

Clearinghouse Rule 07-014

ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD REPEALING, AMENDING, AND CREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to repeal NR 20.06(4); to amend NR 20.05(1), 20.20(2)(g)1. and 3., 20.20(3)(d), 20.20(3)(e), 20.20(4)(f)1., 20.20(13)(d)1., 20.20(19)(d), 20.20(26)(a)3. and 4., 20.20(33)(b)1. and (d)1. and (g)1., 20.20(35)(f), 20.20(47)(g), 20.20(48)(b), 20.20(51)(g)2., 20.20(52)(b)2., 20.20(52)(d)1., 20.20(60)(e)1., 20.20(60)(g)2., 21.04(11)(b); and to create NR 20.03(37tm), 20.20(3)(f)4., 20.20(19)(e)2., 20.20(20)(c)3., 20.20(27)(cm), 20.20(37)(c)2., 20.20(49)(am)2., 20.20(49)(cm), 20.20(49)(f), 20.20(52)(c)2., 20.20(59)(c)2., 20.20(60)(h), 20.20(62)(am), 20.20(66)(g)3., 20.20(67)(am)2., 26.08(23), 26.08(23)(b), 26.08(23)(c), 26.24(13)(b) relating to fishing on the inland, outlying, and boundary waters of Wisconsin.

FH-15-07

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

Statutes Interpreted: In promulgating this rule, ss. 29.531, 29.533, 29.014(1), 29.039 and 29.041, Stats., which authorize fishing, have been interpreted as giving the department the authority to make changes to fishing regulations on inland and boundary waters of Wisconsin.

Statutory Authority: Sections 29.014(1), 29.039, 29.041 and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

Explanation of Agency Authority to Promulgate the Proposed Rules Under the Statutory Authority: Sections 29.014(1), 29.039, 29.041 and 227.11(2)(a), Stats., grant rule making authority to the department to establish and maintain open and closed seasons for fish and game and any bag limits, size limits, rest days and conditions governing the taking of fish and game that will conserve the fish and game supply and ensure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing, hunting and trapping; grant that the department may establish limitations relating to taking, possession, transportation, processing, and sale or offer for sale, of nongame species; and provide that the department may regulate hunting and fishing on and in all interstate boundary waters, and outlying waters. Section 227.11(2)(a), Stats., expressly confers rulemaking authority on the department to promulgate rules interpreting any statute enforced or administered by it, if the agency considers it necessary to effectuate the purpose of the statute.

Related Rule or Statute: None.

Plain Language Rule Analysis: Section by section details of this rule order are outlined:

Sections 1 and 2 clarify the types of spears which may be used for fishing and that taking rough fish by spearing is a legal method.

Section 3 removes the prohibition of use of landing nets larger than 36 inches, diameter.

Section 4 increases the daily bag limit for walleye, sauger, and their hybrids in Mineral lake, Ashland county, from 3 fish to 5 fish and replaces the current 18 inch minimum size limit with no minimum, but only one walleye larger than 14 inches may be kept.

Section 5 authorizes seining and dipnetting for rainbow smelt in Beaver Dam lake, Barron county, with a continuous open season and no restrictions on harvest hours. A maximum allowable size for seines is specified.

Section 6 creates a 26 inch minimum size limit for trout in Beaver Dam lake, Barron county, with a 1 fish daily bag limit, and creates a 15 inch minimum size limit for trout in the Hay river, Barron county, with a 1 fish daily bag limit.

Sections 7 and 33 create an 18 inch minimum size limit for walleye in the Red Cedar chain of lakes (lakes Balsam, Red Cedar, and Hemlock), Barron and Washburn counties.

Section 8 reduces the daily bag limit for panfish in Middle Eau Claire and Bony lakes, Bayfield county, from 25 fish to 10 fish.

Section 9 extends the 45 inch minimum length limit for muskellunge in lake Monona, Waubesa, and Wingra to tributaries and connecting waters of those lakes.

Section 10 implements minimum size and bag limits for brown trout and lake trout in Keyes lake, Florence county.

Section 11 implements an 18 inch minimum size limit and 3 fish daily bag limit for walleye in Keyes lake, Florence county.

Section 12 removes the 26 inch minimum size limit and 2 fish daily bag limit for northern pike in Kettle Moraine and Long lakes, Fond du Lac county and replaces those restrictions with no minimum size limit and a 5 fish daily bag limit.

Section 13 increases the daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass in the Gile flowage, Iron county, from 2 fish to 3 fish, aggregate, and changes the 15 inch minimum size limit to no minimum, but no fish between 14 and 18 inches may be kept and only one fish larger than 18 inches may be kept.

Sections 14 and 31 remove the 26 inch minimum size limit and 2 fish daily bag limit for northern pike in the Buffalo (upstream of highway 93) and Trempealeau rivers (upstream of the dam in Blair), Jackson and Trempealeau counties , and replaces those restrictions with no minimum size limit and a 5 fish daily bag limit.

Section 15 eliminates the continuous open season for largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, northern pike, and walleye, sauger, and their hybrids on the Yellowstone river, Lafayette county.

Section 16 eliminates special regulations for trout on a section of the Prairie river, Lincoln county.

Section 17 implements a 3 fish aggregate daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Big bass and Mission lakes, Marathon county, with no minimum size limit but no fish between 14 and 18 inches may be kept and only one fish larger than 18 inches may be kept.

Section 18 eliminates special regulations for trout in Plum creek, Pepin county.

Section 19 changes trout regulations on reaches of the Kinnickinnic river in Pierce county.

Section 20 implements a 3 fish aggregate daily bag limit for largemouth and smallmouth bass in Pipe lake, Polk county, with no minimum size limit but no fish between 14 and 18 inches may be kept and only one fish larger than 18 inches may be kept.

Sections 21 and 28 reduce the daily bag limit for panfish from 25 fish to 10 fish in all inland waters of St. Croix county and Cedar lake, which is in Polk and St. Croix counties.

Sections 22 and 30 implement a 3 fish daily bag limit for walleye in Cedar lake, Polk and St. Croix counties, with no minimum size limit but no fish between 14 and 18 inches may be kept and only one fish larger than 18 inches may be kept.

Section 23 implements a 5 fish daily bag limit for walleye in Butternut lake, Price county, with no minimum size limit but only one fish larger than 14 inches may be kept.

Sections 24, 25, and 26 implement restrictive bag limits for panfish and restrictive bag and size limits for largemouth and smallmouth bass and northern pike in Eagle lake, Racine county.

Section 27 removes the 26 inch minimum size limit and 2 fish daily bag limit for northern pike in Crystal lake, Sheboygan county and replaces those restrictions with no minimum size limit and a 5 fish daily bag limit.

Section 29 eliminates special regulations for trout in the Kinnickinnic river and Plum creek, St. Croix county.

Section 33 removes the 26 inch minimum size limit and 2 fish daily bag limit for northern pike in Little Cedar lake, Washington county and replaces those restrictions with no minimum size limit and a 5 fish daily bag limit.

Section 34 increases the minimum length limit for muskellunge in the Wisconsin portion of the St. Louis river from 40 inches to 50 inches.

Section 35 creates three fish refuges below dams in the Sugar river, Green county.

Section 36 creates a fish refuge on the Yahara river below the Dunkirk dam, Dane county.

Summary of and Comparison with Existing or Proposed Federal Regulations: None known.

Comparison of Similar Rules in Adjacent States: Fisheries management is generally quite similar in the states surrounding Wisconsin. Each bordering state regulates fishing by the use of seasons, bag limits and size limits. Specific seasons, bag and size limits may differ for species across the surrounding states; however, the general principles are similar. Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois all have statewide seasons, bag and size limits for fish species, along with special or experimental regulations on individual waters. Section XX, which pertains to muskellunge harvest regulation in the Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters of the St. Louis River is written to match a proposal being adopted for the Minnesota portion of the same water.

Summary of Factual Data and Analytical Methodologies Used in Support of the Rule: Rule proposals were developed by fisheries and law enforcement staff to address management and enforcement concerns. Proposals were reviewed for need and adequacy, and approved by a fish team or law enforcement team supervisor and forwarded to regional director for approval. Proposals approved by the regions were forwarded to the Fisheries Management Bureau Director, who conducted a review with the Fisheries Management Board, law enforcement, legal services, and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. Proposals approved by the Fisheries Management Bureau Director are included.

Analysis and Documentation Used in Support of the Agency's Determination Under s. 227.114, Stats., (Small Business Impact): The proposed rules do not apply directly to businesses, but to sport anglers.

Effect on Small Business, Including How the Rule Will Be Enforced: The proposed rules do not impose any compliance or reporting requirements on small businesses nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule. The rules will be enforced by Conservation Wardens who have arrest powers and may use citations.

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SECTION 1. NR 20.03(37tm) is created to read:

NR 20.03(37tm) "Spear" means a pole or shaft with an attached sharp barbed point or points designed for the purpose of impaling a fish, but does not include a snag line or snag pole, snaghook or cluster of hooks that might be used for snagging as prohibited by s. NR 20.06(8).

SECTION 2. NR 20.05(1) is amended to read:

NR 20.05(1) Fish by any means other than hook and line except as specifically authorized in ~~subch. III~~ this chapter or chs. NR 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25.

SECTION 3. NR 20.06(4) is repealed.

SECTION 4. NR 20.20(2)(g)1. and 3. are amended to read:

(2) ASHLAND (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Mineral lake, Spider lake, Moquah lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	3. Gordon lake, Lake Galilee, Upper Clam lake, Zielke lake, North Fork Flambeau river and its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, <u>Mineral lake</u>	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 14	None

SECTION 5. NR 20.20(3)(d) is amended to read:

(3) BARRON (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line.	During the open season for trout	None	None
	2. <u>Beaver dam lake</u>	a. <u>Hook and line, dip netting, by hand at any time for smelt only</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
		b. <u>Seining at any time for smelt with seines not more than 75 feet in length and 6 feet in depth</u>	<u>Continuous</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>None</u>
	23. All other waters	a. Hook and line, dip netting, by hand.	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	Saturday nearest May 20 to	None	None

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SECTION 6. NR 20.20(3)(e) is amended to read:

(3) **BARRON** (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Trout and salmon	1. Brill river, Conners creek, Little Vance creek, South Fork Hay river, Upper Pine creek downstream from the Dallas flowage dam, Vance creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	3 in total	Brown trout 12, rainbow trout 12, brook trout 8
	2. Little Granite lake, Silver lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	7
	<u>3. Beaver Dam lake</u>	<u>a. Hook and line</u>	<u>First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30</u>	<u>1 in total</u>	<u>26</u>
	<u>4. Hay river</u>	<u>a. Hook and line</u>	<u>First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30</u>	<u>1 in total</u>	<u>15</u>
	<u>35. All other waters not listed</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in total	7

SECTION 7. NR 20.20(3)(f)4. is created to read:

(3) **BARRON** (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	4. Red Cedar lake, Hemlock lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
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SECTION 8. NR 20.20(4)(f)1. is amended to read:

(4) **BAYFIELD** (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(f) Panfish	1. Bladder lake, Sawdust lakes, <u>Middle Eau Claire Lake, Bony Lake</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	10 in total	None
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SECTION 9. NR 20.20(13)(d)1. is amended to read:

(13) **DANE** (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(d) Muskellunge	1. Wingra lake, Monona lake, Waubesa lake, <u>Upper Mud lake,</u> <u>Yahara river from</u> <u>Tenney locks</u> <u>downstream to</u> <u>Babcock dam, Nine</u> <u>Springs creek, Swan</u> <u>creek, Wingra creek,</u> <u>Starkweather Creek</u>	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to November 30	1	45
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SECTION 10. NR 20.20(19)(d) is amended to read:

(19) FLORENCE (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(d) Trout and salmon	1. Brule river	a. Hook and line	No early catch and release season - Last Saturday in April to September 30	5 in total	Brown trout 12, brook trout 8
	2. Lamontagne creek, Pine river downstream from STH 139, Wisconsin creek, Woods creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	3 in total	Brown and rainbow trout 12, brook trout 8
	3. Sand lake (T39N, R18E, S13)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	3 in total	9
	4. Edith lake, Lost lake, South Riley lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	9
	5. Anna lake, Fisher lake, Montgomery lake, Patten lake, Pine river flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	7
	<u>6. Keyes lake</u>	<u>a. Hook and line</u>	<u>First Saturday in</u> <u>May at 5:00 a.m.</u> <u>to September 30</u>	<u>3 in total, only 1</u> <u>of which may be a</u> <u>lake trout and only</u> <u>2 of which may be</u> <u>brown trout</u>	<u>26 for lake trout,</u> <u>12 for brown trout</u>
	6 7. All other waters	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5	7

SECTION 11. NR 20.20(19)(e)2. is created to read:

(19) FLORENCE (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Keyes lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3	18
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SECTION 12. NR 20.20(20)(c)3. is created to read:

(20) FOND DU LAC (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(c) Northern pike	3. Kettle Moraine lake, Long lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
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SECTION 13. NR 20.20(26)(a)3. and 4. are amended to read:

(26) IRON (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	3. Gile Flowage, Turtle-Flambeau flowage	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0	--
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	2 in total	15
	4. <u>Gile flowage</u>	<u>a. Hook and line.</u>	<u>First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>--</u>
			<u>Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March</u>	<u>3 in total but only 1 may be larger than 18</u>	<u>None except the possession of fish from 14 through 18 is prohibited</u>

SECTION 14. NR 20.20(27)(cm) is created to read:

(27) JACKSON (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))

(cm) Northern pike	1. Trempealeau river, including all flowages and tributaries, Buffalo river, including all flowages and tributaries	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
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SECTION 15. NR 20.20(33)(b)1. and (d)1. and (g)1. are amended to read:

(33) LAFAYETTE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. East Branch Pecatonica river, Pecatonica river (west branch) downstream from U.S. hwy. 151, Yellowstone river downstream from Yellowstone lake dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	14
(d) Northern pike	1. East Branch Pecatonica river, Pecatonica river (west branch) downstream from U.S. hwy. 151, Yellowstone river downstream from Yellowstone lake dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	2	26
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. East Branch Pecatonica river, Pecatonica river (west branch) downstream from U.S. hwy. 151, Yellowstone river downstream from Yellowstone lake dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	15

SECTION 16. NR 20.20(35)(f) is amended to read:

(35) LINCOLN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(f) Trout and salmon	1. Big Rib river	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 0 5:00 a.m. to September 30	-	
	2. Prairie river downstream from R & H road to STH 17	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 1 in 5:00 a.m. to September 30	1 in total	Brown trout 18, brook and rainbow trout 12
	32. Henson lake, Horgen lake, Larson lake, Moraine lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5 in 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in total	None
	43. King Spring, Pays (Alta) springs (S12 T33N R7E), Prairie river excluding R & H road downstream to STH 17, Prairie river (north branch), Spring lake (springs; S16 T32N R7E)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 3 in 5:00 a.m. to September 30	3 in total	Brown and rainbow trout 12, brook trout 8
	54. Big Hay Meadow creek, New Wood river upstream from Whisky Bill road (S19 T33N R5E), New Wood river (center fork), New Wood river (east fork)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 3 in 5:00 a.m. to September 30	3 in total	9
	65. Ament lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5 in 5:00 a.m. to September 30 in even numbered years only	5 in total	7
	76. Tahoe lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5 in 5:00 a.m. to September 30 in odd numbered years only	5 in total	7
	87. All other waters not listed	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5 in 5:00 a.m. to September	5 in total	7

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SECTION 17. NR 20.20(37)(c)2. is created to read:

(37) MARATHON (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Big bass lake, Mission lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total but only 1 may be larger than 18	None except the possession of fish from 14 through 18 is prohibited
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SECTION 18. NR 20.20(47)(g) is amended to read:

(47) PEPIN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

g) Trout and salmon	1. Plum creek (CTH SS downstream to the Chippewa river)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	2 in total	12
	21. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	3 in total	Brown trout 12, brook trout 8

SECTION 19. NR 20.20(48)(b) is amended to read:

(48) PIERCE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Trout and salmon	1. Kinnickinnic river including both flowages in River Falls and Rocky branch downstream from the lower pond dam in River Falls	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in total	5 trout under 10, or 4 trout under 10 and 1 over 14
	<u>2. Kinnickinnic river from the St. Croix county line including both flowages in River Falls downstream to the lower pond dam</u>	<u>a. Hook and line</u>	<u>First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30</u>	<u>5 in total</u>	<u>7</u>
	23. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	3 in total	Brown and rainbow trout 12, brook trout 8

SECTION 20. NR 20.20(49)(am)2. is created to read:

(49) POLK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(am) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Pipe lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total but only 1 may be larger than 18	None except the possession of fish from 14 through 18 is prohibited
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SECTION 21. NR 20.20(49)(cm) is created to read:

(49) POLK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(cm) Panfish	1. Cedar lake	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	10	None
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SECTION 22. NR 20.20(49)(f) is created to read:

(49) POLK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Cedar lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total but only 1 may be larger than 18	None except the possession of fish from 14 through 18 is prohibited
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SECTION 23. NR 20.20(51)(g)2. is amended to read:

(51) PRICE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. North Fork Flambeau river and South Fork Flambeau river including their impoundments and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, <u>Butternut lake</u>	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 14	None
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SECTION 24. NR 20.20(52)(b)2. is amended to read:

(52) RACINE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Eagle lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	48 <u>22</u>
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SECTION 25. NR 20.20(52)(c)2. is created to read:

(52) RACINE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Northern pike	2. Eagle lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	40
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SECTION 26. NR 20.20(52)(d)1. is amended to read:

(52) RACINE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(d) Panfish	1. Eagle lake	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	45 <u>10</u> in total	None <u>8</u>
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SECTION 27. NR 20.20(59)(c)2. is created to read:

(59) SHEBOYGAN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(c) Northern pike	2. Crystal	a. Hook and	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday	5	None
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SECTION 28. NR 20.20(60)(e)1. is amended to read:

(60) ST. CROIX (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(e) Panfish	1. Dry Dam lake, Squaw lake <u>all inland waters, including Cedar lake but excluding lake George (Spring Valley reservoir)</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
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SECTION 29. NR 20.20(60)(g) is amended to read:

(60) ST. CROIX (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(g) Trout and salmon	1. Apple river, north fork of the Willow river, and the main stem of the Willow river from Willow Falls in Willow River state park upstream to the confluence of the north and south forks, <u>Kinnickinnic river and Parker creek</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in total	7
	2. Glenn and Perch lakes	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in total	9
	3. Kinnickinnic river and Parker creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in total	5 trout under 10 or 4 trout under 10 and 1 over 14
	43. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30		

SECTION 30. NR 20.20(60)(h) is created to read:

(60) ST. CROIX (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Cedar lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total but only 1 may be larger than 18	None except the possession of fish from 14 through 18 is prohibited
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SECTION 31. NR 20.20(62)(am) is created to read:

(62) TREMPEALEAU (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(am) Northern pike	1. Trempealeau river upstream of the dam in Blair, including all flowages and tributaries, Buffalo river upstream of highway 93 bridge, including all flowages and tributaries	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
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SECTION 32. NR 20.20(66)(g)3. is created to read:

(66) WASHBURN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Balsam lake, Red Cedar lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3	18
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SECTION 33. NR 20.20(67)(am)2. is created to read:

(67) WASHINGTON (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))

(am) Northern pike	2. Little Cedar lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
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SECTION 34. NR 21.04(11)(b) is amended to read:

(11) MUSKELLUNGE

(b) St. Louis River			Saturday nearest Memorial Day to March 1	1	4050 inches
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SECTION 35. NR 26.08(23) is created to read:

(23) GREEN COUNTY

- (a) *Sugar river*. That part of the Sugar river from the Albany dam downstream for a distance of 500 feet.
- (b) *Sugar river*. That part of the Sugar river from the Decatur dam downstream for a distance of 500 feet.
- (c) *Sugar river*. That part of the Sugar river from the Old Brodhead power house site spillway downstream for a distance of 500 feet.

SECTION 36. NR 26.24(13)(b) is created to read:

(13) DANE COUNTY

- (b) *Yahara river*. That portion of the Yahara river beginning at the Dunkirk dam in section 20, township 5 N, range 11 E downstream to highway N in section 21, township 5 N, range 11 E.

SECTION 37. EFFECTIVE DATE. This rule shall take effect on April 1, 2008, except Sections 35 and 36, which shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Administrative Register, as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

SECTION 38. BOARD ADOPTION. This rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on _____.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Scott Hassett, Secretary

(SEAL)