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**2023 Wisconsin Act 112**  
[2023 Senate Bill 411]

**Transportation of Fish**

### PRIOR LAW

If a fish was subject to a minimum size limit and taken by hook and line, prior law generally allowed transportation of the fish only if: (1) the fish retained its head and tail; or (2) the dressed or fileted fish continued to meet the applicable minimum size limit.

### 2023 WISCONSIN ACT 112

2023 Wisconsin Act 112 adds an alternative option for transporting fish that are subject to a size limit. Specifically, the act allows a person to transport a fish that is subject to a size limit and taken by hook and line, if the person provides, upon request, a physical or digital photograph that shows the fish before the head or tail was removed alongside a ruler (or other method acceptable to the Department of Natural Resources) for proving the length of the fish. The act requires the photograph to bear a stamp of the time and date on which the photograph was taken.

The act also specifies that, if a person displays a photograph to a conservation warden using a cell phone or other electronic device, the warden may not view any other content on the phone or device, and the display does not constitute consent for viewing other content.

**Effective date:** March 16, 2024

For a full history of the bill, visit the Legislature's [bill history page](#).

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