

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

The statement of scope for this rule, SS 028-16, was approved by the Governor on April 21, 2016, published in Register No. 725A1 on May 2, 2016 and approved by the Natural Resources Board on June 21, 2016. This rule was approved by the Governor on September 7, 2017.

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to repeal NR 20.06 (Note), 20.15 (Note), 20.20 (15) (a), (19) (a), (27) (a), (35) (a) 1., (37) (a), (39) (a), (44) (a), (52) (d) 1., (57) (e) 3., (59) (a) 1., (64) (d) 4., (67) (a) 1., (73) (a) (Note), 20.35 (3) (a) 1. c.; to amend NR 20.06 (1), 20.15 (4), 20.20 (1) (c), (3) (a) 1., (4) (c) 2 and 3., (5) (c) 2., (13) (c) 2., (d) 1., (18) (c) 2., (19) (b) 1., (21) (b) 2., (26) (a) 4. and (e) 1., (29) (c) 1., (30) (f) 1., (32) (b), (c) and (f), (33) (c) 1., (35) (b) 1., (37) (c) 2., (42) (b) 1. and (c) 1., (44) (b) 2. and (c) 1., (50) (c), (51) (e) 2., (52) (f) 1., (56) (d) 1., (57) (c) 7. and (h) 2., (e) 1. and (h) 2., (57) (h) 2., (59) (g) 1., (60) (a) 2., (64) (c) 2., 3. and (d) 1., (64) (i) 4., (65) (b) 3. and (f), (67) (f), (68) (c) 2., (d) 1. and (g) 2., (69) (a), (72) (c), (73) (a) 1.; and to create NR 20.20 (1) (b) 2., (9) (f) 1., (11) (j), (16) (c) 3., (20) (e) 3., (21) (b) 3., (27) (c) 2., (d) 2, (h) 1. (Intro.) and (h) 2., (30) (f) 2., (34) (e) 8., (38) (f) 1., (39) (c) 2., (42) (f) 1. and 2., (43) (a) 1. (d) 2., (44) (d) 5., (49) (a) 2., (52) (c) 3., (52) (f) 2., (54) (e) 2. and (f), (55) (g) 1., (56) (c) 2., (59) (g) 2., (62) (b) 2., (c) 2. and (f), (65) (g), 20.35 (3) (c), (d) and (Note), related to fishing regulations on inland, outlying, and boundary waters, the 2017 fisheries management spring hearing agenda.

FH-10-16

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

**Statutory Authority and 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.

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**Related Statute or Rule:** The department is also promulgating a rule that makes remedial revisions and corrections in the same chapter and section that this rule is primarily modifying. The statement of scope for that rule is SS 014-16 which was published in Register No. 722A4 on February 22, 2016 and the department's board order number is FH-06-16. That rule will be adopted later than this proposal and, if the same sub. par.'s are modified, that will be noted in introductory information in FH-06-16.

**Plain Language Rule Analysis:** These rules will modify regulations with a management objective to provide excellent fishing opportunities statewide. Specifically, these rules would:

SECTIONS 1 to 4, 14, 17, 23, 31, 33, 36, 41, 58, 68, 73 and 74 establish permanent rules related to motor trolling. A sunset of the current trial rules is repealed. Trolling while using up to three lines per person is allowed in most counties. In some counties, trolling is restricted to the use of one line per person with a maximum of three lines used in a boat. Those counties are: Florence, Iron, Lincoln, Oneida, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Vilas and Waupaca.

SECTION 5 establishes a slot size limit for bass on Mason lake in Adams County.

SECTION 6 establishes a 50 inch size limit for muskellunge on the Wisconsin river in all of Adams County.

SECTION 7 increases the bag limit for bass at Big and Little Dummy lakes in Barron County from 3 to 5.

SECTIONS 8 and 9 increase the bag limit for bass at Pigeon lake in Bayfield County and establishes a slot size limit for bass at Atkins lake, Diamond lake, Lake Owen, Middle Eau Claire lake, Namekagon, and Upper Eau Claire Lake.

SECTION 10 increases the bag limit for bass at Lilly lake in Brown County from 3 to 5.

SECTION 11 establishes a 50 inch size limit for muskellunge on Holcomb flowage and Lake Wissota in Chippewa County.

SECTION 12 establishes a 50 inch size limit for muskellunge on the Wisconsin river in Columbia County.

SECTION 13 increases the size limit for bass on Lake Wingra in Dane County from 14 to 18 inches and sets the bag limit at 1. The section also establishes a 50 inch size limit for muskellunge on the Wisconsin river.

SECTION 15 establishes an 18 inch size limit for smallmouth bass and eliminates the size limit for largemouth bass on Bond lake, Lower Eau Claire lake, Upper St. Croix lake, and Whitefish lake in Douglas County.

SECTION 16 increases the daily bag limit for bass on Half Moon lake in Eau Claire County from 3 to 5.

SECTION 18 establishes a slot size limit for bass on Cosgrove and Little Cosgrove lakes in Florence County.

SECTION 19 establishes a 3 fish bag limit and 18 inch size limit for walleyes on Kettle Moraine lake, Long lake, Tittle lake, and Wolf lake in Fond du Lac County.

SECTIONS 20 and 21 increase the bag limit for bass from 3 to 5 on Trump lake and establishes slot size limits and a 5 fish bag limit on Jungle lake and Lake Lucerne in Forest County.

SECTION 22 increases the bag limit for bass from 3 to 5 and, for panfish, establishes a 10 fish bag limit with a size limit of 10 inches for crappies on the Gile flowage in Iron County.

SECTION 24 establishes year round fishing on the Black river in Jackson County.

SECTION 25 establishes a 50 inch size limit for muskellunge on the Wisconsin river in all of Juneau County.

SECTIONS 26 and 27 reduce the bag limit from 5 to 3 and increase the size limit to 18 inches for walleye and sauger in Kenosha County.

SECTION 28 establishes year round fishing on the Black river in La Crosse county.

SECTION 29 increases the bag limit for muskellunge from 0 to 1 and establishes a 50 inch size limit for muskellunge on Yellowstone lake in Lafayette County.

SECTION 30 establishes a lake trout bag limit of 2, 17 inch size limit, and January through September season on Goto lake in Langlade County.

SECTION 32 establishes a 1 fish bag limit and 18 inch size limit for bass at Bass and Long lakes in Lincoln County.

SECTION 34 increases the daily bag limit for bass on Big bass and Mission lakes in Marathon County from 3 to 5.

SECTION 35 establishes a 50 inch size limit for muskellunge on Caldron Falls flowage and High Falls flowage in Marinette County.

SECTION 37 establishes a slot size limit for bass on Mason lake in Marquette County.

SECTIONS 38 and 39 establish year round fishing on the Black river in Monroe County.

SECTION 40 eliminates the minimum length limit for bass in Kelly Lake and establishes a 10 fish bag limit for panfish on Wheeler lake in Oconto County.

SECTIONS 42 and 43 increase the bag limit for bass from 3 to 5 on Oneida lake, establish a 50 inch size limit for muskellunge on Katherine lake and the Willow flowage, and establish a 10 fish bag limit for panfish on Bearskin lake in Oneida County.

SECTION 44 establishes a slot size limit for bass on Deer, Wapogasset, and Bear Trap lakes in Polk County.

SECTION 45 establishes a 50 inch size limit for muskellunge on the Wisconsin river in Portage County.

SECTION 46 establishes that only 10 panfish of a single species are allowed in the bag limit of 25 on Soo lake (Lac Sault Dore), Grassy lake, and the Elk river between Jobs and Wiem dams in Price County.

SECTIONS 47 to 49 reduce the walleye and sauger bag limit from 5 to 3 and increase the size limit to 18 inches county wide, increase the bag limit for northern pike from 2 to 5 and eliminate the minimum size limit on Browns lake, and eliminate special regulations for panfish on Eagle lake in Racine County.

SECTION 50 reduces the walleye and sauger bag limit from 5 to 3 and the size limit to 18 inches, and establishes a 10 fish bag limit for panfish on Lake Leota in Rock County.

SECTION 51 establishes a 50 inch size limit for muskellunge on the Holcombe flowage in Rusk County.

SECTIONS 52 and 53 establish a slot size limit for bass on Devils lake and increase the muskellunge size limit to 50 inches on the Wisconsin river above WI & Southern railroad bridge in Sauk county

SECTION 54 has been removed from the version of the board order that is being adopted.

SECTIONS 55 to 57 modify size and bag limits for fishing in Sawyer County. These SECTIONS eliminate the size limit for largemouth bass and establishes an 18 inch size limit for smallmouth bass on Whitefish and Grindstone lakes. The size limit for muskellunge is increased to 50 inches on a stretch of the Chippewa river where it had not already been in effect, downstream from the Chippewa flowage (Winter dam) to the Arpin dam downstream to and including the Raddison flowage and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, and on Whitefish lake in Sawyer County. Finally, Section 57 establishes a 5 fish bag limit and eliminates the minimum length requirement for trout on Beaver creek, Buckhorn creek and Buckhorn springs, Maple creek and Maple springs.

SECTIONS 59 and 60 reduce the bag limit from 5 to 3 and increase the size limit to 18 inches for walleye and sauger in Sheboygan County.

SECTION 61 increases the daily bag limit for bass from 3 to 5 on Bass, Glen and Squaw lakes in St. Croix County.

SECTION 62 establishes year round fishing on the Black river in Trempealeau County

SECTIONS 63 to 65 modify size and bag limits for fishing in Vilas County. For bass on Annabelle, Boulder, Razorback lakes a 1 fish bag limit and 18 inch size limit are established. On Nebish lake the slot size limit for bass is repealed and a maximum size limit of 14 inches is established. The size limit for muskellunge is increased from 45 to 50 inches on North and South Twin lakes. A walleye bag limit of 3 and size limit of 18 inches is established on Lac Vieux Desert.

SECTIONS 66 and 67 modify size and bag limits for fishing in Walworth County. The bag limit for bass is increase from 3 to 5 on the Lauderdale lakes (Green, Middle and Mill). The bag limit for walleye and sauger is decreased from 5 to 3 and the size limit increased to 18 inches county wide. Finally, the size limit for muskellunge is increased from 45 to 50 inches on Lake Geneva.

SECTION 69 decreases the bag limit for walleye and sauger from 5 to 3 and increases the size limit to 18 inches on all waters in Washington County.

SECTION 70 modifies the size and bag limits for fishing in Waukesha County. The bag limit for bass is increased from 3 to 5 on Eagle Spring lake. The sunset of special regulations for northern pike on Big Muskego lake is extended so that the regulation expires in April, 2021 instead of 2018. Finally, the bag limit for walleye and sauger is decreased from 5 to 3 and the size limit increased to 18 inches county wide.

SECTION 71 increases the bag limit for bass from 3 to 5 on Brekke lake in Waupaca County.

SECTION 72 establishes a 50 inch size limit for muskellunge on the Wisconsin River in Wood County.

SECTIONS 75 to 77 establish new size and bag limit options from which the department can select when establishing a bag or size limit in certain situations. The first option is for bodies of water where a special regulation is in effect. The department could use the process under current rules to replace the special regulation with a general county-wide regulation which is already in place for that county.

Another option would be available for a body of water where fish consumption advisories have been established. On those waters, a size limit could be established that allows consumption of fish of sizes which may be consumed under the recommendations of the advisory. The department could establish a bag limit of zero where the recommendation is that no fish should be consumed.

**Federal Regulatory Analysis:** States may manage the fish and wildlife resources located within their boundaries provided they 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.

**Comparison with rules in Adjacent States:** Individual state or provincial agencies are responsible for managing fisheries within their state boundaries and each jurisdiction has their own decision making process. Wisconsin's approach to fisheries management and our regulations are comparable to that of our surrounding states.

**Summary of Factual Data and Analytical Methodologies:** 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 waters and their fish species, such as 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 surveys and analyses conducted by fish biologists and input from local stakeholders and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. All proposals are peer-reviewed for justification, enforceability, and completeness by department Bureaus of Fisheries Management, Law Enforcement, and Legal Services.

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.

Most recreational fishing regulation changes are updated in Administrative Code every two years. Not making the proposed rule changes would result in less than optimal management of fish populations in the waterbodies 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.

**Anticipated Private Sector Costs and Economic Impact of Implementing the Rule:** It is not expected that there will be any economic impact or change directly related to these rule changes (Governor's Executive Order 50, level 3 economic impact analysis of minimal to no economic impact less than \$50,000). The proposed rule will primarily affect recreational anglers. Regulations are already in place and this rule is intended to continue protection and enhancement of the State's fish resources. One purpose of the rule is to help maintain the general economic impact of fishing throughout Wisconsin.

The department has prepared a preliminary economic impact analysis and will gather public comments in March, 2017 to determine if any individuals, businesses, local governments, or other entities expect to be adversely affected economically by the rule.

**Analysis and Supporting Documents Used to Determine Effect on Small Business:** These rules will apply primarily to individual anglers and are not significantly different from those in place during previous seasons. The proposed rule would not impose any reporting requirements on small businesses and no design or operational standards are proposed 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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**Comment period:** The deadline for written comments was April 10, 2017.

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**SECTION 1. NR 20.06 (1) is amended to read:**

**NR 20.06 (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~~ 3 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.

**SECTION 2. NR 20.06 (1) (Note) is repealed.**

**SECTION 3. NR 20.15 (4) is amended to read:**

**NR 20.15 (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, Door, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac, Forest, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kenosha, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Lafayette, Langlade, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Milwaukee, Monroe, Oconto, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Racine, Richland, Rock, Rusk,

Sauk, Shawano, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washburn, Washington, Waushara, Waukesha, ~~Waupaca~~, Winnebago, and Wood.

**SECTION 4. NR 20.15 (4) (Note) is repealed.**

**SECTION 5. NR 20.20 (1) (b) 2. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (1)</b>					
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass.	2. Mason lake, Parker lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 18	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited

**SECTION 6. NR 20.20 (1) (c) is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (1)</b>					
(c). Muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge upstream from the <del>Castle Rock dam</del>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	45 <u>50</u>

**SECTION 7. NR 20.20 (3) (a) 1. is amended to read:**

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<b>NR 20.20 (3)</b>					
(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 <u>5</u> in total but only 1 may be longer than 18	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited

**SECTION 8. NR 20.20 (4) (c) 2. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (4)</b>					
(c). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Pigeon 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 <u>5</u> for large-mouth bass  3 <u>5</u> 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

**SECTION 9. NR 20.20 (4) (c) 3. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
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NR 20.20 (4)					
(c). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	4. <u>Atkins lake, Diamond lake, Lake Owen, Lower Eau Claire lake, Middle Eau Claire lake, Namekagon (including Jackson and Garden), Upper Eau Claire Lake</u>	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 large-mouth bass  <u>5 in total of which only 1 may be a smallmouth bass</u>	None for <u>large-mouth bass and 18 inches for smallmouth bass</u>

**SECTION 10. NR 20.20 (5) (c) 2. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPENSEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (5)</b>					
(c). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Lilly lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	<del>3</del> <u>5</u> in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

**SECTION 11. NR 20.20 (9) (f) 1. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (9)</b>					
(f). Muskellunge	1. Holcombe flowage, Lake Wissota	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to November 30	1	50

**SECTION 12. NR 20.20 (11) (j) 1. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (9)</b>					
(j). Muskellunge	1. Wisconsin river including Lake Wisconsin	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	50

**SECTION 13. NR 20.20 (13) (c) 2. and (d) 1. are amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (13)</b>					

(c). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Mendota lake, Fish lake, Mud lake (sec 3&4, T9N, R7E), <u>Lake Wingra</u>	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, <u>Wisconsin river downstream to the WI &amp; Southern railroad bridge</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	45 <u>50</u>

**SECTION 14. NR 20.20 (15) (a) is repealed.**

**SECTION 15. NR 20.20 (16) (c) 3. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (13)</b>					
(c). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	3. Bond lake, Lower Eau Claire lake, Upper St. Croix lake, Whitefish 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 large-mouth bass  5 of which only 1 may be a smallmouth bass	None for large-mouth bass and 18 inches for smallmouth bass

**SECTION 16. NR 20.20 (18) (c) 2. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (18)</b>					
(c). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Half Moon lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 <del>5</del> in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

**SECTION 17. NR 20.20 (19) (a) is repealed.**

**SECTION 18. NR 20.20 (19) (b) 1. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (19)</b>					
(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), <u>Cosgrove and Little Cosgrove lakes</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for large-mouth bass	None for large-mouth bass only except the possession of largemouth bass from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish 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

**SECTION 19. NR 20.20 (20) (e) 3. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (20)</b>					
(e) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	3. Kettle Moraine lake, Long lake, Tittle lake, Wolf lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18

**SECTION 20. NR 20.20 (21) (b) 2. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (21)</b>					
(b). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	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, <del>3</del> <u>5</u> 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

**SECTION 21. NR 20.20 (21) (b) 3. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (19)</b>					
(b). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	3. Jungle lake, Lake Lucerne	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 large-mouth bass  5 in total	None

**SECTION 22. NR 20.20 (26) (a) 4. and (e) 1. are amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (26)</b>					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	4. Gile flowage	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, <del>3</del> <u>5</u> for largemouth bass  <del>3</del> <u>5</u> 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

(e). Panfish	1. Turtle–Flambeau flowage including Trude lake, <u>Gile</u> flowage	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	Crappie 10, other species none
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**SECTION 23. NR 20.20 (27) (a) is repealed.**

**SECTION 24. NR 20.20 (27) (c) 2., (d) 2, (h) 1. (Intro.) and (h) 2. are created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (27)</b>					
(c). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	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	5 in total	14
(d). Northern pike	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	2	26
(h) Walleye, sauger, and hybrids	1. All waters except as provided in sub. (2).				

	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	5 in total	15
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**SECTION 25. NR 20.20 (29) (c) 1. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (29)</b>					



(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 <u>50</u>
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**SECTION 26. NR 20.20 (30) (f) 1. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (30)</b>					
(f). Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 <u>3</u> in total	15 <u>18</u>

**SECTION 27. NR 20.20 (30) (f) 2. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (30)</b>					
(f). Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. All other waters not listed	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18

**SECTION 28. NR 20.20 (32) (b), (c) and (f) are amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (33)</b>					

<p>(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass</p>	<p>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 <del>and</del> Santa Fe railroad tracks, <u>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</u></p>	<p>a. Hook and line</p>	<p>Continuous</p>	<p>5 in total</p>	<p>14</p>
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(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 <del>and</del> Santa Fe railroad tracks, <u>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</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
(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 <del>and</del> Santa Fe railroad tracks, <u>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</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	5 in total	15

**SECTION 29. NR 20.20 (33) (c) 1. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (33)</b>					
(c). Muskellunge	1. Yellowstone lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	0 <u>1</u>	<u>50</u>

**SECTION 30. NR 20.20 (34) (e) 8. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (34)</b>					
(e) Trout and salmon	8. Goto 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	Lake trout 17

**SECTION 31. NR 20.20 (35) (a) 1. is repealed.**

**SECTION 32. NR 20.20 (35) (b) 1. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (35)</b>					

(b). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Bass lake, Long lake, 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

**SECTION 33. NR 20.20 (37) (a) is repealed.**

**SECTION 34. NR 20.20 (37) (c) 2. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (37)</b>					
(c). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Big bass lake, Mission lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	3 <u>5</u> in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

**SECTION 35. NR 20.20 (38) (f) 1. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (38)</b>					
(f). Muskellunge	1. Caldron Falls flowage, High Falls flowage	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50

**SECTION 36. NR 20.20 (39) (a) is repealed.**

**SECTION 37. NR 20.20 (39) (c) 2. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (39)</b>					
(c). Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Mason lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 18	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited

**SECTION 38. NR 20.20 (42) (b) 1. and (c) 1. are amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (42)</b>					

<p>(b). Largemouth and smallmouth bass</p>	<p>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, <u>Black river including bays, backwaters and sloughs connected to the river and tributaries up to the first road crossing or dam.</u></p>	<p>a. Hook and line</p>	<p>Continuous</p>	<p>5 in total</p>	<p>14</p>
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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, <u>Black river including bays, backwaters and sloughs connected to the river and tributaries up to the first road crossing or dam.</u>	a. Hook and line	Continuous	2	26
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**SECTION 39. NR 20.20 (42) (f) 2. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (42)</b>					
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	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	5 in total	15

**SECTION 40. NR 20.20 (43) (a) 1. and (d) 2. are created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (43)</b>					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Kelly lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None
(d) Panfish	2. Wheeler lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None

**SECTION 41. NR 20.20 (44) (a) is repealed.**

**SECTION 42. NR 20.20 (44) (b) 2. and (c) 1. are amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (44)</b>					
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Oneida lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June  Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	0 for smallmouth bass, <del>3</del> <u>5</u> for largemouth bass  <u>3</u> <u>5</u> in total	None for <del>largemouth bass</del> except the possession of largemouth bass 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, Katherine lake, Willow flowage	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50

**SECTION 43. NR 20.20 (44) (d) 5. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (44)</b>					
(d) Panfish	5. Bearskin lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None

**SECTION 44. NR 20.20 (49) (a) 2. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (49)</b>					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Deer lake, Wapogasset lake, Bear Trap 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	None  5 in total	---  None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

**SECTION 45. NR 20.20 (50) (c) 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 RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (50)</b>					

(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	<del>45</del> <u>50</u>
	2. Wisconsin river including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge, south of U.S. highway 10	b. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	<del>45</del> <u>50</u>

**SECTION 46. NR 20.20 (51) (e) 2. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (51)</b>					

(e) Panfish	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, <u>Soo lake (Lac Sault Dore)</u> , <u>Grassy lake, Elk river between Jobes and Wiem dams</u>	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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**SECTION 47. NR 20.20 (52) (c) 3. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (52)</b>					
(c) Northern pike	3. Browns lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None

**SECTION 48. NR 20.20 (52) (d) 1. is repealed.**

**SECTION 48m. NR 20.20 (52) (f) 1. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (52)</b>					

(f). Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Fox river downstream from Waterford dam, White river downstream from Burlington dam	a. Hook and line	Continuous	<del>5</del> <u>3</u> in total	<del>15</del> <u>18</u>
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**SECTION 49. NR 20.20 (52) (f) 2. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (52)</b>					
(f). Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18

**SECTION 50. NR 20.20 (54) (e) 2. and (f) 1. are created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (54)</b>					
(e). Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Lake Leota	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
(f) Panfish	1. Lake Leota	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None

**SECTION 51. NR 20.20 (55) (g) 1. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (55)</b>					
(g). Muskellunge	1. Holcombe flowage	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to November 30	1	50

**SECTION 52. NR 20.20 (56) (c) 2. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (56)</b>					
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass.	2. Devils lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total but only 1 may be longer than 18	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited

**SECTION 53. NR 20.20 (56) (d) 1. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (56)</b>					

(d) Muskellunge	1. <u>Redstone lake, Wisconsin river downstream to the WI &amp; Southern railroad bridge including sloughs, bayous and flowages upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to December 31	1	50
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**SECTION 54.** The modification this section would have made has been removed from the order.

**SECTION 55.** NR 20.20 (57) (c) 7. and , (e) 1. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (57)</b>					
(c) Largemouth and 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), <u>Whitefish lake, Grindstone lake (including Little Grindstone)</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the 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 but only 1 fish may be smallmouth bass	None for largemouth bass only  None for largemouth bass, 18 for smallmouth bass



(e) Muskellunge	1. Chippewa flowage (and all connected waters within T39N R6, T39N R7, T39N R8, T40N R6, T40N R7 and T40N R8 <del>except</del> <u>including the Chippewa river downstream from the Chippewa flowage (Winter) dam) to the Arpin dam downstream to and including the Raddison flowage and all tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake, Grindstone lake, Lac Courte Oreilles lake, Whitefish lake</u>	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	50
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**SECTION 56. NR 20.20 (57) (e) 3. is repealed.**

**SECTION 57. NR 20.20 (57) (h) 2. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (57)</b>					

(h) Trout and salmon	2. Badger creek, Bean brook, Beaver creek, <u>Buckhorn creek</u> and Buckhorn springs, Chimpanazie creek, Deer creek (Meteor township), Forty-one creek, Hackett creek, Hatchery creek, <u>Maple creek and Maple springs</u> , 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
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**SECTION 58. NR 20.20 (59) (a) 1. is repealed.**

**SECTION 59. NR 20.20 (59) (g) 1. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (59)</b>					
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. Sheboygan marsh	a. Hook and line	Continuous	<del>5</del> <u>3</u> in total	<del>15</del> <u>18</u>

**SECTION 60. NR 20.20 (59) (g) 2. is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (59)</b>					

(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. All other waters	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18
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**SECTION 61. NR 20.20 (60) (a) 2. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHOR- IZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (60)</b>					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Bass lake, Glen lake, Squaw lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 <u>5</u> in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

**SECTION 62. NR 20.20 (62) (b) 2., (c) 2. and (f) 1. are created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHOR- IZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (62)</b>					
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	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	5 in total	14

(c). Northern pike	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	2	26
(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 in total	15

**SECTION 63. NR 20.20 (64) (c) 2., 3, and (d) 1. are amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHOR- IZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (64)</b>					

(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2., <u>Annabelle lake</u> , Big Portage lake, Big Muskellunge lake, <u>Boulder lake</u> , 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, <u>Razorback</u> , Salsich lake, Sparkling lake, Star lake, Trout lake, Wabasso lake, West Plum lake, White Sand lake (T42N, R7E, S27), Whitney lake  Note: Averill, Presque Isle, and Van Vliet lakes are the Presque Isle Chain.	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
	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 <u>bass larger than 14</u> is prohibited
(d) Muskellunge	1. <u>Big Sand lake</u> , Little St. Germain lake, <u>Long Lake</u> , <u>North Twin lake</u> , <u>South Twin Lake</u> Trout lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to November 30	1	45 <u>50</u>

**SECTION 64. NR 20.20 (64) (d) 4. is repealed.**

**SECTION 65. NR 20.20 (64) (i) 4. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (64)</b>					
(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	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), <u>Lac Vieux Desert</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18

**SECTION 66. NR 20.20 (65) (b) 3. and (f) are amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (65)</b>					
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	3. <u>Lulu lake and connecting portions of the Mukwonago river with Eagle Spring lake, Lauderdale lakes (Green, Middle and Mill)</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	<del>3</del> <u>5</u> in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	1. <del>Delavan lake and its tributaries</del> <u>All waters not listed.</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18

**SECTION 67. NR 20.20 (65) (g) is created to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (65)</b>					
(g) Muskellunge	1. Lake Geneva	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to November 30	1	50

**SECTION 68. NR 20.20 (67) (a) 1. is repealed.**

**SECTION 69. NR 20.20 (67) (f) is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (67)</b>					
(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	<del>1. Big Cedar lake, Gilbert lake</del> <u>All waters not listed.</u>	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18

**SECTION 70. NR 20.20 (68) (c) 2., (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 RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (68)</b>					

(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Eagle Spring lake and connecting portions of the Mukwonago river with Lulu lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 <u>5</u> 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, <del>2018</del> , <u>2021</u> when it becomes 2	40 until April 1, <del>2018</del> , <u>2021</u> when it becomes 26
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. <del>Nagawicka lake, Oconomowoc lake, Pewaukee lake, Pine lake</del> All waters not listed	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18

**SECTION 71. NR 20.20 (69) (a) 2. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (69)</b>					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Brekke lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 <u>5</u> in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

**SECTION 72. NR 20.20 (72) (c) 1. is amended to read:**

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



<b>NR 20.20 (72)</b>					
(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 <u>50</u>

**SECTION 73. NR 20.20 (73) (a) 1. is amended to read:**

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
<b>NR 20.20 (73)</b>					
(a) All species	1. Green Bay, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Winnebago system waters, <del>all Lake Michigan and Green Bay tributaries in</del> 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

**SECTION 74. NR 20.20 (73) (a) (Note), which establishes a sunset of the SECTION on 5-4-18, is repealed.**

**SECTION 75. NR 20.35 (3) (a) 1. c. is repealed.**

**SECTION 76. NR 20.35 (3) (c) is created to read:**

**NR 20.35 (3) (c) Statewide size and bag limits.** Upon making a determination under sub. (2), the department may establish that a general size and bag limit found in the statewide table under s. NR 20.20 (73) is in effect.

**SECTION 77. NR 20.35 (3) (d) and (Note) are created to read:**

**NR 20.35 (3) (d)** *Size and bag limits where fish consumption advisories have been established.*

The department may establish an alternate size or bag limit upon finding that one of the following conditions exist in fish sampled from a particular water: More than 10% of the fish tested of that species, 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. Upon making a determination under sub. (2) (c):

1. The size limit shall be established so that it allows consumption of fish of sizes which may be consumed under the recommendations of a health guide for eating fish in Wisconsin as published on the department's website.

2. The bag limit shall be zero where the recommendation is that no fish should be consumed.

**Note:** "Choose Wisely, A Health Guide for Eating Fish in Wisconsin" is a brochure that helps people plan how much fish they can safely eat. It is based on testing conducted on individual waters and also contains statewide recommendations. Printed copies may be available at department offices and the brochure is also located on the department's website. Information in Hmong and Spanish languages is available on the department's website.

**SECTION 78. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This rule shall take effect on April 1, 2018 following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as provided in s. 227.22 (2) Stats. except for SECTIONS 24, 28, 38 and 39, which shall take effect on March 1, 2018.

**SECTION 79. BOARD ADOPTION.** This rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on May 24, 2017.