous	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			
1. Chippewa river below the I-94 bridge, Eau Claire county	No closed season	25	No size limit
a. Chippewa river above the I-94 bridge, Eau Claire county	No open season	—	—
2. In all other waters south of highway #64 (except in the Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam upstream)	No closed season	25	No size limit
a. The Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam upstream	No open season	—	—
3. In all other waters north of highway #64	No open season	—	—

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(q) ROCK AND LAKE STURGEON			
1. Hook and line season			
a. In all waters except Lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, Winnebago and connecting waters; in the Embarrass river from the Pella dam, Shawano county downstream to its confluence with the Wolf river in Outagamie county; in the Shloc river from the Outagamie-Shawano county line downstream to its confluence with the Wolf river, in the Little Wolf river from the Manawa dam, Waupaca county downstream to its confluence with the Wolf river in Waupaca county; 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; in the St. Croix river from Upper St. Croix lake, Douglas county downstream to the Minnesota state line; in the Namekagon river from Namekagon lake, Bayfield county downstream to its confluence with the St. Croix river in Burnett county, in the Totagatic river from Totagatic lake, Bayfield county downstream to its confluence with the Namekagon river in Burnett county; and the Nemadji river, Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Pokegama bay and Kimballs bay, Douglas county.	First Saturday in September to October 15	1 per season	50
2. Spearing season			
a. Lakes Butte des Morts, Poygan and Winneconne and connecting waters	Third Saturday in February through the following Sunday (1991 and 1996 only)	See b.	45
b. Lake Winnebago	Second Saturday in February to March 1	The bag limit on speared sturgeon is one per season regardless of the water in which speared	45
(r) PADDLEFISH OR SPOONBILL CATFISH	No open season	—	—
(s) ROUGH FISH (except for threatened and endangered species. See s. NR 27.03)	Continuous	None	No size limit
(t) RUFFE	No open season	—	—
(u) WHITE PERCH	No open season	—	—

(2) 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 first 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, 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 7 west

Sections 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 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

(3) 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 in one or more newspapers having wide circulation in the area affected.

(4) INLAND TROUT FISHING. (a) *Applicability*. 1. This subsection applies to all waters that contain trout except:

- a. Lake Michigan.
- b. Streams that flow into Lake Michigan, except the Kewaunee river, from their mouths upstream to the first dam or lake,
- c. The Kewaunee river from its mouth upstream to the third county hwy. C bridge,
- d. Lake Superior, and
- e. Those portions of Lake Superior tributary streams regulated under sub. (1) (f) 4.

2. This subsection applies to all species of trout unless specifically stated otherwise, including lake trout and splake.

(b) *Possession limits and size limits*. 1. No person may possess more than 10 trout, of which no more than 5 may be a combined total of brown and rainbow trout, except that while on the water, bank or shore, no person may possess more fish than the daily bag limit established by par. (f) for category 1 to 4 waters or Table 1 for category 5 waters for that water or portion of water.

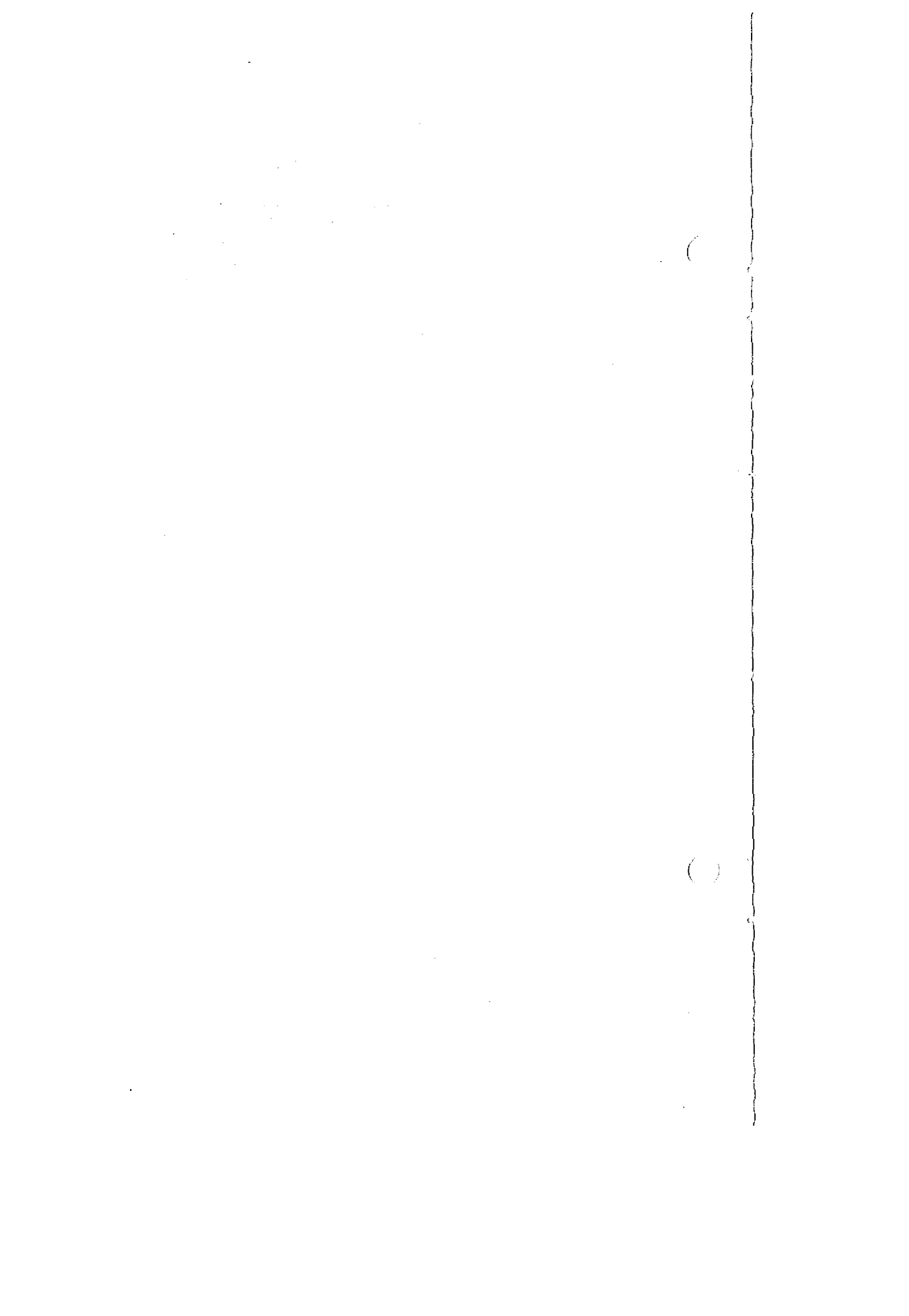
2. While on the water, bank or shore, no person may take or possess fish of a size not authorized by the size limit of par. (f) for category 1 to 4

waters or Table 1 for category 5 waters for that water or portion of water.

(c) *Daily bag and size limits.* While on the water, bank or shore, no person may take or possess fish not authorized by the daily bag and size limit of Table 1 for category 5 waters for that water or portion of water.

(d) *Open seasons.* No person may fish for trout in any water or portion of any water except during the open season for that water or portion of water established by Table 1 or this paragraph. Where an open season for trout is not specified in Table 1 for a water or portion of water the open

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(6) MUSKELLUNGE FISHING. (a) *Applicability.* This subsection applies to all inland and outlying waters that contain muskellunge.

(b) *Daily bag limit.* The daily bag limit is one muskellunge.

(c) *Open seasons.* 1. There is no open season for muskellunge in Nancy lake, Washburn county and Long lake (S12, T20N, R11E), Waushara county.

2. The open season for muskellunge in all other waters north of U.S. highway 10 is the Saturday nearest Memorial Day to November 30, both dates inclusive.

3. The open season for muskellunge in all other waters south of U.S. highway 10 is the first Saturday in May to November 30, both dates inclusive.

(d) *Minimum size limits.* 1. The minimum size limit for muskellunge is 40 inches for all waters listed in Table 1.

2. The minimum size limit for muskellunge is 45 inches for all waters listed in Table 2.

3. The minimum size limit for muskellunge is 32 inches for all waters not listed in Table 1 or 2.

TABLE 1
Waters With a 40-inch Minimum Size Limit on Muskellunge

County	Waters	County	Waters
Bayfield	Namekagon Lake	Jackson	Arbutus Canal
Brown	Green Bay and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake		Black River Flowage
			Potter Flowage
			Black River
Chippewa	Holcombe Flowage (Chippewa River to CTH D) (Main Creek to STH 194) (Jump River to CTH G)		East Fork Black River
			Morrison Creek
			Lake Arbutus
Clark	Mead Lake	Kewaunee	Lake Michigan and Green Bay and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake
	Rock Dam Lake		
	Black River	Lafayette	Yellowstone Lake
	East Fork Black River	Lincoln	Deer Lake
Dane	Wingra Lake		Nokomis Lake
Door	Lake Michigan and Green Bay and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake		Rice River Flowage
		Manitowoc	Lake Michigan and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake
Forest	Julia Lake (T38N R11E S1)	Marathon	Merrill hydro-dam to Wausau hydro-dam)
	Riley Lake		Wisconsin River
	Roberts Lake		
	Wabikon Lake	Marinette	Green Bay and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake
Iowa	Twin Valley Lake		
Iron	Turtle-Flambeau Flowage	Oconto	Archibald Lake
	Moose Lake		Anderson Lake
	Trude Lake		Green Bay and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake
	Gile Flowage		
	Pine Lake		
	Springstead (Upper and Lower) Lakes		
	Wilson Lake		
	Mercer Lake		

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County	Waters	County	Waters
Oneida	Bridge Lake	Sawyer	Winter Flowage
	Katherine Lake	Shawano	Upper Red Lake
	Nokomis Lake (upstream to Prairie Rapids Road)		Lower Red Lake
	Rainbow Flowage		Wolf River Pond
	Rice River Flowage	St. Croix	Cedar Lake
	Two Sisters Lake	Vilas	Allequash Lake
Polk	Bone Lake		Big Muskellunge Lake
Rusk	Dairyland Reservoir		Big Lake (T42N R6E S4)
	Potato Lake		Crab Lake
Sauk	Redstone Lake		Kentuck Lake
			Papoose Lake
		Walworth	Delavan Lake

TABLE 2

Waters With a 45-inch Minimum Size Limit on Muskellunge

County	Waters
Oneida	Clear Lake (T39N R7E S16)
Vilas	Trout Lake

(7) **REGULAR SEASON DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS FOR TROUT IN CERTAIN WATERS.** (a) *Zero bag limit during regular season.* Notwithstanding the bag limits for trout set out in sub. (5) (c) and Table 1, during the open season beginning May 4, 1991 through September 30, 1991, the daily bag limit for trout is zero fish in the waters of Columbia, Florence, Forest, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Menominee, Oconto, Oneida, Richland, Sauk, Shawano and Vilas counties. All trout caught shall be immediately returned to the water. This paragraph does not apply to Wisconsin - Michigan boundary waters, to streams that flow into Lake Michigan from their mouths upstream to the first dam or lake, or to inland lakes and ponds which contain trout and which are not natural springs or spring ponds.

(b) *Gear restrictions during regular season.* Notwithstanding sub. (5) (e) and Table 1, beginning May 4, 1991 through September 30, 1991 no person may take or catch trout or fish for trout in the waters to which par. (a) applies by any means other than the use of an artificial fly by the method commonly known as "fly fishing" or with the use of artificial lures.

(8) **SEASON CLOSURE UNDER UNUSUAL CONDITIONS.** (a) *Water level reduction.* Pursuant to par. (d), the department may close the season for fishing in all or part of any inland water which has experienced sudden water level reduction or where a sudden reduction is imminent as a result of dam failure, drawdown or other loss of water supply. The closed season shall remain in full force and effect until the department determines that the water has been returned to its original level and the season is open pursuant to par. (d) 2. The department may close the season when it finds after scientific investigation and study, that:

1. Game fish have been or will be unusually concentrated due to the drop in water level and may, therefore, be more vulnerable to angler harvest;
2. The remaining game fish population structure cannot easily be replaced if subjected to continued angler harvest;
3. Water levels are expected to eventually return to normal;
4. Continued sport fishing may result in a depletion of the game fish supply; and

5. Closure of the season is necessary to conserve the game fish supply until water levels are restored and to insure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing.

(b) *Fish concentrated under ice.* Pursuant to par. (d), the department may close the season for fishing through the ice in all or part of any inland water. The closed season shall remain in full force and effect until the water is no longer covered with ice and the season is opened pursuant to par. (d) 2. The department may close the season when it finds, after scientific investigation and study, that:

1. The body of water is not expected to experience significant loss of its game fish population due to loss of oxygen;
2. Ice cover has caused an unusual concentration of game fish, increasing their vulnerability to angler harvest;
3. Continued sport fishing would deplete the supply of game fish; and
4. A closed season is necessary to conserve the game fish supply and insure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing;

(c) *Fishery rehabilitation.* Pursuant to par. (d), the department may close the season for fishing in all or part of any inland water in which fish have been removed or destroyed as a result of a rehabilitation program, to reestablish a good supply of game fish and insure the citizens of this state future opportunities for good fishing. The closed season shall remain in full force and effect until opened pursuant to par. (d) 2, scientific investigation indicates the gamefish population has achieved a harvestable surplus of fish of desirable size, and reopening the season does not conflict with the closed seasons for each species specified in sub. (1).

(d) *Closing and reopening seasons.* 1. A closed season under par. (a), (b) or (c) shall become effective only after one or more public informational meetings are held by the department. The closed season shall be put into effect by publication of a notice in the state newspaper, posting the notice on or in the vicinity of the shore of the water affected, and by providing any other notice which the department deems reasonable.

2. A closed season under par. (a), (b) or (c) shall be discontinued only after publication of a notice in the state newspaper and removal of the notices posted on or in the vicinity of the shore of the water affected.

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Note: For a complete history of s. NR 20.03 from 1-2-56 through 10-31-73 see the history note following NR 20.03 as it was printed and released in the October, 1973 Register. For a complete history of s. NR 20.03 from 11-1-73 through 2-28-91 see the history note following NR 20.03 as it was printed and released in the February, 1991 Register.

NR 20.035 Alternate size and bag limits. (1) **PURPOSE.** Notwithstanding any provision of ch. NR 21, 22, 23 or this chapter, for all or part of any

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inland, boundary or outlying water, the department may apply the alternative size limits, bag limits or both under this section for fish species identified in this section in order to provide for better use and management of the fishery resource of the water to which the proposed alternate limit would apply.

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- a. Eau Galle river beginning at the Lake Eau Galle dam in Dunn county downstream to its confluence with the Chippewa river, Pepin county.
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 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.
 - a. Puckyan river in Green Lake county.
8. Fox river in Kenosha county and upstream in Racine county to the Waterford dam.
9. Grand river from the Grand River wildlife area dam downstream to the Fox river, all in Marquette county.
10. La Crosse river including sloughs and bayous from the Lake Neshonoc dam at West Salem 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.
13. Pecatonica river in Iowa, Lafayette and Green counties.
14. Pine river in Waushara county beginning at the dam at Poysippi 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.
 - g. Busseyville creek in Dane and Jefferson counties beginning at the Rockdale dam downstream to Lake Koshkonong.

h. Waterloo (Mauneshia) 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 including all sloughs, bayous and flowages from the St. Regis dam in Rhineland, Oneida county, downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad bridge in Crawford and Grant counties and streams in Columbia county flowing into the Wisconsin river from their mouths upstream to the first highway bridge, except the Baraboo river which has the year round season for its entire length.

25. Wolf river in Winnebago, Waupaca and Outagamie counties and in Shawano county upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano.

26. Yellow river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages from the highway 54 dam at Dexterville, Wood county, downstream to its confluence with the Castle Rock flowage in Juneau county.

27. 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 one 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. 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) Except for streams posted pursuant to ch. NR 26, there is no closed season for hook and line fishing for any species of fish except lake trout, muskellunge, sturgeon, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass on any stream tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay, upstream to the first dam or lake except the Kewaunee river where this rule applies upstream to the third county highway "C" bridge.

(d) During the period of October 1 to but not including the first Saturday in May of the following May, annually, upstream to the first dam or lake on any stream tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay, except the Kewaunee river where this paragraph applies upstream to the third county hwy. "C" bridge, hook and line fishing is restricted to baits using

a hook with a maximum gape size of one-half inch from point to shank. During this period, fishing with hook and line is prohibited between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise on all streams tributary to Lake Michigan and Green Bay except the Menominee river, Oconto river and its tributaries and the Fox river.

(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 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 is restricted to hook and line or rod and reel with fishing in Spruce lake further restricted to the use of artificial lures only and except that cisco may be taken in Palette lake by means of dip nets or seines described under s. NR 20.11 (2).

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 fisher.

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 for the following: In Nebish lake, no person may take smallmouth bass from 9 to 12 inches long and there is a daily bag limit of 5 for smallmouth bass; in Palette lake, no person may take smallmouth bass less than 16 inches long, there is a daily bag limit of 2 for smallmouth bass and there is no open season through 1991 for lake trout; and in Spruce lake, no person may take largemouth bass less than 12 inches long and there is a daily bag limit of 2 for largemouth bass.

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.

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ber, 1987, No. 384, eff. 1-1-88; am. (3) (c), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88; r. and recr. (4) (a) 5., Register, June, 1989, No. 402, eff. 7-1-89; emerg. cr. (4m), eff. 8-4-89; r. (5) to (8), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90; am. (3) (a) 14., Register, September, 1990, No. 417, eff. 10-1-90; am. (3) (c), Register, December, 1990, No. 420, eff. 1-1-91; am. (3) (a) 69. and (3) (am) 9., r. (3) (am) 2., Register, February, 1991, No. 422, eff. 3-1-91; r. (3) (am) 17. f., Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92; am. (3) (am) 10., Register, November, 1993, No. 455, eff. 1-1-94.

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 20.06 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.* No person may fish 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 is running or from any sailboat when in motion; or by means of shutting or drawing off water for that purpose unless the person is backtrolling. Casting and immediate retrieval of a bait or lure while positioning a boat by means of an electric motor, where motors are permitted, is not trolling. The restrictions in this paragraph do not apply to the waters of Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Racine, Rusk, Taylor, Washburn and Waukesha counties, the Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages from county trunk A east of Tomahawk, Lincoln county, downstream, except Lake Mohawksin, the Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous and flowages up to the flowing portion of all tributary streams from the Holcombe flowage, Chippewa county, downstream, the Fox river from Buffalo lake downstream to the DePere dam and the following named lakes and rivers including their flowages and sloughs:

1. Adams county—Mason
2. Ashland county—Kakagon
8. Calumet county—Lake Winnebago
9. Chippewa county—Chain; Long 32-8
10. Clark county—Arbutus
13. Dane county—Crystal; Kegonsa; Koshkonong; Mendota; Monona; Waubesa
14. Dodge county—Beaver Dam; Fox; Sinnissippi
15. Door county—Clarks; Kangaroo
17. Dunn county—Menomin; Tainter
18. Eau Claire county—Altoona; Eau Claire
19. Florence county—Halsey; Twin Falls flowage
20. Fond du Lac county—Lake Winnebago
21. Forest county—Butternut; Franklin; Lucerne; Metonga; Pickerel; Pine; Wabicon
24. Green Lake county—Big Green; Maria; Puckaway
27. Jackson county—Arbutus
28. Jefferson county—Koshkonong; Rock
29. Juneau county—Kilburn flowage

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traps from Lake Superior, its bays or tributaries, and no person may take minnows or shiners from the St. Louis river. This paragraph does not apply to the following waters:

1. Ashland county

- a. Bad River - upstream from Copper Falls
- b. Marengo river - upstream from state hwy. 13
- c. Potato river - upstream from Guerney Falls
- d. White river - upstream from White river dam

2. Bayfield county

- a. Iron river - upstream from Orienta dam
- b. Little Sioux river - upstream from the falls in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, section 13, township 49 north, range 5 west.
- c. Siskiwit river - upstream from the falls in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, section 35, township 51 north, range 6 west.

3. Douglas county

- a. Amnicon river - upstream from Amnicon Falls
- b. Black river - upstream from Big Manitou Falls
- c. Middle river - upstream from U.S. Hwy. 2
- d. Poplar river - upstream from U.S. Hwy. 2

4. Iron county

- a. Montreal river - upstream from Superior Falls dam

(2) BAG LIMIT. It shall be unlawful for any person except licensed bait dealers to take in any waters in any one day more minnows than are specified in sub. (4) (c). The possession and transportation of minnows legally taken is permitted throughout the state.

(3) INSECT LARVAE. Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful for any person to take, gather or collect (or attempt to do so) for the use or sale as bait by himself or others any of the larvae or nymphs of aquatic insects in or from any stream or spring hole tributary thereto inhabited by trout. A licensed fisherman may take such larvae or nymphs from trout streams by hand during the trout season for his immediate personal use as bait in the stream from which taken and no such larvae or nymphs may be carried away from the stream from which taken.

(4) INLAND WATERS. (a) Unless a permit has been issued under sub. (5) by the department in accordance with s. 29.30, Stats., only the following gear may be used for the taking of minnows for bait:

1. Minnow seines. Minnow seines may not exceed 35 feet in length and shall contain mesh not to exceed one-half inch stretch measure.

2. Minnow dip nets. Minnow dip nets shall be defined as follows: A piece of netting suspended from a round or square frame not to exceed 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square.

3. Minnow traps. Minnow traps shall be of a length not greater than 24 inches and of a width not greater than 16 inches square or in diameter with an opening in the throat of the trap not larger than 1½ inches in diameter. The traps shall have securely attached to them a label or tag clearly bearing in the English language the name and address of the operator. All minnow traps shall be raised and the minnows removed from them at least once in every 48 hours from all waters, except department designated trout waters as indicated in department publications or under s. NR 1.02 (7). On designated trout waters, traps shall be raised and emptied every 24 hours during the open season for trout on the water, and during the closed season on such water, as required in the department permit authorizing placement of the trap.

(b) Unless a permit has been issued by the department, no person may use minnow seines or minnow dip nets of any type or description in inland streams or tributary spring holes inhabited by trout. Licensed bait dealers may use no more than a total of 20 minnow traps when removing minnows from one or more trout streams during the open season for trout, unless a permit has been issued. Persons not possessing a bait dealers license may use no more than a total of 3 minnow traps when conducting such removal. During the closed trout season, minnows may not be removed except by licensed bait dealers as authorized by permit.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person, except bait dealers licensed pursuant to s. 29.137, Stats., to have in possession or under control more than 600 minnows at any time.

(5) PERMITS FOR USE OF NONSTANDARD MINNOW GEAR. A licensed bait dealer may apply to the department on a form provided by the department for a permit to take minnows with minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps which are otherwise prohibited by this section. Applications shall be submitted to the department district office having jurisdiction over the affected waters.

(a) The department shall issue the permit if it determines that the conditions of this paragraph are met.

1. For waters with public access which is adequate according to s. NR 1.90 (2) (a), the department must find that:

a. The department does not need the minnows for its fish management activities;

b. Removal of the minnows will not cause or substantially contribute to a long-term depletion of the forage base;

c. Threatened or endangered species listed in ch. NR 27 are not known to be present in or near the affected water;

d. Unique or sensitive biological values such as nesting loons or heron rookeries are not present in, on or near the affected water;

e. The use of the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps is not likely to hinder or interfere with the exercise of a permit issued earlier in the year to another person for the water; and

f. The use of the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps is not likely to hinder or interfere with any other public uses of the water.

2. For waters lacking adequate public access and for waters surrounded by private lands, the department must find that:

a. The requirements of subd. 1.a. to e. are met; and

b. The applicant provided the department with the name, mailing address and telephone number of the person granting the applicant legal access to the water.

(b) Permits issued by the department under this subsection shall:

1. Include the permit holder's name, address and bait dealer's license number,

2. Specify the water where the permit is valid,

3. Describe the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps authorized,

4. Include an expiration date of December 31 of the calendar year in which the permit is issued, unless an earlier date is set under par. (c),

5. Prohibit the removal or destruction of vegetation, logs and other habitat features,

6. Require that minnows be transported only in tanks equipped with either an oxygen tank or an adequate aeration system,

7. Require that transport tanks and holding facilities not be loaded beyond their capacity to keep the minnows alive and healthy,

8. Require that all minnows taken under the permit be sold or used only for angling or rearing of fish in department or private fish hatcheries, and

9. Require that all minnows which are not kept for use or sale and all game fish caught by the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps be promptly returned unharmed to the water.

(c) The department may require reporting of the permit holder's activities under the permit and may set reasonable permit conditions to insure that the requirements of par. (a) are met.

(d) The department shall act on a complete application for a permit under this subsection within 20 business days after it is received by the appropriate department district office.

(e) No permit holder may cause or allow the violation of any term or condition of a permit issued under this subsection. In addition to any other penalties, if a permit holder is convicted of causing or allowing a violation of any term or condition of a permit, the permit is terminated.

(f) The department may, at any time, revoke or modify a permit issued under this subsection if it determines that the minnow supply is in danger of being depleted in the water for which the permit was issued. A permit revocation or modification shall become effective when it is received by the permit holder or 3 business days after it is mailed to the permit holder at the address shown on the permit, whichever occurs first.

(g) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the department under this subsection may, within 30 days of the mailing of the decision, request a

contested-case hearing before the department on the decision under s. 227.42, Stats.

History: 1-2-56; am. (4), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (2), (4) (a) 3 and (b), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (4) (a) 2., Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; am. (4) (c), cr. (4) (d), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; r. and recr. (3), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (3) and (4) (a) 1., Register, December, 1964, No. 108, eff. 1-1-65; r. and recr. (4) (a) 1., Register, November, 1965, No. 119; eff. 1-1-66; r. (4) (d), Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; renum. from WCD 20.10 to be NR 20.10, Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; am. (4) (a) 2, Register, December, 1977, No. 264, eff. 1-1-78; am. (4) (a) 1. and 2., Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79; am. (4) (a) 1. and 2., Register, October, 1979, No. 286, eff. 11-1-79; am. (4) (a) (intro.), Register, December, 1981, No. 312, eff. 1-1-82; r. and recr. (4) (b), Register, August, 1982, No. 320, eff. 9-1-82; am. (4) (a) 3., Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; am. (4) (a) 1., Register, April, 1987, No. 376, eff. 5-1-87; am. (4) (a) (intro.), cr. (5), Register, June, 1987, No. 378, eff. 7-1-87; am. (1) (intro.), cr. (1) (b), Register, December, 1989, No. 408, eff. 1-1-90; am. (1) (b) (intro.), Register, November, 1993, No. 455, eff. 1-1-94.

NR 20.11 Whitefish and cisco in inland waters. (1) The rules and regulations set forth in this section shall apply to the use of all nets and seines used for taking whitefish and cisco.

(2) Cisco dip nets shall not exceed 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square and such seines shall not exceed 75 feet in length or 6 feet in depth and with a mesh not greater than 2 inches stretch measure.

(3) (a) The open season for fishing whitefish and cisco with such dip nets and seines in all inland waters except Lake Lucerne in Forest county shall be from the Saturday nearest October 10 to February 1.

(b) Dip nets only may be used for the taking of whitefish and cisco from Keyes lake in Florence county with a daily bag limit of 3 fish from the Saturday nearest October 10 to January 15.

(4) No person shall have in possession or under control at any time more than 25 pounds and one fish in aggregate of whitefish or cisco taken from inland waters.

History: 1-2-56; am. (4), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (3), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (1), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; am. (3) Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; renum. (3) to be (3) (a); cr. (3) (b), Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1-1-64; renum. from WCD 20.11 to be NR 20.11, Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; am. (3) (a), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83.

NR 20.12 Setlines and set or bank poles in inland waters. (1) **LICENSE REQUIRED.** No person may use, set, lift, attend or have in possession while on the inland waters any set or bank pole or setline unless its use complies with this section and is authorized by a set or bank pole license issued under s. 29.36 (1), Stats., or by a setline license issued under s. 29.37 (1), Stats.

(2) **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.** (a) A set or bank pole license authorizes the use of a maximum of 5 set or bank poles and a setline license authorizes the use of one setline except as provided in ss. NR 21.12 (1) (a) and 22.12 (1).

(b) No person may use, set, lift, attend or have in possession while on the inland waters any set or bank pole or any setline licensed to another person.

(c) No person may possess sport angling equipment while setting, lifting or attending a set or bank pole or setline.

(3) **SETLINE FLAG.** Setline flags and buoys shall meet the requirements of this subsection.

(a) Any person using a setline shall place and maintain at one end of the setline a white flag 10 inches square or larger held by a staff or pole 3 feet or more above the surface of the water or bank, but the flag may not be placed in the main channel of any navigable waterway.

(b) The flag shall be numbered with figures which are at least 3 inches high and which correspond to the number of the license authorizing the setline's use.

(c) The flag staff or pole may not be more than 2½ inches in diameter and the portion of the staff extending above the water or bank shall be banded horizontally with alternate black and white markings of 2 inches to 6 inches wide.

(d) When a buoy is used to hold the setline's flag staff or pole the buoy shall be cylindrical in shape, have a diameter of 15 inches or less, and be banded horizontally with alternate black and white markings of 2 inches to 6 inches wide.

(4) **TAGS REQUIRED.** Each set or bank pole shall have attached securely to it and each setline shall have attached securely to its flag staff or pole a metal tag stamped with the number of the license authorizing its use.

(5) **LINES AND HOOKS.** (a) Set or bank poles and setlines may not use stainless steel hooks or be equipped with any hook smaller than ¾ inch gap except that on the Mississippi river stainless steel hooks may be used and there is no hook size restriction.

(b) A set or bank pole may not be equipped with more than one line which may not have more than 2 hooks.

(c) A setline may not have more than 25 hooks.

(6) **BAIT.** All types of bait may be used on waters open to set or bank pole and setline fishing except for the following:

(a) Live crayfish and whole or live bait fish less than 5 inches in length may not be used on any inland waters.

(b) Whole or live bait fish may not be used on lakes Butte des Morts, Little Butte des Morts, Winnebago and Winneconne, Winnebago county, lake Poygan, Waushara and Winnebago counties and the Black river, Jackson and LaCrosse counties.

(7) **FREQUENCY OF LIFTING AND HOURS.** (a) Each set or bank pole and setline shall be lifted and the catch removed at least once each day following the day it was set unless a longer period is authorized by the department or its agents.

(b) No person may set, attend or lift a set or bank pole or setline between one-half hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise.

(8) **SIZE, BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS.** The size, bag and possession limits established in the season tables of s. NR 20.03 (1) for catfish apply to persons who fish with a set or bank pole or a setline, except that there is no bag limit on catfish caught in lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Little Butte des Morts, Winneconne, Poygan and in the Fox river downstream from lake Butte des Morts to the dam in the city of DePere,

Brown county and the Wolf river from 500 feet below the dam at Shawano, Shawano county, downstream to its mouth, Winnebago county.

(9) SALE OF FISH AND TURTLES; RELEASE OF GAME FISH. (a) Catfish taken on a set or bank pole or a setline may be sold only if taken from the water described in sub. (8).

(b) Rough fish taken on a set or bank pole or a setline in any waters where such fishing is permitted may be sold.

(c) Turtles taken on a set or bank pole or a setline may be kept and sold.

(d) Except for catfish taken in compliance with this section, all game fish taken on any set or bank pole or setline shall immediately be returned to the water as soon as they appear in the operation.

(10) WATERS OPEN TO SET OR BANK POLE AND SETLINE FISHING. (a) From the Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30 of each year set or bank poles and setlines may be used in the following waters:

1. Embarrass river beginning 500 feet below the dam at Pella in Shawano county downstream to the Wolf river, Waupaca county.

2. Fox river from the Wicks landing road located in section 6, T15N, R12E, Green Lake county downstream to the Eureka dam, Winnebago county and from lake Butte des Morts in Winnebago county downstream to the dam in the city of DePere, Brown county.

3. Lakes Butte des Morts, Little Butte des Morts, Poygan, Winnebago and Wineconne, Winnebago county.

4. Shioe river, Outagamie county.

5. Waupaca river beginning 500 feet below the dam at Weyauwega, Waupaca county, downstream to the Wolf river, Waupaca county.

6. Wolf river from 500 feet below the dam at Shawano, Shawano county downstream to its mouth, Winnebago county.

(b) There is a continuous open season for set or bank pole and setline fishing in the following waters:

1. Black river from the U.S. highway 12 bridge in the city of Black River Falls, Jackson county, downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, La Crosse county.

2. Blue river from the state highway 133 bridge, Grant county, downstream to the Wisconsin river.

3. Grant river from Porters bridge on state highway 35 downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, Grant county.

4. Kickapoo river from 200 feet below the Gays Mills dam, Crawford county, downstream to the Wisconsin river.

5. Pecatonica river in Green and Lafayette counties and the Pecatonica east and west branches, Lafayette county.

6. Platte river, from the state highway 81 bridge downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, Grant county.

7. Wisconsin river from the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad tracks, SW ¼ SE ¼, section 12, T9N, R6E, Sauk county, downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, Grant county.

(11) WATERS OPEN TO SET OR BANK POLE FISHING ONLY. (a) There is a continuous open season for set or bank pole fishing in the following waters:

1. Buffalo river from the state highway 37 bridge downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, Buffalo county.

2. Chippewa river from the dam in Eau Claire, Eau Claire county, downstream to the Burlington Northern railroad tracks, Pepin county.

History: 1-2-56; am. (3), (5), (6), (7); cr. (8), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (4), (6) and (7), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; r. and recr. Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; am. (2) Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; am. (4) Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; r. and recr. (4), am. (8), (9), and (10), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. (10), Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1-1-63; am. (10), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; am. (4) and (10), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; am. (10), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 1-1-68; am. (10), Register, December, 1968, No. 156, eff. 1-1-69; renum. WCD 20.12 to be NR 20.12 and am. (8) and (9), Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; cr. (6m), am. (8) and (10) and r. (11), Register, August, 1971, No. 188, eff. 1-1-72; am. (9), Register, October, 1973, No. 214, eff. 1-1-74; am. (8), Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75; am. (1), (5) and (8), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (9), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; r. and recr. Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86; am. (5) (a), Register, November, 1986, No. 371, eff. 12-1-86; am. (6) (b), Register, July, 1988, No. 391, eff. 8-1-88.

NR 20.13 Fish shanties, shelters, ice fishing hours and ice fishing in all state waters. The following rules and regulations are hereby established for the use of buildings, tents, fish shanties and similar enclosures and shelters maintained, occupied or used for fishing purposes on the ice of all waters of this state pursuant to s. 29.283, Stats.:

(1) PROHIBITED SHELTER. Except as provided in sub. (2) of this section no person shall construct, use, maintain or occupy for fishing purposes any building, tent, fish shanty or similar enclosure or shelter whatsoever upon the ice of any waters of this state.

(2) FISH SHANTIES. (a) Buildings, tents, fish shanties, portable shelters or similar enclosures may be used on the ice for fishing purposes. The door of any such enclosure or shelter shall be equipped with a latch which will permit the door to be readily opened from the outside at all times while enclosure or shelter is occupied. All such shelters shall be removed from the ice on or before March 5 south of highway #64, excluding Green Bay waters, and March 15 north of highway #64 on all waters including other outlying waters. Such shelters shall be removed prior to that time by order of the department or by its agents when they feel that the ice has become unsafe for travel thereon.

(b) Portable shelters may be used after the above dates by fishermen when they are actively engaged in fishing. Such shelters shall be removed daily and when not in use.

(3) SIZE OF HOLES FOR ICE FISHING. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to cut, use or maintain a hole larger than 12 inches in diameter or square for the taking of fish in any manner through the ice, except for spearing of fish in Lake Superior and except for dip netting, the taking of minnows by minnow traps, and for skin diving purposes.

(b) During the open season for spearing sturgeon in Lakes Poygan, Winneconne, Butte des Morts, Little Butte des Morts, Winnebago and in the connecting waters downstream to the uppermost dam in the city of Appleton in Outagamie county is shall be lawful to cut and maintain holes of unrestricted size from 48 hours before and continuing through such season.

(4) **NAME OF OWNER.** All buildings, tents, fish shanties and similar enclosures or shelters maintained, occupied or used for fishing purposes on the ice of any inland waters and outlying waters where so authorized by the department of natural resources or by statute shall have in the English language the name and residential address of the person owning or using the same painted or permanently affixed on the outside thereof with lettering a minimum of one inch square.

(5) **ICE FISHING IN OUTLYING WATERS.** The same seasons, bag limits, and size limits are established for fishing through the ice in the outlying waters of this state as are established under the general fishing seasons for outlying waters.

(6) **PROHIBITED METHODS WITHIN FISH SHANTIES.** During the open season for spearing sturgeon under s. NR 20.03 (1) (q) 2.a. and b., no person may fish with or possess hook and line within any building, tent, shanty or similar enclosure containing an ice hole larger than 12 inches in diameter or square.

History: 1-2-56; cr. (4m), Register, December, 1956, No. 12, eff. 1-1-57; am. (3) and r. (4m), Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. (2) (a) and (3) (a) and (b), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; am. (3) (a) and (b), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; am. intro. par., (1) and (2) (a); r. (2) (b); am. (4), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; am. intro. par., (1) and (2), Register, December, 1963, No. 96, eff. 1-1-64; r. and recr. (3) (a), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; am. (3) (a), Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; cr. (2) (b), Register, December, 1967, No. 144, eff. 1-1-68; am. (3) (a), Register, October, 1969, No. 166, eff. 1-1-70; renum. WCD 20.13 to be NR 20.13, Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; am. (4), Register, October, 1973, No. 214, eff. 1-1-74; am. (3) (a), Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75; am. (3) (a), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (2) (a), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; cr. (6), Register, November, 1993, No. 455, eff. 1-1-94.

NR 20.14 Department permitted to take fish. No provision in this chapter shall prohibit the department of natural resources, its agents, wardens or representatives of the fish management bureau of such department from taking any of the fish mentioned at any time wherein they deem it advisable and necessary to promote the general conservation progress.

History: 1-2-56; renum. WCD 20.14 to be NR 20.14, and am. Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71.

NR 20.15 Control of detrimental fish. (1) The department finds that bullheads are detrimental fish in the following counties or specified county waters.

(a) All waters in Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas and Washburn counties.

(b) Adams and Juneau — Castle Rock flowage and the Wisconsin river beginning at the Petenwell dam and extending downstream to the Castle Rock dam except for that part of the Yellow river in Castle Rock flowage locally called the Buckhorn area, upstream from the electric power trans-

mission line across the flowage in sections 26 and 35, T17N, R4E, Juneau county.

(c) Dodge — Beaver Dam lake and the Rock river from hwy. 49 downstream to the dam in Hustisford.

(d) Florence — Bass, Frog, Halsey, Long (Forest county), Scout and West Bass lakes; Line and Pine river flowages.

(e) Forest — Little Rice lake.

(f) Marinette — Town Corner lake.

(g) Sheboygan — Sheboygan marsh.

(h) Winnebago — Little Lake Butte des Morts from the lower dam on the Fox river at Menasha to the upper dam in Appleton, Outagamie county.

(i) Wood — Petenwell flowage and the Wisconsin river beginning at the Nekoosa dam in Wood county extending downstream to the Petenwell dam in Adams and Juneau counties.

(j) All of Lake Michigan and Green Bay waters in Marinette, Oconto, Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha counties.

(2) The department of natural resources finds, pursuant to s. 29.623, Stats., that perch are detrimental fish in the following specified waters:

(a) Landing lake, Mill lake, North Twin lake, Rice lake (Sec. 14, T40-41N, R9E), South Twin lake, High lake and Fishtrap lake in Vilas county.

(3) The department of natural resources finds, pursuant to s. 29.623, Stats., that catfish are detrimental fish in the following specified waters and that the department may remove catfish from the waters specified or cause them to be removed therefrom pursuant to ss. 29.62 and 29.625, Stats.

(a) Green lake in Green Lake county.

(b) Lake Michigan and Green Bay

(4) The department of natural resources finds, pursuant to s. 29.623, Stats., that panfish are detrimental fish in the following specified waters and that the department may remove panfish from the waters specified or cause them to be removed therefrom pursuant to ss. 29.62 and 29.625, Stats.

(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 s. 29.623, 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 ss. 29.62 and 29.625, Stats.

(6) The department of natural resources finds pursuant to s. 29.623, 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 ss. 29.62 and 29.625, Stats.

(7) The department of natural resources finds that all fish species, strains or hybrids that are not indigenous to the waters of the state are detrimental fish in all waters of the state except where their presence is specifically permitted under s. 29.535, Stats. The department may remove them or cause them to be removed pursuant to s. 29.623, Stats.

(8) The department of natural resources finds pursuant to s. 29.623, Stats., that white bass are detrimental fish in all of Lake Michigan and Green Bay waters and that the department may remove white bass or cause them to be removed pursuant to ss. 29.62 and 29.625, Stats.

History: Cr. Register, September, 1958, No. 33, eff. 10-1-58; cr. (1) (h) and (2), Register, March, 1959, No. 39, eff. 4-1-59; cr. (1) (i), Register, July, 1959, No. 43, eff. 8-1-59; am. (2), Register, October, 1959, No. 46, eff. 11-1-59; cr. (3), Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; am. (1) (j); 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; renum. WGD 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; cr. (1) (j), Register, December, 1976, No. 252, eff. 1-1-77; am. (1) (b) and (c), Register, December, 1979, No. 288, eff. 1-1-80; cr. (1) (r), Register, December, 1982, No. 324, eff. 1-1-83; r. and recr. (1), Register, December, 1984, No. 348, eff. 1-1-85; cr. (1) (l), (3) (b), (7) and (8), Register, June, 1989, No. 402, eff. 7-1-89; am. (1) (a), Register, March, 1992, No. 435, eff. 4-1-92.

NR 20.16 Monthly sport trolling fishing reports. (1) A monthly sport trolling fishing report form required by s. 29.166 (2), Stats., shall be completed by the sport trolling licensee guiding persons in sport trolling. Copies of the report form shall be provided by the department. The licensee's name, license number, date, locations fished, number of anglers, number of lines fished, hours fished, total number of fish caught and other information required by the report form shall be accurately and legibly recorded on the form in the English language within ½ hour after completing each trip's fishing activities after returning to the dock or shore. The number of fish of each species caught and the tag numbers, if any, may be recorded on the form after returning to the dock or shore but shall be recorded on the form prior to midnight of the day of each trip. The report form shall be exhibited to a conservation warden upon request.

(2) The entire monthly sport trolling fishing report form provided by the department, including any voided and unused pages, shall be signed and dated by the sport trolling licensee and submitted to the department on or before the 10th day of each month for the preceding calendar month.

History: Cr. Register, July, 1992, No. 439, eff. 8-1-92.

NR 20.17 Report of licensed guides. All Wisconsin guides licensed under the provisions of s. 29.165, 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.

NR 20.18 Sturgeon spearing. (1) POSSESSION OF EQUIPMENT. No person may have in possession or under control any spear or similar device in any building, tent, shanty or similar enclosure on the ice or waters of Lakes Buttes des Morts, Winneconne and Poygan, except during the specified spearing season, or on the ice or waters and tributaries of the Wolf river from the lower dam at Shawano downstream to Poygan, the Embarrass river from Pella dam downstream to the Wolf river, in the Schioc river from the Outagamie-Shawano county line downstream to its confluence with the Wolf river, the Little Wolf river from Manawa Dam downstream to the Wolf river, the Fox river from milepost No. 63, commonly known as Johnson creek, in Green Lake county to the Princeton dam downstream to Lake Butte des Morts during the open sturgeon spearing season.

(2) **STURGEON TAG. (a) Tags.** A sturgeon carcass tag shall be issued with each sturgeon spearing license and shall remain intact until the spearer spears a sturgeon. While sturgeon spearing, no person may possess a validated sturgeon carcass tag unless it is attached to a legally killed sturgeon.

(b) **Validation.** Any person who spears a sturgeon shall immediately validate the sturgeon carcass tag by slitting the marks designating the month, day, length of fish, time and location of kill. Failure to completely validate the sturgeon carcass tag renders the possession of the sturgeon illegal and the sturgeon carcass tag invalid.

(3) **TRANSPORTATION.** No person may 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 sub. (4) unless the sturgeon is carried openly exposed and in such manner so that the sturgeon carcass tag attached to the sturgeon cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

(4) **RECORDING STURGEON. (a) Registration.** Each person who has speared a sturgeon during the open season for spearing sturgeon shall exhibit the sturgeon, with the person's sturgeon carcass tag attached as required by s. 29.148, Stats., to a warden or other authorized department personnel at an official sturgeon registration station. Sturgeon shall be intact and registered at a station on Lake Winnebago if speared in Lake Winnebago. Sturgeon shall be intact and registered at a station on Lake Butte des Morts, Winneconne or Poygan if speared in Lake Butte des Morts, Winneconne or Poygan. Sturgeon shall be exhibited at a sturgeon registration station not later than 7:00 p.m. on the day speared. The registration tag shall remain attached and locked to the sturgeon until the carcass is prepared for final consumption.

(b) **Registration tagging.** Upon verification of license information, the station operator shall:

1. Complete and retain the registration portion of the sturgeon's license.

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2. Lock a registration tag to the carcass immediately in front of the tail.

3. Remove the validation portion of the sturgeon carcass tag leaving the remainder of the sturgeon carcass tag attached to the sturgeon.

History: Cr. (1), (2) and (4), (3) renum. from NR 20.03 (2) (c) and am., Register, January, 1993, No. 445, eff. 2-1-93.