

such waters would result in a depletion of the supply of game fish therein and that such closed season is necessary to conserve the fish supply and insure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing therein and such closed seasons 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 commission to be the most feasible way of notifying the public that such closed season is in effect and such closed seasons shall remain in full force and effect so long as such waters are covered with ice and so long as such posting is continued. For open seasons in specified waters see section WCD 20.04. The possession limit for each species of fish shall be double the daily bag limit specified in this chapter. 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 seasons (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(a) <b>Largemouth bass</b>			
In all waters north of highway #64.....	June 7 to February 15	5	No size limit
In all waters south of highway #64.....	May 1 to February 15	5	No size limit
(b) <b>Smallmouth bass</b>			
In all waters north of highway #64.....	June 7 to February 15	5	No size limit
In all waters south of highway #64.....	May 1 to February 15	5	No size limit
(c) <b>Walleye and sauger</b> (Bag limit means total of all) (See also section WCD 20.04)			
In all waters north of highway #64.....	May 15 to February 15	5	No size limit
In all waters south of highway #64.....	May 1 to February 15	5	No size limit
(d) <b>Northern pike (pickerel)</b> (See also section WCD 20.04)			
Island Lake Chain in Chippewa and Rusk counties (includes Island, Chain, Clear, McCann, Long and Hurdi lakes); The Court Oreilles Chain in Sawyer county (includes Grindstone, Court Oreilles, Whitefish, Sand, Sissabagama and Holly lakes and Billy Boy flowage); Shawano lake in Shawano county; all waters in Iron, Oneida, Price, Rusk and Vilas counties.....	No closed season	25	No size limit
In all other waters north of highway #64.....	May 15 to February 15	5	No size limit
In all waters of Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties.....	May 1 to February 15	2	22
In all waters south of highway #64 (except in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties and in Shawano lake).....	May 1 to February 15	5	No size limit
(e) <b>Muskellunge</b> (Includes hybrid muskellunge)			
In all waters north of highway #64.....	May 15 to November 15	1	30
In all waters south of highway #64.....	May 1 to November 15	1	30

Kind of fish and locality	Open seasons (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(f) <b>Trout</b> (any variety except kamloops, splake and lake trout). Bag limit means total of all.			
In all waters.....	May 1 to September 7	10	6
There shall be an open season on kamloops trout in Green Lake in Green Lake County only.....	May 1 to September 7	10	6
	September 8 to February 15	10	6
There shall be a special open season for trout in the following waters: Lake Superior (See also WCD 20.02 (1)(g))			
Ashland county— <i>Bad river</i> from its mouth upstream to Copper Falls; <i>Potato river</i> from its mouth upstream to Guerny Falls; <i>White river</i> from its mouth upstream to White river dam;			
Bayfield county— <i>Cranberry river</i> from its mouth upstream to the Lenawee road (T50N, R7W, Sec. 28); <i>Fish river and Fish creek</i> from its mouth upstream to the junction of Pine creek (T47N, R6W, Sec. 13); <i>Flag river</i> from its mouth upstream to the junction with the Little Flag river (T49N, R8W, Sec. 2); <i>Iron river</i> from its mouth upstream to Orienta dam; <i>Stoux river</i> from its mouth upstream to "Big Rock Falls" (T49N, R4W, Sec. 18); <i>Siskowit river</i> from its mouth upstream to the second bridge (T51N, R6W, Sec. 35);			
Douglas county— <i>Brute river</i> from its mouth upstream to U. S. Highway 2;	April 1 to April 30	5	13
Deep and Jordan lakes in Adams county; Little Granite and Silver lakes in Barron county; Cisco and Perch lakes in Bayfield county; Axehandle lake in Chippewa county; Elk Creek lake in Dunn county; Edith, Fischer, Keyes, Lost, Montgomery, Patten and Riley lakes in Florence county; Lucerne lake in Forest county; Green lake in Green Lake county; Crystal, O'Brien and Weber (Upson) lakes in Iron county; Rock lake in Kenosha county; Bear, Crystal, Moose, Penee lakes and Phlox pond in Langlade county; Bass, Long and Moraine lakes in Lincoln county; Benson, Campbell, Echo, Sand, Spur and Thunder lakes in Marinette county; Boulder, Porcupine, Shay, and White lakes in Oconto county; Dorothy and Lily lakes in Oneida county; Pine lake in Polk county; Spring lake in Portage county; Patterson lake in Price county; Sand lake in Rusk county; Devils lake in Sauk county; Perch lake in St. Croix county; Black Oak, Bluegill, Devil, Diamond, Pence, Joyce, Mildred, Otto Mielke, Stormy, Trout, Weber and White Sand lakes in Vilas county; Lake Geneva in Walworth county; Tozer lake in Washburn county; Big Cedar lake in Washington county; Cedar and Spencer lakes in Waupaca county; Pearl and Little Silver lakes in Waushara county.....	and September 8 to November 15	5	13
Little Silver lakes in Waushara county.....	September 8 to February 15	10	6
(g) <b>Lake trout and splake</b> .....	January 1 to September 30	2	17

Kind of fish and locality	Open seasons (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(h) <b>Catfish</b> , all waters.....	No closed season	25	No size limit
(i) <b>Sand, shovel-nosed or hackleback sturgeon</b> .....	No closed season	25	No size limit
(j) <b>White bass</b> .....	No closed season	None	No size limit
(k) <b>Rock bass</b> .....	No closed season	None	No size limit
(l) <b>Crappie</b> .....	No closed season	None	No size limit
(m) <b>Bluegill</b> .....	No closed season	None	No size limit
(n) <b>Perch</b> .....	No closed season	None	No size limit
(o) <b>Pumpkinseed</b> (sunfish).....	No closed season	None	No size limit
(p) <b>Yellow bass</b> (striped).....	No closed season	None	No size limit
(q) <b>Bullheads</b> .....	No closed season	None	No size limit
(r) <b>Cisco and whitefish</b> .....	No closed season	25 pounds and one fish in aggregate	No size limit
(s) <b>Rock or lake sturgeon</b> (Spearing season)			
Only 1 sturgeon may be speared in the following waters:			
Little Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winnebago and connecting waters downstream to uppermost dam in the city of Appleton in Outagamie county	February 11 to March 1	1 per season	40
(Hook and Line Season) Rock or lake sturgeon may be taken in all waters except Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Poygan, Lake Winneconne, Little Lake Butte des Morts, Lake Winnebago and connecting waters downstream to the uppermost dam in the city of Appleton in Outagamie county, the Wolf river from the dam at Shawano downstream to Lake Poygan and the Fox river downstream from Milepost No. 63, sometimes known as Johnson creek in Green Lake county, to Lake Butte des Morts by hook and line only.....	September 5 to October 15	1 per season	40
No person shall have in his possession or under his control any spear or similar device in any building, tent, shanty or similar enclosure on the waters of Lakes Butte des Morts and Winneconne in Winnebago county; Lake Poygan in Waushara and Winnebago counties; Lake Winnebago in Calumet, Fond du Lac, and Winnebago counties; Little Lake Butte des Morts in Outagamie and Winnebago counties, and all connecting waters including the Wolf river from the dam at Shawano downstream to Lake Poygan and the Fox river from Milepost No. 63 commonly known as Johnson creek in Green Lake county downstream to Lake Butte des Morts, except during the open season for spearing sturgeon when such open season is in effect on a specified water named above.			
All speared sturgeon shall be tagged according to Sec. 29.148 of the Wis. Stats.			
(t) <b>Paddle-fish or spoonbill catfish</b> .....	None	-----	-----

(2) Each person who has speared a sturgeon during the open season for spearing sturgeon shall exhibit such sturgeon, with his sturgeon tag attached as required by section 29.396, Wis. Stats., to a conservation warden or other authorized conservation department personnel at an official sturgeon registration station established for such purpose. Such sturgeon shall be so exhibited at such sturgeon registration station in the county where speared not later than 24 hours after the spearing of such sturgeon. Upon approval by the officer,

said officer shall attach a special tag to such sturgeon indicating that it has been inspected and recorded and such tag shall remain attached and locked to such sturgeon until the carcass is finally consumed.

(3) A closed season is established for the taking, catching, or killing of fish of any variety or fishing for fish from December 1 to the following April 29, both dates inclusive, 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, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35.

Township 40 north, range 7 west.

Sections 1, 2, 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 8 west.

Sections 13, 24, 25, 26, 35, and 36.

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**WCD 20.04 Open seasons in specified waters.** (1) The open season for hook and line fishing for northern pike or pickerel and walleye and sauger in the following described waters shall begin on April 1 of each year. Bag limits, possession limits and size limits shall be the same as prescribed in the season tables.

(b) *Rock river waters.* The Rock river waters shall include:

1. The Rock river in Dodge, Jefferson and Rock counties.
2. The Crawfish river in Columbia, Dodge and Jefferson counties.
3. The Beaver Dam river beginning at the dam in the city of Beaver Dam in Dodge county downstream to the Crawfish river.
4. The Scuppernong river beginning at the dam at Palmyra in Jefferson county downstream to the Bark river.
5. The Bark river beginning at the dam at Hebron in Jefferson county downstream to the Rock river.
6. The Yahara river beginning at the dam at Fulton in Rock county downstream to the Rock river.
7. The Busseyville creek in Dane and Jefferson counties beginning at the Rockdale dam downstream to Lake Koshkonong.

(c) *Lafayette county waters.* The Lafayette county waters shall include the Fever river, the Pecatonica river, and the Yellowstone river from the dam downstream in Lafayette county.

(d) *Manitowoc county waters.* The Manitowoc county waters shall include the Branch river, the East and West Twin rivers, the Little Manitowoc river, the Manitowoc river and the Sheboygan river in Manitowoc county.

(e) *Sheboygan county waters.* The Sheboygan county waters shall include the Black river, the Pigeon river and the Sheboygan river in Sheboygan county.