

## Chapter NR 26

## FISH REFUGES

NR 26.01 Fish refuges.

NR 26.02 Lake Superior Fish refuges.

**Note:** Section 23.09, Stats., provides statutory authority for this chapter.

**Note:** Ch. NR 26 was repealed and created effective January 1, 1977 Register December 1976 No. 252. Ch. NR 26 was repealed and recreated by CR 15-023 effective January 1, 2016 Register December 2015 No. 720.

and established as fish refuges and it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to take, disturb, catch, capture, kill, or fish for fish in any manner at any time listed, including the start and end dates, each year in, on, or along the following described water areas.

**NR 26.01 Fish refuges.** The following areas are created

| COUNTY       | WATERS                                                        | REFUGE BOUNDARIES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | START DATE  | END DATE                               |
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| (3) Barron   | (a) Beaver Dam lake inlets                                    | Cumberland ditch (unnamed, SW ¼ of the NE ¼, section 5, T35N, R13W) upstream to Riebe lake (unnamed, SW ¼ of the NW ¼, section 4, T36N, R13W)                                                                                                                                                               | April 1     | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|              | (b) Granite lake inlet                                        | Unnamed stream in SW ¼ of the NW ¼, T36N, R13W upstream to U.S. highway 63 (SW ¼ of the SE ¼, section 18, T36N, R13W)                                                                                                                                                                                       | April 1     | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|              | (c) Hemlock creek                                             | That part of Hemlock creek in the NW ¼ of the NE ¼, section 36, T36N, R10W) upstream 500 feet                                                                                                                                                                                                               | April 1     | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|              | (d) Rice creek                                                | From 100 feet north of state highway 8 to 100 feet south of state highway 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | April 1     | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|              | (e) Spring creek                                              | From 100 feet north of county highway M to 100 feet south of county highway M                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | April 1     | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|              | (f) Turtle creek                                              | From Upper Turtle lake downstream to Lower Turtle lake                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | April 1     | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| (4) Bayfield | (a) Bayfield hatchery outlet ditch                            | Bayfield hatchery downstream to the outlet ditch confluence with Pike's creek                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | July 15     | October 31                             |
|              | (b) Eau Claire chain of lakes                                 | That part of the Eau Claire river system connecting the Eau Claire chain of lakes in Barnes township                                                                                                                                                                                                        | April 15    | May 15                                 |
|              | (c) Pikes creek                                               | Structure commonly known as Red dam downstream 100 feet (section 28, T50N, R4W)                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | April 1     | May 31                                 |
|              | (d) Sioux river                                               | "Big Rock Hole" downstream 200 feet (section 19, T49N, R4W)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | September 1 | May 31                                 |
| (5) Brown    | (a) Fox river                                                 | Beginning at the De Pere dam in the city of De Pere (T23N, R20E) downstream to the downstream side of the Wisconsin Public Service power lines from the east shore of the river and extending parallel to the power lines in a southwesterly direction to the northeast corner of the Nicolet Paper Company | March 1     | May 31                                 |
|              | (b) Sensiba wildlife area discharge area to the Suamico river | From the dike to the south end of the culvert under Sunset Beach road (section 24, T25N, R20E)                                                                                                                                                                                                              | March 1     | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |

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| <b>(9) Chippewa</b>             | (a) Chippewa river                     | Jim Falls Dam at section 29, T30N, R7W downstream 1000 feet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Continuous                                                                                                                                              | Continuous                             |
|                                 | (b) Chippewa river                     | From 1,000 feet below the Jim Falls dam (section 20, T30N, R7W) downstream to county highway Y bridge (section 30, T30N, R7W)                                                                                                                                                                      | First Saturday in September                                                                                                                             | October 15                             |
|                                 | (c) Otter creek                        | Otter lake dam (section 11, T30N, R5W) downstream 300 feet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | March 1                                                                                                                                                 | May 15                                 |
|                                 | (d) Yellow river                       | Cadott (Svetlik) dam (section 31, T29N, R6W) downstream to the Main street (also known as 257th street) bridge in Cadott when posted closed to fishing with department signs                                                                                                                       | March 1                                                                                                                                                 | May 15                                 |
| <b>(10) Clark</b>               | (a) Eau Claire river (South Fork)      | Mead Lake dam downstream 500 feet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | March 1                                                                                                                                                 | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| <b>(13) Dane</b>                | (a) University of Wisconsin Arboretum  | All springs, spring holes, streams, potholes and lagoons lying within the boundaries of the University of Wisconsin Arboretum located in section 9, township 6 north, range 9 east, town of Madison, and in sections 26, 27, 28, 32, 33, and 35, township 7 north, range 9 east, town of Fitchburg | Continuous                                                                                                                                              | Continuous                             |
|                                 | (b) Wingra creek                       | Entire spillway of Wingra lake and downstream from spillway to the Arboretum drive bridge                                                                                                                                                                                                          | March 1                                                                                                                                                 | May 15                                 |
|                                 | (c) Yahara river, city of Madison      | Tenney locks (section 12, T7N, R9E) downstream 900 feet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | March 1                                                                                                                                                 | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                                 | (d) Yahara river, village of McFarland | From Exchange street bridge (sections 3 and 10, T6N, R10E) downstream 600 feet and upstream to the lock and dam                                                                                                                                                                                    | March 1                                                                                                                                                 | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                                 | (e) Yahara river, village of McFarland | Beginning 400 feet upstream from the Dyreson road bridge (section 14 T6N, R10E) upstream 1,000 feet                                                                                                                                                                                                | March 1                                                                                                                                                 | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                                 | (f) Yahara river (Dunkirk dam)         | Dunkirk dam (section 20, T5N, R11E) downstream to county highway N (section 21, T5N, R11E)                                                                                                                                                                                                         | March 1                                                                                                                                                 | May 15                                 |
|                                 | <b>(14) Dodge</b>                      | (a) Beaver Dam creek                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | County highway G bridge (NW ¼ of the NE ¼, section 17, T12N, R13E) downstream to the mouth at Beaver Dam lake (SW ¼ of the SW ¼, section 9, T12N, R13E) | March 1                                |
| (b) Mill creek                  |                                        | Fox Lake dam (SW ¼ of the NE ¼, section 26, T13N, R13E) downstream to Beaver Dam lake (SW ¼ of the SW ¼, section 3, T12N, R13E)                                                                                                                                                                    | March 1                                                                                                                                                 | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| (c) Rock river (Hustisford dam) |                                        | Hustisford dam, in the village of Hustisford, downstream 725 feet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | March 1                                                                                                                                                 | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| <b>(15) Door</b>                | (a) Ahnapee river                      | Forestville dam (section 29, T26N, R25E) downstream 500 feet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | March 1                                                                                                                                                 | May 15                                 |
|                                 | (b) Samuelsons creek                   | From Samuelsons creek mouth at the Sturgeon Bay ship canal upstream to its source                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Continuous                                                                                                                                              | Continuous                             |
|                                 | (c) Strawberry creek                   | Sturgeon Bay ship canal upstream to the source of Strawberry creek (SE ¼ of the SE ¼, section 16, T27N, R26E)                                                                                                                                                                                      | September 1                                                                                                                                             | December 31                            |

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|                         | (d) Sturgeon Bay ship canal    | Canal area within 500 feet of Strawberry creek in the SE ¼ of the SE ¼, section 16, T22N, R26E <sup>1</sup>                              | September 1                                | December 31                            |
|                         | (e) Mink River                 | Mink river downstream to its mouth at Rowley bay                                                                                         | Monday following the first Sunday in March | June 15                                |
| <b>(16) Douglas</b>     | (a) Brule river                | 100 feet upstream and 100 feet downstream from "Box Car Hole" (section 2, T47N, R10W)                                                    | July 15                                    | October 31                             |
|                         | (b) Brule river                | From the upper falls downstream to the upstream end of the island – area known as Skid Mays or Mays Ledges section 15, T48N, R10W        | September 1                                | May 31                                 |
|                         | (br) Brule river               | 500 feet upstream and downstream from sea lamprey barrier                                                                                | Continuous                                 | Continuous                             |
|                         | (c) St. Louis river            | State highway 23 bridge (section 8, T48N, R15W) upstream to the Wisconsin–Minnesota border                                               | March 1                                    | May 18                                 |
| <b>(17) Dunn</b>        | (a) Red Cedar river            | Cedar Falls dam located at section 6, township 28 north, range 12 west downstream 4,300 feet                                             | January 1                                  | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| <b>(18) Eau Claire</b>  | (a) Eau Claire river           | Altoona dam (NW ¼ SW ¼, section 14, T27N, R9W) downstream 500 feet                                                                       | March 1                                    | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| <b>(20) Fond Du Lac</b> | (a) Silver creek               | County highway NN (old state highway 23) downstream to the Green Lake–Fond du Lac county line                                            | March 1                                    | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| <b>(23) Green</b>       | (a) Sugar river                | Albany dam downstream 500 feet                                                                                                           | March 1                                    | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                         | (b) Sugar river                | Decatur dam downstream 500 feet                                                                                                          | March 1                                    | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                         | (c) Sugar river                | Old Brodhead power house site spillway downstream 500 feet                                                                               | March 1                                    | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| <b>(24) Green Lake</b>  | (a) Silver creek               | Fond du Lac–Green Lake county line downstream to the Spaulding bridge (SE ¼ of the SE ¼, section 23, T16N, R13E)                         | March 1                                    | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| <b>(25) Iowa</b>        | (a) Cox Hollow lake            | Within 100 feet of the shoreline on the southern arm of the lake that is marked with buoys                                               | Third Monday of May                        | 19 days later                          |
| <b>(26) Iron</b>        | (a) Fisher and Catherine lakes | That part of the connecting inlets and outlets between the lakes in section 2, T43N, R4E for 200 feet on either side of Fisher Lake road | April 1                                    | May 14                                 |

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|                    | (b) Flambeau river                             | Turtle–Flambeau dam downstream to the U.S. government gaging station (part of the Flambeau river located in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ and SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of section 34, township 42 north, range 2 east, and the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ and the NW ¼ of the NE ¼ of section 3, township 41 north, range 2 east, beginning at the dam in and across the Flambeau river in section 34, township 42 north, range 2 east, commonly known as the Turtle–Flambeau dam and extending downstream from said dam to the U.S. government gaging station of said river in the NE ¼ of the NW ¼ of said section 3)                                                                                                                                                                               | Continuous                                           | Continuous                                     |
|                    | (c) Gile flowage at Junk Shop Dike (Dirt Dike) | 200 feet upstream and downstream from Junk Shop Dike on Knight road where it crosses the flowage (between section 36, township 46 north, range 2 east, and section 1, township 45 north, range 2 east)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | April 1                                              | May 14                                         |
|                    | (d) Gile Flowage at county highway C           | 200 feet upstream and downstream from county highway C (SW ¼ of the NW ¼, and in the NW ¼ of the SW ¼, section 1, township 45 north, range 2 east)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | April 1                                              | May 14                                         |
|                    | (e) Manitowish river                           | Bridge at state highway 47 (section 9, T42N, R4E) upstream to the Vilas county line                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | First Saturday in May                                | June 1                                         |
|                    | (f) Mercer creek                               | Between Mercer lake and Grand Portage lake (section 36, T43N, R3E)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | April 1                                              | May 14                                         |
|                    | (g) Turtle–Flambeau river (Seifert’s Point)    | Within 200 feet of the shoreline of the peninsula in section 5, T41N, R3E, commonly known as Seifert’s Point                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | April 1                                              | May 14                                         |
|                    | (h) Turtle river                               | Lake of the Falls dam (in section 6, township 42 north, range 3 east) downstream 1,000 feet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | April 1                                              | May 14                                         |
| <b>(29) Juneau</b> | (a) Meadow Valley flowage                      | That part of the Meadow Valley flowage beginning at a point in the E ½ of section 10, township 20 north, range 2 east, where the drainage ditch intersects the Meadow Valley flowage road; then northerly along the east spoil bank of said ditch to the junction of a brushed line at the approximate interior quarter corner of section 3, township 20 north, range 2 east; then west along said brushed line to its junction with the east–west drainage ditch; then westerly along the north spoil bank of said ditch to its junction with the main north–south drainage ditch; then south along the west spoil bank of said ditch to its point of intersection with the Meadow Valley flowage road; then east along said Meadow Valley road to the point of beginning | Beginning of migratory waterfowl hunting open season | End of migratory waterfowl hunting open season |
|                    | (b) Meadow Valley flowage                      | That part of the Meadow Valley flowage lying in the following described area:<br>Township 20 north, range 2 east.<br>Section 1 – W ½<br>Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 – Entire sections<br>Section 7 – N ½<br>Section 8 – N ½<br>Section 9 – N ½<br>Section 10 – N ½<br>Section 11 – All that part lying north of the Meadow Valley flowage road and west of state highway 173.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | March 1                                              | June 30                                        |

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| (31) Kewaunee  | (a) Flume of Kewaunee Nuclear power plant    |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Continuous | Continuous                             |
|                | (b) Kewaunee river                           | From county highway F bridge upstream 500 feet past the fish return pipe of the Kewaunee river coho salmon spawning facility (W ½ of section 14, township 23 north, range 24 east, town of West Kewaunee) | Continuous | Continuous                             |
| (34) Langlade  | (a) Wolf river                               | Post lake dam downstream 75 feet to the bottom of the first rapids                                                                                                                                        | April 1    | May 31                                 |
| (35) Lincoln   | (a) Little Somo river                        | Dam in section 27, T35N, R5E downstream 900 feet                                                                                                                                                          | March 1    | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                | (b) Tomahawk river                           | Jersey dam in section 28, T35N, R6E downstream to the railroad trestle                                                                                                                                    | March 1    | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| (36) Manitowoc | (a) Flume of Point beach Nuclear power plant |                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Continuous | Continuous                             |
| (38) Marinette | (a) Peshtigo river                           | Badger Paper Mill dam in the city of Peshtigo (section 19, T30N, R23E) downstream 300 feet                                                                                                                | March 1    | May 31                                 |
| (39) Marquette | (a) Grand river                              | Grand River wildlife dam located in the NW ¼ of the NW ¼ of section 1, township 14 north, range 10 east downstream 50 feet                                                                                | Continuous | Continuous                             |
|                | (b) Grand river                              | Beginning 50 feet downstream from the Grand river wildlife area dam (NW ¼ NW ¼, sec. 1, T14N, R10E) extending downstream 300 feet                                                                         | March 1    | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                | (c) Montello river                           | Lake Montello dam (NE ¼ SE ¼, sec. 8, T15N, R10E) downstream to the first bridge crossing                                                                                                                 | March 1    | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| (44) Oneida    | (a) Little Rice creek                        | Oneida lake dam (NE ¼ of the NE ¼, section 8) downstream to Hancock lake                                                                                                                                  | April 10   | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                | (b) Pelican river                            | The 5th lake dam of the Moen lake chain (SE ¼, section 4, T36N, R10E) downstream 500 feet                                                                                                                 | April 10   | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                | (c) Squirrel river                           | Squirrel lake dam downstream 500 feet (NW ¼ of the NE ¼, section 30, T39N, R5E)                                                                                                                           | April 10   | May 10                                 |
|                | (d) Tomahawk river                           | Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company bridge (NE ¼ of the NE ¼, section 27, T38N, R5E) downstream 500 feet                                                                                                 | April 10   | May 20                                 |
|                | (e) Willow river                             | Upstream end of the rapids (NE ¼ of the NE ¼, section 15, T37N, R4E) downstream 2,000 feet                                                                                                                | April 10   | May 20                                 |
|                | (f) Wisconsin river                          | Rainbow flowage dam (at county highway D, SW ¼ of the SW ¼, section 30, T39N, R8E) downstream 500 feet                                                                                                    | April 10   | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| (46) Ozaukee   | (a) Milwaukee river                          | Fishway at the Thiensville–Mequon Dam: 750 feet around the dam located at river mile 20                                                                                                                   | Continuous | Continuous                             |
| (49) Polk      | (a) Balsam branch                            | Wapogasset lake (NE ¼ of the NW ¼, section 14, T33N, R17W) upstream to the dam at Kennedy's Mill (SE ¼ of the SE ¼, section 10, T33N, R17W)                                                               | April 1    | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |

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|                    | (b) Butternut creek             | Between Big Butternut lake and Little Butternut lake in Luck township                                                                                                                       | April 1                                | Friday preceding first Saturday in May   |
|                    | (c) Harder creek                | Between Balsam lake and Half Moon lake in Milltown township                                                                                                                                 | April 1                                | Friday preceding first Saturday in May   |
|                    | (d) Horse creek                 | Horse creek in NW¼ of the SE ¼, section 27, T32N, R18W (Cedar lake inlet) upstream 1,000 feet                                                                                               | April 1                                | Friday preceding first Saturday in May   |
|                    | (dm) St. Croix river            | From the upstream side of the state highway 8 bridge (T34N R18W S30) upstream to the St. Croix Falls dam                                                                                    | March 1                                | June 15                                  |
|                    | (e) Sucker creek                | From the outlet of Lake Wapogasset downstream to the county highway F bridge (section 26, T33N, R17W)                                                                                       | April 1                                | Friday preceding first Saturday in May   |
| <b>(51) Price</b>  | (a) Flambeau river (North Fork) | Upper Park Falls dam downstream to the state highway 182 bridge                                                                                                                             | Continuous                             | Continuous                               |
|                    | (b) Schnur creek                | From west shore of Schnur lake to its mouth on the east shore of Butternut lake (SE ¼ of NE ¼, section 5, T40N, R1W)                                                                        | April 1                                | May 31                                   |
|                    | (c) Spirit river                | Spirit lake dam downstream 500 feet                                                                                                                                                         | April 1                                | May 31                                   |
| <b>(52) Racine</b> | (a) Root river                  | At Lincoln Park in the city of Racine, from 200 feet downstream from the fish ladder and extending 100 feet past the instream fish barrier of the Root river steelhead facility             | August 1                               | Friday preceding first Saturday in May   |
|                    | (b) Root river                  | At Lincoln Park in the city of Racine, from 100 feet downstream from the fish return pipe and extending upstream to 100 feet past the fish return pipe of the Root river steelhead facility | August 1                               | Friday preceding first Saturday in May   |
| <b>(55) Rusk</b>   | (a) Flambeau river              | Within 200 feet downstream of all hydroelectric dams (closed to all fishing during the muskellunge closed season)                                                                           | End muskellunge season (Northern zone) | Start muskellunge season (Northern zone) |
|                    | (b) Thornapple river            | Confluence with Chippewa river in section 4, T34N, R7W upstream to the Thornapple road crossing in section 33, T35N, R1W                                                                    | April 25                               | May 14                                   |
| <b>(57) Sawyer</b> | (a) Chief river                 | From 200 feet upstream from the county highway B bridge upstream to the dam at the outlet of Callahan lake (sections 34 and 35, T41N, R7W)                                                  | April 15                               | June 1                                   |
|                    | (b) Chippewa river              | Arpin Dam located in section 23, T38N, R7W downstream 500 feet                                                                                                                              | Continuous                             | Continuous                               |
|                    | (c) Chippewa river              | Winter dam (the gate of the reservoir dam, in government lots 1 and 9 in section 2, T39 N, R6W) downstream 1,000 feet                                                                       | April 15                               | June 1                                   |
|                    | (d) Connor creek                | Between Lake of the Pines (Pickerel lake) and Connor lake (section 22, T38N, R3W)                                                                                                           | April 1                                | May 14                                   |
|                    | (e) Knuteson creek              | Between Chetac lake (section 9, T37N, R9W) and Knuteson lake (section 10, R37N, R9W)                                                                                                        | April 1                                | May 14                                   |
|                    | (f) Squaw creek                 | From Chetach lake upstream 1,000 feet (section 33, T38N, R9W)                                                                                                                               | April 1                                | May 14                                   |
|                    | (g) Totogatic river             | From Nelson lake (in section 2 T42N, R9W) upstream to Seeley Fire Lane road crossing (section 2, T42N, R9W)                                                                                 | April 1                                | May 14                                   |
|                    | (h) Whitefish creek             | Whitefish lake to Lac Courte Oreilles (sections 11 and 12, T39N, R9W)                                                                                                                       | April 15                               | June 1                                   |

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| <b>(58) Shawano</b>    | (a) Embarrass river                | County highway M bridge (SE ¼ section 9, T26N, R14E) downstream to Rangeline road (SE ¼, section 13, T26N, R14E)                                                  | April 1               | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                        | (b) Wolf river                     | Shawano Paper Mill dam downstream to the Shawano county highway M bridge (SW ¼, section 36, T27N, R15E)                                                           | April 1               | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| <b>(61) Taylor</b>     | (a) Otter creek                    | County highway H, on the Chippewa–Taylor county line, upstream to the north boundary of section 19, T30N, R4W                                                     | March 1               | May 15                                 |
| <b>(64) Vilas</b>      | (a) Allequash creek                | County highway M (NW ¼ of the NW ¼, section 20, T41N, R7E) downstream to Trout lake and into Trout lake for a distance of 100 feet in all directions              | April 10              | May 15                                 |
|                        | (b) Big Arbor Vitae lake outlet    | From the lake outlet (NE ¼ of the SE ¼, section 30, T40N, R7E) downstream 500 feet                                                                                | April 10              | May 10                                 |
|                        | (c) Helen creek                    | Entire creek from Mamie lake (SE ¼ of the NW ¼, section 20, T43N, R9E) upstream to the creek source (NW ¼ of the SW ¼, section 31, T43N, R9E)                     | April 10              | May 10                                 |
|                        | (d) Little Arbor Vitae lake outlet | Little Arbor Vitae lake dam downstream to Carrol lake, except unnamed lakes (NE ¼ of the SE ¼, section 33, T40N, R7E)                                             | April 10              | May 10                                 |
|                        | (e) Little St. Germain lake        | From the lake outlet (SW ¼ of the SE ¼, section 35, T40N, R8E) downstream 500 feet                                                                                | April 10              | May 15                                 |
|                        | (f) Manitowish river               | From the dam across the Manitowish river located in section 9, T42N, R5E (Rest Lake dam) downstream 500 feet                                                      | April 1               | May 31                                 |
|                        | (g) Manitowish river               | From the Iron county line (section 7, T42N, R5E) upstream to U.S. highway 51 (section 7, T42N, R5E) excluding the lake basins of Vance, Sturgeon and Benson lakes | First Saturday in May | June 1                                 |
|                        | (h) Spring creek                   | From Mamie lake (NE ¼ of the SW ¼, section 21, T43N, R9E) upstream to the Spring lake outlet (NE ¼ of the NW ¼, section 27, T43N, R9E)                            | April 10              | May 10                                 |
|                        | (i) Trilby lake                    | Entire lake located in sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, T40N R6E                                                                                                       | Continuous            | Continuous                             |
| <b>(66) Washburn</b>   | (a) Balsam lake outlet             | 200 feet upstream and downstream of state highway 48 (between Balsam lake and Red Cedar lake, section 34, T37N, R10W)                                             | April 1               | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| <b>(67) Washington</b> | (a) Cedar creek                    | Dam which is the outlet of Big Cedar lake downstream to the Kettle of Little Cedar lake (sections 32 and 33, T11N, R19E)                                          | March 1               | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
| <b>(68) Waukesha</b>   | (a) Bark river                     | The inlet to Upper Nemahbin lake upstream to Lake Nagawicka dam                                                                                                   | March 1               | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                        | (am) Illinois–Fox river            | From Madison street in the city of Waukesha upstream to the Barstow dam                                                                                           | March 1               | May 1                                  |
|                        | (b) Oconomowoc river               | Inlet to Okauchee lake (SE ¼, section 19, T8N, R18E) upstream to the North lake outlet (SE ¼, section 17, T8N, R18E)                                              | March 1               | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                        | (c) Oconomowoc river               | Oconomowoc lake inlet upstream to Okauchee lake dam                                                                                                               | April 1               | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |

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| <b>(69) Waupaca</b>   | (a) Little Wolf river | From the dam in and across the Little Wolf river in the village of Manawa (section 15, T23N, R13E) downstream 500 feet | April 1 | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |
|                       | (b) Little Wolf river | 300 feet upstream and 300 feet downstream of the state highway 54 bridge (NE ¼ of section 1, T22N, R13E)               | April 1 | April 15                               |
|                       | (c) Little Wolf river | 900 feet upstream and 1,300 feet downstream of the Ostrander road bridge (SW ¼ of section 8, T22N, R14E)               | April 1 | April 15                               |
|                       | (d) Little Wolf river | 1,350 feet upstream and 150 feet downstream of county highway X bridge (SE ¼ of section 8, T22N, R14E)                 | April 1 | April 15                               |
| <b>(71) Winnebago</b> | (a) Fox river         | 200 feet downstream from Eureka dam upstream 400 feet past the Eureka dam                                              | March 1 | Friday preceding first Saturday in May |

<sup>1</sup> "T22N" as shown under sub. (15) (d) should be "T27N." The department will correct this in future rulemaking.

**History:** CR 15-023: cr. Register December 2015 No. 720, eff. 1-1-16; correction in (64) (d) made under s. 35.17, Stats., Register December 2015 No. 720; CR 17-051: cr. (16) (br), Register March 2018 No. 747 eff. 4-1-18; CR 19-016: am. (5) (a), cr. (15) (e) Register March 2020 No. 771, eff. 4-1-20; CR 21-058: am. (55) (a) Register March 2022 No. 795, eff. 4-1-22; CR 23-009: cr. (49) (dm), (68) (am) Register February No. 818, eff. 3-1-24.

**NR 26.02 Lake Superior Fish refuges.** In order to prevent substantial depletion of the fish supply, the following spawning areas and nursery areas in Lake Superior are created and established as fish refuges and no person may take, catch, capture, kill, or fish for fish in any manner at any time in, on, or along the following described water areas:

(1) All waters bounded by a line from the Gull Island light south to the northernmost point of Michigan Island and then proceeding in a southerly direction following the shoreline of Michigan Island to the Michigan Island light, then southerly towards the center of the mouth of the Bad river in Ashland county to latitude 46° 40', then due east to the Michigan state line; then northerly along the state line to latitude 46° 59.3'; from that point due west to longitude 90° 26.5' and then due south to the Gull Island light.

(2) All waters in which the bottom lies at a depth of less than 35 fathoms northerly from a line beginning 2 miles north of the Outer island light and extending westerly to the north end of North Twin island, then along the shoreline to the south end of North

Twin island, then southwesterly to the north end of South Twin island, then northerly to the north end of Rocky island, then along the north shoreline to the northwest point of Rocky island, then northwesterly to the south end of Devils island, then along the shoreline to the north end of Devils island, then westerly to a point 2 1/2 miles north of the York Island Shoal bell buoy. The area within the refuge south of a line running northwesterly from the north tip of Devils Island to the refuge's western boundary, then due south to the southwest corner of the refuge and back to the north tip of Devils Island shall be open to sport and commercial fishing during period 3 (June 1 to September 30).

(3) From the outlet of the cooling water discharge of the Northern States Power Company in the city of Ashland to a line located 50 feet in all directions from the outlet, from March 1 to May 15.

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