

The statement of scope for this rule, SS 051-22 was approved by the Governor on June 16, 2022, published in Register No. 798B on June 27, 2022, and approved by the Natural Resources Board on August 10, 2022. This rule was approved by the Governor on September 7, 2023.

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

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to **repeal** NR 20.20 (49) (c) 1.; to **amend** NR 20.20 (g) 1., (2) (h) 3., (5) (i) 1., (6) (g) 1., (9) (e) 1., (11) (g) 2. and 3., (14) (d) 1., (16) (h) 2., (17) (g) 1m. and (h) 1., (18) (h) 1. and 2., (20) (e) 2., (23) (f) 1., (24) (f) 1., (25) (g) 2., (26) (h) 3., (27) (h) 2., (28) (d) 1., (29) (f) 1., (32) (f) 1., (33) (g) 1., (36) (a) 1. and (e) 1., (37) (g) 1. and 4., (39) (d) 2. and (g) 1., (42) (f) 1. and 2., (43) (a) 1., (45) (g) 1., (47) (g) 1., (48) (b) 1r., (49) (c) 2., (50) (c) 1. and (g) 1., 2., and 3., (51) (h) 1., (54) (e) 3., (55) (f) 1., (56) (g) 1. and (h) 1. and 2., (57) (f) 1., 4. and 5., (60) (d) 3m., (61) (e) 1., (62) (f) 1., (64) (d) 1., (65) (d) 1., (70) (b) 2. and 3. and (f) 1., (71) (f) 1., (72) (g) 1., (73) (o) 7, 21.04 (1) (c), (2) (a), (3) (a), (4), (4g), (4m), and (5) (a), and 23.05 (5) (e).; and to **create** NR 20.20 (5) (a) 2., (13) (em), (26) (c) 2., (35) (bm), (36) (b) 2., (37) (cm), (39) (d) 4., (57) (d) 2. and (f) 6., (68) (cm), 20.40 (3s), 21.04 (2) (b), (3) (a), and (5) (am), and 26.01 (49) (dm) and (68) (am) relating to changes to fishing regulations on inland, outlying and boundary waters.

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Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

1. Statutes Interpreted: Section 23.09 (2) (c), Stats., is interpreted as allowing the department to designate fish refuges. Sections 29.014 (1), 29.041 and 29.053 (2), Stats., have been interpreted as authorizing the department to conserve and regulate the fish supply on waters of the state while continuing to provide opportunities for good fishing. Sections 29.403 (1g), Stats., is interpreted as allowing the department to regulate fishing tournaments.

2. Statutory Authority: Sections 23.09 (2) (c), 29.014 (1), 29.041, 29.053 (2), and 29.403 (1g), Stats., authorize these rules.

3. Explanation of Agency Authority: Section 23.09 (2) (c), Stats., provides that the department may designate fish refuges to secure the perpetuation and adequate supply of any species of fish and provide safe retreats in which fish may breed and replenish adjacent fishing waters.

The department is directed under s. 29.014 (1), Stats., to establish and maintain any bag limits and conditions governing the taking of fish that will conserve the fish supply and ensure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing.

Section 29.041, Stats., provides that the department may regulate fishing on and in all interstate boundary waters and outlying waters.

Section 29.053 (2), Stats., provides that the department may establish conditions governing the taking of fish for the state as a whole, for counties or parts of counties, or for waterbodies or parts of waterbodies. It also allows the department to establish a fishing season on specified bodies of water in certain urban areas to allow fishing only by persons who are under 16 years old or who are disabled, as specified in s. 29.193 (3) (a), (b), or (c), Stats.

Section 29.403 (1g), Stats., requires the department to authorize and create rules regulating fishing tournaments, including the overall scope of the tournament program.

4. Related Statutes or Rules: No related statutes or rules apply.

5. Plain Language Analysis:

This rule will apply fishing regulations to waters of the state to accomplish management goals. Such management goals include improving size structure of game fish, increasing the density or abundance of certain fish species, increasing the survival of mature adults, establishing statewide regulations that provide harvest opportunity while protecting fish populations, and aligning regulations with public desires for certain waterbodies. The department utilizes the annual Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings, held annually statewide, to gain broad public feedback from outdoor recreators on standard fishing regulation change proposals. Specifically, these rules would accomplish the following:

SECTIONS 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9 to 16, 18 to 23, 29, 32, 33, 35, 36, 40, 42, 44, 50, 54, 55, 56, and 57 apply a new standard daily bag limit of 3 in total for walleye, sauger and hybrids for waters with a current daily bag limit of 5 in total to various inland waters of the state.

SECTION 3 creates a new urban fishing pond in the village of Suamico to provide community fishing opportunities.

SECTION 6, 12, and 43 change the walleye regulation for Lake Wissota and associated waters of the lower Chippewa River to a 13-inch minimum length limit and protected slot of 16-24 inches with only one over 24 inches allowed for harvest, and a daily bag limit of 3. The current 14-18-inch protected slot limit is not fulfilling the desired management goals of maintaining a quality size structure of walleyes in these waters.

SECTION 8 reduces the daily bag limit for panfish on Lake Mendota to 10 in total to reduce angling pressure and allow more panfish to survive to larger sizes.

SECTION 11, 37, and 48 modify the trout regulation for Pine, North Pine and Cady creeks in Dunn, Pierce, and St. Croix counties to a daily bag limit of 5 in total for brown and rainbow trout with immediate release of brook trout, and no size limit for brown and rainbow trout, to facilitate greater angler harvest of brown and rainbow trout while preventing further decline of native brook trout in the stream.

SECTION 16 changes the panfish regulation on Blackhawk Lake in Iowa County to a daily bag limit of 10 in total.

SECTIONS 17 and 51 increase the size limit for musky on the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage in Iron and Vilas counties and associated waters to a 50-inch minimum length limit to provide trophy musky fishing opportunities.

SECTIONS 24, 28, and 40 apply a 50-inch minimum length limit for musky to provide trophy musky fishing opportunities to a section of the Wisconsin River that currently is set at the statewide 40-inch length limit.

SECTION 25 establishes a minimum length limit of 18 inches and daily bag limit of one for bass in Wilke Lake, Manitowoc County, to improve the numbers of predatory fish in the lake. This will help maintain a quality bass fishery while increasing predation on overabundant bluegills to provide a balanced panfish fishery with good size structure.

SECTION 26 establishes a 25-35-inch protected slot limit and daily bag limit of 2 for northern pike in Wilke Lake to provide a quality pike fishery with opportunities to harvest both small and large pike while reducing densities of smaller pike.

SECTION 27 utilizes the 18-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 3 regulation for walleye, sauger and hybrids on Wilke Lake to increase the number of walleyes in the lake, which will increase predation pressure on overabundant panfish to help improve the panfish fishery and potentially improve walleye size structure.

SECTION 30 establishes a daily bag limit of 5 with no size limit for northern pike on the White River system in Marquette County to increase harvest opportunities for anglers and provide a consumptive fishery.

SECTION 31 establishes a northern pike regulation of a 25-35-inch protected slot and daily bag limit of 2 for Wood Lake in Marquette County to provide both consumptive and trophy harvest opportunities for pike.

SECTION 34 adds Rost and Westcott lakes in Oconto County to the no minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 5 in total bass regulation to provide harvest opportunity and potentially reduce overabundant bass to improve growth rates.

SECTIONS 38 and 39 change the northern pike regulation for Largon Lake in Polk County to a minimum length limit of 26 inches and a daily bag limit of 2 to maintain a quality size structure while allowing for more angler harvest than the current regulation of a minimum length limit of 32 inches and daily bag limit of 1.

SECTIONS 41 and 49 change the walleye regulation for the Jump River and its tributaries (part of the Lake Wissota regulation change) to a 13-inch minimum length limit and protected slot of 16-24 inches, with only one over 24 inches allowed for harvest, and a daily bag limit of 3. The current 14-18-inch protected slot limit is not fulfilling the desired management goals of maintaining a quality size structure of walleyes in these waters.

SECTION 44 revises the trout regulation on Beaver Creek and a portion of Dell Creek to a daily bag limit of 5 brown and rainbow trout in total with all brook trout being immediately released, and no size limit for brown and rainbow trout, while maintaining the artificial lure-only designation for these waters. This trout regulation would allow harvest of multiple sizes of brown and rainbow trout while protecting native brook trout. This section also corrects the season end date for these waters, which should align with the current statewide Oct. 15 trout harvest season end date for streams.

SECTION 45 establishes a special experimental regulation for northern pike on the Tiger Cat chain of lakes, Spider chain of lakes, the Chippewa Flowage and Lake Chippewa, and the Lac Courte Oreilles chain of lakes, consisting of a daily bag limit of 10 and no size limit. Pike are not native to these waters, and overabundant pike may be excessively competing with muskies in these waters. This regulation is accompanied by a 10-year sunset to compel evaluation of the regulation's efficacy.

SECTION 46 removes Moose Lake in Sawyer County from its current panfish regulation category and switches Island Lake and Osprey Lake in Sawyer County to an alternate year-round (rather than seasonal) experimental regulation of 15 but no more than 5 of each species for panfish, which has greater social support than the seasonal regulation.

SECTION 47 establishes a new experimental panfish regulation for Moose Lake in Sawyer County,

consisting of no minimum length limit but only one panfish over 12 inches allowed for harvest, and a daily bag limit of 5 in total. This regulation is being implemented following years of Spring Hearing citizen resolutions in support of a more restrictive panfish regulation that will reduce harvest pressure and maintain a quality size structure for crappies in particular. This regulation is accompanied by a 10-year sunset to compel evaluation of the regulation's efficacy at achieving the management goal.

SECTION 51 sets a minimum length limit of 50 inches and daily bag limit of 1 for musky in Plum Lake in Vilas County and the Turtle-Flambeau Flowage and associated waters in Iron and Vilas counties to provide trophy musky fishing opportunities.

SECTION 52 establishes a daily bag limit of 10 in total for panfish on Turtle Lake in Walworth County to help mitigate periodic pulses of high angler use of the fishery and maintain good panfish fishing opportunities.

SECTION 53 establishes a 50-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of one for muskies on Pewaukee, Okauchee, Oconomowoc, and Fowler lakes, Lac LaBelle, and connecting waters between Lac LaBelle and the North Lake inlet, all in Waukesha County. This regulation will improve the trophy musky potential of these waters.

SECTION 54 adds Pearl Lake and the White River system in Waushara County to the pike regulation of a daily bag limit of 5 and no size limit, which will expand consumptive opportunities for pike, and adds Silver Lake in Waushara County to the pike regulation of a daily bag limit of 2 and a 25-35-inch protected slot, which will increase consumptive opportunities for pike and may improve size structure.

SECTION 58 requires small fishing tournaments that are exempt from the tournament permit requirement under s. NR 20.40 to self-register their event with the department. No new permitting requirements will be established for these tournaments at this time. Requiring unpermitted tournaments to register will provide data on the frequency, distribution and general impacts of unpermitted fishing tournaments across the state.

SECTION 59 specifies that the walleye, sauger and hybrids regulation of a daily bag limit of 6 in total and 15-inch minimum length limit for walleye, none for sauger will apply only on the upper St. Croix River upstream of the St. Croix Falls Dam (Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters) rather than the river downstream of the dam as well, for which the regulation is being changed in this rule.

SECTION 60 modifies the walleye, sauger and hybrid regulation for the lower St. Croix River from the St. Croix Falls Dam downstream to Prescott (Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters) to a daily bag limit of 4 in total with a minimum length limit of 15 inches for walleye and none for sauger except only one walleye or sauger over 20 inches may be harvested. The aim of this regulation is to reduce overall harvest and distribute harvest over a broader group of anglers, while allowing for increased protection of larger fish. This regulation change is being pursued in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

SECTION 61 specifies that the northern pike regulation of a daily bag limit of 5 and no size limit will apply only to the upper St. Croix River above the St. Croix Falls dam (Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters) rather than the entire St. Croix River.

SECTION 62 reduces the daily bag limit for pike on the St. Croix River from the St. Croix Falls Dam downstream to Prescott (Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters) to three with only one over 30 inches allowed for harvest. This regulation is expected to reduce angler harvest pressure on large pike, and may prevent stock depletion at times of year when pike are under thermal stress. This change is being pursued

in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

SECTION 63 specifies that the panfish regulation of a daily bag limit of 25 in total for sunfish and bluegills combined and 25 each for crappies and yellow perch will apply only to the upper St. Croix River upstream of the St. Croix Falls Dam (Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters) rather than the river downstream of the dam as well. This section also reduces the daily bag limit for panfish on the St. Croix River from the St. Croix Falls Dam downstream to Prescott (Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters) to 15 in total for sunfish and bluegills combined and 15 of each for crappies and yellow perch. This new regulation is anticipated to provide a sustainable fishery with high catch rates of quality panfish and may distribute seasonal harvest among a broader group of anglers. This section also lowers the bag limit for white and yellow bass combined on the St. Croix River from the St. Croix Falls Dam downstream to Prescott (Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters) to 10 in total while maintaining the daily bag limit of 25 for rock bass. White bass are an important component of the St. Croix River fish community, and are highly targeted seasonally by anglers that want to harvest fish and anglers that want to catch more quality-sized fish. This regulation is being pursued in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and is consistent with the Mississippi River regulation. This section also limits the white and yellow bass regulation of 25 in total to the upper St. Croix River upstream of the St. Croix Falls Dam (Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters) rather than the regulation applying to the river downstream of the dam as well.

SECTION 64 limits the catfish regulation of a daily bag limit of 10 in total to the upper St. Croix River and St. Louis River (Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters) rather than applying the regulation to the entire St. Croix River boundary waters. The lower St. Croix River catfish regulation will change in SECTION 65.

SECTION 65 changes the catfish regulation on waters of the St. Croix River (Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters) from the St. Croix Falls dam downstream to Prescott to a daily bag limit of 5 for channel catfish and 2 for flathead catfish, and no minimum length limit except only one channel and one flathead catfish over 24 inches may be kept. This regulation may improve the number of trophy-sized fish in the population and would be implemented in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

SECTION 66 establishes a fish refuge on the St. Croix River from the state highway 8 bridge upstream to the St. Croix Falls Dam (Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters) from March 1 to June 15 to protect spawning fish on this segment of the river. This fish refuge is being pursued in conjunction with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This section also establishes a fish refuge on the Illinois-Fox River from Madison Street in Waukesha upstream to the Barstow Dam from March 1 to May 1, which has been requested by stakeholders to protect spawning game fish and will also simplify law enforcement efforts to protect fish on this section of the river.

6. Summary of, and Comparison with, Existing or Proposed Federal Statutes and Regulations:

No federal regulations apply. States retain management authority over the fish and wildlife resources within state boundaries provided that state regulations do not conflict with regulations established in the Federal Register. None of these rule changes violate or conflict with the provisions established in the Federal Code of Regulations.

7. If Held, Summary of Comments Received During Preliminary Comment Period and at Public Hearing on the Statement of Scope:

The department was not required to hold a preliminary public hearing on this rule.

8. Comparison with Similar Rules in Adjacent States:

Individual state agencies are responsible for managing fisheries within their state boundaries and each jurisdiction has its own decision-making process. Wisconsin's approach to fisheries management and regulations are comparable to that of surrounding states. Additionally, Wisconsin works with the natural resources agencies of neighboring states when proposing rules relating to fishing in shared boundary waters. The St. Croix River regulation changes described in this rule are also proposed for the Minnesota side of the river, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will be pursuing their rule change on a similar timeline as Wisconsin.

9. Summary of Factual Data and Analytical Methodologies Used and How Any Related Findings Support the Regulatory Approach Chosen:

With this rule, the department will make changes to certain fish size limits, bag limits, seasons, and other regulations related to fishing in inland, outlying, and boundary waters. Fishing regulations are in place to help meet management goals and objectives for the diverse fish populations in waters of the state. Examples include providing a trophy walleye fishery or a bass fishery that maximizes predation on smaller fishes. New regulations are proposed when management goals have changed or the department must address a critical need, such as a fish population decline.

The regulation proposals included in this rule are based on biological surveys and analyses conducted by fisheries biologists and input from local stakeholders and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. Department staff specialists in Fisheries Management, Law Enforcement, and Legal Services review all proposals for justification, enforceability, and completeness.

Based on the management goals for individual waters and species, the department strives to provide:

- consumptive opportunities where anglers can fish for a meal from a self-sustained, slow-growing fish population;
- quality and memorable opportunities where anglers can catch large fish and the density of adult fish in the populations are sustained or increased; and
- trophy opportunities where anglers can catch large trophy-size fish and the survival of older and larger fish is increased.

This rule contains one notable statewide-level regulation reducing the standard walleye daily bag limit from 5 in total to 3 in total (both changes proposed for inland waters only). This proposal received public support as an advisory question at the 2022 spring fish and wildlife hearings prior to being developed as a rule change. The walleye bag limit reduction stems from the department's review of walleye management in Wisconsin through the update of Wisconsin's Walleye Management Plan. During the planning process, the department held multiple regional public input meetings to gauge anglers' preferences for walleye management and regulations. Over 5,000 stakeholders participated in the management plan update process. In addition, a majority of anglers surveyed on southern Wisconsin walleye regulations as part of this process supported the daily bag limit of 3 in total over the current 5-fish daily bag limit. Much of northern Wisconsin already follows a daily bag limit of 3 in total or less for walleye, as do some counties in southern Wisconsin. A bag limit reduction is a proactive approach to managing angling pressure on walleyes in light of changing environmental conditions while also simplifying regulations across the state.

This rule also contains several fishing regulation changes on the lower St. Croix River for which the department is collaborating with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. These regulations have

not been updated in several decades and have generally been more permissive than inland regulations. However, due to changes in habitat and fishing pressure, regulation updates are needed to maintain these sustainable fish populations while continuing to provide good fishing opportunities for St. Croix River anglers on both the Wisconsin and Minnesota sides of the river. In most cases, these regulations will also mirror those for the Mississippi River Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters, which were updated in 2020.

This rule also contains over 40 size and bag limit regulation changes to waters primarily of local interest. The majority of these proposals apply an alternate fisheries management toolbox regulation to specific waters of the state to create consistency in regulation types while maintaining diverse fishing opportunities across the state and responding to public desires for fishing regulation changes.

Most recreational fishing regulation changes are updated in administrative code every two years. Forestalling the proposed rule changes would result in less-than-optimal management of fish populations in waters of the state and reduced fishing opportunities for resident and visiting anglers. However, existing regulations would remain in place to provide some level of continued protection of fish resources.

10. Analysis and Supporting Documents Used to Determine the Effect on Small Business or in Preparation of an Economic Impact Report:

The department does not expect an economic impact or change directly related to implementing these rule changes (less than \$50,000, minimal to no economic impact). The proposed rule will primarily affect recreational anglers, but will not impose any costs on anglers or fishing-related businesses. Fishing regulations are already in place for waters of the state, and this rule is intended to continue protection and enhancement of the state's fish resources by adjusting regulations on specific waters where there is a management need. One purpose of the rule is to help maintain the general, beneficial economic impact of fishing throughout Wisconsin. Updated fishing regulations will also help ensure the sustainability of fish populations for the continued benefit of anglers and the fishing economy into the future.

The department prepared an economic impact analysis and solicited public input to determine if any individuals, businesses, local governments, or other entities expect to be adversely affected economically by the rule. The department received no comments on economic impacts of implementing or complying with this rule.

11. Effect on Small Business (initial regulatory flexibility analysis):

The proposed rule would not impose any reporting requirements on small businesses, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule. The rule would not allow for the potential to establish a reduced fine for small businesses, nor would it establish "alternative enforcement mechanisms" for "minor violations" of administrative rules made by small businesses.

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13. Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:

A public comment period on the draft rule occurred from March 20 to April 14, 2023, with a public hearing on April 12, 2023.

RULE TEXT

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

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))					
(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	53 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28

SECTION 2. NR 20.20 (2) (h) 3. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(2) ASHLAND (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))					
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. All tributaries and connected sloughs to	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	53 in total	15 but only 1 may be longer than 20

	Lake Superior				
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SECTION 3. NR 20.20 (5) (a) 2. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(5) BROWN (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries not specified in this subsection, see sub. (73)).					
(a) All species	2. Unnamed pond (44.61710° N, 88.06849° W), village of Suamico	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

SECTION 4. NR 20.20 (5) (i) 1. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)

(5) BROWN (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries not specified in this subsection, see sub. (73)).					
(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river upstream from DePere dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	<u>53</u> in total	None, pursuant to s. NR 20.35

SECTION 5. NR 20.20 (6) (g) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(6) BUFFALO (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(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	<u>53</u> in total	15

SECTION 6. NR 20.20 (9) (e) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(9) CHIPPEWA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(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	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 <u>13 except the possession of fish from 16 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24</u>

	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				
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SECTION 7. NR 20.20 (11) (g) 2. and 3. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(11) COLUMBIA (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Columbia lake, Baraboo river, Fox river downstream from the westerly crossing of highway 33 at Portage, Crawfish river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	<u>5</u> 3 in total	15
	3. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	<u>5</u> 3 in total	15 minimum but the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28

SECTION 8. NR 20.20 (13) (em) is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(13) DANE (For species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(em) Panfish	1. Mendota lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None

SECTION 9. NR 20.20 (14) (d) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(14) DODGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(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 (Maunsha) creek, Wildcat river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	53 in total	15

SECTION 10. NR 20.20 (16) (h) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
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(16) DOUGLAS (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73)). Note: Allouez bay, Little Pokegama bay, Kimballs bay and Pokegama bay are considered part of the St. Louis river, a Wisconsin–Minnesota boundary water. See sub. (73). The Nemadji river is an inland water that is contiguous with these Wisconsin–Minnesota boundary waters but is regulated under this subsection.					
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	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	53 in total	15 but only 1 may be longer than 20

SECTION 11. NR 20.20 (17) (g) 1m. and (h) 1. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(17) DUNN (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(g) Trout and salmon	1m. Cady creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	35 in total for brown trout and rainbow trout, brook trout shall be immediately released	8-None for brown trout and rainbow trout only, brook trout shall be immediately released
(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	a. Hook and line	Continuous	53 in total	15

	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				
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SECTION 12. NR 20.20 (18) (h) 1. and 2. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(18) EAU CLAIRE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(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	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 3 in total	15

	sloughs and bayous from Altoona dam downstream to the Chippewa river				
	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 18-13 <u>except the possession of fish from 16 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24</u>

SECTION 13. NR 20.20 (20) (e) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(20) FOND DU LAC (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Mullet lake, Rock river including Horicon marsh	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 3 in total	None

SECTION 14. NR 20.20 (23) (f) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(23) GREEN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Pecatonica river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 3 in total	15

SECTION 15. NR 20.20 (24) (f) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(24) GREEN LAKE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river upstream from first dam above Princeton, Maria lake, Puckaway lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 3 in total	15

SECTION 16. NR 20.20 (25) (d) 1. and (g) 2. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(25) IOWA (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(d) Panfish	1. Cox Hollow lake, <u>Blackhawk lake from Plank road upstream to Cave Hollow road</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. East branch Pecatonica river downstream from state highway 39	a. Hook and line	Continuous	≤3 in total	15
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SECTION 17. NR 20.20 (26) (c) 2. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(26) IRON (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))					
(c) Muskellunge	2. Turtle-Flambeau flowage, Bear river, Flambeau river upstream of Turtle-Flambeau flowage (at Murray's Landing), Little Turtle river, Manitowish river upstream of Flambeau river to the Rest lake dam (including Benson lake, Sturgeon lake and Vance lake), Trude lake, including all sloughs, bayous, flowages, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to December 31 on open water	1	50

SECTION 18. NR 20.20 (26) (h) 3. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(26) IRON (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))					
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Tributaries to Lake Superior and their connected sloughs	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	53 in total	15 but only 1 fish may be longer than 20

SECTION 19. NR 20.20 (27) (h) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(27) JACKSON (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Black river downstream of the dam in Black River Falls including bays, backwaters and sloughs connected to the river and tributaries up to the first road crossing or dam.	a. Hook and line	Continuous	53 in total	15

SECTION 20. NR 20.20 (28) (d) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(28) JEFFERSON (For species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(d) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Bean lake, Goose lake, Hahns lake, Mud lake, Red Cedar lake, Scuppernong river downstream from the dam at Palmyra, Waterloo creek downstream from the Malthouse dam, Bark river downstream of state highway 106, Rock river upstream of the lower Watertown dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	53 in total	15

SECTION 21. NR 20.20 (29) (f) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(29) JUNEAU (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					

<p>(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>a. Hook and line</p>	<p>Continuous</p>	<p>53 in total</p>	<p>15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28</p>
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	boundary for Castle Rock lake				
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SECTION 22. NR 20.20 (32) (f) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(32) LA CROSSE (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(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 Santa Fe railroad tracks, Black river including sloughs and bayous upstream to the first dam or highway bridge upstream from Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks crossing upstream of Lake Onalaska	a. Hook and line	Continuous	53 in total	15

SECTION 23. NR 20.20 (33) (g) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(33) LAFAYETTE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(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	53 in total	15

SECTION 24. NR 20.20 (35) (bm) is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(35) LINCOLN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					

(bm) Muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river from the DuBay dam upstream to the Merrill dam and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to December 31 on open water	1	50
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SECTION 25. NR 20.20 (36) (a) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(36) MANITOWOC (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Silver lake, <u>Wilke lake</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18
			Monday following the first Sunday in March to Friday preceding the first Saturday in May	0	None

SECTION 26. NR 20.20 (36) (b) 2. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)

					RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(36) MANITOWOC (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(b) Northern pike	2. Wilke lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	None except the possession of fish from 25 to 35 is prohibited

SECTION 27. NR 20.20 (36) (e) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(36) MANITOWOC (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Michigan and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Silver lake, <u>Wilke lake</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18

SECTION 28. NR 20.20 (37) (cm) is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(37) MARATHON (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					

(cm) Muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river from the DuBay dam upstream to the Merrill dam including Lake DuBay, Mosinee flowage, Half Moon lake, Lake Wausau, Wausau Dam lake, and their sloughs, bayous, flowages, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, Big Rib river upstream to the Rib Falls dam	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to December 31 on open water	1	50
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SECTION 29. NR 20.20 (37) (g) 1. and 4. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(37) MARATHON (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(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	a. Hook and line	Continuous	53 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28

	Eau Claire river, at Lake DuBay, is the southbound lane of Interstate 39 and the eastern boundary of the Wisconsin river and the Eau Claire river is the Schofield dam				
	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	53 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28

SECTION 30. NR 20.20 (39) (d) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(39) MARQUETTE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					

(d) Northern pike	2. Sharon lake, Tuttle Lake, Lake White river system waters from Neshkoro millpond upstream including Neshkoro millpond, Lower White River flowage, West Branch millpond, and Wautoma pond, including all tributaries up to the first dam or barrier impassable to fish	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
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SECTION 31. NR 20.20 (39) (d) 4. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(39) MARQUETTE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(d) Northern pike	4. Wood lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	None except the possession of fish from 25 to 35 is prohibited

SECTION 32. NR 20.20 (39) (g) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
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					RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(39) MARQUETTE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Buffalo lake, Fox river, Grand river downstream from Grand River wildlife area dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	53 in total	15

SECTION 33. NR 20.20 (42) (f) 1. and 2. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(42) MONROE (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(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	53 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28

	2. Black river including bays, backwaters and sloughs connected to the river and tributaries up to the first road crossing or dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	53 in total	15
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SECTION 34. NR 20.20 (43) (a) 1. and (b) 1. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(43) OCONTO (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Kelly lake, <u>Rost lake</u> , <u>Wescott lake</u> , Wheeler lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
			Monday following the first Sunday in March to Friday preceding the first Saturday in May	0	None

SECTION 35. NR 20.20 (45) (g) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE
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			dates inclusive)		RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(45) OUTAGAMIE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river from Appleton lock 1 downstream to the De Pere lock, Fox river from Appleton lock 1 upstream to the Neenah–Menasha dam (Winnebago county); including Little Lake Butte des Morts and its tributaries, sloughs, and backwaters, including Mud creek and Neenah slough	a. Hook and line	Continuous	53 in total	None, pursuant to s. NR 20.35

SECTION 36. NR 20.20 (47) (g) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(47) PEPIN (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Chippewa river downstream to the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe railroad bridge including sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first highway or railroad bridge	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 3 in total	15
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SECTION 37. NR 20.20 (48) (b) 1r. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(48) PIERCE (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(b) Trout and salmon	1r. Pine creek, North Pine creek, Cady creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	<u>35</u> in total for brown and rainbow trout, brook trout shall be immediately released	8 -None for brown trout and rainbow trout only, all brook trout shall be immediately released

SECTION 38. NR 20.20 (49) (c) 1. is repealed.

SECTION 39. NR 20.20 (49) (c) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
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(49) POLK (for species or waters not listed, including the Mississippi river and the St. Croix river, see sub. (73))					
(c) Northern pike	2. Balsam lake, Largon lake, Long lake (T34N R17W S6, S7), 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

SECTION 40. NR 20.20 (50) (c) 1. and (g) 1., 2., and 3. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(50) PORTAGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(c) Muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river <u>north of U.S. highway 10 and the Wisconsin river and Lake DuBay from the DuBay dam upstream to the Merrill dam</u> 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,	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to December 31 on open water	1	50

	will be defined by the southbound lane of Interstate 39; north of U.S. highway 10				
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Bass lake, Pleasant lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 <u>3</u> 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 <u>3</u> 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 downstream from state highway 34	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 <u>3</u> in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28

SECTION 41. NR 20.20 (51) (c) 1. and (h) 1. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(51) PRICE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. 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 <u>13</u> except the possession of fish from 16 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

SECTION 42. NR 20.20 (54) (e) 3. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(54) ROCK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Rock River downstream from the Indianford dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 <u>3</u> in total	15

SECTION 43. NR 20.20 (55) (f) 1. and (g) 1. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(55) RUSK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(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 <u>13</u> except the <u>possession of fish from 16 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24</u>

SECTION 44. NR 20.20 (56) (g) 1. and (h) 1. and 2. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(56) SAUK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					

(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 <u>October 15</u>	All trout caught shall be immediately released <u>5 in total for brown trout and rainbow trout, all brook trout shall be immediately released</u>	<u>— None for brown trout and rainbow trout only, brook trout shall be immediately released</u>
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Baraboo river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	<u>5</u> in total	15
	2. Lower Wisconsin river upstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	<u>5</u> in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28

SECTION 45. NR 20.20 (57) (d) 2. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(d) Northern pike	2. Tiger Cat chain (Upper Twin lake, Lower Twin lake, Tiger Cat flowage, Placid lake, McClaine lake, Burns lake all downstream to the Tiger Cat	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	10 until April 1, 2034 when it becomes 5	None

	flowage combined), Spider chain (Big Spider, Little Spider, Clear, Fawn and North lakes combined), the Chippewa flowage including Lake Chippewa upstream to county highway B, Lac Courte Oreilles chain (Lac Courte Oreilles lake, Little Lac Courte Oreilles lake, and Billy Boy flowage combined)				
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SECTION 46. NR 20.20 (57) (f) 1., 4. and 5. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					

(f) Panfish	1. Christner lake, Moose lake , Nelson lake, Sand lake, Sissabagama lake, Smith lake, Lake Chippewa from the Winter dam upstream to the Moose lake dam on the west fork of the Chippewa river and county highway B on the east fork of the Chippewa river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
	4. Black Dan lake, Durphee lake and Schoolhouse lake combined, <u>Island lake</u> , Lower Holly lake, <u>Osprey lake</u> , 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	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

SECTION 47. NR 20.20 (57) (f) 6. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(f) Panfish	6. Moose lake to the confluence with the west fork of the Chippewa river at Pine Point road	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total until April 1, 2034 when it becomes 10 in total	None except only 1 fish may be longer than 12 until April 1, 2034 when it becomes none

SECTION 48. NR 20.20 (60) (d) 3m. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(60) ST. CROIX (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(d) Trout and salmon	3m. Cady creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	<u>35</u> in total <u>except all brook trout shall be immediately released</u>	<u>8</u> <u>None for brown trout and rainbow trout only, brook trout shall be immediately released</u>

SECTION 49. NR 20.20 (61) (e) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
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(61) TAYLOR (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Jump river 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 inches is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18 <u>13</u> except the possession of fish from 16 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

SECTION 50. NR 20.20 (62) (f) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(62) TREMPEALEAU (for species and waters not listed, including the Mississippi river, see sub. (73))					
(f) Walleye, sauger, and hybrids	1. Black river including bays, backwaters and sloughs connected to the river and tributaries up to the first road crossing or dam.	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 3 in total	15

SECTION 51. NR 20.20 (64) (d) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)

(64) **VILAS** (for species or waters not listed, including the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters, see sub. (73))

<p>(d) Muskellunge</p>	<p>1. Big Sand lake, Little St. Germain lake, Long lake, North Twin lake, <u>Plum lake (T41 R8E S29)</u>, South Twin lake, Trout lake, White Sand lake, Presque Isle chain (Presque Isle lake, Van Vliet lake, and Averill lake combined), <u>Turtle-Flambeau flowage and connected waterbodies including Bear river, Flambeau river upstream of Turtle-Flambeau flowage (at Murray's Landing), Little Turtle river, Manitowish river upstream of Flambeau river to the Rest Lake dam (including Benson lake, Sturgeon lake and Vance lake), Trude lake, and all sloughs, bayous, flowages, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u></p>	<p>a. Hook and line</p>	<p>Saturday nearest Memorial day to December 31 on open water</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>50</p>
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SECTION 52. NR 20.20 (65) (d) 1. and (g) 1. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(65) WALWORTH (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(d) Panfish	1. Lulu lake and Eagle Spring lake (Waukesha county) and the portion of the Mukwonago river connecting the two lakes, <u>Turtle lake</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None

SECTION 53. NR 20.20 (68) (cm) is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(68) WAUKESHA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(cm) Muskellunge	1. Pewaukee lake, Okauchee lake, Oconomowoc lake, Fowler lake, Lac LaBelle and connecting portions of the Oconomowoc river from Lac LaBelle upstream to the inlet of North lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	50

SECTION 54. NR 20.20 (70) (b) 2. and 3. and (f) 1. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(70) WAUSHARA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(b) Northern pike	2. Alpine lake, Morris lake, Big Hills lake, <u>Pearl lake</u> , Pine lake, <u>White river system waters from Neshkoro millpond upstream including Neshkoro millpond, Lower White River flowage, West Branch millpond, and Wautoma pond, including all tributaries up to the first dam or barrier impassable to fish</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
	3. Irogami lake, Long lake, <u>Silver lake</u> , Wilson lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	None except the possession of fish from 25 to 35 is prohibited
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Beans lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 3 in total	15

SECTION 55. NR 20.20 (71) (f) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(71) WINNEBAGO (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Little Lake Butte des Morts and its tributaries, backwaters and sloughs, including Mud creek and Neenah slough, and the Fox River from Neenah–Menasha dam downstream to Appleton lock 1 (Outagamie county)	a. Hook and line	Continuous	53 in total	None, pursuant to s. NR 20.35

SECTION 56. NR 20.20 (72) (g) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(72) WOOD (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(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	a. Hook and line	Continuous	53 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 28 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 28

	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				
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SECTION 57. NR 20.20 (73) (o) 7. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(73) SPECIES OR WATERS NOT LISTED IN SUBS. (1) TO (72)					
(o) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	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	53 in total	15

SECTION 58. NR 20.40 (3s) is created to read:

NR 20.40 (3s) TOURNAMENT SELF-REGISTRATION. A person who organizes a fishing tournament that does not require a permit from the department as determined under subs. (3) and (3m) shall register the event with the department no later than 72 hours prior to the start of the event, in the manner specified by the department, and shall provide all of the following information:

- (a) The date or date range of the event.

(b) The waterbodies that will be fished during the event unless the event is statewide or regional in nature and no specific waterbodies or landings are named.

(c) The estimated number of participants.

(d) The estimated number of boats, unless the event is an ice fishing tournament.

(e) The fish species targeted.

(f) Other information required by the department in the registration form.

SECTION 59. NR 21.04 (2) (a) is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(2) WALLEYE AND SAUGER			
(a) St. Croix river downstream to Prescott <u>upstream of the St. Croix Falls dam</u>	Saturday nearest May 1 to March 1	6 in aggregate	No size limit for sauger, 15 for walleye

SECTION 60. NR 21.04 (2) (b) is created to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(2) WALLEYE AND SAUGER			
(b) St. Croix river from the St. Croix Falls dam downstream to Prescott	Saturday nearest May 1 to March 1	4 in aggregate	No size limit for sauger, 15 for walleye and only one walleye or sauger may be longer than 20

SECTION 61. NR 21.04 (3) (a) is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(3) NORTHERN PIKE			
(a) St. Croix river downstream to Prescott <u>upstream of the St. Croix Falls dam</u>	Saturday nearest May 1 to March 1	5	No size limit

SECTION 62. NR 21.04 (3) (am) is created to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(3) NORTHERN PIKE			
(am) St. Croix river from the St. Croix Falls dam downstream to Prescott	Saturday nearest May 1 to March 1	3	No size limit except only one may be longer than 30

SECTION 63. NR 21.04 (4), (4g), and (4m) are amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality	Open season (both dates inclusive)	Daily bag limit	Minimum length (inches)
(4) SUNFISH AND BLUEGILLS COMBINED			
(a) <u>Mississippi river; Pools 3 to 9, St. Croix river from the St. Croix Falls dam downstream to Prescott including Lake St. Croix</u>	Continuous	15 in total	No size limit
(b) <u>Lake St. Croix, St. Croix river upstream of the St. Croix Falls dam, St. Louis river</u>	Continuous	25 in total	No size limit
(4g) WHITE AND YELLOW BASS COMBINED			
(a) <u>Mississippi river; Pools 3 to 9, St. Croix river from the St. Croix Falls dam downstream to Prescott including Lake St. Croix</u>	Continuous	10 in total	No size limit
(b) <u>Lake St. Croix, St. Croix river upstream of the St. Croix Falls dam, St. Louis river</u>	Continuous	25 in total	No size limit
(4m) CRAPPIES, YELLOW PERCH			
(a) <u>Mississippi river; Pools 3 to 9, St. Croix river from the St. Croix Falls dam downstream to Prescott including Lake St. Croix</u>	Continuous	15 of each	No size limit
(b) <u>Lake St. Croix, St. Croix river upstream of the St. Croix Falls dam, St. Louis river</u>	Continuous	25 of each-	No size limit

SECTION 64. NR 21.04 (5) (a) (intro.) is amended to read:

Kind of fish and locality

(5) CATFISH

(a) St. Louis River and St. Croix river ~~downstream to the highway #10 bridge at Prescott~~ upstream of the St. Croix Falls dam

SECTION 65. NR 21.04 (5) (am) is created to read:

Kind of fish and locality

Open season (both dates inclusive)

Daily bag limit

Minimum length (inches)

(5) CATFISH

(am) St. Croix river from the St. Croix Falls dam downstream to Prescott

1. Hook and line	Continuous	5 channel, 2 flathead	None except only one channel catfish longer than 24 may be kept and only one flathead catfish longer than 24 may be kept
2. Bow and crossbow	Saturday nearest April 21 to March 1	5 channel, 1 flathead	None except only one channel catfish longer than 24 may be kept and only one flathead catfish longer than 24 may be kept
3. By hand	June 1 to August 31	5 channel, 1 flathead	None except only one channel catfish longer than 24 may be kept and only one flathead catfish longer than 24 may be kept

SECTION 66. NR 26.01 (49) (dm) and (68) (am) are created to read:

COUNTY	WATERS	REFUGE BOUNDARIES	START DATE	END DATE
(49) Polk	(dm) St. Croix river	From the upstream side of the state highway 8 bridge (T34N R18W S30)	March 1	June 15

		upstream to the St. Croix Falls dam		
(68) Waukesha	(am) Illinois-Fox river	From Madison street in the city of Waukesha upstream to the Barstow dam	March 1	May 1

SECTION 67. EFFECTIVE DATE. This rule shall take effect on April 1, 2024, except that SECTIONS 59 to 66 take effect on March 1, 2024.

SECTION 68. BOARD ADOPTION. This rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on June 28, 2023.