

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

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board adopts an order to repeal NR 20.20(8)(a), (20)(a), (24)(b), (39)(b), (45)(b), (58)(b), (69)(b), (70)(a) and (71)(b); amend NR 20.03(31), NR 20.12(4)(c) and NR 20.20(1)(h)1, (11)(k)2, (12)(g)1, (13)(h)1, (14)(f)2, (22)(g)1, (25)(h)2, (26)(f)3, (29)(h)1, (35)(g)1, (37)(i)1, (42)(f), (44)(c)2, (g)3 and 4, (50)(h)1, (53)(g)1, (56)(j)1, (60)(d)4, (65)(a)2., (72)(h)1 and NR 26.24(9); repealing and recreating NR 20.20(50)(b)1; and creating NR 20.10(3m) and (3s), NR 20.20(11)(k)3 and 4, (13)(h)1m, (25)(h)3, (26)(b)2. and (f)2m, (33)(b)3, (34)(b)2 and (bm), (35)(g)1m, (37)(e)3, (49)(am), (50)(b)2 and 3, (d)4m and (h)2, (56)(j)2 and 3, (57)(f)3 and (i)3, (64)(c)7, (d)1m, 2m and (h)9, (66)(dm), (73)(b)3m and 3s and NR 26.14 relating to sport fishing on the inland, outlying and boundary waters and fish refuges on the inland waters of Wisconsin

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Statutory authority: ss. 29.014(1), 29.041 and 227.11(2), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 29.014(1) and 29.041, Stats.

Section 1 establishes a possession limit of 10 for flathead catfish on the Lake Winnebago system for 10 years.

Section 2 prohibits the use or possession of artificial lights to shine any waters open to sturgeon spearing during the period from 48 hours before and continuing through the open sturgeon spearing season and prohibits the use of ice holes larger than 48 square feet for sturgeon spearing.

Section 3 prohibits the sale of flathead catfish taken by set or bank poles and setlines from the Lake Winnebago system and prohibits the sale of both channel and flathead catfish from the Fox river downstream from Lake Winnebago to the DePere dam.

Sections 4, 6, 7, 18, 22, 23, 25, 25m, 34, 35, 37, 38 and 49 establish a protected slot limit from 20" to 28", with only 1 > 28" for walleye, sauger and hybrids on the Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam, Columbia and Sauk counties, upstream to the Grandfather dam, Lincoln county and on the Yellow River upstream to the dam in Dexterville, Wood county and the Lemonwier river, for 5 years, when it reverts back to a 15" minimum length limit.

Sections 5, 50 and 51 establish a daily bag limit of 2 for flathead catfish on the Lake Winnebago system whether taken on hook and line, set or bank poles, or setlines for 10 years, when it reverts back to twice the daily bag limit.

Sections 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 36 and 39 increase the minimum length limit for walleye from 15" to 18" and reduce the daily bag limit from 5 in total to 3 in total for walleye, sauger, and

hybrids on the lower Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam, located in Columbia and Sauk counties, downstream to its mouth.

Section 11m increases the minimum length limit from 15" to 18" and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 in total to 3 in total for walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Beaver Dam lake, Dodge county for 5 years.

Section 15 reduces the minimum length limit for muskellunge from 34" to 28" on Owl lake, Iron county.

Sections 16 and 17 establish catch-and-release only for brook trout on Graveyard creek, Iron county for 10 years.

Section 19 establishes catch-and-release only for largemouth and smallmouth bass on the Yellowstone river upstream from CTH F, Lafayette county for 5 years, when it reverts back to a 14" minimum length limit and a daily bag limit of 5.

Section 20 eliminates the minimum length limit for bass on McGee lake, Langlade county.

Section 21 establishes a 26" minimum length limit and a daily bag limit of 2 for northern pike on Post lake (upper and lower), Langlade county.

Section 24 establishes a 26" minimum length limit and a daily bag limit of 2 for northern pike on Pike lake, Marathon county.

Section 26 increases the minimum length for muskellunge from 34" to 40" on Buckskin lake, Oneida county.

Section 27 rearranges the waters listed under special walleye regulations by lake chains, rather than listing the waters individually, and includes "connecting" waters between the listed lakes. This section also omits Hat Rapids flowage from the list of waters under this special walleye regulation for consistency with other connected waters;

Section 28 increases the minimum length limit from 15" to 18" and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 in total to 3 in total for walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Maple lake, Oneida county.

Section 29 authorizes the harvest of 1 largemouth or smallmouth bass < 14" on Big Round lake and Balsam lake, Polk county for 10 years, when it reverts back to a 14" minimum length limit.

Section 30 increases the minimum length limit from 14" to 18" and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 in total to 1 for largemouth and smallmouth bass on the Wisconsin river from Stevens Point flowage dam to Al-Tech Park spillway, Portage county.

Sections 31 and 32 increase the minimum length limit from 14" to 18" and reduce the daily bag limit from 5 in total to 1 for largemouth and smallmouth bass on Jacqueline lake, Portage county.

Section 35 establishes a 32" minimum length limit and a daily bag limit of 1 for northern pike on Jacqueline lake, Portage county.

Sections 40 and 48 establish a daily bag limit of 10 for bluegill on Chetac and Birch lakes, Sawyer and Washburn counties.

Section 41 increases the minimum length limit from 15" to 28" and reduces the daily bag limit from 5 in total to 1 in total for walleye, sauger, and hybrids on Sand lake, Sawyer county.

Section 42 increases the daily bag limit for trout from 1 to 3, reduces the minimum length limit from 16" to 12" for brown and rainbow trout and from 16" to 8" for brook trout, and eliminates the requirement for artificial lures on the Willow river downstream from Willow falls including Little Falls lake and Lake Mallalieu, and Race branch, St. Croix county.

Sections 43, 45 and 46 establish restrictive harvest regulations for largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskellunge and walleye on Sparkling lake, Vilas county for 7 years when they revert back to the existing regulations.

Section 44 increases the minimum length for muskellunge to 45" on Little Saint Germain lake, Vilas county, for 10 years, when it reverts back to 34".

Section 47 establishes Millpond Park pond, Walworth county, as an urban fishing water.

Section 52 creates a seasonal fish refuge from the first Saturday in September to October 15 on the Chippewa river from a point 1,000 feet below the Jim Falls dam and extending downstream to the new CTH Y bridge, Chippewa county.

Section 53 creates a seasonal fish refuge when posted from March 1 through May 15 on the Yellow river from the dam in Cadott downstream to the Main street bridge in Cadott, Chippewa county.

SECTION 1. NR 20.03(31) is amended to read:

NR 20.03(31) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of a fish species that a person may possess, which is twice the daily bag limit specified in this chapter except the possession limit for trout is 10 of which no more than 5 may be a combined total of brown and rainbow trout and the possession limit for minnows is specified in s. NR 20.14, and the possession limit for flathead catfish from the Lake Winnebago system is 10 until March 31, 2012, when it reverts back to twice the daily bag limit.

SECTION 2. NR 20.10(3m) and (3s) are created to read:

NR 20.10(3m) Use or possess any artificial light in order to illuminate any waters open to sturgeon spearing during the period beginning 48 hours before and continuing through the open season for sturgeon spearing.

(3s) Cut, use or maintain ice holes larger than 48 square feet for sturgeon spearing pursuant to s. NR 20.11(2).

SECTION 3. NR 20.12(4)(c) is amended to read:

NR 20.12(4)(c) ~~Catfish Channel catfish~~ taken from lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, ~~Little Butte des Morts~~, Winneconne, Poygan, ~~the Fox river downstream from lake Butte des Morts to the DePere dam~~, and the Wolf river from 500 feet below the Shawano dam downstream to its mouth.

SECTION 4. NR 20.20(1)(h)1. is amended to read:

(1) ADAMS (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total <u>but until March 31, 2007 none may be from 20" to 28" and only 1 may be > 28"</u>	15
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SECTION 5. NR 20.20(8)(a), (20)(a), (24)(b), (39)(b), (45)(b), (58)(b), (69)(b), (70)(a) and (71)(b) are repealed.

SECTION 6. NR 20.20(11)(k)2. is amended to read:

(11) COLUMBIA (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(k) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Columbia lake, Baraboo river, Fox river downstream from the westerly crossing of highway #33 at Portage, Crawfish river, lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	15
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SECTION 7. NR 20.20(11)(k)3. is created to read:

(11) COLUMBIA (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(k) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2007 none may be from 20" to 28" and only 1 may be > 28"	15
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SECTION 8. NR 20.20(11)(k)4. is created to read:

(11) COLUMBIA (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(k) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	4. Lower Wisconsin river downstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	3 in total	Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18
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SECTION 9. NR 20.20(12)(g)1. is amended to read:

(12) CRAWFORD (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 3 in total	15 <u>Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18</u>
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SECTION 10. NR 20.20(13)(h)1. is amended to read:

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

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Koshkonong lake, lower Wisconsin river , Busseyville (Koshkonong) creek downstream from Rockdale millpond dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	15
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SECTION 11. NR 20.20(13)(h)1m. is created to read:

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

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1m. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	3 in total	Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18
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SECTION 11m. NR 20.20(14)(f)2. is amended to read:

(14) DODGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Fox lake, <u>Beaver Dam lake until March 1, 2007</u>	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to March 1	3 in total	18
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SECTION 12. NR 20.20(22)(g)1. is amended to read:

(22) GRANT (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 3 in total	15 <u>Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18</u>
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SECTION 13. NR 20.20(25)(h)2. is amended to read:

(25) IOWA (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. East branch Pecatonica river downstream from STH 39, lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	15
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SECTION 14. NR 20.20(25)(h)3. is created to read:

(25) IOWA (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	3 in total	Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18
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SECTION 15. NR 20.20(26)(b)2. is created to read:

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

(b) Muskellunge	2. Owl lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1 in total	28
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SECTION 16. NR 20.20(26)(f)2m. is created to read:

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

(f) Trout and salmon	2m. Graveyard creek downstream from U.S. hwy. 2	a. Hook and line.	Last Saturday in March to November 15	5 in total but only 2 may be brown trout longer than 15", only 1 may be a rainbow trout, and none may be brook trout until November 15, 2011	Brown trout 10, salmon 12, rainbow trout 26, brook trout 8 on or after November 15, 2011
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SECTION 17. NR 20.20(26)(f)3. is amended to read:

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

(f) Trout and salmon	3. Graveyard creek downstream from U.S. hwy. 2, Oronto creek, Parker creek	a. Hook and line.	Last Saturday in March to November 15	5 in total but only 2 may be brown trout longer than 15" and only 1 may be a rainbow trout	Brook trout 8, brown trout 10, salmon 12, rainbow trout 26
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SECTION 18. NR 20.20(29)(h)1. is amended to read:

(29) JUNEAU (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Yellow river and <u>its</u> sloughs, bayous and flowages, Lemonweir river and <u>its</u> sloughs, bayous and flowages, Wisconsin river and <u>its</u> sloughs, bayous and flowages	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total <u>but until March 31, 2007 none may be from 20" to 28" and only 1 may be > 28"</u>	15
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SECTION 19. NR 20.20(33)(b)3. is created to read:

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

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	3. Yellowstone river upstream from county highway F	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to March 1	0 until March 1, 2007, when it becomes 5 in total	14 after March 1, 2007
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SECTION 20. NR 20.20(34)(b)2. is created to read:

(34) LANGLADE (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. McGee lake	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used.	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in total	None
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SECTION 21. NR 20.20(34)(bm) is created to read:

(34) LANGLADE (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(bm) Northern pike	1. Post lake (upper and lower)	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to March 1	2	26
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SECTION 22. NR 20.20(35)(g)1. is amended to read:

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

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Wisconsin river <u>upstream from Grandfather dam</u> including sloughs, bayous, and flowages	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	15
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SECTION 23. NR 20.20(35)(g)1m. is created to read:

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

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1m. Wisconsin river downstream from Grandfather dam including sloughs, bayous and flowages	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2007 none may be from 20" to 28" and only 1 may be > 28"	15
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SECTION 24. NR 20.20(37)(e)3. is created to read:

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

(e) Northern pike	3. Pike lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to March 1	2	26
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SECTION 25. NR 20.20(37)(i)1. is amended to read:

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

(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	<u>5 in total but until March 31, 2007 none may be from 20" to 28" and only 1 may be > 28"</u>	15
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SECTION 25m. NR 20.20(42)(f) is amended to read:

(42) MONROE (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lemonweir river including all connecting flowages, bays, sloughs and bayous, east fork Lemonwier river upstream to highway 173 bridge, south fork Lemonweir river upstream to Tomah dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	<u>5 in total but until March 31, 2007 none may be from 20" to 28" and only 1 may be > 28"</u>	15
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SECTION 26. NR 20.20(44)(c)2. is amended to read:

(44) ONEIDA (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(c) Muskellunge	2. Bridge lake, <u>Buckskin lake</u> , Katherine lake, Nokomis lake upstream to Prairie Rapids road, Rainbow flowage, Rice River flowage, Stella lake, Two Sisters lake	a. Hook and line.	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	40
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SECTION 27. NR 20.20(44)(g)3. is amended to read:

(44) ONEIDA (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(g) Walleye, Sauger and hybrids	3. Alva, Bearskin, Buckskin, Buffalo, Chain , Crescent, Dam , Diamond, East Horsehead, Echo , Fifth , Fourth , George, Hasbrook, Hat Rapids , Katherine, Lost (T38N R9E S24), Manson, Mercer, Moen <u>chain including Moen, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth lakes and connecting waters</u> , Muskellunge, Oneida, Pelican, Pine (T37N R9E S4), Sand , Second , Sevenmile, Soo, Squash, <u>and Squirrel Stone (T39N R9E S32) and Third lakes and Sugar Camp chain including Dam, Sand, Echo, Chain and Stone (T39N R9E S32) lakes and connecting waters</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 14"	None
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SECTION 28. NR 20.20(44)(g)4. is amended to read:

(44) ONEIDA (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	4. <u>Maple lake</u> , Stella lake, Thunder lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to March 1	3 in total	18
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SECTION 29. NR 20.20(49)(am) is created to read:

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

(am) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Big Round lake, Balsam lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to March 1	5 in total but only 1 may be less than 14" until March 1, 2012	None until March 1, 2012, when it becomes 14
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SECTION 30. NR 20.20(50)(b)1. is repealed and recreated to read:

(50) PORTAGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs bayous and flowages from Stevens Point Flowage dam to Al- Tech Park spillway	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	1 in total	18
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SECTION 31. NR 20.20(50)(b)2. is created to read:

(50) PORTAGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Jacqueline lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to March 1	1 in total	18
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SECTION 32. NR 20.20(50)(b)3. is created to read:

(50) PORTAGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	3. Bass lake, Pleasant lake, portions of the Wisconsin river not listed in this paragraph, including sloughs, bayous and flowages	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	14
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SECTION 33. NR 20.20(50)(d)4m. is created to read:

(50) PORTAGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(d) Northern pike	4m. Jacqueline lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to March 1	1	32
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SECTION 34. NR 20.20(50)(h)1. is amended to read:

(50) PORTAGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Bass lake, Pleasant lake, Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	15
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SECTION 35. NR 20.20(50)(h)2. is created to read:

(50) PORTAGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2007 none may be from 20" to 28" and only 1 may be > 28"	15
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SECTION 36. NR 20.20(53)(g)1. is amended to read:

(53) RICHLAND (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 3 in total	15 <u>Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18</u>
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SECTION 37. NR 20.20(56)(j)1. is amended to read:

(56) SAUK (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(j) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Baraboo river, lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	15
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SECTION 38. NR 20.20(56)(j)2. is created to read:

(56) SAUK (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(j) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total but until March 31, 2007 none may be from 20" to 28" and only 1 may be > 28"	15
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SECTION 39. NR 20.20(56)(j)3. is created to read:

(56) SAUK (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(j) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Lower Wisconsin river downstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	3 in total	Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18
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SECTION 40. NR 20.20(57)(f)3. is created to read:

(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(f) Panfish	3. Chetac lake, Birch lake	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	25 in total but only 10 may be bluegill	None
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SECTION 41. NR 20.20(57)(i)3. is created to read:

(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Sand lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to March 1	1 in total	28
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SECTION 42. NR 20.20(60)(d)4. is amended to read:

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

(d) Trout and salmon	4. Willow river and <u>downstream from Willow falls including Little Falls lake and Lake Mallalieu, Race branch (Mounds Pond dam downstream to Lake Mallalieu (excluding Little Falls flowage))</u>	a. Hook and line; only artificial lures may be used, except other baits are allowed from the top of Little Falls dam.	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	+ <u>3</u>	46 <u>Brown and rainbow trout 12, brook trout 8</u>
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SECTION 43. NR 20.20(64)(c)7. is created to read:

(64) VILAS (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	7. Sparkling lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0	--
			Third Saturday in June to March 1	1 until March 1, 2009, when it becomes 5 in total	18 until March 1, 2009, when it becomes 14

SECTION 44. NR 20.20(64)(d)1m. is created to read:

(64) VILAS (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(d) Muskellunge	1m. Little St. Germain lake	a. Hook and line.	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	45 until November 30, 2011 when it becomes 34
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SECTION 45. NR 20.20(64)(d)2m. is created to read:

(64) VILAS (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(d) Muskellunge	2m. Sparkling lake	a. Hook and line.	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	40 until November 30, 2008 when it becomes 34
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SECTION 46. NR 20.20(64)(h)9. is created to read:

(64) VILAS (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	9. Sparkling lake	a. Hook and line.	First Saturday in May to March 1	1 until March 1, 2009 when it becomes 5	28 until March 1, 2009 when it becomes 15
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SECTION 47. NR 20.20(65)(a)2. is amended to read:

(65) WALWORTH (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(a) All species	2. The following posted urban waters: Ceylon lagoon, Congdon park pond, <u>Millpond park pond</u>	a. Hook and line.	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to s 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	None
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SECTION 48. NR 20.20(66)(dm) is created to read:

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

(dm) Panfish	1. Birch lake	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	25 in total but only 10 may be bluegill	None
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SECTION 49. NR 20.20(72)(h)1. is amended to read:

(72) WOOD (for species or waters not listed, see sub.(73))

(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Yellow river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages from the highway 54 dam at Dexterville downstream, Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total <u>but until March 31, 2007 none may be from 20" to 28" and only 1 may be > 28"</u>	15
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SECTION 50. NR 20.20(73)(b)3m. is created to read:

(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(b) Catfish	3m. Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	25 in total but until March 31, 2012 only 2 may be flathead catfish regardless of whether caught on hook and line, set or bank pole, or setline	None
		b. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam.	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None but until March 31, 2012 only 2 may be flathead catfish regardless of whether caught on hook and line, set or bank pole, or setline	None

SECTION 51. NR 20.20(73)(b)3s. is created to read:

(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)

(b) Catfish	3s. All other waters of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	25 in total	None
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SECTION 52. NR 26.14 is created to read:

NR 26.14 Fish Refuges. The following areas are hereby created and established as fish refuges and no person may take, disturb, catch, capture, kill or fish for fish in any manner from the first Saturday in September to October 15, both dates inclusive, in, on or along the following described areas:

(9) CHIPPEWA COUNTY. That part of the Chippewa river from a point beginning 1,000 feet below the Jim Falls dam located in section 20, township 30 north, range 7 west, and extending downstream to the new CTH Y bridge in section 30, township 30 north, range 7 west.

SECTION 53. NR 26.24(9) is amended to read:

NR 26.24(9) CHIPPEWA COUNTY. (a) That portion of Otter creek from the Otter lake dam in section 11, township 30 north, range 5 west, downstream from a distance of 300 feet.

(b) That portion of the Yellow river from the Cadott (Svetlik) dam in section 31, township 29 north, range 6 west, downstream to the Main Street (also known as 257th street) bridge in Cadott when posted closed to fishing with department signs.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on May 23, 2001.

The foregoing rules shall take effect on April 1, 2002 except section 2, which shall take effect on December 31, 2001, as provided in s. 227.22(2)(b), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Darrell Bazzell, Secretary

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