

## Chapter NR 20

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**Note:** Chapter NR 20 as it existed on May 31, 1999, was repealed and a new chapter NR 20 was created effective June 1, 1999. This chapter interprets ss. 29.014 and 29.041, Stats.

#### Subchapter I — Purpose and Definitions

**NR 20.01 Purpose.** This chapter establishes open and closed seasons, bag limits, possession limits, size restrictions and other rules governing the taking of fish in the inland and outlying waters of Wisconsin.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99.

**NR 20.03 Definitions.** In this chapter:

- (1) “Angler” means any person engaged in fishing.
- (2) “Artificial fly” means a single hook dressed with fur, feathers, hair, silk, tinsel, thread or similar material to imitate the natural food of fish.
- (3) “Artificial lure” means a spoon, spinner, jig, plug or other fish bait made of hair, feathers, cork, wood, rubber, metal, plastic or other synthetic materials, or combinations of these materials. An “artificial lure” may not include natural or organic food stuffs such as corn, marshmallows, dough, cheese, meat, living or dead organisms or parts of those items, except hair, feathers, cork, wood or rubber.
- (4) “Attached”, for the purpose of s. NR 20.10, means affixed to the sturgeon immediately in front of the tail.
- (5) “Barbless hooks” means hooks with no barbs, or hooks with barbs that have been compressed to be in complete contact with the shank of the hook.
- (6) “Business day” has the meaning given it in s. 421.301 (6), Stats.
- (6m) “Circle hook” means a hook that is curved in a circular or oval shape so that the tip of the point is turned and perpendicular to the shank and is designed so that the tip end of the hook is not offset or angled sideways and is in alignment with the shank.

**Note:** The top picture displays a J hook (left) and a circle hook (right). The bottom picture displays a non-offset hook (left) and an offset hook (right).



(7) “Current validated sturgeon carcass tag”, for the purpose of s. NR 20.10, means an unused tag of the current year validated according to the requirements of s. NR 20.10 (5).

(8) “Daily bag limit” means the maximum number of fish that may be reduced to a person’s possession from a specified waterbody or portion of a waterbody in one day.

(9) “Department” means the department of natural resources.

(10) “Dip net” means a piece of netting suspended from a round or square frame that does not exceed 8 feet in diameter or 8 feet square.

(11) “Fish length” means the distance from the tip of the snout in a straight line to the utmost end of the tail fin fully compressed.

(12) “Fishing” or “fish”, when used as a verb, means to take, capture, kill or attempt to take, capture or kill any variety of fish in the waters of the state.

(13) “Fishing shelter” means any building, tent, vehicle, shanty or similar enclosure used for the purpose of fishing.

(14) “Game fish” has the meaning found in s. 29.001 (41), Stats.

(15) “Green Bay” means those waters of Lake Michigan located to the west of the Green Bay–Lake Michigan line. For the purposes of s. NR 20.20, Green Bay shall mean Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, Sawyer’s Harbor, the Sturgeon Bay ship canal from Sturgeon Bay to a line located in the NE¼ of the NW¼, section 22, T27N, R26E, Door county, commencing at a point on the southwest shore of the Sturgeon Bay ship canal directly beneath the center of the Wisconsin public service company power line and extending in a northeasterly direction beneath and parallel to the center of the power line to a point on the northeast shore of the ship canal and the Fox river from its mouth up to the dam at DePere. For purposes of this chapter, “Green Bay” does not include that portion of Green Bay bounded by the mouth of the Menominee river on the west, the “government pier” or breakwall on the south, the “lighthouse pier” or breakwall on the north, and a line connecting the eastern-most points of those breakwalls on the east.



(16) “Green Bay–Lake Michigan line” means a line commencing at the northwest side of the Northport dock where it joins the shoreline in section 33, T33N, R29E; then running northeasterly to the range light (signal light) on Plum island; then running along the north and west shore of Plum island to the U.S. coast guard station; then running northerly to the southwesterly point on Shellswick dock, which is located on Lobdell’s point on Washington island; then running along Shellswick dock to the shoreline of Lobdell’s point; then running along the west shore of Washington island to Boyer’s Bluff light; then running north to its terminus at the Wisconsin–Michigan boundary line.

(17) “Lake Michigan” means those waters of Lake Michigan located east of the Green Bay–Lake Michigan line and those waters of the Sturgeon Bay ship canal east of a line located directly beneath the center of the Wisconsin public service company power lines.

(18) “Lake Michigan tributaries” means the Pike river and its tributaries, Kenosha and Racine counties; Kewaunee river and its tributaries excluding Little Scarboro, Scarboro, Roger and Casco creeks, Kewaunee county; Milwaukee river upstream to the Grafton dam in the village of Grafton and tributaries to the Milwaukee river upstream to the first dam or lake; Menomonee river upstream to the Lepper dam in the village of Menomonee Falls and tributaries to the Menomonee river upstream to the first dam or lake; Sheboygan river and its tributaries excluding Unnamed tributary (locally known as Willow creek), Sheboygan county; and all other tributaries to Lake Michigan upstream to the first dam or lake.

(19) “Lake Winnebago system” means Lakes Buttes des Morts, Winneconne, Poygan, Winnebago and all their tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam including the Fox river from Lake Winnebago upstream to the dam above Princeton and all its tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam and the Wolf river from its mouth upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano and all its tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first dam including Cincoe lake, Partridge Crop lake and Partridge lake in Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties.

(19g) “Live fish” means, for purposes of s. NR 20.08, any fish that is handled or treated in a manner that will keep it alive, such as keeping it in water, or that is revived later by placement back into water. “Live fish” includes any minnow possessed by a person for use as bait and that dies while the person who possesses it is on the water, bank or shore for the purpose of fishing, but only until the minnow is transported away from water, bank or shore where it died.

(19m) “Landing net” means a net suspended on a frame with an attached handle and used to land a fish that has been caught using hook and line or to net fish as authorized with the use of dip nets under this chapter or chs. NR 21 to 23.

(19r) “Live fish eggs” means, for purposes of s. NR 20.08, fertilized or unfertilized fish eggs that are handled or treated in a manner likely to keep them alive or viable for the purpose of propagation.

(20) “Lower Wisconsin river” means the Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries from their mouths upstream to the first highway bridge in Columbia, Sauk, Dane, Iowa, Richland, Grant and Crawford counties upstream from the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks in Grant and Crawford counties.

(21) “Major Green Bay tributaries” means Duck creek upstream to the first dam above the Pamperin park foot bridge in the village of Howard excluding its tributaries, Suamico river upstream to CTH HS, East river upstream to Hoffman road (CTH XX) excluding its tributaries, Brown county; Peshtigo river upstream to the Peshtigo dam, Little river upstream to Radar road, Marinette county; Little Suamico river upstream to CTH J excluding tributaries, Pensaukee river upstream to CTH J excluding tributaries, Oconto river upstream to Stiles dam excluding tributaries

except Little river, Little river upstream to state highway 141 excluding tributaries, Oconto county.

(22) “Mendota lake” means Mendota lake, Cherokee lake, Warner Park lagoons, Pheasant Branch creek from its mouth upstream to county highway M, Sixmile creek from its mouth upstream to state highway 19, and Yahara river from its mouth upstream to state highway 19, Dane county.

(23) “Mid lake reef complex” means those waters of Lake Michigan within the following area: All waters bounded by a line beginning at a point where 43 degrees 7 minutes north latitude and 87 degrees 40 minutes west longitude intersect, northerly to 43 degrees 20 minutes north latitude, easterly to 87 degrees 20 minutes west longitude, northerly to 43 degrees 30 minutes north latitude, easterly to the Wisconsin–Michigan state line, southerly to 43 degrees north latitude, westerly to 87 degrees 14 minutes west longitude, northerly to 43 degrees 3 minutes north latitude, westerly to 87 degrees 18 minutes west longitude, southerly to 43 degrees north latitude, westerly to 87 degrees 23 minutes west longitude, northwesterly to 43 degrees 7 minutes north latitude, and westerly to 87 degrees 40 minutes west latitude. This area encompasses the elevated areas of the lake bed commonly known as the Sheboygan reef, the Northeast reef, the Milwaukee reef, and the East reef.

(24) “Minnow dip net” has the same meaning as “dip net”.

(25) “Minnow seine” means a seine that does not exceed 35 feet in length with mesh that does not exceed one-half inch stretch measure.

(26) “Minnow trap” means a device for catching minnows that does not exceed 24 inches in length and does not exceed 16 inches in width with an opening in the throat of the trap that does not exceed 1½ inches in diameter.

(27) “Muskellunge” means fish of the species *Esox masquinongy* and includes muskellunge – northern pike hybrids.

(28) “Openly exposed” means open to view by a person in a passing vehicle.

(28m) “Outlying trout and salmon waters” means those waters designated as outlying trout and salmon waters pursuant to s. 29.2285 (1), Stats., Lake Michigan tributaries as defined in sub. (18), and the Little river from its confluence with the Oconto river upstream to the highway 141 bridge.

(29) “Panfish” means the following fish species: yellow perch, bluegill, black crappie, white crappie, pumpkinseed, green sunfish, warmouth and orangespotted sunfish.

(30) “Position fishing” means fishing from a boat in a manner where the fishing line extends vertically into the water while the boat is maneuvered by the use of a motor.

(31) “Possession limit” means the maximum number of fish that a person may possess, which is twice the total daily bag limit specified in s. NR 20.18 except for the following:

- (a) The possession limit for trout from inland waters is 10.
- (b) The possession limit for minnows is specified in s. NR 20.14.

(d) There is no possession limit for catfish caught on setlines, set or bank poles on the Fox river upstream from the DePere dam in Brown county.

(e) There is no possession limit for panfish on Twin Valley lake in Iowa county.

(f) There is no possession limit for any species on Nebish, Pallette, Mystery, Spruce or Escanaba lakes in Vilas county unless specified in s. NR 20.20 (64).

(g) There is no possession limit for white perch on Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Michigan tributaries, major Green Bay tributaries, all other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake.

(h) There is no possession limit for fish possessed by a food distribution service, as defined in s. 29.001 (28), Stats., that lawfully receive fish for purposes of redistribution.

**(31m)** “Quick–strike rig” means a bait rig with one or more treble hooks attached to the body of a minnow, behind the head. This rig may include a jig or other hook in the snout of a minnow along with one or more treble hooks attached to the body of a minnow.

**(32)** “Rough fish” has the meaning found in s. 29.001 (74), Stats.

**(33)** “Safe harvest” means a level of harvest that incorporates an appropriate margin of safety, estimates of the population and acceptable exploitation rates which will reasonably prevent harvest of more than 35% of the population of adult walleyes or 27% of the population of adult muskellunge. The margin of safety assures that the true safe harvest is not exceeded in more than 1 of 40 cases. For waters where a population estimate has not been made, a regression model based upon population estimates from other waters will be used.

**(34)** “Secretary” means secretary of the department of natural resources.

**(35)** “Seine” has the meaning found in s. 29.522 (3), Stats.

**(36)** “Setline” means a line with one or more hooks fastened to it and designed to be set or left unattended in the water for the purpose of taking fish.

**(37)** “Set or bank pole” means a pole equipped with a line with one or more hooks fastened to it, designed to be used for fishing from the banks of lakes or rivers and set or left unattended.

**(37m)** “Sheboygan marsh” means waters within the area commonly known as Sheboygan Marsh county park including Sheboygan lake and its tributaries upstream to the first road crossing.

**(37t)** “Sinker release device” means any device that is designed to release a weight or sinker from a fishing line upon a strike from a fish while trolling.

**(37w)** “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).

**(38)** “Spearing” means fishing with a device consisting of a shaft with an attached sharp point or points and includes devices such as spears, bow and arrow, spear guns or similar devices.

**Note:** Under s. 29.405, Stats., if the department establishes an open season for taking rough fish with a bow and arrow on a particular body of water, the department shall also allow the use of a crossbow to take rough fish on that body of water under the same conditions that apply to the use of a bow and arrow to take rough fish on that body of water.

**(39)** “Telemetry device” means any device attached to or implanted in a fish that transmits a sonic or electronic signal.

**(39m)** “Total daily bag limit” specified in s. NR 20.18 means the maximum number of fish that may be reduced to a person’s possession in one day from all waters or portions of waters fished that day.

**(39t)** “Treble hook” means three evenly spaced hooks joined by a common shaft to form one hook with three points.

**(40)** “Troll” or “trolling” means fishing by trailing any lure, bait or similar device that may be used to attract or catch fish from a boat propelled by a means other than drifting, pedaling, paddling, or rowing. Casting and immediate retrieval of a bait, lure or similar device while the motor is running or position fishing is not trolling.

**(41)** “Trout stream” means those waters or portions of waters designated by the department pursuant to s. NR 1.02 (7).

**Note:** Copy available for review at the Bureau of Fisheries Management and Habitat Protection, Department of Natural Resources, 101 S. Webster Street, P.O. Box 7921, Madison WI 53707.

**(42)** “Unattended line” means a fishing line to which the person using the line is not actively directing his or her attention and, during open water, any line that is more than 100 yards from the person using the line.

**(42m)** “Upriver lakes” means Lakes Butte des Morts, Winneconne and Poygan.

**(43)** “Yellowstone lake” means Yellowstone lake and the Yellowstone river from Yellowstone lake upstream to county highway F.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6–1–99; cr. (28m), Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 4–1–00; am. (18), Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 4–1–01; CR 01–012: am. (17), (19), (22) and (42), cr. (37m) and (43); CR 01–013: am. (31), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4–1–02; CR 02–014: am. (42), Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 4–1–03; CR 04–024: am. (8) and (41), r. and rec. (31), cr. (39m) Register December 2004 No. 588, eff. 1–1–05; CR 05–073: cr. (42m) Register January 2006 No. 601, eff. 3–1–06; correction in (28m) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register March 2006 No. 603; CR 06–011: cr. (37t) Register September 2006 No. 609, eff. 4–1–07; CR 07–014: cr. (37w) Register January 2008 No. 625, eff. 4–1–08; emerg. cr. (19g) and (19r), eff. 11–2–07; CR 07–074: cr. (19g) and (19r) Register May 2008 No. 629, eff. 6–1–08; CR 08–010: cr. (19m), r. (31) (c) Register November 2008 No. 635, eff. 4–1–09; CR 09–051: am. (31) (a) Register June 2010 No. 654, eff. 7–1–10; CR 11–006: cr. (6m), (31m), (39t) Register October 2011 No. 670, eff. 4–1–12; CR 13–001: cr. (31) (h) Register August 2013 No. 692, eff. 9–1–13; CR 14–129: am. (40) Register June 2015 No. 714, eff. 7–1–15; CR 15–023: am. (18), (31) (a) Register December 2015 No. 720, eff. 4–1–16.

## Subchapter II — Prohibited Methods

**NR 20.05 General restrictions.** No person may do any of the following:

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

**(2)** Possess or control any firearm, gun or similar device at any time while on the waters, banks or shores that might be used for the purpose of fishing.

**(3)** Fish within 200 feet of any fishway, lock, or dam by any means other than by hook and line in the inland waters, except as authorized under s. NR 20.15 (1) and (1m).

**(4)** Fish for any species of fish at any time other than during the open season for that species of fish.

**(5)** Fish for any variety of fish in trout streams other than during the open season for trout except that rough fish may be taken by hand.

**(6)** Fish for, possess or control fish in excess of the daily bag limit authorized in s. NR 20.20 for that water while on the waters, banks or shores of waters or while fishing except as authorized on specific waters by s. NR 20.35, 20.36 or 20.37 and minnows described in s. NR 19.05 (3) (e) or (f).

**(7)** Except for minnows purchased from a Wisconsin bait dealer, possess or control fish unless they are included as part of the daily bag limit. Fish that are not released immediately shall be included as part of the daily bag limit.

**(8)** Possess or control any fish in excess of the possession limit at any time.

**(9)** Possess or control fish of any size other than that authorized by the size restriction.

**(10)** Use, attach or implant a telemetry device on or into a fish.

**(11)** Raise, remove or otherwise tamper with another person’s commercial fishing gear set in any water without permission from the licensed user. This restriction does not apply to agents of the department.

**(12)** Use, possess, control, set or place in any water any live box, or similar device that might be used for the keeping of fish unless a tag of permanent material bearing the name and address of the owner or user is securely attached and is readable and legible.

**Note:** This restriction does not apply to receptacles carried by the angler to contain fish while fishing.

**(13)** Sponsor a fishing tournament unless a permit has been obtained from the department pursuant to s. NR 20.40.

**(14)** Capture, tag, mark or attach any object and release wild fish unless issued a permit by the department pursuant to s. NR 19.11.

**(15)** Possess or control any fish in excess of the total daily bag limit each day.

**(16)** Possess or use a sinker release device while fishing in waters of the state.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6–1–99; CR 01–012: am. (1) and (4), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4–1–02; CR 02–073: am. (5) and (6), Reg-



Register January 2003 No. 565, eff. 2-1-03; CR 03-014: cr. (14) Register November 2003 No. 575, eff. 4-1-04; CR 04-024: am. (8), cr. (15) Register December 2004 No. 588, eff. 1-1-05; CR 06-011: cr. (16) Register September 2006 No. 609, eff. 4-1-07; CR 07-014: am. (1) Register January 2008 No. 625, eff. 4-1-08; emerg. am. (6) and (7), eff. 11-2-07; EmR0808: emerg. am. (6) and (7), eff. 4-4-08; CR 07-074: am. (6) and (7) Register May 2008 No. 629, eff. 6-1-08; CR 09-051: am. (14) Register June 2010 No. 654, eff. 7-1-10; CR 13-019: am. (3) Register December 2013 No. 696, eff. 4-1-14.

**NR 20.06 Hook and line fishing.** No person may do any of the following:

(1) Fish in inland waters by the method of trolling with more than 1 line per person, with more than 1 hook, bait, or lure per line, and with more than a total of 2 lines used for trolling per boat, except where specifically authorized in ss. NR 20.15 (4) or 20.20 or as provided in s. 29.193 (1m), Stats.

**Note:** Sub. (1) is amended eff. 5-4-18 to read:

(1) Fish in inland waters by the method of trolling except where specifically authorized in ss. NR 20.15 (4) or 20.20 or as provided in s. 29.193 (1m), Stats.

(2) Fish with more than 3 hooks, baits or lures.

(3) Fish with any hook and line fishing tackle, bait, hooks or lures on waters where its use is not authorized in s. NR 20.20. Gear restrictions for trout and salmon on waters or portions of waters specified in s. NR 20.20 apply to all species while fishing on those waters.

(3m) Possess or control any live bait or any other baits, hooks or lures other than artificial lures while on the waters, banks or shores of waters where only the use of artificial lures is authorized in subch. III.

(5) Use a gaff in any manner other than for landing a fish that is legally hooked.

(6) Fish by snagging, foul hooking or attempting to hook fish other than in the mouth.

(7) Possess, retain or fail to immediately release fish hooked other than in the mouth.

(8) Use, possess, control, set or place any snag line or snag pole, snaghook or cluster of hooks that could be placed into or drawn through the water for the purpose of catching fish or drawing the hooks into the body of fish.

(9) Fish with an unattended line except where specifically authorized under s. NR 20.20. Failure to immediately respond to a line upon indication of a bite shall be prima facie evidence that the line is unattended.

**Note:** For further restrictions on the use of setlines and set or bank poles, see s. NR 20.12.

(10) Fish in open water with a free-floating, remote controlled or anchored buoyant device with attached hook and line that is not held or otherwise controlled by the angler with the use of a line connected to the device.

**Note:** This method is commonly known as jug fishing.

(11) Fish with a minnow 8 inches or longer unless using a quick-strike rig that the person attempts to hook immediately into the mouth of a fish upon indication of a bite or unless using a non-offset circle hook.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; cr. (3m), Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 4-1-00; CR 01-012: am. (5), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4-1-02; CR 07-014: r. (4) Register January 2008 No. 625, eff. 4-1-08; CR 09-018: am. (10) Register February 2010 No. 650, eff. 3-1-10; CR 11-006: cr. (11) Register October 2011 No. 670, eff. 4-11-12; CR 13-001: am. (1) Register August 2013 No. 692, eff. 9-1-13; CR 14-029: am. (1) Register June 2015 No. 714, eff. 7-1-15; CR 14-029: am. (1) Register June 2015 No. 714, eff. 5-4-18; correction in (1) made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register June 2015 No. 714.

**NR 20.07 Special sturgeon hook and line fishing restrictions.** No person may do any of the following:

(1) Possess a lake sturgeon taken by hook and line and not immediately release it, unless a hook and line lake sturgeon tag is immediately validated as required by the department and attached to the lake sturgeon and the tagged lake sturgeon is registered at a department lake sturgeon registration station by 6:00 p.m. on the day after it was taken.

**Note:** Hook and line lake sturgeon tags will be available at department service centers and regional offices each year prior to the open season.

(2) Remove the registration tag attached to the fish by the department until the carcass is prepared for final consumption. The hook and line lake sturgeon registration tag shall be retained by the person taking the lake sturgeon until the fish is consumed.

(3) Transport any lake sturgeon in or on any motor-driven vehicle from the time the lake sturgeon is taken to the time it is lawfully registered pursuant to sub. (1) unless the lake sturgeon is carried openly exposed and in a manner so that the lake sturgeon tag attached to the lake sturgeon cannot be handled or manipulated by any occupant of the vehicle.

(4) Transport any lake sturgeon in or on any boat from the time the lake sturgeon is taken to the time it is lawfully registered pursuant to sub. (1) unless the lake sturgeon is carried openly exposed.

(5) Obtain more than one hook and line lake sturgeon tag per season except that one additional hook and line lake sturgeon tag may be obtained for Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters per season.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; CR 04-024: am. (1) Register December 2004 No. 588, eff. 1-1-05; CR 09-051: am. (5) Register June 2010 No. 654, eff. 7-1-10.

**NR 20.08 Restrictions on the use of bait.** No person may do any of the following:

(1) Use goldfish as bait or possess goldfish in any form or manner on any water of the state.

(2) Use alewife as bait or possess alewife in any form or manner on any water of the state except Lake Michigan, Lake Michigan tributaries, Green Bay, major Green Bay tributaries, and all other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake.

(3) Release any unused bait into any waters of the state unless issued a permit pursuant to s. 29.736, Stats.

(4) Use as bait, possess or release any minnows or other fish on the waters or shores of waters that have been chemically treated for trout management when posted by department signs.

(5) Take, gather, collect, possess or attempt to take, gather or collect larvae or nymphs of aquatic insects from any trout stream for use or sale as bait except that a licensed angler may take larvae or nymphs from trout streams by hand during the open trout season for immediate use as bait only in the trout stream from which the larvae or nymphs were taken.

(6) Possess for use as bait, or use as bait any live fish or live fish eggs if obtained outside of, or brought into, the state of Wisconsin, except for the following:

(a) Live fish or live fish eggs imported in compliance with the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection's import and health requirements in ch. ATCP 10.

**Note:** Section ATCP 10.62 (1) prohibits the importation into Wisconsin of live fish or live fish eggs for use as bait without a written import permit from the department of agriculture, trade and consumer protection.

(b) Live fish or live fish eggs obtained in Minnesota or Iowa and used as bait in or on waters of the Mississippi River lying between the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad tracks on the Iowa or Minnesota side of the river, and the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks lying on the Wisconsin side of the river, including all sloughs and backwaters, bays and newly extended water areas connected with the main channel of the Mississippi River by a channel which is navigable when the waters are approximately equal to the normal pool elevation as created by the U.S. army corps of engineers and in the waters of Lake St. Croix, and the St. Croix River and the St. Louis River as defined in s. NR 21.02 (39).

(7) Possess for use as bait, or use as bait any dead fish, dead fish egg or any part of any dead fish or dead fish egg unless at least one of the following applies:

(a) It is being possessed or used on Lake Michigan, Green Bay or any waters connected to these waters upstream to the first dam or other obstruction impassible to fish.

(b) It is being possessed or used on the same water body from which it was obtained, or on any water connected to that water body that is not separated by a dam or other obstruction impassible to fish.

(c) It has been preserved in a manner that does not require either refrigeration or freezing.

(d) It is a minnow that is a "live fish" as defined in s. NR 20.03 (19g) and was obtained and possessed lawfully from waters of the state or it was imported in compliance with sub. (6) (a) or (b).

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; CR 01-012: am. (2), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4-1-02; emerg. cr. (6) and (7), eff. 11-2-07; CR 07-074; cr. (6) and (7) Register May 2008 No. 629, eff. 6-1-08; CR 10-053: am. (6) (b) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1-1-11.

**NR 20.09 Spearing restrictions.** No person may do any of the following:

(1) Possess or control any bow, spear, or similar device while on any water or on the banks or shores of any water that might be used for the purpose of fishing except as specifically authorized in s. NR 20.15 (1m) or 20.20 or ch. NR 21, 22, or 23.

(2) Use, possess, or control any bow, spear, or similar device from sunset to sunrise while on the waters or on the banks or shores of any waters except as authorized in s. NR 20.20, and that a bow and arrow or crossbow may be possessed and used for spearing rough fish from sunset to sunrise during the open season for spearing rough fish.

(3) Spear any game fish except that white bass, yellow bass, rock bass, panfish and bullheads may be speared while skin diving or scuba diving during the open season for rough fish spearing on waters specified in s. NR 20.20, provided that the season for white bass, yellow bass, rock bass, panfish and bullheads is also open on the same water. Daily bag limits and size restrictions specified in s. NR 20.20 for white bass, yellow bass, rock bass, panfish and bullheads also apply.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; am. (2), Register, February, 2000, No. 530, eff. 4-1-00; CR 01-012: am. (3), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4-1-02; CR 02-073: am. (2), Register January 2003 No. 565, eff. 2-1-03; CR 04-024: am. (3) Register December 2004 No. 588, eff. 1-1-05; CR 09-051: am. (2) Register June 2010 No. 654, eff. 7-1-10; CR 13-001: am. (1), (2) Register August 2013 No. 692, eff. 9-1-13; CR 13-019: am. (1), (2) Register December 2013 No. 696, eff. 4-1-14.

**NR 20.10 Special sturgeon spearing restrictions.** No person may do any of the following:

(1) Take, capture, kill or attempt to take, capture or kill sturgeon on Lake Winnebago system waters by any means other than spearing with a spear thrown by hand from inside a fishing shelter placed on the ice during the open season specified in s. NR 20.20 (73) (e).

(1m) Take, capture, kill or attempt to take, capture or kill sturgeon on Lake Winnebago unless the person possesses a current non-validated sturgeon carcass tag for Lake Winnebago.

(1r) Take, capture, kill or attempt to take, capture or kill sturgeon on the upriver lakes unless the person possesses a current non-validated sturgeon spearing license and carcass tag for the upriver lakes issued by the department.

(2) Fish with or possess a fishing pole, hook and line or other similar devices that might be used for the purpose of catching fish within any fishing shelter containing an ice hole larger than 12 inches in diameter or square during the open season for spearing sturgeon on waters specified in s. NR 20.20 (73) (e).

(3) Cover ice holes cut, used or maintained for sturgeon spearing pursuant to s. NR 20.11 (2) with a fishing shelter except during the period from 48 hours before and continuing through the open season for sturgeon spearing.

(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).

(4) Possess a validated sturgeon carcass tag unless it is attached to a legally killed sturgeon.

(5) Possess a speared sturgeon unless immediately validating the sturgeon carcass tag by slitting the marks designating the month, day, time and location of kill and immediately attaching the validated tag to the sturgeon carcass. Failure to completely validate the sturgeon carcass tag and immediately attach the tag to the sturgeon carcass renders the possession of the sturgeon illegal and the sturgeon carcass tag invalid. A sturgeon carcass tag shall be issued with each sturgeon spearing license and shall remain intact until the spearer spears a sturgeon.

(6) Transport a sturgeon in any manner from the time the sturgeon is taken to the time it is lawfully registered pursuant to sub. (10) unless the sturgeon is carried openly exposed and in a manner so that the sturgeon carcass tag attached to the sturgeon cannot be handled or manipulated.

(7) Possess a speared sturgeon unless the person who spears and tags the sturgeon accompanies the sturgeon carcass during transport until the sturgeon has been registered pursuant to sub. (10).

(8) Possess a sturgeon speared from lake Butte des Morts, Poygan or Winnebago under s. NR 20.20 (73) (e) 2. b. outside the following area unless the sturgeon has been registered pursuant to sub. (10): from the intersection of highways 45 and 21 in Oshkosh west on highway 21 to highway 116; north on highway 116 to county highway B; west on county highway B to county highway D; west on county highway D to highway 49; north on highway 49 to county highway H; east on county highway H to highway 110; east on highway 110 to county highway II; south on county highway II to county highway M; south on county highway M to highway 116; east on highway 116 to highway 45; south on highway 45 to highway 21.

(9) Possess a sturgeon speared from Lake Winnebago under s. NR 20.20 (73) (e) 2. b. outside the following area unless the sturgeon has been registered pursuant to sub. (10): from the intersection of highways 10 and 114 in Menasha, east on highway 114 to highway 55; south on highway 55 to U.S. highway 151; south on U.S. highway 151 to Winnebago drive in Fond du Lac; west on Winnebago drive to Scott street; west on Scott street to highway 45; north on highway 45 to Main street in Oshkosh; north on Main street to Waugoo avenue; east on Waugoo avenue to Bowen street; north on Bowen street to county highway A; north on county highway A to highway 114 in Neenah; east on highway 114 to the intersection of highways 10 and 114 in Menasha.

(10) Possess a sturgeon unless each person who has speared a sturgeon during the open season for spearing sturgeon exhibits the sturgeon, with the person's sturgeon carcass tag attached as required by s. 29.237, Stats., to a warden or other authorized department personnel at an official sturgeon registration station. Sturgeon shall be intact and registered at a station on Lake Winnebago if speared in Lake Winnebago. Sturgeon shall be intact and registered at a station on Lake Butte des Morts, Winnebago or Poygan if speared in Lake Butte des Morts, Winnebago or Poygan. Sturgeon shall be exhibited at a sturgeon registration station not later than 2:00 p.m. on the day speared. The registration tag shall remain attached and locked to the sturgeon until the carcass is prepared for final consumption.

(10m) Fish for sturgeon during the open season by the method of spearing or possess or control a spear or similar device within a fishing shelter on Lake Winnebago system waters from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. of the following day.

(11) Attempt to register a sturgeon unless the license information can be verified. The station operator shall collect biological information, lock a registration tag to the carcass immediately in front of the tail and remove the validation portion of the sturgeon carcass tag leaving the remainder of the sturgeon carcass tag attached to the sturgeon.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; CR 01-012: am. (4) to (6), (10) and (11), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4-1-02; CR 01-013: cr. (3m) and (3s), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 12-1-01; CR 02-014: am. (10),

cr. (10m), Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 10-1-02; CR 03-014: cr. (1m) and (1r) Register November 2003 No. 575, eff. 4-1-04; CR 05-073: am. (1r) and (8) Register January 2006 No. 601, eff. 3-1-06; CR 13-019: am. (10), (10m) Register December 2013 No. 696, eff. 1-1-14; CR 15-014: am. (8), (9) Register December 2015 No. 720, eff. 1-1-16.

**NR 20.105 Sturgeon spearing licenses. (1) UPRIVER LAKES LICENSE APPLICATION PROCEDURES.** Persons applying to spear sturgeon on the upriver lakes shall apply for an upriver lakes sturgeon spearing license as follows:

(a) *Application deadlines.* All upriver lakes sturgeon spearing license applications shall be received by the date established by the department to be considered for selection. The annual application deadline date may be no earlier than July 1.

**Note:** The department conducts extensive publicity on the application deadlines beginning several months prior to any deadline. Application deadline dates are published in news releases, license outlet handouts, and pertinent regulation pamphlets. Applications may be obtained from any department license vendor. Applications and information may be obtained from the Bureau of Customer Service and Licensing address is 101 South Webster, Box 7924, Madison, WI 53707.

(b) *Group applications.* If a maximum of 4 persons wish to spear sturgeon on the upriver lakes together, each shall first apply for an individual upriver lakes sturgeon spearing license and then complete a group application form. The group application shall be treated as one application for purposes of random selection under the cumulative preference system and consideration for a license. The group's preference standing shall be that of the member with the lowest number of preference points. If the group is selected to receive upriver lakes sturgeon spearing licenses, all members of the group will lose all accumulated preference points.

(c) *Prohibition of purchase of Lake Winnebago spearing license.* No person who applies for an upriver lakes sturgeon spearing license may purchase a Lake Winnebago sturgeon spearing license in the same year, except unsuccessful applicants for an upriver lakes license may purchase a Lake Winnebago sturgeon spearing license after October 1.

(d) *Applications for upriver lakes.* No person may apply for an upriver lakes sturgeon spearing license unless they will become 12 years of age before or on the last day of the upcoming sturgeon spearing season.

**(2) LICENSEE SELECTION PROCEDURES.** (a) If the number of applications for licenses for the upriver lakes sturgeon spearing season exceeds the available quota of licenses, successful applicants shall be randomly selected in accordance with the preference system established under s. 29.192 (4), Stats. No person may purchase an upriver lakes sturgeon spearing license unless they are a successful applicant who has received authorization to purchase from the department.

**Note:** Section 29.192, Stats., Regulation of takings of certain wild animals. (4) If the department decides to limit the number of hunters or trappers taking Canada geese, sharp-tailed grouse, fishers, otters, bobcats or sturgeon by issuing permits and if the number of persons seeking the permits exceeds the number of available permits, the department shall issue the permits according to a cumulative preference system established by the department. The department shall give a preference point to each applicant for each previous season for which the applicant applied but was not issued a permit. The system shall establish preference categories for these applicants, with higher priority given to those categories with more points than those with fewer points. Applicants who fail to apply at least once during any 3 consecutive years shall lose all previously accumulated preference points. If the number of applicants within a preference category or a subcategory exceeds the number of permits available in the category or subcategory, the department shall select at random within the category or subcategory the applicants to be issued the permits.

(b) Upon selection, all successful applicants lose all accumulated preference points regardless of the length of the sturgeon spearing season or whether or not the successful applicant purchases a license. Unsuccessful applicants who subsequently purchase a Lake Winnebago sturgeon spearing license shall retain all accumulated preference points.

**(3) NOTIFICATION AND CARCASS TAG ISSUANCE.** (a) The department shall issue a notice of approval to those qualified applicants selected to receive an upriver lakes sturgeon spearing license. A person who receives a notice of approval and who pays the fee in the manner required by the department shall be issued an upriver lakes spearing license.

(b) Each successful applicant for an upriver lakes sturgeon spearing license shall be issued a carcass tag by the department upon issuance of the license.

(c) If the number of applications for licenses for an upriver lakes sturgeon spearing season is less than the available quota of licenses, the department may make available the remaining upriver lakes sturgeon spearing licenses to any person who has not purchased either a Lake Winnebago or upriver lakes sturgeon spearing license on a first-come, first-served basis. The issuance of a tag under this paragraph will result in loss of preference points accumulated under the cumulative preference system.

**Note:** No person may purchase more than one sturgeon spearing license for the same spearing season according to s. 29.024 (2) (c), Stats.

**(4) LICENSE AND CARCASS TAG RESTRICTIONS.** (a) Licenses and carcass tags issued under subs. (1) to (3) are only valid for the upriver lakes sturgeon spearing season.

(b) Licenses or carcass tags issued under this section may not be transferred to or used by any person other than the licensee.

**(5) REGISTRATION.** A person who possesses a sturgeon speared from the upriver lakes shall register it at a department registration station pursuant to s. NR 20.10 (10).

**History:** CR 05-073: cr. Register January 2006 No. 601, eff. 3-1-06; CR 13-001: am. (1) (d) Register August 2013 No. 692, eff. 9-1-13.

### NR 20.11 Ice fishing and fishing shelter restrictions.

**(1)** No person may construct, place, use, maintain or occupy a fishing shelter on the ice of any waters of this state unless:

(a) The name and residential address in the English language of the person owning or using the fishing shelter is legibly painted or otherwise affixed on the outside of the fishing shelter with block lettering a minimum of one inch square and in contrasting colors. Fishing shelters that are occupied or otherwise in use are exempt from this requirement.

(b) The door can be readily opened from the outside while the shelter is occupied.

(c) The person is actively using the fishing shelter and it is removed from the ice daily and when not in use on the Fox river downstream from the DePere dam, Brown county.

(d) The fishing shelter is removed from the ice daily and when not in use after the first Sunday following March 1, on inland waters south of highway 64.

(e) The fishing shelter is removed from the ice daily and when not in use after the first Sunday following March 12, on inland waters north of highway 64 and all other outlying waters.

**(2)** No person may cut, use or maintain a hole larger than 12 inches in diameter or square for the taking of fish in any manner through the ice except for spearing fish in Lake Superior, sturgeon spearing, taking fish with dip nets, taking minnows with minnow traps or skin or scuba diving.

**(3)** The department or its agents may direct that fishing shelters be removed from the ice by a date earlier than specified in subs. (1) (d) or (e) if it has reason to believe that the ice has become unsafe for travel.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; CR 01-012: am. (1) (a), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4-1-02; CR 02-073: am. (1) (a), Register January 2003 No. 565, eff. 2-1-03; CR 04-024: am. (1) (e) Register December 2004 No. 588, eff. 1-1-05; CR 06-011: am. (1) (d) and (e) Register September 2006 No. 609, eff. 4-1-07.

### NR 20.12 Setline and set or bank pole restrictions.

**(1) GENERAL RESTRICTIONS.** No person may use, set, lift, attend or possess any set or bank pole or setline on any water except the lower Wisconsin river, unless:

(a) Its use is specifically authorized by a set or bank pole license issued under s. 29.531 (1), Stats., or a setline license issued under s. 29.533 (1), Stats. No person may use, set, lift, attend or possess set or bank pole or setline licensed to another person.

(b) Its use in that water is specifically authorized in s. NR 20.20.

(c) A white flag at least 10 inches square bearing the number of the license authorizing its use in black figures at least 3 inches high and attached to the top of a flag staff that extends at least 3



feet above the surface of the water or bank is placed and maintained at one end of the setline or within 2 feet of the set or bank pole with a cord attached from the flag staff to the set or bank pole. The flag staff may not exceed 2 1/2 inches in diameter and shall be marked with 2 inch to 6 inch wide alternating horizontal black and white bands. When a buoy is used to hold the setline's flag staff, the buoy shall be cylindrical in shape, 15 inches or less in diameter and marked with 2 inch to 6 inch wide alternating horizontal black and white bands. No person may place a setline flag, flag staff or pole in the main channel of any navigable waterway.

(d) A metal tag stamped with the number of the license authorizing its use is securely attached directly to the flag staff or pole of each setline or set or bank pole.

**(1m) LOWER WISCONSIN RIVER RESTRICTIONS.** No person may use, set, lift, attend or possess any set or bank pole or setline on the lower Wisconsin river unless:

(a) Its use is specifically authorized by a set or bank pole license issued under s. 29.531 (1), Stats., or a setline license issued under s. 29.533 (1), Stats. No person may use, set, lift, attend or possess a set or bank pole or setline licensed to another person.

(b) Its use in that water is specifically authorized in s. NR 20.20.

(c) A white setline flag at least 10 inches square bearing the number of the license authorizing its use in figures at least 3 inches high and attached to a flag staff that extends at least 3 feet above the surface of the water or bank is placed and maintained at one end of the setline. The flag staff may not exceed 2 1/2 inches in diameter and shall be marked with 2 inch to 6 inch wide alternating horizontal black and white bands. When a buoy is used to hold the setline's flag staff, the buoy shall be cylindrical in shape, 15 inches or less in diameter and marked with 2 inch to 6 inch wide alternating horizontal black and white bands. No person may place a setline flag, flag staff or pole in the main channel of any navigable waterway.

(d) A metal tag stamped with the number of the license authorizing its use is securely attached directly to each set or bank pole and to the flag staff of each setline.

**(2) GEAR, FISHING METHODS AND BAIT.** No person may do any of the following:

(a) Use, set, lift, attend or possess more than 5 set or bank poles.

(b) Use, set, lift, attend, or possess more than one setline while on the waters of this state except as provided in ss. NR 21.11 (4) (d) and 22.12 (1).

(c) Use, set, lift or attend a set or bank pole equipped with more than one line, which may not have more than 2 hooks.

(d) Use, set, lift or attend a setline with more than 25 hooks.

(e) Use, set, lift, attend or possess any set or bank pole or setline between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.

(f) Use or set a set or bank pole or setline unless it is lifted and the catch removed at least once each day following the day it was set unless a longer period is authorized by the department or its agents.

(g) Use, set, lift or attend a set or bank pole or setline while in possession of hook and line fishing equipment.

(h) Use, set, lift or attend a set or bank pole or setline that is equipped with any hooks that have a gap between the juncture of the barb with the shank measured across to the opposite shank smaller than 3/4 inch except that on the Mississippi river there is no hook size restriction.

(i) Use whole or live fish as bait on set or bank poles or setlines on Lakes Butte des Morts, Little Butte des Morts, Winnebago and Winneconne, Winnebago county, Lake Poygan, Waushara and Winnebago counties and the Black river, Jackson, LaCrosse and Trempealeau counties.

(j) Use live crawfish or whole or live fish less than 5 inches in length as bait on set or bank poles or setlines.

(k) Place, use, set, or fail to remove from state lands or waters of the state any setline, set or bank pole, or part thereof, prior to or following the close of the open season authorizing the use of setlines, set or bank poles in s. NR 20.20.

**(3) RESTRICTIONS ON HARVEST.** (a) No person may take, retain, kill or possess any fish or other animal taken on a set or bank pole or setline other than catfish, rough fish or turtles.

**Note:** All game fish taken on any set or bank pole or setline shall be immediately returned to the water except catfish taken in compliance with this section.

(b) The size, bag and possession limits for catfish and rough fish established in s. NR 20.20 shall apply to all persons who fish with set or bank poles or setlines.

**(4) SALE OF FISH.** No person may sell any fish taken on a set or bank pole or setline except the following:

(a) Rough fish.

(b) Channel catfish taken from lakes Winnebago, Butte des Morts, Winneconne, Poygan, and the Wolf river from 500 feet below the Shawano dam downstream to its mouth.

**Note:** Refer to s. NR 19.275 for inland turtle regulations.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; am. (1) (intro.), (c) and (d), cr. (1m), Register, February, 2000, No. 530, eff. 3-1-00; correction in (2) (b) was made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats; CR 01-012: am. (2) (h) and (4) (b); CR 01-013: am. (4) (c), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4-1-02; CR 04-024: am. (4) (intro.), r. (4) (b), renum. (4) (c) to be (4) (b) Register December 2004 No. 588, eff. 1-1-05; CR 05-015: cr. (2) (k) Register October 2005 No. 598, eff. 4-1-06; CR 10-053: am. (2) (b) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1-1-11.

**NR 20.13 General netting restrictions.** No person may do any of the following:

(1) Possess, control or operate in any manner any net, seine or similar device that might be used for the purposes of fishing at any time while on any water or on the banks or shores of any water except as specifically authorized in this section, s. NR 20.14 or 20.20.

(2) Set, use or operate a dip net or seine from sunset to sunrise unless specifically authorized in s. NR 20.20.

(3) Set, use or operate more than one dip net.

(4) Set, use or operate a dip net in any manner other than by raising and lowering it vertically while fishing.

(5) Fish in any other manner while operating a dip net or seine.

(6) Fish with hook and line from any boat while in possession of a dip net.

(7) Leave a dip net or seine unattended within 25 feet of the edge of the water.

(8) Sell, barter or trade in any manner any sucker taken with a dip net or seine.

(9) Set, use or operate a landing net other than for landing a fish that is legally hooked or to net fish as authorized with the use of dip nets under this chapter or chs. NR 21 to 23.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; CR 01-012: am. (6) and (7), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4-1-02; CR 08-010: cr. (9) Register November 2008 No. 635, eff. 4-1-09.

**NR 20.14 Minnow collecting restrictions.** No bait dealer may take minnows for use as bait from any inland or outlying water without a wild harvest permit from the department under s. NR 19.057. In addition, no person may do any of the following:

(1) Set, use or operate any net, trap or similar device for the taking of minnows other than minnow seines, minnow dip nets and minnow traps as authorized in s. NR 20.20 unless issued a non-standard gear permit by the department under s. NR 20.39 pursuant to s. 29.516 (1), Stats.

(2) Set, use or operate any minnow seine, minnow dip net, minnow trap or similar device for the taking of minnows in any water unless specifically authorized in s. NR 20.20 or 20.39. Minnow seines or minnow dip nets of any type or description may not be set, used or operated in any trout stream unless a non-standard gear permit is issued by the department under s. NR 20.39.

(3) Set, use or operate minnow traps in any water that is posted as having been chemically treated to reestablish a trout fishery.

(4) Set, use or operate minnow traps unless a label or tag bearing the legible name and address of the operator in the English language is securely attached.

(5) Set, use or operate minnow traps unless they are raised and the minnows are removed from them at least once every 48 hours from all waters except trout streams.

(6) Set, use or operate minnow traps in trout streams during the closed season for trout unless issued a non-standard gear permit by the department under s. NR 20.39. The permit authorizing placement of minnow traps in trout streams during the closed season for trout shall specify conditions on raising the traps and removing minnows.

(7) Set, use or operate more than 3 minnow traps in trout streams during the open season for trout except licensed bait dealers.

(a) No more than a total of 20 minnow traps may be set, used or operated by licensed bait dealers during the open season for trout when removing minnows from one or more trout streams unless issued a non-standard gear permit by the department under s. NR 20.39.

(b) Minnow traps set, used or operated on trout streams during the open season for trout shall be raised and the minnows removed from them at least once every 24 hours.

(8) Possess or control more than 600 minnows at any time unless licensed as a bait dealer under s. 29.509, Stats.

**Note:** With certain exceptions, s. NR 19.05 (3) prohibits the transportation of live fish and live fish eggs, including minnows, taken from any water of the state.

(9) Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter or chs. NR 21 to 23, use or operate any net, trap or similar device for the taking of minnows, or fish for minnows except suckers for any purpose using any gear in Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Superior, the Mississippi River, Lake Winnebago, the Fox River from Lake Winnebago to Green Bay, or any bay, slough or backwater of these waters, or any water connected to these waters, upstream to the first dam or other obstruction impassible to fish, or in any other water where the department has determined that the Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus is present based on test results or other empirical evidence. If the department determines that the Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus is present in any additional water body, it shall promptly notify the public of its determination by issuing a press release, by publication in the official state newspaper, and by such other means as the department determines are reasonably likely to inform the public.

(10) Transport away from the water or its bank or shore any live sucker taken from Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Superior, the Mississippi River, Lake Winnebago, the Fox River from Lake Winnebago to Green Bay, or any bay, slough or backwater of these waters, or any water connected to these waters, upstream to the first dam or other obstruction impassible to fish, or from any additional water where the department has determined under sub. (9) that the Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia virus is present.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; CR 01-012: am. (3) and (6), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4-1-02; emerg. am. eff. 11-2-07; EmR0808: emerg. cr. (9) and (10), eff. 4-4-08; CR 07-074: am. Register May 2008 No. 629, eff. 6-1-08.

### Subchapter III — Authorized Methods, Open Seasons, Daily Bag Limits and Size Restrictions on Specified Waters

**NR 20.15 Authorized methods.** A person may do any of the following:

(1) Take rough fish by hand at any time in all waters except those waters established as fish refuges under ch. NR 26.

(1m) Except as prohibited under ss. NR 21.065, 22.065, and 23.10, take rough fish by means of spearing with a hand held spear within 200 feet of a fishway, lock or dam from June 1 through

August 31 where there is an open season for spearing of rough fish unless posted closed to spearing by department sign.

(2) Use any fish for bait provided the fish was lawfully obtained and legal to possess pursuant to all the restrictions set forth in this chapter.

(3) Spear white bass, yellow bass, rock bass, panfish and bullheads while skin diving or scuba diving during the open season for rough fish spearing as specified in s. NR 20.20.

(4) Fish by the method of trolling with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures on all inland waters located in the following counties: Adams, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Brown, Buffalo, Burnett, Calumet, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Forest, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Lafayette, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marinette, Monroe, Oconto, Outagamie, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Racine, Richland, Rock, Rusk, Sauk, Shawano, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washburn, Waukesha, Waupaca, Winnebago, and Wood.

**Note:** Sub. (4) is amended eff. 5-4-18 to read:

(4) Fish by the method of trolling with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures on all inland waters located in the following counties: Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Dane, Douglas, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Polk, Price, Racine, Richland, Rusk, Taylor, Walworth, Washburn, Waukesha; and in the following waters:

(a) Mason lake, Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge in Adams county.

(b) Chippewa river in Buffalo county.

(c) Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous and flowages up to the first road bridge or railroad bridge on all tributary streams, Chain lake, Long lake (T32N R8W) including Herde lake in Chippewa county.

(d) Arbutus lake in Clark county.

(e) Lower Wisconsin river in Columbia county.

(f) Lower Wisconsin river in Crawford county.

(g) Beaver Dam lake, Fox lake, Sinnissippi lake in Dodge county.

(h) Chippewa river, Menomin lake, Tainter lake in Dunn county.

(i) Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous, and flowages up to the first road bridge or railroad bridge on all tributary streams, Altoona lake, Eau Claire lake in Eau Claire county.

(j) Butternut lake, Franklin lake, Lucerne lake, Metonga lake, Pickerel lake, Pine lake, Wabikon lake in Forest county.

(k) Big Green lake, Fox river, Maria lake, Puckaway lake in Green Lake county.

(km) Koshkonong lake, Rock lake in Jefferson county.

(L) Kilburn flowage, Wisconsin river and its sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, including only that portion of Castle Rock flowage south of the county highway G bridge in Juneau county.

(m) Elizabeth lake in Kenosha county.

(n) Neshonoc lake in La Crosse county.

(o) Lower Post lake, Rolling Stone lake, Upper Post lake in Langlade county.

(p) High Falls flowage, Noquebay lake in Marinette county.

(q) Christie lake, Machickanee flowage (Stiles pond), White Potato lake in Oconto county.

(r) Fox river in Outagamie county.

(s) Chippewa river in Pepin county.

(t) Little Eau Pleine flowage upstream to the first county hwy. O bridge, Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge except that the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and the Little Eau Claire River at Lake DuBay will be defined by the south-bound lane of Interstate 39 in Portage county.

(u) Koshkonong lake in Rock county.

(v) Redstone lake, Lower Wisconsin river in Sauk county.

(w) Shawano lake in Shawano county.

(x) Cedar lake in St. Croix county.

(y) Partridge lake, White lake in Waupaca county.

(z) Fox river downstream from Neenah-Menasha dam including Little Butte des Morts lake, Rush lake in Winnebago county.

(zm) Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge in Wood county.

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**NR 20.16 Special early catch and release season for trout.** (1) GENERAL PROVISIONS. (a) *Open season and waters.* Except as specified in sub. (2), there is an open season for trout from 5:00 a.m. on the first Saturday in January through the Friday preceding the first Saturday in May on the following waters:

1. All streams in Adams, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge,



Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Iron, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, La Crosse, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Monroe, Ozaukee, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Price, Racine, Richland, Rock, Rusk, St. Croix, Sauk, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washburn, Washington, Waukesha and Wood counties.

3. 'Florence county.' Pine river.
4. 'Forest county.' Peshtigo river downstream from U.S. highway 8, Pine river downstream from STH 55, and Rat river downstream from Scattered Rice lake.
5. 'Langlade county.' Wolf river.
6. 'Lincoln county.' All streams west of STH 51 and Prairie river downstream from CTH J.
7. 'Marathon county.' Black creek (mouth at T27N R7E S4), Black creek (T30N,R3E), Grass creek, McGinnes creek, Four-mile creek, Noisy creek, and Plover river from STH 29 downstream to STH 153.
8. 'Marinette county.' North branch Peme Bon Won river downstream from STH 141, Peshtigo river upstream from CTH C, Pike river between CTH V and CTH K, and Rat river.
9. 'Marquette county.' Chaffee creek downstream from CTH B, Klawitter creek, Lawrence creek, Lunch creek, Mekan river upstream from STH 22, Neenah creek, O' Keefe creek, Wedde creek and Westfield creek.
10. 'Oconto county.' North branch Oconto river downstream from STH 64 and south branch Oconto river downstream from CTH AA.
11. 'Oneida county.' All streams west of STH 51 and Bearskin creek.
12. 'Portage county.' Ditches 1 through 6 downstream from Townline road and Tomorrow river from Amherst downstream to Durant road.
13. 'Shawano county.' Middle branch Embarrass river from Homme dam to STH 29, north branch Embarrass river from Tilleda dam downstream to Leopold dam and Red river downstream from lower Red Lake dam.
14. 'Vilas county.' Mishonagon creek.

15. 'Waupaca county.' North branch Little Wolf river from CTH P to CTH J, south branch Little Wolf river and Waupaca river from Frost Valley road to STH 54.

16. 'Waushara county.' Carter creek, Leola ditch, Mekan river downstream from 11<sup>th</sup> road, Pine river downstream from CTH K to Poy Sippi pond, Roche-a-Cri creek, Willow creek from Blackhawk road to 29<sup>th</sup> lane, and White river from STH 21 to lower White River millpond.

**Note:** The early catch and release season does not apply to spring ponds, ponds or lakes.

(b) *Daily bag limit, possession limit and gear restrictions.* The following restrictions apply to waters specified in par. (a) during the open season specified in par. (a):

1. The daily bag limit and possession limit for trout is 0.
2. No person may use any hooks, baits or lures other than artificial lures while fishing for any species of fish on trout streams specified in par. (a).

**(2) EXCEPTIONS.** Subsection (1) does not apply to the following streams:

(a) Lake Michigan tributaries, major Green Bay tributaries, all other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake.

(b) All tributaries to Lake Superior except the White river and its tributaries from the White River dam upstream to Pikes River Road bridge and the Iron river and its tributaries upstream from Orienta dam.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; am. Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00; r. and recr. Register, September, 2000, No. 537, eff. 3-1-01; CR 01-012: renum. from NR 20.15, Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4-1-02; CR 02-016: am. (1) (a) 16., Register January 2003 No. 566, eff. 3-1-03; CR 09-018: am. (1) (b) 2. Register February 2010 No. 650, eff. 3-1-10; CR 15-023: am. (1) (a), 1., r. 2. Register December 2015 No. 720, eff. 1-1-16.

**NR 20.18 Total daily bag limits.** Daily bag limits identified in s. NR 20.20 are individual water limits that apply to the waters or portions of waters specified and may be combined with daily bag limits for other waters or portions of waters, but no person may exceed the total daily bag limit in this section unless authorized by s. NR 20.35 or for a specific water listed in s. NR 20.20, 21.04, 22.04 or 23.05 (5).

Species	Total Daily Bag Limit
(1) Catfish . . . . .	25 in total, of which only 1 may be a flathead catfish from the Lake Winnebago system
(2) Cisco (lake herring), whitefish and their hybrids	
(a) Inland waters . . . .	25 pounds and one fish in total
(b) Outlying waters . .	10 in total
(3) Lake sturgeon . . . . .	1 per season as specified in ss. NR 20.07 and 20.20 (73) (e)
(4) Largemouth and smallmouth bass . . . .	5 in total
(5) Muskellunge . . . . .	1
(6) Northern pike	
(a) All waters north of U.S. hwy. 10 . . . . .	5 in total
(b) All waters south of U.S. hwy. 10 . . . . .	2 in total
(7) Panfish . . . . .	25 in total
(8) Rock bass, white bass, yellow bass and bullheads . . . . .	None
(9) Rough fish . . . . .	None
(10) Ruffe, white perch and gobies . . . . .	0 but one of each may be killed and possessed for immediate delivery to a department service center or regional office
(11) Shovelnose sturgeon	3
(12) Trout and salmon	
(a) Inland waters . . . .	5 in total, but only 2 may be lake trout
(b) Outlying waters . .	5 in total but only 2 may be lake trout
(13) Walleye, sauger and hybrids . . . . .	5 in total

**History:** CR 04-024: cr. Register December 2004 No. 588, eff. 1-1-05; CR 09-051: am. (1) Register June 2010 No. 654, eff. 7-1-10; CR 15-023: am. (12) (a) Register December 2015 No. 720, eff. 4-1-16.

**NR 20.20 County and statewide table.** In this section, subs. (1) through (72) list waters or portions of waters by county and specify authorized methods, open seasons, daily bag limits and size restrictions for the taking of fish that are exceptions to the general rules specified in sub. (73). Daily bag limits identified in

this section are individual water limits that apply to the waters or portions of waters specified and may be combined with other waters or portions of waters, but no person may exceed the total daily bag limit in s. NR 20.18 unless authorized by s. NR 20.35 or for a specific water listed in s. NR 20.20, 21.04, 22.04 or 23.05 (5).

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(1)	ADAMS (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(a) Lake sturgeon	1. Wisconsin river from the dam in Wisconsin Dells upstream, including all flowages and tributaries upstream to first dam or highway bridge	a. None	No open season	—	—
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge upstream from the Castle Rock dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	45
(d) Northern pike	1. Wisconsin river including its sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1	32
(e) Panfish	1. Arrowhead lake, Camelot lake, Lake Sherwood	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	2. Parker lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	3. Crooked lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. Fairbanks creek	a. Hook and line	July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None
	2. Fordham creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
			First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout



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	3. Lawrence creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None
	4. Neenah creek	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	5. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
<b>(2) ASHLAND</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Day lake, East Twin lake, Lake Three, Little Clam lake, Mineral lake, Spillerburg lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June  Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass  1 in total	18 for largemouth bass only  18
	2. Beaver lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June  Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass  5 in total	None for largemouth bass only  None
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. East Fork Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous and flowages flowing into the Chippewa river upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge, including Pelican lake, and North Fork Flambeau river including sloughs, bayous and flowages flowing into the Flambeau river upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(c) Muskellunge	1. Day lake, East Twin lake, English lake, Mineral lake, Potter lake, Spider–Moquah chain of lakes (Spider lake and Moquah lake combined), Spillerburg lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	28
(d) Northern pike	1. Tributaries and connected sloughs to Lake Superior upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(e) Panfish	1. Lake Galilee	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
		c. Dip netting at any time for smelt only on tributaries to Lake Superior from the mouth upstream for one–half mile	April 1 to May 25	None	None
	2. Bad river upstream to Copper falls	a. Hook and line, by hand	Continuous	None	None
		b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only	April 1 to May 25	None	None
		c. Spearing sunset to sunrise for burbot only	December 15 to January 31	None	None
	3. Portions of the Chippewa river and White river that are not trout streams	a. Hook and line, by hand	Continuous	None	None
		b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only	April 1 to May 25	None	None
	4. All other tributaries to Lake Superior	a. Hook and line, by hand	Continuous	None	None
		b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only from the mouth upstream for one–half mile	April 1 to May 25	None	None
5. All other waters and portions of waters not listed	a. Hook and line, dip netting, by hand	Continuous	None	None	
(g) Trout and salmon	1. Bad river downstream from Devil’s Gate (Copper Falls), Brunsweller river downstream from state highway 13, Marengo river downstream from state highway 13, Potato river, White river downstream from White River dam	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
	2. All other tributaries and portions of tributaries to Lake Superior not listed in subd. 1. (intro.)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	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

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
	3. Marengo river upstream from state highway 13 to County Line road (Ashland–Bayfield county line)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout
	4. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Spider–Moquah chain (Spider lake and Moquah lake combined)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	2. Butternut lake (on Price County border), Gordon lake, Zielke lake, North Fork Flambeau river from Upper Park Falls Flowage dam in Price County upstream to the Turtle–Flambeau flowage in Iron County and its tributaries upstream to the first lake, dam, or fish refuge, Mineral lake, Spillerberg lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None but only 1 may be longer than 14
	3. All tributaries and connected sloughs to Lake Superior	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	15 but only 1 may be longer than 20
<b>(3) BARRON</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Big Dummy lake, Little Dummy lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total but only 1 may be longer than 18	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited
	2. Bear lake, Horseshoe lake (T36N, R14E, S3, 115 ac.), Lower Turtle lake, Upper Turtle lakes; All lakes and flowages partially within Burnett or Washburn counties, excluding Red Cedar lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(b) Muskellunge	1. Rice lake, Stump lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50
(c) Northern pike	1. Prairie lake, Chetek lake, Pokegama lake, Mud lake, Ten Mile lake, Staples lake, Bass lake (T33N R10W S34), Horseshoe lake (T34N R14W S7), Big Dummy lake, Little Dummy lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26



COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Beaver Dam lake	a. Hook and line, dip netting, spearing, by hand at any time for smelt only	Continuous	None	None
		b. Seining at any time for smelt with seines not more than 75 feet in length and 6 feet in depth	Continuous	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, dip netting, by hand, spearing	Continuous	None	None
	(e) Trout and salmon	1. Beaver Dam lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	1 in total
2. Brill river		a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
3. All waters not listed		a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Red Cedar lake, Hemlock lake, Beaver Dam lake, Bear lake (on Washburn County border), Horse-shoe lake (T36N, R14E, S3, 115 ac.), Lower Turtle lake, Upper Turtle lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	2. Loon lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None but only 1 may be longer than 14
<b>(4) BAYFIELD</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. Inch lake	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	0	—

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. Namekagon river downstream from Namekagon lake including flowages, Totagatic river downstream from Totagatic lake including flowages	a. None	No open season	—	—
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Cable lake and Wiley lake combined	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass	18 for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	2. Pigeon lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 3 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of largemouth bass from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18
	3. Lake Owen, Lower Eau Claire lake, Upper Eau Claire lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(d) Muskellunge	1. Jackson lake, Namekagon lake (including Garden lake)	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50
(e) Northern pike	1. Diamond lake, all tributaries and connected sloughs to Lake Superior upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(f) Panfish	1. Bladder lake, Sawdust lakes, Middle Eau Claire lake, Bony lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(g) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
		c. Dip netting at any time for smelt only on tributaries to Lake Superior from the mouth upstream for one-half mile	April 1 to May 25	None	None
	2. Fish Creek slough downstream from the junction of North and South Fish creeks	a. Hook and line	Continuous	None	None
		b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only from the mouth upstream for one-half mile	April 1 to May 25	None	None
		c. Spearing with bow and arrow or crossbow only	Saturday nearest May 20 to July 1	None	None
		d. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	3. All other tributaries to Lake Superior	a. Hook and line	Continuous	None	None
		b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only from the mouth upstream for one-half mile	April 1 to May 25	None	None
		c. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	4. All other waters or portions of waters not listed	a. Hook and line, dip netting, by hand	Continuous	None	None



COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(h) Trout and salmon	1. Bark river and all its tributaries, Bono creek, Boyd creek, Cranberry river, East Fork Cranberry river downstream from Lenawee road, Flag river downstream from its confluence with East Fork Flag river, Iron river downstream from the sea lamprey barrier at the former site of the Orienta dam, North Fish creek downstream from its confluence with Pine creek (T47N R6W S13), Onion river downstream from Lake Superior District Power Company power line (T49N R4W S6), Pikes creek downstream from the Red dam, Pine creek downstream from its confluence with Little Pine creek, Sioux river downstream from the Big Rock Falls pool (T49N R4W S19), Siskiwit river downstream from the second bridge from its mouth, Whittlesey creek downstream from Town Hall road	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
	2. All other tributaries and portions of tributaries to Lake Superior not listed in subd. 1. (intro.)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	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
	3. Cap creek, Schultz springs	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	4. Iron river upstream from the sea lamprey barrier at the former site of the Orienta dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	5. Long lake branch of the White river, White river downstream from Pikes bridge to White River dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	1 in total	18
	6. White river upstream from Pikes bridge, White river (East Fork), White river (South Fork and springs), White river (West Fork) and White river unnamed tributaries	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	3 in total	8
	7. Namekagon river	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	1 in total	14

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
	9. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Bony lake, Middle Eau Claire lake, Pike Lake chain (includes Buskey Bay lake, Millicent lake, Hart lake, Twin Bear lake, Eagle lake, Flynn lake and McCarry lake combined)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
	2. All tributaries to Lake Superior and their connected sloughs	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	15 but only 1 may be longer than 20
	3. Lake Owen, Lower Eau Claire lake, Upper Eau Claire lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	4. Namekagon lake (including Garden lake)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24
<b>(5) BROWN</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries not specified in this subsection, see sub. (73)).					
(a) All species	1. The following posted urban waters: Manger lagoon, city of Green Bay	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	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
(b) Catfish	1. Fox river upstream from DePere dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25	None
		b. Set or bank pole and setline	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
	2. All other waters except Green Bay and its tributaries	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25	None
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Fox river upstream from DePere dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
	2. Lilly lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(d) Muskellunge	1. Fox river upstream from DePere dam	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial Day to November 30	1	50
(e) Northern pike	1. Fox river upstream from DePere dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
(f) Panfish	1. Lilly lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10	None
(g) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Fox river upstream from DePere dam	a. Hook and line, dip netting, by hand, spearing	Continuous	None	None
		c. Set or bank pole and setline	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
	3. All other waters except Green Bay and its tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(h) Trout and salmon	1. All waters except Green Bay and its tributaries	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river upstream from DePere dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	None, pursuant to s. NR 20.35
<b>(6) BUFFALO</b>	(for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(a) Catfish	1. Buffalo river from the state highway 37 bridge and the Chippewa river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Hook and line, Set or bank pole	Continuous	10	None
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. Chippewa river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60

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(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Chippewa river upstream from the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad bridge including sloughs, bayous, flowages and streams flowing into the Chippewa river from their mouths up to the first highway or railroad bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(d) Northern pike	1. Chippewa river upstream from the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad bridge including sloughs, bayous, flowages and streams flowing into the Chippewa river from their mouths up to the first highway or railroad bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	None
(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Buffalo river from the state highway 37 bridge and the Chippewa river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Set or bank pole	Continuous	None	None
		b. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. Bear creek and all its tributaries (including Newton Valley creek and Creek 5-9)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout
	2. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Chippewa river upstream from the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad bridge including sloughs, bayous, flowages and streams flowing into the Chippewa river from their mouths up to the first highway or railroad bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15

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<b>(7) BURNETT</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Lake sturgeon	1. Yellow lake, Little Yellow lake, Danbury flowage, Yellow river from Yellow lake downstream to the Danbury dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
	2. St. Croix river	a. Hook and line	June 16 to March 1	0, catch and release only	—
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. All waters not listed in this paragraph that are north of a line following state highway 77, including all lakes and flowages north of that line	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
	2. Webb lake and all other waters not listed in this paragraph that are south of a line following state highway 77, including all lakes and flowages south of that line	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
	3. Namekagon river, St. Croix river, Totagatic river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	14 for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	14
(c) Northern pike	1. Dunham lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(d) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(e) Walleye, sauger, and hybrids	1. Big McKenzie lake (on Washburn County border), Middle McKenzie lake (on Washburn County border)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(8) CALUMET</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None



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		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Winnebago lake	a. Hook and line, by hand	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	April 21 to February 1	None	None
		c. Dip netting at any time within 500 feet of shore	April 25 to May 31	None	None
		d. Set or bank pole and setline	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
	3. All other waters except Lake Winnebago System waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(b) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
<b>(9) CHIPPEWA</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Lake sturgeon	1. Chippewa river including Holcombe flowage, Cornell flowage, Old Abe lake, Jump river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Long lake (T32N R8W) including Herde and Dark lakes	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be smallmouth bass	None for largemouth bass, 18 for smallmouth bass
	2. Sand lake (on Rusk county border)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
	3. Round lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(c) Panfish	1. Long lake (T32N R8W) including Herde and Dark lakes, Hodge lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(d) Trout and salmon	1. Elk creek and all its tributaries (including Big Eld creek, creek 35-12, creek 5-16, creek 17-11, creek 4-2, and creek 19-16)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	Maximum length limit 12

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	2. Duncan creek downstream of Bloomer dam to county highway B	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout
	3. McCann creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None for brown trout and rainbow trout, maximum length limit 9 for brook trout
	4. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. The daily bag limit and length restrictions apply separately to each of the following sections of the Chippewa River and its impoundments and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake: upstream from Dells Pond Dam (including Dells Pond) in Eau Claire County to Chippewa Falls Flowage Dam, upstream from Chippewa Falls Flowage Dam to Lake Wissota Dam, upstream from Lake Wissota Dam (including Lake Wissota) to Old Abe Flowage Dam in Jim Falls including Yellow River upstream to the Suetlik dam at Cadott, upstream from Old Abe Flowage Dam in Jim Falls (including Old Abe Flowage) to Cornell Flowage Dam, upstream from Cornell Flowage Dam (including Cornell Flowage) to Lake Holcombe Dam, upstream from Lake Holcombe Dam (including Lake Holcombe) to the Arpin dam in Sawyer County including the Flambeau river upstream to the Thornapple flowage dam in Rusk County; Jump river and its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
	2. Island chain (Chain lake, Clear lake, Island lake, McCann lake and connecting waters combined on Rusk County border), Long lake (T32N R8W including Herde lake and Dark lake combined), Sand lake (on Rusk County border)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18

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<b>(10) CLARK</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(c) Panfish	1. Arbutus lake, including the Black river from Arbutus lake upstream to state highway 95, the East Fork of the Black river upstream to East Fork Road, and Arnolds creek upstream to Bachelors avenue	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(d) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
<b>(11) COLUMBIA</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Catfish	1. Lower Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam to the railroad bridge at Sauk City	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to November 30	10 in total	None
(b) Hybrid striped bass	1. Columbia lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	None	None
(c) Lake sturgeon	1. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the dam in Wisconsin Dells	a. None.	No open season	—	—
(d) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Columbia lake, Lazy lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1 in total	18
	2. Baraboo river, Crawfish river except Lazy lake, Fox river downstream from the westerly crossing of high- way 33 at Portage, lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
	3. Fox river upstream from Park lake to the easterly crossing of highway33, Park lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
(e) Northern pike	1. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the dam at Wisconsin Dells	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1	32
	2. Columbia lake, Baraboo river, Fox river downstream from the westerly crossing of highway #33 at Portage, Crawfish river, lower Wisconsin river downstream from the dam at Wisconsin Dells	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26

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	3. Fox river upstream from Park lake to the easterly crossing of highway 33, Park lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
(f) Trout and salmon	1. Durward Glen creek (Prentice creek)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None for brown trout and rainbow trout, maximum length limit 9 for brook trout
	2. Lodi (Spring) creek downstream from county highway J	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	3. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river upstream from Park lake to the easterly crossing of highway 33, Park lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	2. Columbia lake, Baraboo river, Fox river downstream from the westerly crossing of highway 33 at Portage, Crawfish river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
	3. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15 minimum but the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
	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
(h) White bass	1. Columbia lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3	18
(i) Yellow bass	1. Columbia lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3	18
<b>(12) CRAWFORD</b>	(for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(a) Catfish	1. Kickapoo river from 200 feet below the Gays Mills dam downstream to the Wisconsin river, Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	10 in total	None
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14

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(c) Northern pike	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(d) Rough fish	1. Kickapoo river from 200 feet below the Gays Mills dam downstream to the Wisconsin river, Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	None	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Halls branch, Plum creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total except brook trout shall be immediately released	None for brown trout and rainbow trout only
	2. Hoover creek, Unnamed creek 36-14 (T9N R3W S36)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	3. Knapp creek, Plum run downstream from county highway U	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	4. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total	Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18
<b>(13) DANE</b> (For species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. The following posted urban waters: Token Creek ponds, Syene ponds	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	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 pan-fish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	None
	(b) Catfish	1. Lower Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam downstream to the railroad bridge at Sauk City	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to November 30	10 in total
	2. Lower Wisconsin river downstream from the railroad bridge at Sauk City	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	10 in total	None
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Koshkonong lake, lower Wisconsin river, Busseyville (Koshkonong) creek downstream from county highway B	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14



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	2. Mendota lake, Fish lake, Mud lake (sec 3&4, T9N, R7E)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Koshkonong lake, lower Wisconsin river, Busseyville (Koshkonong) creek downstream from county highway B	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
	2. Mendota lake, Fish lake, Mud lake (sec 3&4, T9N, R7E)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
(d) Muskellunge	1. Wingra lake, Monona lake, Waubesa lake, Upper Mud lake, Yahara river from Tenney locks downstream to Babcock dam, Nine Springs creek, Swan creek, Wingra creek, Starkweather creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	45
(e) Northern pike	1. Koshkonong lake, lower Wisconsin river, Busseyville (Koshkonong) creek downstream from county highway B	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
	2. Mendota lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	40
(f) Rough fish	1. Lower Wisconsin river downstream from the rail- road bridge in Sauk City	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing, set or bank pole, set-line	Continuous	None	None
(g) Trout and salmon	1. Black Earth creek from U.S. highway 14 on the east side of the city of Mazomanie upstream to South Valley road, Mount Vernon creek from county highway U downstream to state highway 92	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	2. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Koshkonong lake, Busseyville (Koshkonong) creek downstream from county highway B	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15

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	2. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total	Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18
	3. Mendota lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(14) DODGE</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Lost lake, Sinnissippi lake, Rock river, Horicon marsh, Crawfish river, Beaver Dam river downstream from the dam in the city of Beaver Dam, Rubicon river, Waterloo (Maunesh) creek, Wildcat river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
	2. Fox lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
(b) Northern pike	1. Lost lake, Sinnissippi lake, Rock river, Horicon marsh, Crawfish river, Beaver Dam river downstream from the dam in the city of Beaver Dam, Rubicon river, Waterloo (Maunesh) creek, Wildcat river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
	2. Fox lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	32
(c) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(d) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lost lake, Sinnissippi lake, Rock river, Horicon marsh, Crawfish river, Beaver Dam river downstream from the dam in the city of Beaver Dam, Rubicon river, Waterloo (Maunesh) creek, Wildcat river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
	2. Fox lake, Beaver Dam lake and its tributaries, Beaver creek, Mill creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(15) DOOR</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay, Lake Michigan and their tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. Clarks lake, Kangaroo lake	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
(b) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None

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	2. All other waters except Green Bay, Lake Michigan and their tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(c) Trout and salmon	1. All waters except Green Bay, Lake Michigan and their tributaries	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(d) Walleye, sauger, and hybrids	1. Kangaroo lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total	18
<p><b>(16) DOUGLAS</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73)). <b>Note:</b> Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Kimballs bay and Pokegama bay are considered part of the St. Louis river, a Wisconsin–Minnesota boundary water. See ch. NR 21. The Nemadji river is an inland water that is contiguous with these Wisconsin–Minnesota boundary waters but is regulated under this subsection.</p>					
(a) All species	1. Brule river downstream from U.S. highway 2	a. Hook and line fishing is prohibited from one–half hour after sunset to one–half hour before sunrise on the Brule river from the last Saturday in March to the day before the first Saturday in May and from October 1 to November 15	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. St. Croix river and its flowages including Upper St. Croix lake upstream from the dam at Gordon flowage, Totagatic river and its flowages	a. None	No open season	—	—
	2. St. Croix river and its flowages downstream from the dam at Gordon flowage	a. Hook and line	June 16 to March 1	0, catch and release only	—
	3. Nemadji river	a. Hook and line	June 16 to April 14	0, catch and release only	—
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Nemadji river	a. Hook and line	Saturday preceding Memorial day to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	12
	2. All lakes and flowages partially within Burnett and Washburn counties, Lower Eau Claire lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only

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			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(d) Muskellunge	1. Nemadji river	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50
(e) Northern pike	1. Nemadji river	a. Hook and line	Saturday 2 weeks prior to the Saturday nearest Memorial day to March 1	2	None
	2. Tributaries and connected sloughs to Lake Superior upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
	3. Bond lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
		c. Dip netting at any time for smelt only on tributaries to Lake Superior from the mouth upstream for one-half mile	April 1 to May 25	None	None
	2. Amnicon river, Nemadji river	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing	Continuous	None	None
		b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only	April 1 to May 25	None	None
		c. Spearing sunset to sunrise only for burbot	December 15 to January 31	None	None
	3. All other tributaries to Lake Superior	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing	Continuous	None	None
		b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only	April 1 to May 25	None	None
	4. Black river from its mouth on the Nemadji river upstream to the first railroad bridge (Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault St. Marie)	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing sunset to sunrise only for burbot	December 15 to January 31	None	None
	5. All other waters or portions of waters not listed except Lake Superior	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None

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(g) Trout and salmon	1. Amnicon river downstream from Amnicon falls, Black river downstream from Big Manitou falls, Middle river downstream from U.S. highway 2, Nemadji river downstream from Great Northern Railroad bridge (T47N R14W S4), Poplar river downstream from U.S. highway 2, St. Louis river downstream from the Wisconsin-Minnesota state line	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 rainbow trout	Brown trout 10, salmon 12, rainbow trout 26, brook trout 8
	2. Brule river downstream from U.S. highway 2	a. Hook and line. Fishing is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise on the Brule river from the last Saturday in March to the day before the first Saturday in May and from October 1 to November 15	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 rainbow trout	Brown trout 10, salmon 12, rainbow trout 26, brook trout 8
	3. Brule river from county highway S downstream to county highway B	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	3 in total but only 2 may be brown trout and only 1 may be rainbow trout	Brook trout 10, brown trout 15, salmon 12, rainbow trout 26
	4. All other tributaries and portions of tributaries to Lake Superior not listed above	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	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
	5. All other waters not listed except Lake Superior	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Nemadji river	a. Hook and line	Saturday 2 weeks prior to the Saturday nearest Memorial day to March 1	2 in total	15
	2. Tributaries to Lake Superior and their connected sloughs upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	15 but only 1 may be longer than 20



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	3. Lyman lake, Minnesuing lake, Minong flowage including Cranberry lake and upstream to the confluence of Totagatic river and Bergen creek in Washburn county	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None, but only 1 may be longer than 14
	4. Amnicon lake, Lake Nebagamon, Lower Eau Claire lake, Red lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(17) DUNN</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Catfish	1. Chippewa river	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole	Continuous	10	None
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. Chippewa river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Dunville bottoms, Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge, Red Cedar river including sloughs and bayous from its confluence with the Chippewa river to the Lake Menomin Northern States Power dam, Eau Galle river beginning at the Lake Eau Galle dam downstream to its confluence with the Chippewa river, Pepin county	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(d) Northern pike	1. Dunville bottoms, Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge, Red Cedar river including sloughs and bayous from its confluence with the Chippewa river to the Lake Menomin Northern States Power dam, Eau Galle river beginning at the Lake Eau Galle dam downstream to its confluence with the Chippewa river, Pepin county	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
(e) Panfish	1. Menomin lake including the Red Cedar river upstream from Lake Menomin to the Cedar Falls dam, Tainter lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
	2. Chippewa river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, set or bank pole, spearing	Continuous	None	None

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	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(g) Trout and salmon	1. Cady creek, Eau Galle river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout
	2. Elk creek upstream from Elk Creek Lake dam (including Big Elk creek, Creek 17-11, Creek 2-8, Creek 1-1)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	3. Elk Creek lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	4. Elk creek downstream from Elk Creek Lake dam and all its tributaries	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	1 in total	18
	5. Sand creek from 10 <sup>th</sup> street downstream to Red Cedar river	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	1 in total	18
	6. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Dunville bottoms, Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge, Red Cedar river including sloughs and bayous from its confluence with the Chippewa river to the Lake Menomin Northern States Power dam, Eau Galle river beginning at the Lake Eau Galle dam downstream to its confluence with the Chippewa river, Pepin county	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
(18)	<b>EAU CLAIRE</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(a) Catfish	w. Chippewa river downstream from the dam in Eau Claire	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole	Continuous	10	None
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. Chippewa river including Dells pond	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60

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(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Chippewa river downstream from Dells dam including sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge; Eau Claire river including sloughs and bayous from Altoona dam downstream to the Chippewa river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
	2. Half Moon Lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(d) Northern pike	1. Chippewa river downstream from Dells dam including sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge; Eau Claire river including sloughs and bayous from Altoona dam downstream to the Chippewa river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
(e) Panfish	1. Altoona Lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. Lake Eau Claire	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Chippewa river downstream from the dam in Eau Claire	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, set or bank pole, spearing	Continuous	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(g) Trout and salmon	1. Bears Grass creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None for brown trout and rainbow trout, maximum length limit 9 for brook trout
	2. Elk creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	3. Otter creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout

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	4. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Chippewa river downstream from Dells Pond dam including sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge; Eau Claire river including sloughs and bayous from Altoona dam downstream to the Chippewa river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
	2. Chippewa river upstream from Dells Pond dam upstream to Chippewa Falls Flowage Dam in Chippewa County including sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
	3. Eau Claire river upstream from Altoona dam (including Altoona lake) to Lake Eau Claire dam including sloughs, bayous, flowages, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24
	4. Eau Claire river upstream from Lake Eau Claire dam (including Lake Eau Claire) including sloughs, bayous, flowages, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24
<b>(19) FLORENCE</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. Halsey lake	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Halsey lake, Keyes lake, Spread Eagle chain of lakes (Bass, East, Long, Middle, North, Railroad, South and West lakes)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of largemouth bass from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

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			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(c) Cisco (lake herring), whitefish, and their hybrids	1. Keyes lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 pounds and one fish in total	None
		b. Dip netting at any time	Saturday nearest October 10 to January 15	3 in total	None
(d) Northern pike	1. Lake Ellwood	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	40
(e) Panfish	1. Halsey lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	2. Sea Lion lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	3. Spread Eagle chain of lakes (Bass, East, Long, Middle, North, Railroad, South and West lakes)	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
			July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None
(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(g) Trout and salmon	1. Brule river upstream from U.S. highway 2	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. Brule river downstream from U.S. highway 2	a. Hook and line	No early catch and release season. Last Saturday in April to September 30	5 in total	7



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	3. Keyes lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	2 in total	12
	4. Popple river downstream from state highway 139	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
		a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	October 16 to November 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	5. Woods creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	6. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Keyes lake, Sea Lion lake, Spread Eagle chain of lakes (Bass, East, Long, Middle, North, Railroad, South and West lakes combined)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(20) FOND DU LAC</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Forest lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	0	—
	2. Mullet lake, Rock river including Horicon marsh	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(b) Northern pike	1. Forest lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	0	—
	2. Mullet lake, Rock river including Horicon marsh	a. Hook and line	Continuous	0	26
	3. Kettle Moraine lake, Long lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
(c) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None

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	2. Winnebago lake	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	April 21 to February 1	None	None
		c. Set or bank pole and set-line 500 feet or more from any dam	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
	3. Fond du Lac river from its mouth upstream for 3 miles	a. Hook and line, by hand	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	April 21 to February 1	None	None
		c. Dip netting	May 1 to March 15	Suckers 0, other rough fish none	None
	4. All other waters except Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(d) Trout and salmon	1. Silver creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None
	2. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Forest lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	0	—
	2. Mullet lake, Rock river including Horicon marsh	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	None
<b>(21) FOREST</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Cisco and whitefish	1. Lucerne lake	a. Hook and line only	Continuous	25 pounds and one fish in total	None
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Crane lake, Luna lake, McKinley lake, Pickerel lake, Three Johns lake, White Deer lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass	18 for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18

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	2. Trump lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June  Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	0 for smallmouth bass, 3 for largemouth bass  3 in total	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of largemouth bass from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18  None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18
(c) Muskellunge	1. Julia lake (T38N R11E S1)	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	28
(d) Northern pike	2. Stevens lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(e) Panfish	1. Riley and Wabikon lakes combined	a. Hook and line	Continuous	None	None
(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
		a. Hook and line, by hand	Continuous	None	None
		b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only	Directive of the regional director	None	None
		c. Dip netting for other rough fish	Continuous	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None
(g) 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. Brule creek, Brule springs, Elvoy creek, Elvoy springs (T41N R13E S20)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	10
	3. East Branch Lily river, Four-mile creek, Lily river, Unnamed creek 11-8, Unnamed creek 12-9, Unnamed creek 13-15	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None

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	4. Peshtigo river, Rat river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
		b. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	October 16 to November 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	5. Lucerne lake	a. Hook and line	Lake trout: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30; other trout: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	Lake trout 1, other trout 3 in total	Lake trout 30, other trout 8
	6. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Crane lake, Franklin lake, Hilbert lake (on Marinette County border), Jungle lake, Lucerne lake, Pickerel lake (on Langlade County border)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	2. Julia lake (on Oneida County border)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None but only 1 may be longer than 14
<b>(22) GRANT</b>	(for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(a) Catfish	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. Blue river from the state highway 133 bridge downstream to the Wisconsin river, Grant river from Porters bridge on state highway 35 downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks, Platte river, from the state highway 81 bridge downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	10 in total	None
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14

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(c) Northern pike	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(d) Rough fish	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing, set or bank pole, set-line	Continuous	None	None
	2. Blue river from the state highway 133 bridge downstream to the Wisconsin river, Grant river from Porters bridge on state highway 35 downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks, Platte river, from the state highway 81 bridge downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing, set or bank pole, set-line	Continuous	None	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Big Green river upstream from state highway 133, Big Spring branch downstream from Pine Tree road, Borah creek, Crooked creek, Little Grant river from Govier road upstream to Miner road, Six Mile branch	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	2. Big Spring Branch upstream from Pine Tree road	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total except brook trout shall be immediately released	None for brown trout and rainbow trout only
	3. Blue river from Biba road upstream to Snow Bottom road, Castle Rock creek from Witek road upstream to the second county highway Q bridge (T7N R1W S30 SESE), Millville creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	4. Blue river upstream from Snow Bottom road, Bronson creek downstream from Vavricka road, Castle Rock creek and spring from Church road downstream to the second county highway Q bridge (T7N R1W S30 SESE), Doc Smith branch from Castle Rock creek upstream to 0.5 miles upstream from Everson road, Little Platte river from Waterfall road upstream to state highway 80	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—

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	5. Grant river from county highway A upstream to county highway K	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	6. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total	Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18
<b>(23) GREEN</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Catfish	1. Pecatonica river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
		b. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam.	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Pecatonica river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Northern pike	1. Pecatonica river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(d) Rough fish	1. Pecatonica river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	None	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Pecatonica river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
<b>(24) GREEN LAKE</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Catfish	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Continuous for channel catfish. First Saturday in May to September 30 for flathead catfish	25 in total but only 1 may be flathead catfish regardless of whether caught on hook and line, set or bank pole, or setline	None except for flathead catfish, which is 30 but the possession of flathead catfish from 36 to 42 is prohibited

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	2. Fox river 500 feet above the first dam upstream from Princeton to Wicks Landing at Fox River Drive only	a. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None but only 1 may be a flathead catfish regardless of whether caught on hook and line, set or bank pole, or set-line	None except for flathead catfish, which is 30 but the possession of flathead catfish from 36 to 42 is prohibited
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Maria lake, Puckaway lake, Puckyan river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Northern pike	1. Puckaway lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1	32
	2. Fox river upstream from the dam above Princeton (excluding Puckaway lake), Maria lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Fox river downstream from first dam upstream from Princeton	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	April 21 to February 1	None	None
		c. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
	3. All other waters except Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing, dip netting sunrise to sunset	Continuous	None	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Big Green lake and tributaries upstream to first dam	a. Hook and line	No early catch and release season on the tributary streams upstream to the first dam. Lake trout: first Saturday in January to September 30; other trout: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	Lake trout 2, other trout 3 in total	Lake trout 17, other trout 14
	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river upstream from first dam above Princeton, Maria lake, Puckaway lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15



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<b>(25) IOWA</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Catfish	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	10 in total	None
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. East branch Pecatonica river downstream from state highway 39, lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Northern pike	1. Twin Valley lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	40
	2. East branch Pecatonica river downstream from state highway 39, lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(d) Panfish	1. Cox Hollow lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. Twin Valley lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	None	None
(e) Rough fish	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	None	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. Baker creek, Big Spring branch, Cave Hollow creek, Otter creek upstream from Cave Hollow road, Pompey Pillar creek upstream from county highway I, Trout creek upstream from Dry dam	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total except brook trout shall be immediately released	None for brown trout and rainbow trout only
	2. Blue river upstream to 0.5 miles upstream of Blue River road	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	3. Gordon creek from state highway 78 upstream to Spring Creek road, Six Mile branch upstream to Farmers Ridge road	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	4. Mill creek from Mill road downstream to county highway H, Pompey Pillar creek downstream from county highway I, Smokey Hollow creek downstream from county highway P, Trout creek upstream to Dry dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	5. Naverson creek, Otter creek from county highway II upstream to Plank road	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—

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	6. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Blackhawk, Cox Hollow and Twin Valley lakes	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	2. East branch Pecatonica river downstream from state highway 39	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
	3. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total	Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18
<b>(26) IRON</b>	(for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))				
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Evelyn lake, O'Brien lake, One Man lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass	18 for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	2. Wilson lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of largemouth bass from 12 to 16 is prohibited
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 12 to 16 is prohibited
	3. Trude lake, Turtle-Flambeau flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of largemouth bass from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18

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	4. Gile flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 3 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of largemouth bass from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18
	5. McDermott lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. North Fork Flambeau river downstream from the Turtle Flambeau flowage dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
(c) Muskellunge	1. Owl lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1 in total	28
(d) Northern pike	1. Tributaries and connected sloughs to Lake Superior upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(e) Panfish	1. Turtle-Flambeau flowage including Trude lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	Crappie 10, other species none
	2. Pine lake, Bearskull lake, Island lake, Spider lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
		c. Dip netting at any time for smelt only on tributaries to Lake Superior from the mouth upstream for one-half mile	April 1 to May 25	None	None
	2. All other tributaries to Lake Superior	a. Hook and line, by hand	Continuous	None	None

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		b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only from the mouth upstream for one-half mile	April 1 to May 25	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None
(g) Trout and salmon	1. Graveyard creek and its tributaries, Montreal river downstream from Superior falls, Oronto creek and its tributaries, 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 rainbow trout	Brown trout 10, salmon 12, rainbow trout 26, brook trout 8
	2. All other tributaries and portions of tributaries to Lake Superior not listed above	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	5 in total but only 2 may be brown trout longer than 15 and only 1 may be rainbow trout	Brown trout 10, salmon 12, rainbow trout 26, brook trout 8
	3. All other waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Grand Portage lake, Mercer lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	2. Gile flowage, Island lake (connected to Montreal river), Pine lake, Randall lake, North Fork Flambeau river from Upper Park Falls Flowage dam in Price County upstream to the Turtle-Flambeau flowage in Iron County and its tributaries upstream to the first lake, dam, or fish refuge, West Branch Montreal river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None but only 1 may be longer than 14
	3. Tributaries to Lake Superior and their connected sloughs	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	15 but only 1 fish may be longer than 20
	4. Bear river, Flambeau river upstream of Turtle-Flambeau flowage (at Murray's Landing), Little Turtle river, Manitowish river (including Benson lake, Sturgeon lake, and Vance lake), Trude lake, Turtle-Flambeau flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None
	5. Sherman lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	None	None

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(27)	<b>JACKSON</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(a) All species	1. Arbutus lake	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
(b) Catfish	1. Black river from the U.S. highway 12 bridge in the city of Black River Falls downstream	a. Hook and line. Set or bank pole and setline but no whole or live bait fish may be used	Continuous	10	None
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Lake Wazee	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	14
(d) 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
(e) Panfish	1. Lake Wazee, Arbutus lake, including the Black river upstream from Arbutus lake to state highway 95, the East Fork of the Black river upstream to East Fork Road, and Arnolds creek upstream to Bachelors Ave.	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Black river from the U.S. highway 12 bridge in the city of Black River Falls downstream	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing. Set or bank pole and setline but no whole or live bait fish may be used	Continuous	None	None
(g) Trout and salmon	1. Lake Wazee	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	2 in total	12
	2. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None

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(h) Walleye, sauger, and hybrids		a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2 in total	15
<b>(28) JEFFERSON</b> (For species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Koshkonong lake, Bark river downstream from the dam at Hebron, Bean lake, Busseyville (Koshkonong) creek, Crawfish river, Goose lake, Hahns lake, Mud lake, Red Cedar lake, Rock river, Scuppermong river downstream from the dam at Palmyra, Waterloo creek downstream from the Malthouse dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(b) Northern pike	1. Koshkonong lake, Bark river downstream from the dam at Hebron, Bean lake, Busseyville (Koshkonong) creek, Crawfish river, Goose lake, Hahns lake, Mud lake, Red Cedar lake, Rock river, Scuppermong river downstream from the dam at Palmyra, Waterloo creek downstream from the Malthouse dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(c) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(d) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Koshkonong lake, Bark river downstream from the dam at Hebron, Bean lake, Busseyville (Koshkonong) creek, Crawfish river, Goose lake, Hahns lake, Mud lake, Red Cedar lake, Rock river, Scuppermong river downstream from the dam at Palmyra, Waterloo creek downstream from the Malthouse dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
<b>(29) JUNEAU</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Lake sturgeon	1. Wisconsin river including all flowages and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. None	No open season	—	—

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(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Yellow river and sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, Lemonweir river and sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, Wisconsin river and sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the western boundary of the Wisconsin River on Lake Petenwell is county highway G, and the western boundary of the Wisconsin river on Castle Rock lake north of county highway G is the confluence of the Yellow river and Castle Rock lake, and county highway G between 41st Street and county highway HH does not establish a boundary for Castle Rock lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge upstream from the Castle Rock dam, except the western boundary of the Wisconsin River on Lake Petenwell is county highway G, and the western boundary of the Wisconsin river on Castle Rock lake north of county highway G is the confluence of the Yellow river and Castle Rock lake, and county highway G between 41st Street and county highway HH does not establish a boundary for Castle Rock lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	45
(d) Northern pike	1. Wisconsin river and its flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the western boundary of the Wisconsin River on Lake Petenwell is county highway G, and the western boundary of the Wisconsin river on Castle Rock lake north of county highway G is the confluence of the Yellow river and Castle Rock lake, and county highway G between 41st Street and county highway HH does not establish a boundary for Castle Rock lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1	32



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	2. Yellow river and sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, Lemonweir river and sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(e) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Yellow river and its sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, Lemonweir river and its sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, Wisconsin river and its sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the western boundary of the Wisconsin River on Lake Petenwell is county highway G, and the western boundary of the Wisconsin river on Castle Rock lake north of county highway G is the confluence of the Yellow river and Castle Rock lake, and county highway G between 41st Street and county highway HH does not establish a boundary for Castle Rock lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
<b>(30) KENOSHA</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. The following posted urban waters: Anderson park pond, Bong recreation area children's pond, Poerio park pond	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
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Fox river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14

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	2. Silver lake, Vern Wolf lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
(c) Northern pike	1. Fox river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
	2. Silver lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
(d) Panfish	1. Vern Wolf lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. Paddock lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
			July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. All waters except Lake Michigan and its tributaries	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
<b>(31) KEWAUNEE</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan, Green Bay and their tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(a) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters except Lake Michigan, Green Bay and their tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing, dip netting sunrise to sunset	Continuous	None	None
(b) Trout and salmon	1. All waters except Lake Michigan, Lake Michigan tributaries, Green Bay and its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
<b>(32) LA CROSSE</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Catfish	1. Black river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Hook and line. Set or bank pole and setline but no whole or live bait fish may be used	Continuous	10	None

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(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. La Crosse river including sloughs and bayous upstream to the first dam or highway bridge from Lake Neshonoc dam downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Northern pike	1. La Crosse river including sloughs and bayous upstream to the first dam or highway bridge from Lake Neshonoc dam downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Black river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing. Set or bank pole and setline but no whole or live bait fish may be used	Continuous	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dipnetting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Bohemian Valley creek, Mormon Coulee creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	10 in total	None
	2. Garbers Coulee	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total except brook trout shall be immediately released	None for brown trout and rainbow trout only
	3. Pammel creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	4. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None

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(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. La Crosse river including sloughs and bayous upstream to the first dam or highway bridge from Lake Neshonoc dam downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
<b>(33) LAFAYETTE</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Catfish	1. East Branch Pecatonica river, Pecatonica river (west branch) downstream from U.S. highway 151	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	10 in total	None
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. East Branch Pecatonica river, Pecatonica river (west branch) downstream from U.S. highway 151, Yellowstone river downstream from Yellowstone lake dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
	2. Yellowstone lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2 in total with wall-eye, sauger and hybrids	Minimum length limit 12, maximum length limit 15
(c) Muskellunge	1. Yellowstone lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	0	—
(d) Northern pike	1. East Branch Pecatonica river, Pecatonica river (west branch) downstream from U.S. highway 151, Yellowstone river downstream from Yellowstone lake dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
	2. Yellowstone lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	0	—
(e) Rough fish	2. Yellowstone lake	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	Gar and bowfin 0, other rough fish none	None
	3. East Branch Pecatonica river, Pecatonica river (west branch) downstream from U.S. highway 151	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	None	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. Steiner creek	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—

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	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. East Branch Pecatonica river, Pecatonica river (west branch) downstream from U.S. highway 151, Yellowstone river downstream from Yellowstone lake dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
	2. Yellowstone lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2 in total with largemouth bass and smallmouth bass	Minimum length limit 15; maximum length limit 18
<b>(34) LANGLADE</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. The following posted urban waters: Remington lake	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	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
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Sawyer lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of largemouth bass from 12 to 16 is prohibited
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 12 to 16 is prohibited
	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
	3. Greater Bass lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass	18 for largemouth bass only
Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March			1 in total	18	
	4. Crooked lake, Pence lake, Rogers lake, Saul spring, Townline lake (T33N R10E S6)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only

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			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(c) Northern pike	1. Post lake (upper and lower)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(d) Panfish	1. Big Twin lake, Dynamite lake, Long lake (T33N R10E S35), Mueller lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	2. Meyer lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	3. Crystal lake, Moose lake, White lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
			July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Clubhouse Spring pond, Dem-low lakes (springs, upper and lower), Drew creek, Elton Spring pond, Garski flowage, Hatton springs, Hogelee springs (No. 1 and 2), Hoglot springs, Maxwell spring, Mayking creek and flowage, McCaslin spring, McCaslin brook, Moose lake, Moose springs, Nixon springs, Oconto river (south branch), Prospect creek, Saul spring, Spring lake and creek (S17, T31N, R15E), Starks springs, Sunshine springs, Thompson lake (springs), Trout spring, Woods flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	2. Blue springs, Hunting river downstream from Fitzgerald Dam road, Plover river, Prairie river, Unnamed springs 2-1 (Polar or Pages T33N R11E S2), Unnamed springs 2-14 (T33N R11E S2), Unnamed springs 3-7 (Weix T33N R11E S3), Willow springs, Woodduck springs	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout

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	3. Eau Claire river (east branch) from Bluebell road downstream to River road	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 10 to 16 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 16
	4. McGee lake	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	5. Spring brook	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None for brown trout and rainbow trout, maximum length limit 9 for brook trout
	6. Wolf river downstream from county highway T	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	Brook trout 8, brown trout and rainbow trout maximum length limit 12 and 1 fish may be over 18
		b. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	October 16 to November 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	7. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Jessie lake, Pickerel lake (on Forest County border), Rolling Stone lake, Rose lake, Sawyer lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(35) LINCOLN</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. Spirit River flowage, Wisconsin river downstream from county highway A including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except Lake Mohawksin	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
	2. The following posted urban waters: Mirror lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled pursuant to 29.193 (3) (a), (b) or (c) may fish	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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(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Muskellunge lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass	18 for largemouth bass only	
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1	18	
	2. Wisconsin river downstream from Kings dam including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the boundary of the Wisconsin and Somo rivers is the Tomahawk Railway Railroad bridge on the west side of lake Mohawksin, the boundary of the Wisconsin and Tomahawk rivers is the Canadian National Railroad bridge nearest Baymill road, and the boundary of the Wisconsin and Spirit rivers is the confluence of the Spirit river with the Wisconsin river located one mile southeast of the Spirit river dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14	
			3. Ament lake, Henson lake, Larson lake, Moraine lake, Tahoe lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass
	(c) Panfish	1. Hiltz lake, Rice Reservoir Chain (Bridge lake, Deer lake, Lake Nokomis, and Rice River Flowage combined)	a. Hook and line	Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
				Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
2. Crystal lake, Echo lake		a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None	
			3. Hilderbrand lake, Pesabic lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total
			July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None	

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(d) Northern pike	1. Wisconsin river downstream from Kings dam including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except the boundary of the Wisconsin and Somo rivers is the Tomahawk Railway Railroad bridge on the west side of lake Mohawksin, the boundary of the Wisconsin and Tomahawk rivers is the Canadian National Railroad bridge nearest Baymill road, and the boundary of the Wisconsin and Spirit rivers is the confluence of the Spirit river with the Wisconsin river located one mile southeast of the Spirit river dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Big Cain creek, Little Cain creek, Little Trappe river, Prospect creek, Unnamed creek 12-14 (S35 and 36, T31N, R4E)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	2. Big Rib river	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	3. King spring, Pays springs (Alta springs T33N R7E S12), Prairie river, Prairie river (north branch), Spring creek, Spring lake (springs T32N R7E S16)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout
	4. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. The boundary of the Wisconsin and Somo rivers is the Tomahawk Railway Railroad bridge on the west side of lake Mohawksin, the boundary of the Wisconsin and Tomahawk rivers is the Canadian National Railroad bridge nearest Baymill road, and the boundary of the Wisconsin and Spirit rivers is the confluence of the Spirit river with the Wisconsin river located one mile south of the Spirit river dam;	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

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	The daily bag limit and length restrictions apply separately to each of the following sections of the Wisconsin River and its sloughs, bayous, flowages, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge: Kings dam downstream to Pride dam (including Lake Mohawksin), Pride dam downstream to Grandmother dam, Grandmother dam downstream to Grandfather dam				
	2. Wisconsin river upstream from Kings dam to the Hat Rapids dam in Oneida county including Lake Alice and sloughs, bayous, tributaries, and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the First Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24
	3. The daily bag limit and length restrictions apply separately to each of the following sections of the Wisconsin River and its sloughs, bayous, flowages, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge: Grandfather dam downstream to Lake Alexander dam, Lake Alexander dam downstream to Merrill dam, Merrill dam downstream to the Wausau dam in Marathon County	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
	4. Rice Reservoir chain (including Bridge lake, Deer lake, Lake Nokomis, and Rice River flowage combined)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24
<b>(36) MANITOWOC</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Silver lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
(b) Northern pike	1. Silver lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	32
(c) Panfish	1. Silver lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Harpt lake, Pigeon lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None

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	3. English lake, Long lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	4. Bullhead lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
			July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None
(d) Trout and salmon	1. All waters except Lake Michigan and Lake Michigan tributaries	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Silver lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(37) MARATHON</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. Big Eau Pleine reservoir upstream to the first state highway 153 bridge, Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge except the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and Peplin and Johnson Creeks and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, is the south-bound lane of Interstate 39 and the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin river and the Eau Claire river is the Schofield dam	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. Wisconsin river including all flowages and tributaries upstream to first dam or highway bridge	a. None	No open season	—	—
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge except the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and Peplin and Johnson Creeks and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, is the south-bound lane of Interstate 39 and the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin river and the Eau Claire river is the Schofield dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14

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	2. Big bass lake, Mission lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(d) Northern pike	1. Big Eau Pleine reservoir	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
	2. Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge except the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and Peplin and Johnson Creeks and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, is the south-bound lane of Interstate 39 and the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin river and the Eau Claire river is the Schofield dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
	3. Pike lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(e) Panfish	1. Lake Wausau	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	2. Mud lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	3. Pike lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
			July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. Eau Claire river (main branch), Spranger creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None
	2. Comet creek, Embarrass river (south branch), Little Wolf river, Plover river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout

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	3. Spring brook	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None for brown trout and rainbow trout, maximum length limit 9 for brook trout
	4. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Wisconsin river downstream of the Wausau dam (in Wausau) including sloughs, bayous, tributaries, and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge except the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and Peplin and Johnson Creeks and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, is the south-bound lane of Interstate 39 and the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin river and the Eau Claire river is the Schofield dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
	2. Wisconsin river upstream of the Wausau dam to the Merrill dam in Lincoln County including Wausau Dam lake in Wausau and sloughs, bayous, tributaries, and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
	3. Big Eau Pleine reservoir (upstream from Dam road)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24
	4. Big Rib river downstream from highway 29, Johnson creek downstream from county highway X, Little Eau Claire river downstream from county highway X, Little Eau Pleine river downstream from state highway 34, Peplin creek downstream from county highway X	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28

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	5. Big Rib river upstream from highway 29, Johnson creek upstream from county highway X, Little Eau Claire river upstream from county highway X, Little Eau Pleine river upstream from state highway 34, Peplin creek upstream from county highway X	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
<b>(38) MARINETTE</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Peshtigo flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	14 for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	14
(b) Panfish	1. Caldron Falls reservoir	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(c) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters except Green Bay and its tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(d) Trout and salmon	1. Peshtigo river between Johnson falls and Spring rapids	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	2. Peshtigo river downstream from state highway 8 in Forest County) to county highway C in Marinette County	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
		b. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	October 16 to November 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	3. Beaver creek, Beaver creek (north branch), Beaver creek (south branch), K. C. creek, Middle Inlet creek between Lake Noquebay and county highway A, Pike river between county highway K and the confluence of the north and south branches, Pike river (north branch), Walker creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout



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	4. Rat river	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	5. All other waters except Green Bay and its tributaries	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Big Newton lake, Eagle lake, Hilbert lake (on Forest County border), Little Newton lake, Oneonta lake, Thunder lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(39) MARQUETTE</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. Buffalo lake, Mason lake, Fox river downstream from Buffalo lake, Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
(b) Catfish	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Continuous for channel catfish. First Saturday in May to September 30 for flathead catfish	25 in total but only 1 may be flathead catfish regardless of whether caught on hook and line, set or bank pole, or setline	None except for flathead catfish, which is 30 but the possession of flathead catfish from 36 to 42 is prohibited
	2. Fox river 500 feet above the first dam upstream from Princeton to Wicks Landing at Fox River Drive in Green Lake county	a. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None but only 1 may be a flathead catfish regardless of whether caught on hook and line, set or bank pole, or setline	None except for flathead catfish, which is 30 but the possession of flathead catfish from 36 to 42 is prohibited
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Buffalo lake, Fox river, Grand river downstream from Grand River wildlife area dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(d) Northern pike	1. Buffalo lake, Fox river, Grand river downstream from Grand River wildlife area dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
	2. Sharon lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None

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	2. All other waters except Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. Mecan river from 14th avenue downstream to Germania marsh barrier, Neenah creek (upper) upstream from state highway 82	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	2. Chaffee creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for rainbow trout, 8 for brown trout and brook trout
	3. Mecan river upstream from 14 <sup>th</sup> avenue, Neenah creek (lower) downstream from state highway 82, O'Keefe creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	4. Wood lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None
	5. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Buffalo lake, Fox river, Grand river downstream from Grand River wildlife area dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
<b>(40) MENOMINEE</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Lake sturgeon	1. All waters	a. None	No open season	—	—
(b) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None

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(c) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
<b>(41) MILWAUKEE</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
a) All species	1. The following posted urban waters: Brown Deer park pond, Dineen park pond, Estabrook park pond, Franklin High School pond, Greenfield park pond, Holler park pond, Humboldt park pond, Jackson park pond, Juneau park pond, Kosciuszko park pond, McCarty park pond, McGovern park pond, Miller park pond, Mitchell park pond, Oak Creek parkway pond from the dam upstream to Chicago avenue, Saveland park pond, Schoetz park pond, Scout Lake park pond, Sheridan park pond, Washington park pond, Wilson park pond	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
(c) Trout and salmon	1. All waters except Lake Michigan and its tributaries	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
<b>(42) MONROE</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Catfish	1. Black river	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	10	None
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Lemonweir river including all connecting flowages, bays, sloughs and bayous upstream to the first dam or bridge or water control structure, East Fork Lemonweir river upstream to highway 173 bridge, South Fork Lemonweir river upstream to Tomah dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
	2. Lake Tomah	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18

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(c) Northern pike	1. Lemonweir river including all connecting flowages, bays, sloughs and bayous upstream to the first dam or bridge or water control structure, East Fork Lemonweir river upstream to highway 173 bridge, South Fork Lemonweir river upstream to Tomah dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
	2. Lake Tomah	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Black river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, set or bank pole, setline, spearing	Continuous	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Rullands Coulee creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	2. Baraboo river, Baraboo river tributary (10-9), Fox River Valley creek (9-4), Indian creek, Little Lemonweir river, Little Lemonweir river tributary (13-1), Little Lemonweir river tributary (14-1), Rocky run, Seymour creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	3. Little LaCrosse river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	10 in total	None
	4. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None

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(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lemonweir river including all connecting flowages, bays, sloughs and bayous upstream to the first dam or bridge or water control structure, east fork Lemonweir river upstream to highway 173 bridge, south fork Lemonweir river upstream to Tomah dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
<b>(43) OCONTO</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(b) Muskellunge	1. Anderson lake, Archibald lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50
(c) Northern pike	1. Bear lake, John lake, Munger lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(d) Panfish	1. Caldron Falls reservoir	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters except Green Bay and its tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. Oconto river (south branch) from Menominee county line downstream to state highway 32	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	2. Oconto river (south branch) upstream from Menominee county line	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	3. All waters not listed except Green Bay and its tributaries	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8

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(g) Walleye, sauger, and hybrids	Archibald lake, Bass lake (T32N R15E S9), Bear lake (including Munger lake combined), Boot lake, Chain lake, Crooked lake, John lake, Maiden lake, Reservoir pond (including Horn lake, Explosion lake, and Little Horn lake combined), Surprise lake, Townsend flowage, Waubee lake, Wheeler lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(44) ONEIDA</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. Columbus lake, Rainbow flowage, Sugar Camp lake, Thunder lake and Willow flowage	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Bearskin lake, Crescent lake, Pelican lake, Stella lake, Burrows lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass	18 for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	2. Oneida lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 3 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass except the possession of largemouth bass from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
	3. Minocqua chain (includes Jerome lake, Kawaguesaga lake, Little Tomahawk lake, Mid lake, Minocqua lake, Mud lake, Tomahawk lake, Minocqua thoroughfare, Tomahawk thoroughfare, and connecting waters combined), Squash lake, Julia lake (T36N R08E S12 near Rhinelander)	a. Hook and line	Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
			First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None

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	4. Shishebogama lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of largemouth bass from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(c) Muskellunge	1. Clear lake (T39N, R7E, S16), Pelican lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50
	2. Bearskin lake, Booth lake, Julia lake (T38N R11E S1), Squaw lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	28
	3. Shishebogama lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	40 unless otherwise posted at public boat landings pursuant to s NR 20.37
(d) Panfish	1. Carrol lake, Gilmore lake, Madeline lake, Moen chain (Moen, Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth lakes and their connecting waters)	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	2. Indian lake, Oneida lake, Squaw lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	3. Boom–Rhineland chain (Bass Lake, Boom Lake, Lake Creek, Rhineland Flowage, and Thunder Lake, combined)	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
			July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None
	4. Shishebogama lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total	None except only 5 or fewer bluegill and pumpkinseed in total may be longer than 7
(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None

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(f) Trout and salmon	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None
	1. Dorothy lake, Hawk lake, Little Bass lake (T39N R7E S15), Perch lake (T36N R7E S2)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None
	2. Mercer springs	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	None
	3. Bearskin creek, Little Pine creek, Noisy creek, Trout creek, Woodboro springs	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	4. Big Carr	a. Hook and line	Lake trout: First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30; other trout: First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	Lake trout 1, other trout 5 in total	Lake trout 30, other trout none
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	5. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
	1. Bearskin lake, Buckskin lake (on Vilas County border), Crescent lake (near Rhinelander), Diamond lake, George lake, Hasbrook lake, Julia lake (on Forest County border), Katherine lake, Mercer lake, Oneida lake, Squaw lake (on Vilas County border), Squirrel lake, Three lakes chain (includes Big, Big Fork, Big Stone, Deer, Dog, Fourmile, Island, Laurel, Little Fork, Long, Medicine, Moccasin, Mud, Planting Ground, Rangeline, Round, Spirit, Townline, Virgin, and Whitefish lakes and all connecting waters and Eagle river downstream to the Long Lake (Burnt Rollways) dam combined)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None, but only 1 may be longer than 14



COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
	2. Bird lake, Maple lake, North Nokomis lake, Shishebogama lake (on Vilas County border), Squash lake (near Rhinelander), Stella lake, Thunder lake (T38N R10E S11), Two Sisters lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	3. Minocqua chain (Jerome lake, Kawaguesaga lake, Mid lake, Minocqua lake, Mud lake, Minocqua thoroughfare, Tomahawk thoroughfare, Little Tomahawk lake, Tomahawk lake, and connecting waters combined)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	0, catch and release only, until April 1, 2020, when it becomes 2 in total	On April 1, 2020, the size limit becomes 18
	4. Rice Reservoir Chain (including Bridge lake, Deer lake, Lake Nokomis, and Rice River flowage combined), Moen chain (Moen lake, Second lake, Third lake, Fourth lake, Fifth lake and connecting waters combined), Sugar Camp chain (Dam lake, Sand lake, Echo lake, Chain lake, Stone lake (T39N R9E S32) and connecting waters combined); The daily bag limit and length restrictions apply separately to each of the following sections of the Wisconsin River and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge: Otter Rapids dam (in Vilas county) downstream to Rainbow flowage, Rainbow flowage (south of Wilderness Trail in Vilas county downstream to Rainbow dam), Rainbow dam downstream to Rhinelander flowage, Boom–Rhinelander chain (includes Rhinelander flowage from Bridge Road downstream to St Regis dam, Boom lake, Bass lake, Thunder lake, and Lake Creek upstream to Forest Lane), Rhinelander dam downstream to Hat Rapids flowage, Hat Rapids flowage (from upstream bank of Pelican river mouth) downstream to Hat Rapids dam, Hat Rapids dam downstream to Kings dam in Lincoln county (including Lake Alice)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

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	5. Cranberry lake which is part of the Eagle chain on the Vilas County border (includes Catfish, Cranberry, Duck, Eagle, Lynx, Otter, Scattering Rice, Voyageur, Watersmeet including Wisconsin river from Otter Rapids dam to county highway G, Yellow birch lake, all connecting waters and Eagle river upstream to the Long Lake (Burnt Rollways) dam in Oneida county combined)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
<b>(45) OUTAGAMIE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))</b>					
(a) All species	1. The following posted urban waters: Appleton Memorial Park pond	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
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Fox river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Muskellunge	1. Fox river	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50
(d) Northern pike	1. Fox river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Embarrass river, Shioc river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting sunrise to sunset	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	April 21 to February 1	None	None
		c. Set or bank pole and set-line 500 feet or more from any dam	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
	3. All other waters except Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing, dip netting sunrise to sunset	Continuous	None	None

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(f) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	None, pursuant to s. NR 20.35
<b>(46) OZAUKEE</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. The following posted urban waters: Harrington Beach quarry, Mequon Rotary park ponds (east and west), Pucketts pond, Schowalter park pond, Willow Brooke park pond	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
(c) Trout and salmon	1. All waters except Lake Michigan and its tributaries	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
<b>(47) PEPIN</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Catfish	1. Chippewa river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad tracks	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole	Continuous	10	None
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. Chippewa river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Chippewa river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe rail-road bridge including sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(d) Northern pike	1. Chippewa river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe rail-road bridge including sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None

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(e) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Chippewa river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe rail– road tracks	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, set or bank pole, spearing	Continuous	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. Bear creek, Plum creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout
	2. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Chippewa river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe rail– road bridge including sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
<b>(48) PIERCE</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(b) Trout and salmon	1. Kinnickinnic river, Kinnickinnic river tributaries (2–16, 8–11, 8–13, 9–15a, 9–15b, 24–11, 14–15, Rocky brook, South Fork Kinnickinnic river)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout

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<b>(49) POLK</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Balsam lake, Big Butternut lake, Half Moon lake, Pipe and North Pipe lakes combined, Ward lake, all lakes and flowages partially within Burnett county	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(b) Muskellunge	1. Bone lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50
(c) Northern pike	1. Largon lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
	2. Balsam lake, Long lake, Loveless lake, Horseshoe lake (T34N R15W S1, S12, S13, S14)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(d) Panfish	1. Cedar lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(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	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
	2. Balsam lake, Big Round lake, Big Butternut lake, Half Moon lake, Pipe and North Pipe lakes combined, Ward lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3	18
<b>(50) PORTAGE</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge from Stevens Point Flowage dam to Al-Tech Park spillway	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1 in total	18
	2. Jacqueline lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18

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	3. Bass lake, Pleasant lake, portions of the Wisconsin river not listed in this paragraph, including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge except that the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, will be defined by the south-bound lane of Interstate 39	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. Wisconsin river including all flowages and tributaries upstream to first dam or highway bridge	a. None	No open season	—	—
(c) Muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except that the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, will be defined by the south-bound lane of Interstate 39, north of U.S. highway 10	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial Day to November 30	1	45
	2. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, south of U.S. highway 10	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	45
(d) Northern pike	1. Little Eau Pleine flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
	2. DuBay lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
	3. Wisconsin river downstream from the Lake DuBay dam including all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, except that the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, will be defined by the south-bound lane of Interstate 39	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1	32
	4. Bass lake, Pleasant lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
	5. Jacqueline lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
	6. All other waters of Portage county	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26

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(e) Panfish	1. Emily lake, Lime lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. Bradley creek, Flume creek, Little Wolf river, Rainy creek, Tomorrow (Waupaca) river (upper) upstream from Clementson road	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout
	2. Emmons creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None
	3. Waupaca (Tomorrow) river from Durant road downstream to River road in Waupaca county	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	1 in total	18
	4. Waupaca (Tomorrow) river from Amherst dam upstream to Clementson road	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	5. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Bass lake, Pleasant lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
	2. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge except that the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin River and the Little Eau Claire River, at Lake DuBay, will be defined by the southbound lane of Interstate 39	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
	3. Little Eau Claire river, Little Eau Pleine river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
(51)	<b>PRICE</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Bass lake (T38N R2W S18), Cochram lake, Sailor lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass	18 for largemouth bass only

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	2. Riley lake, Twin lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. Butternut lake, North Fork Flambeau river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, South Fork Flambeau river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, Jump river downstream from the confluence of the north and southforks	a. Hook and line. Tag required (see s. NR 20.07).	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
(c) Muskellunge	1. Butternut lake, Solberg lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	28
(d) Northern pike	1. Wilson flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
(e) Panfish	1. Newman lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. Butternut lake, Phillips chain of lakes (Duroy, Elk, Long, and Wilson lakes combined), Pike chain (Amik, Pike, Round, and Turner lakes combined), Solberg lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(f) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting sunrise to sunset	Continuous	None	None
(g) Trout and salmon	1. Foulds springs, Price creek upstream to county highway W	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8



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	2. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Thompson lake, Whitcomb lake, Jump river and its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 inches is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
	2. Butternut lake (on Ashland County border), Long (Boyd's) lake, Pike chain of lakes (Amik lake, Pike lake, Round lake, Turner lake and connecting waters combined), Solberg lake (including its tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge and Squaw Creek upstream to the first dam);  The daily bag limit and length restrictions apply separately to each of the following sections of the Elk river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake: Elk river upstream from the Lac Sault Dore dam (including Lac Sault Dore and Grassy lake) to Jobes dam, Elk river upstream from Jobes dam to Musser Flowage dam (including Phillips chain of lakes: Duroy, Elk, Long, Wilson lakes, and connecting waters and Squaw creek upstream to Solberg dam);	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None but only 1 may be longer than 14

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	The daily bag limit and length restrictions apply separately to each of the following sections of the North Fork Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam, lake, or fish refuge: Upper Park Falls Flowage dam upstream to the Turtle-Flambeau flowage in Iron County, Lower Park Falls Flowage dam upstream to Upper Park Falls Flowage dam, Pixley Flowage dam upstream to Lower Park Falls Flowage dam, Crowley Flowage dam upstream to Pixley Flowage dam, Big Falls Flowage dam in Rusk County (Flambeau river) upstream to Crowley Flowage dam (North Flambeau river); South Fork Flambeau river upstream from its confluence with the Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake including Elk river upstream from its confluence with the South Fork Flambeau river to Lac Sault Dore dam				
	3. Elk river from Musser Flowage dam upstream (including Musser flowage) and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24
<b>(52) RACINE</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. The following posted urban waters: Gorney park pond, Johnson park pond, Lockwood park pond, Pritchard park pond, Quarry lake, Reservoir park pond	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, wall-eye, sauger or hybrid in total; 10 panfish and bullheads in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	None
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Fox river downstream from Waterford dam, White river downstream from Burlington dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
	2. Eagle lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	22
	3. Browns lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	16

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	4. Rockland lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish between 12 and 16 inches is prohibited
(c) Northern pike	1. Fox river downstream from Waterford dam, White river downstream from Burlington dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
	2. Eagle lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	40
(d) Panfish	1. Eagle lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	8
	2. Bohners lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. All waters except Lake Michigan and its tributaries	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river downstream from Waterford dam, White river downstream from Burlington dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
<b>(53) RICHLAND</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Catfish	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	10 in total	None
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Northern pike	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(d) Rough fish	1. Lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	None	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Ash creek upstream from county highway TB	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total except brook trout shall be immediately released	None for brown trout and rainbow trout only

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	2. Bear creek upstream from state highway 130 (T9N R2E S14), Champion Valley creek downstream from county highway H, Knapp creek upstream from county highway F at Excelsior to state highway 171, Little Willow creek downstream from Spiral road, Pine river upstream from county highway AA, West Fork Knapp creek upstream to Spring road (Richland/Crawford county line), Willow creek from the state highway 58 bridge 2.75 miles south of Ithaca upstream to Lost Hollow road	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	3. Camp creek, Elk creek, Knapp creek upstream from state highway 171	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	4. Chadwick Hollow creek, Champion Valley creek upstream from county highway H, English run, Greenwood creek, Kickapoo river, South Bear creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None
	5. Gault Hollow creek downstream from county highway H, Mill creek from state highway 14 upstream to Quarry Hill road, West Branch Pine river from Old County Farm drive upstream to Spangler Ridge road	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	6. Smith Hollow creek downstream of Robin Hollow road, Willow creek from Lost Hollow road upstream to state highway 58 bridge 0.25 miles north of Loyd	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	7. Melanchton creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total except brook trout shall be immediately released	None for brown trout and rainbow trout only

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	8. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lower Wisconsin River	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 in total	Sauger and hybrids 15, walleye 18
	2. Lee lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(54) ROCK</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. The following posted urban waters: Lions Park pond	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
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Koshkonong lake, Rock river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Northern pike	1. Koshkonong lake, Rock river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(d) Trout and salmon	1. East Branch Raccoon creek from Cleophus road (T11N R11E S13) downstream to the state line	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	2. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Koshkonong lake, Rock river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
<b>(55) RUSK</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Murphy flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass	18 for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18

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	2. Chain, Clear, Island, McCann lakes (Island chain of lakes), and connecting waters, Pulaski lake, Sand lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, Jump river, South Fork Flambeau river	a. Hook and line Tag required (see s. NR 20.07)	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
(c) Northern pike	1. Murphy flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(d) Panfish	1. Murphy flowage	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. Lower Flambeau River flowages: Big Falls Flowage, Dairyland Flowage, Ladysmith Flowage, Thornapple Flowage	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Bass (Weyerhauser) lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	14
	2. Big Weigor creek, Devils creek, Little Weigor creek, Main creek (south fork)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	3. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Chippewa river from Lake Holcombe dam in Chippewa County upstream to the Arpin dam in Sawyer County and all its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake including Flambeau river upstream to the Thornapple flowage dam including all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, Jump river and its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

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	2. The daily bag limit and length restrictions apply separately to each of the following sections of the Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake: Big Falls Flowage dam (Flambeau river) upstream to Crowley Flowage dam (North Flambeau river) in Price County, Dairyland Reservoir dam upstream to Big Falls Flowage dam, Ladysmith Flowage dam upstream to Dairyland Reservoir dam, Thornapple Flowage dam upstream to Ladysmith Flowage dam;  South Fork Flambeau river upstream from its confluence with the Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake including Elk river upstream from its confluence with the South Fork Flambeau river to Lac Sault Dore dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None but only 1 may be longer than 14
	3. Island chain (Chain lake, Clear lake, Island lake, McCann lake and connecting waters combined on Chippewa County border), Pulaski lake, Sand lake (on Chippewa County border)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(56) SAUK</b>	(for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(a) Catfish	1. Lower Wisconsin river from the Prairie du Sac dam downstream to the railroad bridge at Sauk City	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to November 30	10 in total	None
	2. Lower Wisconsin river downstream from railroad bridge at Sauk City	a. Hook and line, set or bank pole, setline	Continuous	10 in total	None
(b) Lake sturgeon	1. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the dam at Wisconsin Dells	a. None	No open season	—	—
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Baraboo river, lower Wisconsin river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(d) Muskellunge	1. Redstone lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	50
(e) Northern pike	1. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the dam at Wisconsin Dells	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1	32
	2. Baraboo river, lower Wisconsin river downstream from the dam at Wisconsin Dells	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26

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	3. Devils lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
(f) Rough fish	1. Lower Wisconsin river downstream from the rail- road bridge at Sauk City	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing, set or bank pole, set-line	Continuous	None	None
	2. Devils lake	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None
(g) Trout and salmon	1. Beaver creek, Dell creek (Coon Bluff road upstream to South avenue)	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	2. Bear creek, Leech creek from county highway T upstream to county highway U	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	3. Manley creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None for brown trout and rainbow trout, maximum length limit 9 for brook trout
	4. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Baraboo river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
	2. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
	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
<b>(57) SAWYER</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. Chetac lake, Grindstone lake, Lac Courte Oreilles lake, Nelson lake, Round lake, Whitefish lake, Windigo lake	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)



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(b) Lake sturgeon	1. Chippewa river including Radisson flowage and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, East Fork Chippewa river including Blaisdell lake, Hunter lake, and Barker lake and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, West Fork Chippewa river downstream from the Moose lake dam including Chippewa flowage and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, North Fork Flambeau river and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, South Fork Flambeau river and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Black lake, Christner lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass	18 for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	2. Blueberry lake, Durphee lake, Nelson lake, Osprey lake, Smith lake, Spider lake chain (Big Spider, Little Spider, Clear, Fawn, and North lakes combined), Whitefish lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
			3. Big Chetac lake, Birch lake, Sissabagama lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March
4. All lakes and flowages that are partially within Washburn county and are north of a line following state highway 77 east to state highway 27 and south on state highway 27	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only	
		Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None	
5. All lakes and flowages that are partially within Washburn county and that are south of a line following state highway 77 east to state highway 27 and south on state highway 27	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None	

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	6. Chippewa flowage (and all connected waters within T39N R6, T39N R7, T39N R8, T40N R6, T40N R7 and T40N R8 except the Chippewa river down-stream from the Chippewa flowage (Winter) dam), Quiet lakes chain (Lost Land lake, Teal lake, and Teal River flowage)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only		
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None for largemouth bass, 14 for smallmouth bass		
	7. Lac Courte Oreilles chain (Lac Courte Oreilles lake, Little Lac Courte Oreilles lake, and Billy Boy flowage), Round lake chain (Round lake, Little Round lake T41N-R8W-S36)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only		
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 fish may be smallmouth bass	None for largemouth bass, 18 for smallmouth bass		
(d) Northern pike	1. Nelson lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32		
(e) Muskellunge	1. Chippewa flowage (and all connected waters within T39N R6, T39N R7, T39N R8, T40N R6, T40N R7 and T40N R8 except the Chippewa river downstream from the Chippewa flowage (Winter) dam), Grindstone lake, Lac Courte Oreilles lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50		
			2. Black lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	28
			3. Chippewa river from the Chippewa flowage dam (Winter dam) downstream to and including the Raddison flowage and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to November 30	1	45

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(f) Panfish	1. Christner lake, Moose lake, Nelson lake, Sand lake, Sissabagama lake, Smith lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. Chetac lake, Birch lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but only 10 may be bluegill	None
	3. Connors lake, Lake of the Pines, Lost Land lake, Round lake chain (Round lake, Little Round lake T41N-R8W-S36), Spring lake, Teal lake, Winter lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	4. Black Dan lake, Durphee lake, Lower Holly lake, Windigo lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	5. Blueberry lake, Evergreen lake, Island lake, Loretta lake, Mason lake, Osprey lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30  July 1 to April 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total  25 in total	None  None
(g) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None
(h) Trout and salmon	1. Hauer creek and springs, Namekagon river from county highway E bridge in Washburn county upstream to Lake Namekagon dam	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	1 in total	14
	2. Badger creek, Bean brook, Chimpanazie creek, Deer creek (Meteor township), Forty-one creek, Hackett creek, Hatchery creek, Pipestone creek, Thirty-three creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None
	3. Camp Smith lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout
	4. Fiddler creek, Stress springs	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—

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	5. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Grindstone lake, Chippewa river downstream from Arpin dam to the Lake Holcombe dam in Chippewa County including all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake and the Flambeau river upstream to Thornapple Flowage dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
	2. West Fork Chippewa river upstream to FR 174, Moose lake, Sand lake including Sissabagama creek upstream to Sand lake road, Windigo lake, Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake from Big Falls Flowage dam (Flambeau river) in Rusk County upstream to Crowley Flowage dam (North Flambeau river) in Price County, South Fork Flambeau river upstream from its confluence with the Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except only 1 may be longer than 14
	4. Big Chetac lake, Birch lake (on Washburn County border), Black Dan lake, Durphee lake, Island lake (T39N R5W S2), Osprey lake, Nelson lake, Sissabagama lake, and Whitefish lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	5. Chippewa flowage (and all connected waters within T39N R6, T39N R7, T39N R8, T40N R6, T40N R7, T40N R8 including the Chippewa river downstream from the Chippewa flowage (Winter dam) to the Arpin dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to November 30	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

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(58)	SHAWANO (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(b) Northern pike	1. Pella pond, Caroline pond	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26	
(c) Panfish	1. White Clay lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None	
	2. Cloverleaf chain of lakes (Round, Grass, and Pine lakes combined)	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total	None except only 5 or fewer bluegill and pumpkinseed in total may be longer than 7	
(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None	
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None	
	2. Embarrass river downstream from Pella dam, Wolf river downstream from Shawano dam	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None	None
		b. Spearing	April 21 to February 1	None	None	None
		c. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None	None
	3. All other waters except Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing, dip netting sunrise to sunset	Continuous	None	None	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Bahr lake, Korth lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None	
	2. Homme pond	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	None	
	3. Comet creek, Embarrass river (Middle branch) from county highway Z downstream to Homme Pond dam, Embarrass river (South branch) upstream from Tigerton dam, Jackson creek, Mill creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout	
	4. Oconto river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8	

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	5. All other waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Shawano lake (including Washington lake, Shawano lake outlet channel, Wolf River pond, and Wolf river from the Shawano lake outlet channel upstream to Balsam Row dam)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(59) SHEBOYGAN</b> (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. Sheboygan marsh	a. Motor trolling is allowed with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
	2. The following posted urban waters: Kohler-Andrae State Park pond Memorial park pond, River Park lagoon, Sheboygan quarry	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
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Sheboygan marsh	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Muskellunge	1. Big Elkhart lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	50
(d) Northern pike	1. Sheboygan marsh	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
	2. Crystal lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
(e) Panfish	1. Crystal lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
			July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. Ben Nutt creek, Mill creek, Onion river upstream from county highway E	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12

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	2. All waters not listed except Lake Michigan and its tributaries	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Sheboygan marsh	a. Hook and line.	Continuous	5 in total	15
<b>(60) ST. CROIX</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Dry Dam lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	2. Bass lake, Glen lake, Squaw lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(b) Northern pike	1. Dry Dam lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
(c) Panfish	1. All inland waters, including Cedar lake but excluding lake George (Spring Valley reservoir)	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(d) Trout and salmon	1. Cady creek, Rush river and its tributaries (35-9)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout
	2. Kinnickinnic river and its tributaries (21-4, 30-1, 30-10, 36-1, 36-15, Kelly creek, Nye creek, Parker creek, 13-2, Ted creek)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	3. Willow river from Lake Malalieu dam upstream to Little Falls Flowage dam, Willow (Race) river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	1	14
	4. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Cedar lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

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<b>(61)</b>	<b>TAYLOR</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(a) Lake sturgeon	1. Jump river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
(b) Large-mouth and smallmouth bass	1. Kathryn lake, North Twin lake, South Twin lake, Spruce lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for small-mouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for large-mouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(c) Panfish	1. Rib lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	2. Chequamegon Waters flow-age	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(d) Trout and salmon	1. Big Rib river downstream from state highway 64  2. Big Rib river from county highway C downstream to state highway 64, Wood creek 3. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used. a. Hook and line a. Hook and line	July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None
			First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
			First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. October 15	3 in total	8
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Jump river and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
			First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 inches is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18



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<b>(62) TREMPEALEAU</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Catfish	1. Black river	a. Hook and line. Set or bank pole and setline but no whole or live bait fish may be used	Continuous	10	None
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Osseo Club pond	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(c) 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
(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Black river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing. Set or bank pole and setline but no whole or live bait fish may be used	Continuous	None	None
	3. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
<b>(63) VERNON</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Jersey Valley lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	18
(c) Trout and salmon	1. Bishop branch, Bishop Branch tributary, Cook creek, Creek 18-13, Maple Dale creek, Melancthon creek, Pine Hollow creek, Seas Branch creek, Tenney Springs creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May At 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total except brook trout shall be immediately released	None for brown trout and rainbow trout only
	2. Elk creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	Maximum length limit 12

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	3. Rullands coulee	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May At 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	4. Little Baraboo river downstream from county highway EE	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May At 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	5. Timber Coulee creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May At 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	6. South Fork Bad Axe river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May At 5:00 a.m. to October 15	10 in total	None
	7. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
<b>(64) VILAS</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. Nebish lake, Spruce lake, Mystery lake, Escanaba lake, Palette lake	a. Hook and line. Daily permit required (see s. NR 20.41)	Continuous	None, unless specified in this subsection	None, unless specified in this subsection
(b) Cisco (lake herring), whitefish, and their hybrids	1. Trout lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
		b. Dip netting at any time, seining with a seine not more than 75 feet in length, 6 feet in depth with mesh not to exceed 2 inch stretch measure	Saturday nearest October 10 to February 1	10 in total	None
	2. Palette lake	a. Hook and line. Daily permit required (see s. NR 20.41)	Continuous	25 pounds and 1 fish in total	None
		b. Dip netting at any time. Daily permit required (see s. NR 20.41)	Saturday nearest October 10 to February 1	25 pounds and 1 fish in total	None
	3. Nebish, Spruce, Mystery and Escanaba lakes	a. Hook and line. Daily permit required (see s. NR 20.41)	Continuous	25 pounds and 1 fish in total	None
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Big lake (T42N R6E S4), Bittersweet lake, Oberlin lake, Prong lake, Smith lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	0	—

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	2., Big Portage lake, Big Muskegon lake, East Ellerson lake, Forest lake, Little Bass lake (T40N, R8E, S15), Kentuck lake, Middle Ellerson lake, Papoose lake, Plum lake, Presque Isle chain (Averill lake, Presque Isle lake, Van Vliet lake Salsich lake, Sparkling lake, Star lake, Trout lake, Wabasso lake, West Plum lake, White Sand lake (T42N, R7E, S27), Whitney lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass	18 for largemouth bass only
	Note: Averill, Presque Isle, and Van Vliet lakes are the Presque Isle Chain.		Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	3. Nebish lake	a. Hook and line. Daily permit required (see s. NR 20.41)	Continuous	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 9 to 12 is prohibited
	4. Spruce lake	a. Hook and line. Only artificial lures may be used. Daily permit required (see s. NR 20.41)	Continuous	2 in total	12
	5. Palette lake	a. Hook and line. Daily permit required (see s. NR 20.41)	Continuous	1	22
	6. Wildwood lake	a. Hook and line. Only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	14 for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to November 15	5 in total	14
	7. Gunlock lake, Shishebogama lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of largemouth bass from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only one may be longer than 18
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(d) Muskegon	1. Trout lake, Little St. Germain lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	45
	2. Upper Gresham lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	28

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	3. Little Trout lake, all waters wholly within the area commonly known as the Lac du Flambeau reservation	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	40 unless otherwise posted at public boat landings pursuant to s. NR 20.37
	4. Big Sand lake, Long lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50
(e) Northern pike	1. Whitney lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(f) Panfish	1. Kentuck lake, Little Saint Germain lake, Palmer lake, Pickerel lake, Pike chain of lakes (Amik, Pike, Round, and Turner lakes combined on the Oneida county border)	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	2. Fishtrap lake, High lake, Rush lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	3. Allequash lake, Partridge lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30  July 1 to April 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total  25 in total	None  None
	4. Big Sand lake, Gunlock lake, Shishebogama lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total	None except only 5 or fewer bluegill and pumpkinseed in total may be longer than 7
(g) Rough fish	1. Nebish lake, Spruce lake, Mystery lake, Palette lake, Escanaba lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	None	None
	2. Flambeau lake chain, connecting waters and tributaries within 200 feet of the lake	a. Hook and line  b. Dip netting for smelt	Continuous  Directive of the regional director	None  None	None  None
	3. Trout streams	a. Hook and line  b. By hand	During the open season for trout  Continuous	None  None	None  None
	4. All other waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None

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(h) Trout and salmon	1. Palette lake	a. None	No open season	—	—
	2. Black Oak lake, Little Trout lake, Long lake, Trout lake, White Sand lake (T42N R7E S27 near Boulder Junction)	a. Hook and line	Lake trout: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to September 30; other trout: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	Lake trout 1, other trout 5 in total	Lake trout 30, other trout none
	3. Deerskin river, Little Deerskin river, Little Tamarack creek, Military creek, Mishonagon creek, North creek and springs, Plum creek, Siphon creek and springs, Tamarack creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	4. Elvoy creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	10
	5. Fallison lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
	6. Fence lake, Stormy lake, Wild-wood lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	2 in total	12
	7. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Big Portage lake, Eagle chain (includes Catfish lake, Cranberry lake, Duck lake, Eagle lake, Lynx lake, Otter lake, Scattering Rice lake, Voyageur lake, Watersmeet lake including Wisconsin river from Otter Rapids dam to county highway G, Yellow Birch lake, and all connecting waters and Eagle river upstream to the Long lake (Burnt Rollways) dam in Oneida county combined), Forest lake, Lost Canoe lake, Plum lake, West Plum lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

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	2. Alder lake, Big lake (T42N R6E S4), Big Arbor Vitae lake, Big Crooked lake (T42N R6E S12), Big Muskellunge lake, Birch lake, Boulder lake, Buckskin lake (on Oneida County border), Clear lake (T42N R5E S12), Crab lake, Fawn lake (T42N R5E S11), Harris lake, Ike Walton lake, Island lake, Jenny lake, Laura lake, Little Arbor Vitae lake, Little Star lake, Manitowish lake, North Crab lake, North Turtle lake, Oxbow lake, Pike Lake chain (Amik lake, Pike lake, Round lake, and Turner lake combined on the Price County border), Presque Isle chain (Averill lake, Presque Isle lake, and Van Vliet lake combined), Rest lake, Rock lake, Sanford lake, South Turtle lake, Spider lake, Squaw lake (on Oneida County border), Star lake, Stone lake, Wild Rice lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None but only 1 may be longer than 14
	3. Bear river, Manitowish river (including Benson lake, Sturgeon lake, and Vance lake)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None
	4. Dead Pike lake, Deerskin lake, Found lake, Gunlock lake, Little Trout lake, Long lake, Shishebogama lake (on Oneida County border), Sparkling lake, White Sand lake (T42 N R7E S27)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
	5. Escanaba lake	a. Hook and line. Daily permit required. (see s. NR 20.41)	Continuous	1 in total	28
	6. Mystery lake, Nebish lake, Pallette lake, Sherman lake, Spruce lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	None	None
	7. North and South Twin lakes combined	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

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<b>(65) WALWORTH</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. The following posted urban waters: Ceylon lagoon, Congdon park pond, Millpond park pond	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
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Beulah lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None but the possession of fish from 12 to 16 is prohibited
	2. Delevan lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	3. Lulu lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(c) Northern pike	1. Delavan lake and its tributaries, Geneva lake, Lulu lake and Eagle Spring lake (Waukesha county) and the portion of the Mukwonago river connecting the two lakes	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
(d) Panfish	1. Lulu lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. Tripp lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Lake Geneva	a. Hook and line	Lake trout: first Saturday in January to September 30; other trout: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	Lake trout 2, other trout 3 in total	Lake trout 17, other trout 8
	2. Bluff creek south of Mills road upstream to Bluff creek headwaters east of highway P, Whitewater creek upstream of Willis Ray road to south of Mills road	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12

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	3. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Delavan lake and its tributaries	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(66) WASHBURN</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Lake sturgeon	1. Namekagon river and its flowages, Totogatic river and its flowages	a. None	No open season	—	—
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. All waters not listed in this paragraph that are north of a line following state highway 77, including all lakes and flowages north of that line	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
	2. All waters not listed in this paragraph that are south of a line following state highway 77, including all lakes and flowages south of that line	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
	3. Balsam lake, Namekagon river south of state highway 77, Red Cedar lake, Trego flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	14
	4. Namekagon river north of state highway 77, Totogatic river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	14 for largemouth bass only
Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March			5 in total	14	
(c) Northern pike	1. Slim lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(d) Panfish	1. Birch lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but only 10 may be bluegill	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Brill river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12



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	2. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Bass (Patterson) lake, Minong flowage including Cranberry lake in Douglas County upstream to the confluence of Totagatic river and Bergen creek, Shell lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None but only 1 may be longer than 14
	2. Balsam lake, Bear lake (on Washburn County border), Big McKenzie lake (on Burnett County border), Birch lake (on Sawyer County border), Red Cedar lake, Long lake (including Mud lake and Little Mud lake combined), Middle McKenzie lake (on Burnett County border), Nancy lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(67) WASHINGTON</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. Big Cedar lake, Pike lake	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)	As specified in this subsection or sub. (73)
	2. The following posted urban waters: Boot lake, Hartford mill-pond from the dam upstream to Marine drive, Homestead Hollow park pond, Kewaskum mill-pond from the dam upstream to state highway 28, Sandy Knoll park pond, Wells lake from the dam upstream to the first dam on Silver creek, Regner pond, Wiedenbach Park pond	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
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Lake Twelve, Erler lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
(c) Northern pike	1. Big Cedar and Gilbert lakes	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	40
	2. Little Cedar lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
(d) Panfish	1. Lake Twelve, Erler lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. Big Cedar lake, Little Cedar lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None

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	3. Silver lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Big Cedar lake	a. Hook and line	Lake trout: first Saturday in January to September 30; other trout: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	Lake trout 2, other trout 3 in total	Lake trout 17, other trout 8
	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Big Cedar lake, Gilbert lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(68) WAUKESHA</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	1. The following posted urban waters: Calhoun Park pond, Fox-brook pond, Heyer park pond north, Heyer park pond south, Lapham Peak pond, Lepper Dam millpond from the dam upstream to Roosevelt drive, Lions-Over land park pond, Menomonee Park pond, Minooka Park pond, Muskego Park pond, Nixon Park pond, Regal Park pond, Woodfield Park pond north, Woodfield Park pond south	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
(b) Flathead catfish	1. Lac La Belle	a. None	No open season	—	—
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Big Muskego lake including Bass bay	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
	2. Eagle Spring lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(d) Northern pike	1. Big Muskego lake including Bass bay	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to first Sunday in March	1 until April 1, 2018, when it becomes 2	40 until April 1, 2018, when it becomes 26

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	2. Eagle Spring lake and Lulu lake (Walworth county) and the portion of the Mukwonago river connecting the two lakes, Lac LaBelle, Pewaukee lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	32
(e) Panfish	1. Big Muskego lake including Bass bay	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total	8
	2. Lac La Belle	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total	None
	3. Eagle Spring lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. McKeawn springs from the pond outlet upstream to state highway 67, Paradise springs and creek upstream from county highway N	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	—
	2. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Lac La Belle	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	28
	2. Nagawicka lake, Oconomowoc lake, Pewaukee lake, Pine lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(69)</b>	<b>WAUPACA</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Campbell lake, Crystal lake, Kinney lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
	2. Brekke lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(b) Northern pike	1. Campbell lake, Kinney lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
	2. Crystal lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
	3. Marion pond	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to first Sunday in March	2	26

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(c) Panfish	1. School Section lake, Stratton lake, White lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	2. Allen lake, Graham lake, Hartman lake, Mid lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	3. Shadow lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
			July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None
(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Embarrass river, Waupaca river downstream from Weyauwega dam, Wolf river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None
		b. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
		c. Spearing	April 21 to February 1	None	None
3. All other waters except Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None	
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Allen creek, Bestul creek, Crystal river, Griffin creek, Hartman creek, Leer creek, Little Wolf river (south branch), Mack (Brown) creek, McLean creek, Murray creek, Nace creek, Naylor creek, Olson creek, Pearl creek, Peterson creek, Radley creek, Sannes creek, Walla Walla creek, Waupaca (Tomorrow) river except River road upstream to Durant road in Portage county	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	2. Bass lake, Little Long lake, Mirror lake, Skunk lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None

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	3. Waupaca Chain of lakes (Bass, Columbia, Dake, George, Knight, Limekiln, Long, Manomin, Marl, McCrossen, Miner, Nessling, Orlando, Otter, Ottman, Pope, Rainbow, Round, Sunset, Taylor, and Youngs lakes)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	2 in total	12
	4. Comet creek, Flume creek, Jackson creek, Jones creek, Little Wolf river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout
	5. Waupaca (Tomorrow) river from River road upstream to Durant road in Portage county	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	1 in total	18
	6. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Campbell lake, Crystal lake, Kinney lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
<b>(70)</b>	<b>WAUSHARA</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Beans lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
	2. Round lake (T20N R11E S35)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
	3. Hartford lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
(b) Northern pike	1. Beans lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
	2. Alpine lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
(c) Panfish	1. Hartford lake, Little Hills lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. Big Hills lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total but no more than 10 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None

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	3. Porters lake, Witters lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
	4. Irogami lake, Kusel lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30  July 1 to April 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total  25 in total	None  None
(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line  b. By hand	During the open season for trout  Continuous	None  None	None  None
	2. Poygan lake, Fox river	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting b. Spearing  c. Set or bank pole and set-line 500 feet or more from any dam. Whole or live bait fish may not be used on Poygan lake	Continuous  April 21 to February  Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None  None  None	None  None  None
	3. All other waters except Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(e) Trout and salmon	1. Big Roche A Cri creek, Carter creek, Leola ditch, Mecan river and springs, Pine river (lower) downstream from state highway 22 (Wild Rose Mill dam), Willow creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
	2. Chaffee creek, White river (west branch)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout and brown trout
	3. Gilbert lake, Johns lake, Long lake (Town of Saxeville), Lyman (Hartford) lake, Pearl lake, Pine lake, Redgranite quarry, Spring lake, Wild Rose millpond from state highway 22 upstream to county highway AA	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None

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	4. Pine river (upper) upstream from county highway AA	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	None
	5. White river (main branch) from Lower Millpond dam at county road YY upstream to state highway 21&73	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	2 in total	12
	6. All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Beans lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
<b>(71) WINNEBAGO</b> (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Fox river downstream from Neenah-Menasha dams including Little Butte des Morts lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(b) Muskellunge	1. Fox river downstream from Neenah-Menasha dams including Little Butte des Morts lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50
(c) Northern pike	1. Fox river downstream from Neenah-Menasha dams including Little Butte des Morts lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None
(d) Rough fish	1. Trout streams	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	2. Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting sunrise to sunset	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	April 21 to February 1	None	None
		c. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None	None
3. All other waters except Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None	

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(e) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river downstream from Neenah-Menasha dams including Little Lake Butte des Morts	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	None, pursuant to s. NR 20.35
<b>(72) WOOD</b> (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Lake sturgeon	1. Wisconsin river including all flowages and tributaries upstream to first dam or highway bridge	a. None	No open season	—	—
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Yellow river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge from the highway 54 dam at Dexterville downstream, Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14
(c) Muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	45
(d) Northern pike	1. Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1	32
	2. Yellow river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, from the highway 54 dam at Dexterville downstream	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(e) Panfish	1. Nepco lake	a. Hook and line	May 1 to June 30	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
			July 1 to April 30	25 in total	None
(f) Trout and salmon	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Streams and connected springs and spring ponds: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15. Lakes: first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	8



COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Buena Vista creek upstream to the Nepco dam, Yellow river downstream from the highway 54 dam at Dexterville including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, Wisconsin river including all sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28
	2. Nepco lake, Wauzeecha lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
<b>(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)</b>					
(a) All species	1. Green Bay, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Winnebago system waters, all Lake Michigan and Green Bay tributaries in Brown, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto, and Racine counties	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection
	2. Peshtigo river upstream to the first railroad bridge, Marinette county; Oconto river and tributaries except the Little river downstream from highway 141, Oconto county	a. From September 15 to the first Saturday in May only hooks with a one-half inch gap or less may be used while hook and line fishing	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
	3. Lake Michigan tributaries; Peshtigo river upstream from the first railroad bridge to the first dam, Marinette county; Little river downstream from highway 141, Oconto county; Oconto river upstream from the upstream side of the highway 141 bridge to the first dam, Oconto county; and all other tributary streams, rivers and ditches — excluding the Menominee River — to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. In addition to the restrictions under pars. (b) to (o), all of the following restrictions apply: From September 15 to the first Saturday in May only hooks with a one-half inch gap or less may be used and hook and line fishing is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. From September 15 to December 31, fishing by any method is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection
<b>Sub. (73) (a) is amended eff. 5-4-18 to read:</b>					
(a) All species	1. Green Bay, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan tributaries in Racine county	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection
	2. Peshtigo river upstream to the first railroad bridge, Marinette county; Oconto river and tributaries except the Little river downstream from highway 141, Oconto county	a. From September 15 to the first Saturday in May only hooks with a one-half inch gap or less may be used while hook and line fishing	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
	3. Lake Michigan tributaries; Peshtigo river upstream from the first railroad bridge to the first dam, Marinette county; Little river downstream from highway 141, Oconto county; Oconto river upstream from the upstream side of the highway 141 bridge to the first dam, Oconto county; and all other tributary streams, rivers and ditches — excluding the Menominee River — to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. In addition to the restrictions under pars. (b) to (o), all of the following restrictions apply: From September 15 to the first Saturday in May only hooks with a one-half inch gap or less may be used and hook and line fishing is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise. From September 15 to December 31, fishing by any method is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection	As specified in this subsection
	4. Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Motor trolling is permitted with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures except on the Wolf river from its mouth at Lake Poygan upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano, and all its tributaries upstream to the first dam, including Cincoe lake and Partridge Crop lake in Winnebago, Waupaca, Outagamie and Shawano counties.			
(b) Catfish	1. Duck creek downstream from the first dam above the Pamperin park foot bridge in the village of Howard excluding its tributaries, Fox river downstream from DePere dam, Suamico river downstream from county highway HS, East river downstream from Hoffman road (county highway XX), Brown county	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25	None

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
	2. All other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay in Brown county upstream to the first dam or lake, Brown county	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	25	None
	3. All other tributaries, streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	10 in total	None
	4. Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line	Continuous for channel catfish. First Saturday in May to September 30 for flathead catfish.	25 in total but only 1 may be a flathead catfish regardless of whether caught on hook and line, set or bank pole, or setline	None except for flathead catfish, which is 30 but the possession of flathead catfish from 36 to 42 is prohibited
		b. Set or bank pole and setline 500 feet or more from any dam	Saturday nearest May 20 to September 30	None but only 1 may be a flathead catfish regardless of whether caught on hook and line, set or bank pole, or setline	None except for flathead catfish, which is 30 but the possession of flathead catfish from 36 to 42 is prohibited
	5. All other waters of Calumet, Fond du Lac, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total	None
	6. All waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(c) Cisco (lake herring), whitefish and their hybrids	1. Green Bay, major Green Bay tributaries, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan tributaries	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
	2. All other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	10 in total	None
	3. All other waters not listed	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 pounds and one fish in total	None
b. Dip netting at any time		Saturday nearest October 10 to February 1	25 pounds and one fish in total	None	
c. Seining with a seine not more than 75 feet in length, 6 feet in depth with mesh not to exceed 2 inch stretch measure		Saturday nearest October 10 to February 1	25 pounds and one fish in total	None	

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(cm) Nonindigenous detrimental fish species, as defined in s. NR 20.38 (6), except rough fish under par. (L) and white perch under par. (m).	1. All waters	a. Hook and line	Continuous	0, except that 1 may be taken if it is killed immediately and delivered immediately to a department service center or regional office	None
(e) Lake sturgeon	1. Lake Superior	a. Hook and line	Continuous	1 per year	50
	2. Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line	No open season	—	—
		b. Spearing	Second Saturday in February and continuing for 16 consecutive days unless closed pursuant to s. NR 20.33 (5).	1 per season, as specified by carcass tag	36
	3. Lower Wisconsin river downstream from Wisconsin Dells dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in September to September 30	1 per season	60
	4. Lake Michigan, Lake Michigan tributaries, Green Bay, Green Bay tributary streams, rivers and ditches upstream to the first dam or lake	a. None	No open season	—	—
5. All other waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. None	No open season	—	—	
(f) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Lake Superior and connected sloughs, Kakagon river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 1 for largemouth bass	22 for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	22
	2. Outlying waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan within 1/4 mile of Washington, Detroit, Plum, Pilot, Hog or Rock islands	a. Hook and line	July 1 to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	12
	3. Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	14

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(g) Muskellunge	4. All waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph north of a line following state highway 77 from its bridge over the St. Croix river east to state highway 27, south on state highway 27 to state highway 64, east on state highway 64 to its terminus in the city of Marinette and continuing due east to the shore of Green Bay and all waters north of state highway 29 from its bridge over the Fox river east to its terminus in the city of Kewaunee and continuing due east to the shore of Lake Michigan	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	14 for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	14
	5. All other waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	14
	1. Green Bay, Lake Michigan and Lake Michigan tributaries north of a line running due east from the eastern terminus of Waldo boulevard in the city of Manitowoc, all tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	54
(h) Minnows	2. Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	50
	3. All other waters north of U.S. highway 10 not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	40
	4. All other waters south of U.S. highway 10 not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	40
	1. Lake Superior, its bays and tributaries	a. None	No open season	—	—
	2. Green Bay, Lake Michigan	a. Dip netting and hook and line for suckers only. Unless authorized under s. NR 19.05 (3), no person may transport live suckers away from Green Bay or Lake Michigan	Continuous	None	None

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	3. Lake Michigan tributaries, major Green Bay tributaries	a. Hook and line, dip netting and minnow seining for suckers only. Unless authorized under s. NR 19.05 (3), no person may transport live suckers away from Lake Michigan tributaries or major Green Bay tributaries or any water connected to these waters, upstream to the first dam or other obstruction impassible to fish.	Continuous	600 suckers in total	None
	4. All other Green Bay tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Dip netting and minnow seining for suckers only. Unless authorized under s. NR 19.05 (3), no person may transport live suckers away from all other Green Bay tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake or any water connected to these waters, upstream to the first dam or other obstruction impassible to fish.	Continuous	600 suckers in total	None
		b. Hook and line for suckers only	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	600 suckers in total	None
	5. Trout streams and tributary spring holes inhabited by trout	a. Hook and line, and minnow trapping, except as established under subd. 5. b. No more than 3 traps per person. Traps shall be raised and emptied at least once every 24 hours	During the open season for trout	600 in total	None

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		b. In waters listed in or identified under s. NR 20.14 (9), hook and line for suckers only. Unless authorized under s. NR 19.05 (3), no person may transport live suckers away from any trout stream or tributary spring hole listed in or identified under s. NR 20.14 (9).	During the open season for trout	600 in total	None
	6. All other waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line, minnow dip netting, minnow seining, and minnow trapping, except as established under subd. 6. b. Traps shall be raised and emptied at least once every 48 hours.	Continuous	600 in total	None
		b. In waters listed in or identified under s. NR 20.14 (9), hook and line for suckers only. Unless authorized under s. NR 19.05 (3), no person may transport live suckers away from any waters of the state.	Continuous	600 suckers in total	None
(i) Northern pike	1. Green Bay, major Green Bay tributaries, Lake Michigan waters north of a line running due east from the eastern terminus of Waldo boulevard in the city of Manitowoc, Kewaunee river, East Twin river downstream from the Michicot dam, West Twin river downstream from Shoto dam, and the Ahnapee river downstream from the Forestville dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5	None



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	1m. Other Lake Michigan tributaries not listed in subd. 1. north of U.S. highway 10 except the Manitowoc river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
	2. Manitowoc river, all other Lake Michigan tributaries south of U.S. highway 10, Lake Michigan waters south of a line running due east from the eastern terminus of Waldo boulevard in the city of Manitowoc	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
	3. Lake Superior	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
		b. Spearing	Through the ice	2	26
	4. Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
	5. All other waters north of U.S. highway 10 not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
	6. All other waters south of U.S. highway 10 not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
(j) Panfish	1. Green Bay and major Green Bay tributaries	a. Hook and line	Continuous, but the open season for yellow perch is May 20 to March 15	25 in total but only 15 may be yellow perch	None
	2. All other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March but the open season for yellow perch is May 20 to March 15	25 in total but only 15 may be yellow perch	None
	3. Lake Michigan, Lake Michigan tributaries	a. Hook and line	Continuous, but the open season for yellow perch is June 16 to April 30	25 in total but only 5 may be yellow perch	None
	4. Lake Superior	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total	None
	5. All other waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line	Continuous	25 in total	None

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(k) Rock bass, white bass, yellow bass and bullheads	1. Major Green Bay tributaries	a. Hook and line	Continuous	None	None	
	2. All other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	None	None	
	3. All other waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or in this paragraph	a. Hook and line	Continuous	None	None	
(L) Rough fish	1. Green Bay, Lake Michigan	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing, dip netting at any time	Continuous	None	None	
		b. Seining at any time with seines not more than 75 feet in length and 6 feet in depth 1500 feet or more below the DePere dam	April 1 to May 25	None	None	
	2. Major Green Bay tributaries, Lake Michigan tributaries	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing, dip netting at any time 500 feet or more below the first upstream dam or up to 5 miles straight inland from the mouth, whichever is less, except from September 15 to December 31 when fishing by any method is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.	Continuous	None	None	
		3. All other tributary streams and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	None	None
		b. Spearing	Continuous except no open season on the Menominee river	None	None	

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		c. Dip netting at any time 500 feet or more below the first upstream dam or up to 5 miles straight inland from the mouth, whichever is less, except from September 15 to December 31 when fishing by any method is prohibited from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.	Continuous	None	None
		d. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	5. Lake Superior	a. Hook and line, by hand, spearing	Continuous	None	None
		b. Dip netting at any time for smelt only	April 1 to May 25	None	None
		c. Seining at any time for smelt only with seines no more than 75 feet in length and 6 feet in depth	April 1 to May 25	None	None
	6. All Lake Winnebago system waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72)	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting	Continuous	None	None
		b. Spearing	April 21 to February 1	None	None
	7. All trout stream not listed in subs. (1) to (72)	a. Hook and line	During the open season for trout	None	None
		b. By hand	Continuous	None	None
	8. All other waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line, by hand, dip netting, spearing	Continuous	None	None
(m) White perch	1. Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Michigan tributaries, major Green Bay tributaries	a. Hook and line	Continuous	None	None

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	2. All other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to first Sunday in March	None	None
(me) Shovelnose sturgeon	1. Lower Wisconsin river downstream from Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3	None
	2. All other waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72)	a. None	No open season	—	—
(n) Trout and salmon	1. Mid lake reef complex	a. Hook and line	Continuous except there is no open season for lake trout	5 in total, of which 0 may be lake trout. No person may possess lake trout within this area	10
	2. Green Bay, major Green Bay tributaries, all other waters of Lake Michigan, Lake Michigan tributaries	a. Hook and line	Continuous except the open season for lake trout is March 1 to October 31	5 in total but only 2 may be lake trout	10
	3. All other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 2 may be lake trout	10
	4. Lake Superior	a. Hook and line	Continuous except the open season for lake trout is December 1 to September 30	10 in total but only 5 may be salmon and only 5 may be trout, of which only 1 may be a rainbow trout, only 1 may be a brook trout and only 3 may be lake trout with only 1 lake trout longer than 25 inches; when recreational lake trout harvest during a season measured by department creel surveys exceeds 24,748 lake trout the lake trout bag limit is reduced to 1 and when recreational lake trout harvest during that same time exceeds 25,529 lake trout the lake trout bag limit is reduced to 0	Rainbow trout 26, brook trout 20, other trout 15, salmon none
(o) Walleye, sauger and wall-eye-sauger hybrids	1. Fox river downstream from DePere dam	a. Hook and line	Monday after the first Sunday in March to but not including the first Saturday in May	1 in total	28

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			First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None
	2. All other waters of Green Bay, major Green Bay tributaries, Lake Michigan waters north of a line running due east from the eastern terminus of Waldo boulevard in the city of Manitowoc; Lake Michigan tributaries north of a line due east from the eastern terminus of Waldo boulevard in the city of Manitowoc	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	15
			Monday after the first Sunday in March to the Friday before the first Saturday in May	1	15
	3. Lake Michigan tributaries south of a line due east from the eastern terminus of Waldo boulevard in the city of Manitowoc; Lake Michigan waters south of a line due east from the eastern terminus of Waldo boulevard in the city of Manitowoc	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15
	4. All other tributary streams and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	15
	5. Lake Superior	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total, but only one may be longer than 20 inches	15
	6. Lake Winnebago system waters	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total, but only 1 may be a sauger or walleye-sauger hybrid	None
	6m. All waters wholly within and lakes partially within the Ceded Territory as defined in NR 13.02(1)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24
	7. All other waters not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this paragraph	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	15
(p) All other species not listed in subs. (1) to (72) or this subsection	1. All waters	a. None	No open season	—	—

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**Note:** For a complete history of s. NR 20.20 from 1-2-56 through 12-1-08, see the History Note following s. NR 20.20 published in Register November 2008 No. 635. For the history of s. NR 20.20 from 12-2-08 to 1-1-16 see the History Note following s. NR 20.20 published in Register December 2015 No. 720.

#### Subchapter IV — Department Authority

**NR 20.25 License waiver. (1)** On the first Saturday and consecutive Sunday of June and the third Saturday and consecutive Sunday of January each year, no fishing license is required to fish the inland or outlying waters, pursuant to s. 29.197 (3), Stats.

**(2)** The license waiver of sub. (1) does not apply to commercial fishing license requirements.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; CR 13-001: am. (1) Register August 2013 No. 692, eff. 9-1-13.

**NR 20.30 Department permitted to take fish.** No provision in this chapter prohibits the department, its agents, wardens or representatives of the bureau of fisheries management and habitat protection from taking any of the fish mentioned at any time they deem it advisable and necessary to promote the general conservation progress.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99.

**NR 20.33 Special open and closed seasons. (1) SEASON CLOSURE UNDER UNUSUAL CONDITIONS.** (a) *Water level reduction.* Pursuant to par. (e), the department may close the season for fishing in all or part of any inland water which has experienced sudden water level reduction or where a sudden reduction is imminent as a result of dam failure, draw down or other loss of water supply. The closed season shall remain in full force and effect until the department determines that the water has been returned to its original level and the season is open pursuant to par. (e) 2. The department may close the season when it finds after scientific investigation and study, that all of the following have occurred:

1. Game fish have been or will be unusually concentrated due to the drop in water level and may, therefore, be more vulnerable to angler harvest.

2. The remaining game fish population structure cannot easily be replaced if subjected to continued angler harvest.

3. Water levels are expected to eventually return to normal.

4. Continued sport fishing may result in a depletion of the game fish supply.

5. Closure of the season is necessary to conserve the game fish supply until water levels are restored and to insure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing.

(b) *Fish concentrated under ice.* Pursuant to par. (e), the department may close the season for fishing through the ice in all or part of any inland water. The closed season shall remain in full force and effect until the water is no longer covered with ice and the season is opened pursuant to par. (e) 2. The department may close the season when it finds, after scientific investigation and study, that all of the following apply:

1. The body of water is not expected to experience significant loss of its game fish population due to loss of oxygen.

2. Ice cover has caused an unusual concentration of game fish, increasing their vulnerability to angler harvest.

3. Continued sport fishing would deplete the supply of game fish.

4. A closed season is necessary to conserve the game fish supply and insure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing;

(c) *Fishery rehabilitation.* Pursuant to par. (e), the department may close the season for fishing in all or part of any inland water in which fish have been removed or destroyed as a result of a reha-

bilitation program, to reestablish a good supply of game fish and insure the citizens of this state future opportunities for good fishing. The closed season shall remain in full force and effect until opened pursuant to par. (e) 2., scientific investigation indicates the game fish population has achieved a harvestable surplus of fish of desirable size, and reopening the season does not conflict with the closed seasons for each species specified in sub. (1).

(d) *Presence of nonindigenous species.* Pursuant to par. (e), the department may close the season for all bait harvest in all or part of any water that has been documented to contain detrimental species that are not indigenous to the waters of the state in order to prevent the further transport of nonindigenous species to other waters of the state. The department shall open the season pursuant to par. (e) 2., if the department determines that the nonindigenous species is no longer present or the nonindigenous species no longer poses a threat to other waters of the state.

(e) *Closing and reopening seasons.* 1. A closed season under par. (a), (b), (c) or (d) shall become effective only after one or more public informational meetings are held by the department. The closed season shall be put into effect by publication of a notice in the state newspaper, posting the notice on or in the vicinity of the shore of the water affected, and by providing any other notice which the department deems reasonable.

2. A closed season under par. (a), (b), (c) or (d) shall be discontinued only after publication of a notice in the state newspaper and removal of the notices posted on or in the vicinity of the shore of the water affected.

**(2) URBAN FISHING PROGRAM.** The department may establish an urban fishing program by posting the open and closed seasons on specified waters. The department shall post notice on the affected waters that a special fishing season applies. The notice shall state the name or description of the water to which the special fishing season applies, the persons permitted to fish during the special fishing season and the time period of the special fishing season. The department may designate or remove a body of water in accordance with the requirements of s. 29.053 (2) (a), Stats.

**(3) TEMPORARY DIP NETTING AUTHORIZATION.** The department shall open the season for fishing with dip nets in any waters when it finds after scientific investigation and study that the fish populations in the waters are threatened with imminent mortality because of depletion of dissolved oxygen or other adverse habitat conditions under which fish will not survive. During the open season all species of fish may be taken by means of dip nets not more than 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet square, but no person may have more than 25 pounds and one fish of any species of game fish of any size in possession. No person may fish with more than one dip net. The open season shall be put into effect by posting a notice thereof on or in the vicinity of the shore of the waters affected, the posting being deemed by the department to be the most feasible way of notifying the public that the open season for fishing with dip nets is in effect. The open season shall remain in full force and effect only so long as the waters are covered with ice and so long as the posting is continued.

**(4) FISHERY REHABILITATION.** The department may open the season for fishing with dip nets, minnow seines or spears in waters for which a permit for treatment with a toxicant has been issued. During the open season all species of fish of any size may be taken with no bag or possession limit. The open season shall be from the date of issuance of said permit until the commencement of treatment and shall be put into effect by posting a notice thereof

on or in the vicinity of the waters affected and by publication in one or more newspapers having wide circulation in the area affected.

**(5) HARVEST QUOTAS AND SPECIAL EARLY CLOSURE OF THE STURGEON SPEARING SEASON.** (a) *Harvest quota.* The total allowable annual harvest for the Lake Winnebago system shall be based on an average annual harvest or exploitation rate of 5% of the estimated Lake Winnebago system population of adult female sturgeon, 5% of the estimated population of juvenile female sturgeon and 5% of the estimated population of male sturgeon.

1. Lake Winnebago shall be allocated 90% of the Lake Winnebago system harvest cap for adult female sturgeon, 80% of the Lake Winnebago system harvest cap for juvenile female sturgeon, and 80% of the Lake Winnebago system harvest cap for male sturgeon. For the February 2006 sturgeon spearing season, Lake Winnebago shall be allocated 100% of the harvest cap for all cohorts as there is no season on the upriver lakes that year.

2. The upriver lakes shall be allocated 10% of the Lake Winnebago system harvest cap for adult female sturgeon, 20% of the Lake Winnebago system harvest cap for juvenile female sturgeon, and 20% of the Lake Winnebago system harvest cap for male sturgeon.

3. The number of upriver lakes sturgeon spearing licenses or carcass tags issued annually for each upriver lakes sturgeon spearing season shall be determined by the department. The department shall base its determination for each upriver lakes sturgeon spearing season upon:

- a. The total allowable annual harvest allocated to the upriver lakes in subd. 2.
- b. The abundance of lake sturgeon in the Lake Winnebago system.
- c. Trends in upriver lakes sturgeon spearer success rates.
- d. Sparerer distribution and density.

(b) *Conditions for season closure.* The department shall close the season for spearing sturgeon on Lake Winnebago if the actual harvest on Lake Winnebago meets or exceeds 90% of the total allowable annual harvest of adult female sturgeon, juvenile female sturgeon or male sturgeon from Lake Winnebago, as determined by the department. The department shall close the season for spearing sturgeon on the upriver lakes if the actual harvest on the upriver lakes meets or exceeds 90% of the total allowable annual harvest of adult female sturgeon, juvenile female sturgeon or male sturgeon from the upriver lakes, as determined by the department. The department shall close the season for spearing sturgeon on the Lake Winnebago system if the actual harvest on the Lake Winnebago system meets or exceeds 90% of the total allowable annual harvest of adult female sturgeon, juvenile female sturgeon or male sturgeon from the Lake Winnebago system, as determined by the department.

(c) *Announcement and notice of season closure.* The season closure for the lake Winnebago sturgeon spearing season or the upriver lakes sturgeon spearing season or both shall be announced by a department press release to local media and to the official state newspaper on the day that actual harvest meets or exceeds 90% of the total allowable annual harvest of juvenile female sturgeon, adult female sturgeon or male sturgeon for that season, based upon the registration of harvested sturgeon pursuant to s. NR 20.10 (10). The department shall post notice of the closure in the vicinity of Lake Winnebago or the upriver lakes or both and provide other notice deemed reasonable by the department.

(d) *Effective date of season closure.* The season closure shall take effect at 12:30 p.m. on the day following issuance of the department press release announcing the season closure in par. (c) when the actual harvest meets or exceeds 90% but is less than 100% of the total allowable annual harvest of juvenile female sturgeon, adult female sturgeon or male sturgeon for that season, based upon the registration of harvested sturgeon pursuant to s. NR 20.10 (10). The season closure shall take effect at 6:30 a.m.

on the day following issuance of the department press release announcing the season closure in par. (c) when the actual harvest meets or exceeds 100% of the total allowable annual harvest of juvenile female sturgeon, adult female sturgeon or male sturgeon for that season, based upon the registration of harvested sturgeon pursuant to s. NR 20.10 (10).

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; cr. (5), Register, December, 1999, No. 528, eff. 1-1-00; CR 02-014: am. (5) (c), Register September 2002 No. 561, eff. 10-1-02; emerg. r. and recr. (5) (c) eff. 2-2-05; CR 05-073: r. and recr. (5) Register January 2006 No. 601, eff. 2-1-06.

**NR 20.35 Alternate size and bag limits.** (1) **PURPOSE.** Notwithstanding any provision of either ch. NR 21, 22, 23 or this chapter, for all or part of any inland, boundary or outlying water, the department may apply the alternative size limits, bag limits or both under this section for fish species identified in order to provide for better use and management of the fishery resource of the water to which the proposed alternate limit would apply.

(2) **PROCEDURE.** The department shall follow the following procedures in applying an alternate size limit or bag limit under this section:

(a) *Notice.* The department shall prepare and distribute a notice of its intent to apply an alternate limit under this section. The notice shall be published as a class 1 notice under ch. 985, Stats., in a general circulation newspaper in the vicinity of the water and, if the proposal has statewide significance, in the official state newspaper. A copy of the notice shall be sent to individuals and organizations which the department believes may be interested in the matter. The notice shall include a description of the water affected, the fish species affected, the alternate limit which will apply, and the date the alternate limit will take effect. The notice shall invite the public to submit written comments and indicate that a public information meeting will be held on the alternate limit if requested in writing within 10 days after the notice is published.

(b) *Public information meeting.* If a public information meeting is requested under par. (a), the department shall conduct the public information meeting in the vicinity of the affected water. At the meeting the department shall describe the factual basis for its intended decision and shall receive comments from the public on the matter.

(c) *Determination.* If, based on facts and information available to it, including comments received in response to the notice and at any public information meeting which may be held, the department concludes that a condition described in sub. (3) affects fish in a specific water, it shall apply the corresponding alternate limit. The alternate limit shall take effect upon the posting of the notice under par. (d).

(d) *Posting.* The department shall post notice at public access sites on the affected water that an alternate limit applies to a species of fish found in that water. The notice shall set out the name or description of the water or that part of the water to which the proposed alternate limit would apply, the species of fish affected, the corresponding alternate limit and the effective date of the alternate limit.

(e) *List.* The department shall maintain a current list of all waters to which an alternate limit under this section applies. The list shall be available for public inspection at the department's central office during regular office hours.

**Note:** The list will be available for review at the offices of the bureau of fisheries management and habitat protection, 101 South Webster Street, Madison, WI

(3) **ALTERNATE LIMIT.** (a) *Size limits.* If the department finds under sub. (2) that one or more of the following conditions exists in a particular water, the corresponding alternate size limit shall apply to the named species of fish in that water.

1. No size limit shall apply to walleye, largemouth bass or smallmouth bass if, for the particular species in a particular water, the department finds that at least one of the following conditions exist:



- a. Angler exploitation of the species is less than 15% of the population of fish larger than the original size limit.
- b. Total adult mortality for that species is less than 30% of the population.
- c. More than 10% of the fish tested of that species in the size range from the originally applicable size limit to 3 inches larger than the originally applicable size limit, in fillets with the skin on, contain .75 parts per million or more mercury, 2 parts per million or more PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl), 5 parts per million or more DDT (dichloro diphenyl trichloroethane), 5 parts per million or more Toxaphene, 0.3 parts per million or more Chlordane, or 0.3 parts per million or more Dieldrin.
- d. Walleye males do not grow to a length of at least 13 inches in 4 years or largemouth bass or smallmouth bass do not grow to a length of at least 12 inches in 5 years in all inland waters lying north of a line following state highway 77 from its bridge over the St. Croix river then east on state highway 77 to its intersection with state highway 27, then south on highway 27 to its intersection with state highway 64, then east along highway 64 to its end, then continuing east to the waters of Green Bay or in inland waters of Brown, Kewaunee or Door counties north of a line beginning with the state highway 29 bridge over the Fox river, then east along state highway 29 to its end, then continuing east to Lake Michigan.
- e. Largemouth bass or smallmouth bass do not grow to a length of at least 14 inches in 6 years in inland waters other than those identified in subd. 1. d.

2. Alternate size limits may apply to walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, muskellunge, catfish, northern pike, or panfish if, for the particular species in a particular water, the department finds that at least one of the following conditions exist:

- a. A lake restoration project is in place to reduce detrimental fish species that includes bio-manipulation of a waterbody through increasing the abundance and biomass of predator game fish. The department shall apply the following minimum size limits to particular species: 18-inch walleye, 18-inch largemouth or smallmouth bass, or 32-inch northern pike.
- b. Fish have been removed or destroyed as a result of a rehabilitation program to reestablish a good supply of game fish. The department shall apply the following minimum size limits to particular species: 18-inch walleye, 18-inch largemouth or smallmouth bass, or 32-inch northern pike.
- c. An inland water has been documented to contain detrimental species, species nonindigenous to the waters of the state, or rough fish. In order to control the population of detrimental, nonindigenous, or rough fish species and protect the native fish populations, the department shall apply the following minimum size limits to particular species: 18-inch walleye, 18-inch largemouth or smallmouth bass, or 32-inch northern pike.
- d. The department finds that an evaluation of a size limit could not be completed before a sunset date listed in s. NR 20.20. The department may extend the size limit under sub. (2) and the limit shall remain the same and in full force and effect for 7 years from the date specified in s. NR 20.20 or until a permanent rule change is in place, whichever occurs first. The determination to extend a size limit sunset date under sub. (2) shall be made within two years prior to the sunset date listed in s. NR 20.20.

(b) *Bag limits.* If the department finds under sub. (2) that one or more of the following conditions exists in a particular water, the corresponding alternate bag limit shall apply to the named species of fish in that water. Alternate daily bag limits may apply to walleye, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, muskellunge, catfish, northern pike, or panfish if, for the particular species in a particular water, the department finds that at least one of the following conditions exist:

1. A lake restoration project is in place to reduce detrimental fish species that includes bio-manipulation of a waterbody through increasing the abundance and biomass of predator game-

fish. The department shall apply the following daily bag limits to particular species: 3 walleye, 1 largemouth or smallmouth bass, 1 northern pike, or 10 panfish.

2. Fish have been removed or destroyed as a result of a rehabilitation program to reestablish a good supply of game fish. The following daily bag limits shall apply to particular species: 3 walleye, 1 largemouth or smallmouth bass, 1 northern pike, or 10 panfish.

3. An inland water has been documented to contain detrimental species, species nonindigenous to the waters of the state, or rough fish. In order to control the population of detrimental, nonindigenous, or rough fish species and protect the native fish populations, the department shall apply the following daily bag limits to particular species: 3 walleye, 1 largemouth or smallmouth bass, 1 northern pike, or 10 panfish.

4. The department finds that an evaluation of a daily bag limit could not be completed before a sunset date listed in s. NR 20.20. The department may extend the daily bag limit under sub. (2) and the limit shall remain the same and in full force and effect for 7 years from the date specified in s. NR 20.20 or until a permanent rule change is in place, whichever occurs first. The determination to extend a daily bag limit sunset date under sub. (2) shall be made within two years prior to the sunset date listed in s. NR 20.20.

(4) **TERMINATION OF ALTERNATE LIMITS.** Any time the department has reason to believe that the condition which led to the application of an alternate limit under this section no longer affects a species of fish in a particular water, it may remove the alternate limit by following the procedures under sub. (2) (a) to (c). Following its determination to remove an alternate limit the department shall remove or modify the posted notices of alternate limits and the original bag limit or size limit shall then apply.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; CR 13-019: am. (3) Register December 2013 No. 696, eff. 1-1-14; correction in numbering in (3) (b) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register December 2013 No. 696.

**NR 20.36 Modifications in daily bag limit and minimum size limit in response to tribal harvest. (1) ADJUST-**

**MENT.** In order to prevent a total harvest of more than 35% of the adult walleye population or 27% of the adult muskellunge population, the secretary may lower the daily bag limit on walleye or adjust size limits for walleye or muskellunge in specific waters in response to the harvest goals or actual harvest of the Chippewa Bands for their spear, net or trap fisheries. The adjusted daily bag and size limits shall be in effect until the first Sunday in March of the year following the tribal harvest. The safe harvest levels on individual waters shall be determined by the department.

(a) *Walleyes.* The daily bag limit may be reduced in response to harvest by the Chippewa Bands' spear, net, or trap fisheries. The extent of the reduction depends upon the percent of the safe harvest taken and the age of the population estimate used to determine the safe harvest or if a regression model was used to determine the safe harvest. The daily bag limits to be used with the different percentages and for various basis of determining the safe harvest are as follows:

**Reduced Daily Bag Limits for Walleye Angling  
Percent of Safe Harvest Speared, Trapped or Netted**

Daily bag limit	Current population estimate	Population estimate made	
		Population estimate made 1-2 years ago	Population estimate made 3 years ago or more or regression model
0	69% or more	95% or more	95% or more

(b) *Muskellunge.* The minimum size limit will be increased when the department is notified by the Chippewa bands that their harvest goal on an individual water is 60% or more of the safe harvest. The minimum size limits to be used with different percentages of the safe harvest are as follows:



**Increased Minimum Size Limits for Muskellunge Angling**

Percent of safe harvest to be speared, trapped or netted by tribes	Minimum size limit
60-94	45 inches
95 or more	55 inches

(2) **READJUSTMENT.** In response to actual tribal harvest, the secretary may raise the daily bag limit or reduce the minimum size limit to the limit specified as appropriate using the percent of the safe harvest level expected to be harvested through the first Sunday in March of the next year as indicated in sub. (1). If actual harvest subsequently exceeds the expected harvest level, the daily bag limit or the minimum size limit may be adjusted the following year to reflect actual harvest for that year and harvest goals of the Chippewa Bands for the next year. If a new population estimate is made, the safe harvest level shall be changed accordingly and the secretary may adjust the daily bag limit or minimum size limit according to the percentage of the new safe harvest level that is expected to be harvested as indicated in sub. (1), where deemed necessary to remain consistent with the safety factors established under *Lac Courte Oreilles v. State of Wis.*, 707 F. Supp. 1034 (W. D. Wis. 1989). The readjusted daily bag and size limits shall be in effect until the first Sunday in March of the year following the tribal harvest.

(3) **DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS.** (a) Reduced daily bag limits calculated pursuant to this section are individual lake limits and may be combined, but no person may exceed a total daily bag limit of 5 walleyes and no person may possess or have under control more than the possession limit of 10 walleyes.

(b) While fishing any waters with adjusted size or bag limits calculated pursuant to the provisions of this section, no person may possess fish in excess of the bag limit or of any size other than authorized for that water.

(4) **NOTICE.** Adjustments and readjustments of bag limits and minimum size limits under subs. (1) and (2) shall become effective upon publication of the adjustment or readjustment in the official newspaper in the area affected.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; CR 02-073: am. (3) (b), Register 2003 No. 565, eff. 2-1-03; CR 09-051: am. (1) (intro.) and (2) Register June 2010 No. 654, eff. 7-1-10; CR 13-019: am. (2) Register December 2013 No. 696, eff. 1-1-14; EmR1511 emerg. am. (1) (intro.), (a), (2), eff. 5-1-15; EmR1609 emerg. am. (1) (intro.), (a), (2), eff. 2-3-16; **CR 15-042: am. (1) (intro.), (a), (2) Register March 2016 No. 723, eff. 4-1-16.**

**NR 20.37 Special size and bag limits for Lac du Flambeau reservation.** Bag and size limits may be established by the secretary if agreements are reached with the Lac du Flambeau band which limit their off-reservation harvest declarations to a level allowing a state walleye bag limit of 3 when calculated pursuant to s. NR 20.36. Adjustments to the on-reservation bag and size limits shall become effective upon publication of the adjustments in the official newspapers of Vilas and Oneida counties.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99.

**NR 20.38 Control of detrimental fish.** The department finds, pursuant to s. 29.424 (1), Stats., that the following fish species are detrimental in the waters specified. The department may remove them from the waters specified or cause them to be removed, pursuant to ss. 29.421 and 29.417, Stats.:

(1) **BULLHEADS.** The department finds that bullheads are detrimental in the following waters:

(a) All waters in Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas and Washburn counties.

(b) *Adams and Juneau counties.* Castle Rock flowage and the Wisconsin river beginning at the Petenwell dam and extending downstream to the Castle Rock dam except for that part of the Yel-

low river in Castle Rock flowage locally called the Buckhorn area, upstream from the electric power transmission line across the flowage in sections 26 and 35, T17N, R4E, Juneau county.

(c) *Dodge county.* Beaver Dam lake and the Rock river from hwy. 49 downstream to the dam in Hustisford.

(d) *Florence county.* Bass, Frog, Halsey, Long (Forest county), Scout and West Bass lakes; Line and Pine river flowages.

(e) *Forest county.* Little Rice lake.

(f) *Lafayette county.* Yellowstone lake.

(g) *Marinette county.* Town Corner lake.

(h) *Outagamie county.* Fox river from the upper dam in Appleton upstream to Little Lake Butte des Morts.

(i) *Sheboygan county.* Sheboygan marsh.

(j) *Winnebago county.* Little Lake Butte des Morts from the lower dam on the Fox river at Menasha to the upper dam in Appleton, Outagamie county.

(k) *Wood county.* Petenwell flowage and the Wisconsin river beginning at the Nekoosa dam in Wood county extending downstream to the Petenwell dam in Adams and Juneau counties.

(L) All waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay in Marinette, Oconto, Brown, Door, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha counties.

(3) **CATFISH.** The department finds that catfish are detrimental in the following waters:

(a) *Green Lake county.* Green lake.

(b) All waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay.

(4) **PANFISH.** The department finds that panfish are detrimental in the following waters:

(a) *Washburn county.* All waters in the township of Chicog.

(b) *Oneida county.* Crescent lake (sections 8, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, T36N, R8E) and Stella lake.

(5) **WHITE BASS.** The department finds that white bass are detrimental in the following waters: All waters of Lake Michigan and Green Bay.

(6) **NONINDIGENOUS FISHES.** The department finds that all fish species, strains or hybrids that are not indigenous to the waters of the state are detrimental fish in all waters of the state except where their presence is specifically permitted under s. 29.736, Stats.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; correction in (6) made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register September 2002 No. 561; CR 13-001: r. (2) Register August 2013 No. 692, eff. 9-1-13.

**NR 20.39 Permits for use of nonstandard minnow gear on inland waters.** (1) The department may issue a permit under this section to a licensed bait dealer for the taking of minnows with minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps which are otherwise prohibited by s. NR 20.14. Applications shall be submitted on forms available from the department to the regional office having jurisdiction over the affected waters.

**Note:** Permit application forms may be obtained at no charge from the Bureau of Fisheries Management, Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921.

(a) The department shall issue the permit if it determines that all of the conditions of this paragraph are met.

1. For waters with adequate public access according to s. NR 1.90 (2) (a), the department shall determine if:

a. The department does not need the minnows for its fish management activities.

b. Removal of the minnows will not cause or substantially contribute to a long-term depletion of the forage base.

c. Threatened or endangered species listed in ch. NR 27 are not known to be present in or near the affected water.

d. Unique or sensitive biological values such as nesting loons or heron rookeries are not present in, on or near the affected water.

e. The use of the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps is not likely to hinder or interfere with the exercise of a permit issued earlier in the year to another person for the water.

f. The use of the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps is not likely to hinder or interfere with any other public uses of the water.

g. The use of the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps is not likely to result in the spread of invasive species or diseases.

2. For waters lacking adequate public access and for waters surrounded by private lands, the department shall determine if:

a. The requirements of subd. 1. a. to e. and g. are met; and

b. The applicant provided the department with the name, mailing address and telephone number of the person granting the applicant legal access to the water.

**Note:** Under s. NR 19.057, a bait dealer also must have a wild harvest permit from the department to take wild minnows for use as bait.

(b) Permits issued by the department under this subsection shall:

1. Include the permit holder's name, address and bait dealer's license number,

2. Specify the water where the permit is valid,

3. Describe the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps authorized,

3m. Specify conditions on raising the traps and removing minnows.

4. Include an expiration date of December 31 of the calendar year in which the permit is issued, unless an earlier date is set under par. (c),

5. Prohibit the removal or destruction of vegetation, logs and other habitat features,

6. Require that minnows be transported only in tanks equipped with either an oxygen tank or an adequate aeration system,

7. Require that transport tanks and holding facilities not be loaded beyond their capacity to keep the minnows alive and healthy,

8. Require that all minnows taken under the permit be sold or used only for angling or rearing of fish in department or private fish hatcheries, and

9. Require that all minnows which are not kept for use or sale and all game fish caught by the minnow seines, minnow dip nets or minnow traps be promptly returned unharmed to the water.

(c) The department may require reporting of the permit holder's activities under the permit and may set reasonable permit conditions to insure that the requirements of par. (a) are met.

(d) The department shall act on a complete application for a permit under this section within 20 business days after it is received by the appropriate department regional office.

(e) No permit holder may cause or allow the violation of any term or condition of a permit issued under this section. In addition to any other penalties, if a permit holder is convicted of causing or allowing a violation of any term or condition of a permit, the permit is terminated.

(f) The department may, at any time, revoke or modify a permit issued under this section if it determines that the minnow supply is in danger of being depleted in the water for which the permit was issued. A permit revocation or modification shall become effective when it is received by the permit holder or 3 business days after it is mailed to the permit holder at the address shown on the permit, whichever occurs first.

(g) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the department under this section may, within 30 days of the mailing of the decision, request a contested-case hearing before the department on the decision under s. 227.42, Stats.

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## NR 20.40 Fishing tournaments. (1) APPLICABILITY.

This section applies to fishing tournaments on lakes, rivers, the Great Lakes, Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters as defined in s. NR 21.02 (39), Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters as defined in s. NR 22.02 (34), and Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters as defined in s. NR 23.02 (10).

### (2) DEFINITIONS. In this section:

(a) "Aquatic invasive species" has the meaning in s. NR 198.12 (1).

(b) "Aquatic plant" has the meaning in s. 30.07 (1) (b), Stats.

(c) "Catch and kill tournament" means a fishing tournament where fish are caught by participants, reduced to their possession, and retained as part of the participant's daily bag limit.

(d) "Catch-hold-release tournament" means a fishing tournament where fish caught by participants are reduced to possession and transported, usually for purposes of recording, and live fish are then released to the water from which they came. This format was previously referred to as a "live-release" tournament.

(dm) "Cull" or "culling" means the practice of releasing a live fish that was held in an angler's possession and replacing it with another fish. Live fish that are released and capable of swimming away under their own power are not considered part of the angler's daily bag limit provided the total number of fish possessed at any one time does not exceed the angler's daily bag limit.

**Note:** Section 29.403 (1m), Stats., allows culling only during largemouth and smallmouth bass fishing tournaments authorized by the department. An angler must release the fish to be culled without unnecessary delay when keeping a new fish that would otherwise put them over their daily bag limit, and may not resume fishing or other activities until the fish to be culled is first released.

(e) "Fishing tournament" means any organized fishing activity, on any water of the state where competition is the primary purpose, and where incentives, such as money, prizes or points, are awarded.

(f) "Immediate-release tournament" means a fishing tournament where fish caught by participants are not reduced to possession and transported, but are held only long enough for identification and to document length or weight or both, and released to the water from which they came.

(g) "Live well" means a container designed to hold live fish on a boat.

(h) "Off-site weigh-in" means a weigh-in of fish caught in a catch-hold-release tournament at a location that is not on the shoreline or adjacent to the waters listed on the fishing tournament permit.

(i) "Open water fishing" means all fishing that occurs except when ice is used as a platform from which to fish.

(j) "Opening weekend" means the first weekend of a calendar year that an angler is permitted to fish for that particular species of fish.

(k) "Organize" means to advance, conduct, direct, establish, promote or otherwise be responsible for the operation of a fishing tournament.

(L) "Organizer" means a person who advances, conducts, directs, establishes, organizes, promotes or otherwise is responsible for the operation of a fishing tournament, but does not include a person who only assists in advertising or publicizing another person's fishing tournament.

(m) "Permitted fishing tournament" means a fishing tournament that requires a permit from the department.

(n) "Permitted fishing tournament boat days" is a measure of tournament fishing pressure for open water permitted fishing tournaments. It is calculated by multiplying the number of boats participating in an open water permitted fishing tournament by the number of days the permitted fishing tournament is held. Any part of a day shall count as one day.

(o) "Person" means any individual, partnership, association, organization or body politic or corporate.

(p) "Possess" for the purposes of this section means to own, control, restrain, transport or keep. Once a fish is possessed, it

shall be counted towards the angler's daily bag limit pursuant to s. NR 20.05 (7). Any of the following conditions constitute possession:

1. Holding a fish out of the water longer than necessary to remove hooks and measure the fish for length, weight or both.
2. Placing a fish into a live well except to revive a fish or to avoid imminent boating danger.
3. Holding a fish at the side of a stationary boat for longer than necessary to register and revive the fish.
4. Resuming fishing by any angler in the boat prior to the release of the fish.

(q) "Prizes" means money or items that are provided to a tournament participant based on their performance in a competitive fishing event. This does not include "raffle" type prizes which are given to tournament participants independent of their performance in the competitive fishing event.

(r) "Traditional fishing tournament" means a fishing tournament that was issued permits 4 out of 5 years from 2004 to 2008, for the same water or waters and time period. Beginning January 1, 2009, traditional fishing tournaments shall continue to be conducted at least 4 out of 5 years for the same waterbody and time period to remain a traditional fishing tournament.

(s) "Weigh-in" means a registration process for catch-hold-release tournaments by which fish are measured and released.

**(3) PERMIT REQUIRED.** No person may carry out a fishing tournament that meets any of the criteria in pars. (a) to (e), without a permit. A person shall obtain a permit from the department to organize a fishing tournament when the waters to be fished are identified by name by the organizer and one or more of the following apply:

- (a) The fishing tournament involves 20 or more boats, or 100 or more participants.
- (b) The fishing tournament includes any trout species on waters classified as trout streams under s. NR 1.02 (7).
- (c) The fishing tournament is a catch-hold-release tournament with an off-site weigh-in.
- (d) The total prize value is \$10,000 or greater.
- (e) Tournament participants are allowed to cull largemouth and smallmouth bass.

**(3m) PERMIT EXCEPTIONS.** Organizers do not need a permit under this section to organize and conduct any of the following:

- (a) Fishing tournaments that are statewide or regional in nature where the specific waters to be fished or landings that must be used are not identified by name.
- (b) Fishing tournaments that do not require identification or registration of participants prior to engaging in the tournament.
- (c) Fishing tournaments that continue for more than 4 days, do not require participants to fish at the same time, allow participants to register at any time during the tournament, and do not specify a weigh-in time.

**(4) APPLICATION.** A person who wishes to organize a fishing tournament requiring a permit from the department shall apply on forms available from the department.

(a) Permit applications shall specify an individual who is responsible for supervising the tournament to ensure compliance with all tournament permit conditions and regulations.

(b) Applicants for a fishing tournament permit shall pay a \$25.00 non-refundable permit application fee upon submission of the application when the following conditions apply:

1. The tournament format is immediate-release; or
2. Total prizes provided to tournament participants are valued at less than \$1,001; or
3. The tournament targets salmon or trout species on Lake Michigan, Green Bay, or Lake Superior; or
4. The tournament targets rough fish as defined in s. 29.001 (74), Stats.

(c) Applicants for a fishing tournament permit shall pay a \$50.00 non-refundable permit application fee upon submission of the application when the following conditions apply:

1. The tournament format is catch-hold-release or catch and kill; and
2. Total prizes provided to tournament participants are valued at \$1,001 or greater and less than \$10,001.

(d) Applicants for a fishing tournament permit shall pay a \$200.00 non-refundable permit application fee upon submission of the application when the following conditions apply:

1. The tournament format is catch-hold-release or catch and kill; and
2. Total prizes provided to tournament participants are valued at \$10,001 or greater.

(e) There is no fee for a fishing tournament permit where 50% or more of the participants are younger than 18 years of age or are developmentally disabled as defined under s. 51.01 (5) (a), Stats., or physically disabled and eligible for a license under s. 29.193 (3) or (3m), Stats.

**Note:** Application forms may be obtained at no charge from department service centers and regional offices or by visiting the department website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/tournaments/>.

**(5) PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS.** (a) The department shall accept permit applications for traditional fishing tournaments beginning on January 1 of the year preceding the tournament.

(b) The department shall accept permit applications for tournaments that are not traditional fishing tournaments beginning on April 1 of the year preceding the tournament.

(c) All permit applications and application fees must be received by the department at least 30 days prior to the start of the tournament. The department may review permit applications received within 30 days of the tournament start date if the applicant pays a late fee in addition to the application fee which shall be equal to the application fee specified under sub. (4). If the department is unable to review a late application, the application fee will be returned to the applicant.

(d) The department shall approve or deny permit applications on a first come first served basis in compliance with the limits in subs. (7) and (8).

**(6) COMPLIANCE.** (a) All participants in a permitted fishing tournament shall comply with all provisions of the permit.

(b) If a participant fails to comply with the permit, the violating participant shall promptly be disqualified and expelled from the tournament by the organizer.

(c) All organizers of a permitted fishing tournament shall comply with all permit terms and conditions and the rules of this section and shall take adequate measures to ensure that all participants comply with all provisions of the permit. The organizer of a permitted fishing tournament shall provide each participant a copy of the permit conditions and rules specific to the fishing tournament along with potential penalties for noncompliance prior to any participant being allowed to participate in the tournament.

(d) Notwithstanding par. (b), the department may take other appropriate enforcement action against a participant or organizer found to be in violation of this chapter or ch. 29, Stats.

**(7) LIMITS ON SIZE AND NUMBER OF FISHING TOURNAMENTS.** The size and number of permitted fishing tournaments allowed on a water body may not exceed the following limits except in Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Superior, and Lake Winnebago where there are no limits on the size and number of permitted fishing tournaments. Traditional fishing tournaments may be permitted to exceed the limits established in this subsection up to the maximum level of participation or boat days associated with that tournament in the past 5 years. Bass fishing tournaments with fewer than 20 boats will not be included in the maximum daily number of boats allowed on open water, the maximum monthly number of permitted fishing tournament boat days, the maximum daily number of concurrent permitted fishing tournaments, or the maxi-

imum number of permitted fishing tournaments per month on rivers.

ment size, number, and total boat days are based on lake acreage are outlined in the table below.

(a) The following monthly limits on permitted fishing tourna-

LAKE OR LAKE CHAIN SIZE (ACRES)	MAXIMUM DAILY NUMBER OF BOATS ALLOWED FOR PERMITTED OPEN WATER FISHING TOURNAMENTS	MAXIMUM MONTHLY NUMBER OF PERMITTED FISHING TOURNAMENT BOAT DAYS	MAXIMUM DAILY NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS ALLOWED FOR PERMITTED ICE FISHING TOURNAMENTS	MAXIMUM DAILY NUMBER OF CONCURRENT PERMITTED FISHING TOURNAMENTS
1. Less than 100	0	0	150	1 (ice fishing only)
2. 100-449	25	50	250	1
3. 450-999	50	300	500	1
4. 1,000-4,999	125	1,125	1,000	2
5. 5,000-9,999	150	2,400	1,500	2
6. Larger than 10,000	Determined by actual acreage (1 boat/50 acres)	3,000	No Limit	No Limit

(b) Open water fishing tournaments on lakes or lake chains smaller than 100 acres may be permitted if the department finds that the tournament:

1. Will promote public awareness of fishing and the state's resources and conforms to the best management practices for the lake; or

2. Is a traditional fishing tournament.

(c) The following shall apply to fishing tournaments permitted for any combination of lakes within a chain of interconnected lakes:

1. Permitted fishing tournaments may engage in fishing activities in lake chains or connected lakes but the tournament organizer must select a lake where the primary fishing activity or weigh-in will take place.

2. The availability of permits will be based on the acreage of the lake selected in subd. 1. as outlined in par. (a).

(d) For boundary water lakes, the limits on the number of permitted fishing contests shall be determined based on the Wisconsin acreage.

(e) For flowages and impoundments of rivers, the limits in par. (a) shall include tributaries upstream to the first dam or road crossing unless otherwise specified in the permit.

(f) The following provisions apply to rivers:

1. The maximum number of permitted fishing tournaments per month on the Mississippi River, Lake St. Croix, St. Croix River, Wisconsin River, Fox River and Wolf River are outlined in the following table.

RIVER SEGMENT OR SECTION	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PERMITTED FISHING TOURNAMENTS PER MONTH
1. Mississippi River: Pool 3; 5; 5A; 6; 7; 8; 9	4 (each pool)
2. Mississippi River: Pool 4	5
3. Lake St. Croix	4
4. Mississippi River: Pool 10; 11; 12	8
5. St. Croix River, Wisconsin River, Fox River, Wolf River (excluding Lake Winnebago system waters as defined in s. NR 20.03 (19))	2 (each 10 mile segment)



2. Fishing tournament waters identified in the permit for Mississippi River pools are limited to no more than 3 pools where each pool is separated by a lock and dam.

2m. Fishing tournaments permitted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are authorized to operate in Wisconsin portions of Wisconsin–Minnesota boundary waters under the regulations specified in the Minnesota permit.

**Note:** Under s. 29.403 (1m), Stats., a bass tournament permitted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources may cull largemouth and smallmouth bass in Wisconsin portions of Wisconsin–Minnesota boundary waters. Culling is not allowed in Minnesota waters of Wisconsin–Minnesota boundary waters at the time this rule was drafted. Tournaments authorized by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources may not cull in Minnesota waters unless authorized by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

3. No more than 2 permitted fishing tournaments per month, not to exceed 4 days combined, may be issued for any 10 mile segment of a river not listed in subd. 1., as defined in the permit. If any portion of river permitted overlaps with a previously permitted portion of the same river, it shall be considered the same segment. Segment boundaries shall be readily identifiable features as close to 10 miles apart as possible.

4. Permitted fishing tournaments may engage in fishing activities in multiple pools but the tournament organizer must select the pool where the primary fishing activity or weigh-in will take place. The availability of permits will be based on the selected pool as outlined in subd. 1.

**(8) ADDITIONAL FISHING TOURNAMENT PERMITS.** Notwithstanding the limits in sub. (7), the department may allow one additional permit each year for fishing tournaments on lakes greater than 1,000 acres or river segments identified by the department. For additional fishing tournaments permitted under this subsection, the fishing tournament permit applicant shall demonstrate to the department that the tournament:

(a) Will promote public awareness of fishing and the state's resources and conform to best management practices for the lake; or

(b) Is a traditional fishing tournament.

(c) The department may issue one advance tournament permit for each waterbody in each year that authorizes a tournament on that waterbody up to 3 years before the tournament is to occur when:

1. The tournament sponsor can demonstrate undue hardship unless they receive an advance permit, and

2. The tournament sponsor can demonstrate a substantial economic benefit to the local economy by being able to receive a tournament permit up to 3 years in advance for a specific waterbody.

**(9) DISPOSITION OF DEAD FISH.** The department shall require each applicant to provide a written plan for the disposition of any dead fish encountered within a 48-hour period from the end of the tournament and are a result of the fishing tournament which complies with s. 23.095 (1g), Stats. No plan may include retention of any fish contrary to the requirements of department rule.

**Note:** Section 23.095 (1g), Stats., General prohibition. No person may damage or attempt to damage any natural resource within the state. Under s. 23.095 (1) (a) "Damage" means to commit a physical act that unreasonably destroys, molests, defaces, removes or wastes.

**(10) GENERAL PROVISIONS AND PERMIT CONDITIONS.** (a) No person may organize fishing tournaments on the same body of water with starting dates separated by less than 2 weeks unless 50% or more of the participants in the additional tournament are younger than 18 years of age or are developmentally disabled as defined under s. 51.01 (5) (a), Stats., or physically disabled and eligible for a license under s. 29.193 (3) or (3m), Stats.

(b) The department may deny an application for a fishing tournament permit upon determination that the body of water, the fish or other aquatic resources may be substantially harmed by the concentration of fishing activity from the fishing tournament.

(c) No person may conduct a fishing tournament on any of the following unless it is a traditional fishing tournament:

1. Opening weekend of a fishing season of a particular species if fishing tournament targets that species.

2. 3-day Memorial Day weekend.

3. Fourth of July.

4. 3-day Labor Day weekend.

(d) The department may require the tournament organizer to make parking arrangements in addition to those normally present at location where the event is taking place for fishing tournament participants in order to ensure reasonable public access to the water where the permitted fishing tournament is being conducted. A plan outlining the alternative parking arrangements shall be submitted to the department upon request. The department may withhold approval of a fishing tournament permit application until an adequate alternative parking plan or parking arrangements have been provided by the organizer.

(e) For open water permitted fishing tournaments, participants' boats shall be identified in a uniform manner that makes them easily identifiable on the water as fishing tournament participants and the method for identification shall be provided to the department. This requirement does not apply to tournaments on the Great Lakes for trout and salmon.

(f) The following provisions apply to immediate-release tournaments:

1. Participants may not reduce fish to their possession.

2. Participants shall immediately initiate the official tournament registration process upon landing a fish.

3. Participants shall successfully release the fish, as indicated by the capability of the fish to swim away upright under its own power, prior to resuming fishing.

(g) The following provisions apply to catch-hold-release tournaments:

1. No person may conduct a catch-hold-release tournament for muskellunge, northern pike, sturgeon or trout with an off-site weigh-in.

2. No person may conduct a catch-hold-release tournament unless they follow the conditions related to fish handling specified on the permit.

3. No person may participate in a catch-hold-release open water tournament unless their boat is equipped with a live well that is demonstrated to the tournament organizer as functioning properly prior to fishing in the fishing tournament.

3m. No person may participate in a catch-hold-release ice fishing tournament unless they have a container capable of holding and transporting live fish in water.

4. Except as provided in par. (gm) 4., no person may hold fish in a catch-hold-release tournament in on-shore holding tanks unless the tanks have the capacity to hold at least one gallon of water per pound of fish held and are equipped with an aeration or oxygenation system that maintains the dissolved oxygen at 5 parts per million or higher.

5. No person may conduct a catch-hold-release tournament with an off-site weigh-in unless the fish holding equipment and fish handling procedures at the weigh in site are approved by the department and the approval is specified on the permit.

6. The department shall include permit conditions that specify fish handling requirements during weigh-in for catch-hold-release tournaments.

7. The department may include the following permit conditions related to tournament operation for permitted catch-hold-release tournaments at the point of permit issuance when it determines that environmental conditions are not conducive to survival of fish intended for release and the release may constitute unreasonable waste of natural resources or when it determines that the transport and release of fish is detrimental to the fish population under the provisions of s. 23.095 (1g), Stats.

a. The department may restrict the area that may be fished by fishing tournament participants to reduce the time that fish are held in live wells, the distance fish are transported to a weigh-in site or both.

b. The department may require redistribution of released fish.

8. The department shall restrict the area that may be fished by participants in catch–hold–release bass and walleye tournaments on Green Bay to reduce the potential for biological harm to the bass population and to reduce the potential for unreasonable waste of walleye. Participants in catch–hold–release bass and walleye fishing tournaments with a weigh–in site north of the mouth of the Pensaukee River (N44°49'18.876", W–87°53'56.04") may not fish north of a line extending from Gills Rock (N45°17'38.9724", W–87°1'23.0376") to the Wisconsin state line and south of a line running from Brown County line (N44°40'39.6510", W–87°59'15.5004") to the Kewaunee County line (N44°40'36.8898", W–87°44'11.8026"). Participants in catch–hold–release bass fishing tournaments with a weigh–in site north of the mouth of Pensaukee River (N44°49'18.876", W–87°53'56.04") may not fish beyond 5 miles of the Green Bay shoreline on which the weigh–in site is located. Participants in catch–hold–release bass fishing tournaments with a weigh–in site north of the mouth of Pensaukee River located on the eastern shore of Green Bay may fish beyond 5 miles of the eastern shore only to access Green Bay waters within 1.5 miles surrounding Chambers Island. Participants in catch–hold–release bass and walleye fishing tournaments with a weigh–in site south of the mouth of the Pensaukee River (N44°49'18.876", W–87°53'56.04") may not fish south of the DePere Dam (N44°26'50.9928", W–88°4'3.7050") and north of a line running from the mouth of the Pensaukee River (N44°49'18.876", W–87°53'56.04") to Chadoirs Dock (N44°44'50.28", W–87°41'56.4"). Notwithstanding these fishing area restrictions, the department may allow one bass and one walleye tournament per year on Green Bay to fish all waters of Green Bay south of a line extending from Gills Rock (N45°17'38.9724", W–87°1'23.0376") to the Wisconsin state line provided that the tournament will promote national public awareness of fishing on Green Bay and is planned to have more than 60 boats. Tournaments promoting national public awareness include, but are not limited to, events that are part of a national tour and statewide or regional championships that qualify participants for a national event.

**Note:** Anglers are not restricted from fishing in Michigan waters, however, to minimize potential for biological harm and unreasonable waste of natural resources, the department encourages tournament organizers to restrict fishing in Michigan waters to south of a line extending due east from Rochereau Point (N45°18'13.92", W–87°26'2.436") to the Wisconsin state line.

9. To reduce the potential for unreasonable waste of natural resources, the department shall:

a. Require a reduced daily bag limit of 3 walleye for catch–hold–release tournaments on all waters with a daily bag limit of 3 walleye or greater from the second Saturday in June to the first Sunday in September, unless the department determines that the temperature of the primary waterbody to be fished is expected to be less than 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

b. Require a reduced daily bag limit of 3 bass for catch–hold–release tournaments on all waters with a daily bag limit of 3 bass or greater from the first Saturday in July to the second Sunday in August unless the department determines that the temperature of the primary waterbody to be fished is expected to be less than 75 degrees Fahrenheit for smallmouth bass or less than 80 degrees Fahrenheit for largemouth bass. Notwithstanding these bag limit requirements, the department may allow one catch–hold–release bass tournament per year per waterbody with a 5 fish bag limit from the first Saturday in July to the second Sunday in August provided the tournament will promote national public awareness of fishing and is planned to have 60 or more boats and the primary waterbody fished will be 2000 or more acres. Tournaments promoting national public awareness include, but are not limited to, events that are part of a national tour and statewide or regional championships that qualify participants for a national event.

(gm) In addition to the provisions in par. (g), all of the following provisions apply to participants in catch–hold–release muskellunge tournaments:

1. Participants shall use boats equipped with a functioning live well or other container large enough to hold muskellunge and equipped with a pump for aerating and exchanging freshwater that is operated continuously once a fish is placed in the live well or other container.

2. Participants shall immediately transport muskellunge placed in a live well or other container to the designated weigh–in site. All transported fish must meet legal length limits for the water body being fished.

3. Either multiple weigh–in sites shall be designated by the tournament organizer or the areas open to fishing limited so that muskellunge will not be transported for more than 30 minutes.

4. Tournament officials or judges shall immediately register muskellunge brought to the weigh–in site. No pens, tanks, or other means of confinement may be used to hold the fish at the weigh–in site.

5. Registration of muskellunge is restricted to a measurement of length. In–water measurement of the fish is recommended whenever possible.

6. Muskellunge may be retained at the weigh–in site only until capable of swimming upright under its own power and shall be released from the weigh–in site.

7. Participants may not leave the weigh–in site until the fish they transported to the weigh–in site has been successfully released. If the fish cannot be released alive, final disposition of the fish is the responsibility of that participant and shall not violate s. 23.095 (1g), Stats.

8. A participant shall count muskellunge transported to a weigh–in site towards the participant's daily bag limit and that person may not fish for muskellunge during the remainder of that day.

**Note:** Section 23.095 (1g), Stats., states that no person may damage or attempt to damage any natural resource within the state. "Damage" means to commit a physical act that unreasonably destroys, molests, defaces, removes, or wastes.

(h) All permits for fishing tournaments shall do the following:

1. Identify areas where competitive fishing is prohibited for the following reasons:

a. To protect critical habitat, including areas designated by local ordinance for aquatic vegetation preservation or areas where habitat enhancement activity is underway.

b. To protect public rights, interests or safety, including designated swimming areas, mooring areas, access areas, navigational channels, staging areas, beaches or other special use areas.

2. Prohibit the use of tagged fish, except when approved by the department for any of the following reasons:

a. To enhance collection of data for management purposes as part of a scientific study.

b. The tagged fish are legally obtained from a licensed private fish hatchery and are planted under a stocking or introduction permit issued by the department under s. 29.736, Stats., and s. NR 19.05.

(i) Pursuant to s. NR 20.05 (7), any fish taken into possession by an individual and not released immediately shall be included as part of the individual's daily bag limit.

(j) The time limitations upon the length of a fishing tournament under this section do not include fishing activities by tournament participants carried out prior to the time when the tournament begins.

(k) Except for tournaments on the Great Lakes, the fishing portion of any tournament may not run for more than 10 consecutive hours each day or more than 4 consecutive days.

(L) The fishing portion of tournaments on the Great Lakes is not limited in duration.

(m) Upon permit approval, tournament organizers shall notify the county and city, village, or town within which the access site, weigh–in site, or headquarters for the tournament is located of the date, time, location and size of tournament.

**(11) AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES.** (a) All tournament participants shall comply with s. 30.07, Stats., and all department rules pertaining to control of aquatic invasive species.

(b) Fishing tournament organizers shall inform all tournament participants of procedures recommended by the department to clean and decontaminate boats and equipment of aquatic plants and invasive species prior to the tournament.

(c) The department may include permit conditions necessary to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species.

**(12) REPORTING.** Each organizer shall report the results of the organizer's tournament and other information which the department deems necessary on forms available from the department no later than 30 days following the last day of the tournament.

**Note: Reporting forms will be issued with permits.**

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; CR 01-012: am. (4) (b) and (5), r. (9), Register November 2001 No. 551, eff. 4-1-02; except (9) eff. 12-31-01; correction in (6) (c) 4. made under s. 13.93 (2m) (b) 7., Stats., Register September 2002 No. 561; CR 04-112: cr. (1) (am), (d), and (6m), am. (6) (d) and (f) Register June 2005 No. 594, eff. 7-1-05; CR 06-108: r. and recr. Register April 2009 No. 640, eff. 5-1-09; correction in (7) (a) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 1., Stats., Register April 2009 No. 640; corrections in (2) (b) and (11) (a) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register February 2010 No. 650; CR 10-053: am. (1) Register December 2010 No. 660, eff. 1-1-11; CR 13-079: cr. (2) (dm), am. (3) (intro.), cr. (3) (e), (3m) (intro.), am. (3m) (a), (b), cr. (3m) (c), am. (4) (b) 2., 3., (c) 2., (d) 2., r. and recr. (5), am. (7) (intro.), (a) (table), cr. (7) (f) 2m., am. (10) (g) 3., cr. (10) (g) 3m., am. (10) (g) 4., 7. (intro.), r. (10) (g) 7. c., cr. (10) (g) 8., 9., (gm) Register May 2014 No. 701, eff. 6-1-14; correction in (10) (g) 4. made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register May 2014 No. 701; correction in (10) (g) 8. made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register May 2014 No. 701; correction in (10) 9. (gm) (intro.) made under s. 13.92 (4) (b) 7., Stats., Register June 2015 No. 714.

**NR 20.41 Experimental waters. (1) DESIGNATED.** The following waters are designated as experimental waters: Nebish, Spruce, Mystery, Escanaba and Pallette lakes situated in sections 34 and 35, township 42 north, range 7 east, and sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12, township 41 north, range 7 east, Vilas county.

**(2) PERMIT REQUIRED.** (a) No person may fish in experimental waters unless a permit has been issued to the person by the department.

**Note: Permits may be obtained at the checking station indicated by posted signs in the immediate area of these experimental waters.**

(b) Permits issued under this section are valid only for the date issued.

**(3) REPORTING.** (a) Permits issued under this section shall be returned to the checking station upon termination of fishing activities by the angler.

(b) All fish taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited to the department or its agents at the checking station for examination, identification and marking.

**(4) AUTHORIZED METHODS.** No person may fish in Escanaba, Nebish, or Pallette lakes while possessing fishing line with attached lead-containing jig-heads, sinkers, and weights that weigh less than 1 ounce or that measure less than 1 inch in any dimension.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99; CR 13-019: cr. (4) Register December 2013 No. 696, eff. 4-1-14.

**NR 20.60 Monthly sport trolling fishing reports.**

**(1)** A monthly sport trolling fishing report form required by s. 29.514 (2), Stats., shall be completed by the sport trolling licensee guiding persons in sport trolling. Copies of the report form shall be provided by the department. The licensee's name, license number, date, locations fished, number of anglers, number of lines fished, hours fished, total number of fish caught and other information required by the report form shall be accurately and legibly recorded on the form in the English language within 1/2 hour after completing each trip's fishing activities after returning to the dock or shore. The number of fish of each species caught and the tag numbers, if any, may be recorded on the form after returning to the dock or shore but shall be recorded on the form prior to midnight of the day of each trip. The report form shall be exhibited to a conservation warden upon request.

**(2)** The entire monthly sport trolling fishing report form provided by the department, including any voided and unused pages, shall be signed and dated by the sport trolling licensee and submitted to the department on or before the 10th day of each month for the preceding calendar month.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99.

**NR 20.65 Report of licensed guides.** All Wisconsin guides licensed under the provisions of s. 29.512 (1), Stats., and operating in the Wisconsin waters of Lake Superior, Lake Michigan and Green Bay shall report to the department on blanks to be furnished by the department detailed information regarding their fishing activities which shall include the quantity, the varieties of fish taken, and any other information pertaining to their fishing activities required by the department.

**History:** Cr. Register, May, 1999, No. 521, eff. 6-1-99.