



State of Wisconsin  
1999 - 2000 LEGISLATURE

LRBs0233/1  
RNK:cjs:km

ASSEMBLY SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1,  
TO 1999 ASSEMBLY BILL 423

January 19, 2000 – Offered by COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES.

1     **AN ACT** *to amend* 29.024 (2g) (a) 2. and 29.971 (1) (a); and *to create* 29.403,  
2           29.971 (1) (ag) and 29.971 (1) (ar) of the statutes; **relating to:** regulating  
3           fishing tournaments, granting rule-making authority and providing penalties.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

4           **SECTION 1.** 29.024 (2g) (a) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:  
5           29.024 (**2g**) (a) 2. Any permit issued under s. ~~29.38, 29.521, 29.525, 29.53 or~~  
6           ~~29.578~~ 29.403, 29.537, 29.733, 29.735, 29.736 or 29.871.

7           **SECTION 2.** 29.403 of the statutes is created to read:

8           **29.403 Fishing tournaments. (1)** The department shall promulgate rules  
9           to establish a program to authorize and regulate fishing tournaments. The rules  
10          shall establish the scope and applicability of the program.

11          **(2)** The department may require a permit under the program to conduct a  
12          fishing tournament and may impose terms and conditions that apply to a specific

1 permit. The department may issue a specific permit under terms and conditions that  
2 vary from the requirements of the rules promulgated by the department under sub.  
3 (1).

4 (3) The rules promulgated by the department under sub. (1) may include any  
5 of the following:

6 (a) Rules governing the circumstances under which a waiver for a permit may  
7 be granted under s. 29.197.

8 (b) Rules establishing training or educational requirements for persons who  
9 seek a permit under sub. (2).

10 (c) Rules for controlling crowding, preventing unsafe conditions or preventing  
11 conflicts among the users of the body of water on which fishing tournaments are held  
12 or at facilities for public access to those bodies of water, including boat ramps and  
13 parking lots.

14 (d) Rules relating to the prevention of the waste of a natural resource.

15 (e) Rules relating to the protection of the bodies of water of this state, fish and  
16 other aquatic resources in those bodies of water.

17 (f) Rules specifying the number of fishing tournaments that may be held on a  
18 body of water.

19 (g) Rules governing the frequency with which fishing tournaments may be held  
20 and the dates on which they may be held.

21 (h) Rules specifying the number of days over which fishing tournaments, or  
22 practices for fishing tournaments, may be held.

23 (i) Rules governing the hours during which fishing tournaments may be held.

24 (j) Rules specifying the location of the bodies of water on which fishing  
25 tournaments may be held.

1           (k) Rules specifying the species of fish that may be targeted by fishing  
2       tournaments.

3           (L) Rules specifying bag and size limits for fish that are caught at fishing  
4       tournaments.

5           (m) Rules governing the time of year when fishing tournaments may be held.

6           (n) Rules specifying the qualities that the bodies of water on which fishing  
7       tournaments may be held must have.

8           (o) Rules governing the reporting of the results of fishing tournaments.

9           (p) Rules specifying fees for fishing tournament permits and for training or  
10       educational programs including rules specifying reduced fees in appropriate  
11       circumstances.

12          (4) Notwithstanding subs. (2) and (3), the department may not, under the  
13       program established under sub. (1), allow a participant in a fishing tournament to  
14       engage in any activity in which the department would not allow an angler who is not  
15       a participant to engage at the same time on the same body of water.

16          (5) (a) The department shall deny an application for a fishing tournament  
17       permit or suspend or revoke a fishing tournament permit if the permit applicant or  
18       holder does any of the following:

19           1. Makes a material misrepresentation on a permit application.

20           2. Violates this section, a rule promulgated under this section or a term or  
21       condition of a permit.

22           3. Violates this chapter as it relates to fishing in connection with a fishing  
23       tournament.

24           4. Fails to adequately supervise a fishing tournament.

(b) If the department denies a person's application for a fishing tournament permit or if the permit is revoked under par. (a), the department may not issue a fishing tournament permit to that person for a period of 2 years after the denial or revocation.

**(6)** Any person who participates in a fishing tournament shall comply with the terms and conditions imposed by any permit issued for that fishing tournament under sub. (2).

**SECTION 3.** 29.971 (1) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

29.971 (1) (a) For the violation of any requirement of this chapter relating to fishing or fish dealing, by a forfeiture of not more than \$1,000 except as provided under pars. (ag), (ar), (b) and (c) and sub. (5m).

**SECTION 4.** 29.971 (1) (ag) of the statutes is created to read:

29.971 (1) (ag) For conducting a fishing tournament without a permit as required by the department, by a forfeiture of not less than \$1,000 nor more than \$2,000.

**SECTION 5.** 29.971 (1) (ar) of the statutes is created to read:

29.971 (1) (ar) For participating in a fishing tournament and failing to comply with a term or condition imposed by a permit issued for that fishing tournament under s. 29.403, by a forfeiture of not more than \$500.

**SECTION 6. Nonstatutory provisions.**

(1) The department of natural resources shall appoint an advisory committee under section 227.13 of the statutes for the purpose of advising the department in promulgating rules under section 29.403 of the statutes, as created by this act. The advisory committee shall include members representing the following groups or interests:

- (a) Fishing tournament sponsors.
- (b) The conservation congress.
- (c) Sport fishing organizations.
- (d) Users of lakes and streams in this state.
- (END)