

## Chapter NR 22

## WISCONSIN-IOWA BOUNDARY WATERS

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## (Sections 29.085 and 29.174, Wis. Stats.)

**NR 22.01** Mississippi river boundary water defined. For the purpose of hook and line fishing in the Mississippi river interstate boundary waters to apply to residents of Wisconsin and nonresident hook and line fishermen properly licensed under sections 29.09 and 29.14, Wis. Stats., all waters from the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad tracks on the east side of the Mississippi river and extending west from said railroad tracks to that part of the river following the boundaries between the state of Wisconsin and Iowa shall be defined as interstate boundary waters.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; renum. from WCD 22.01 to be NR 22.01, Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

**NR 22.02** Seasons; limits. (1) There shall be established and maintained on the interstate boundary waters between the states of Wisconsin and Iowa, which boundary waters are more particularly described under Wis. Adm. Code section NR 22.01, the open and closed seasons for the taking of the various varieties and species of fish, bag limits, size limits, possession limits, and other rules and regulations as set forth herein.

(2) A closed season is established for each variety and species of fish named herein extending for the entire period of each year except the open season period embraced within the specified dates, both inclusive; and except as otherwise expressly provided, no person or persons shall take, catch, kill, or fish for fish of any variety at any time other than the open season therefor, nor have in his possession nor under his control any fish in excess of the daily bag limit or possession limit, nor below the minimum size limit therefor at any time during the open season as provided in this chapter.

(3) The measurement of length of fish shall be taken in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the utmost end of the tail fin fully extended.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; renum. from WCD 22.02 to be NR 22.02, and am. (1), Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

**NR 22.03** Hook and line fishing. The following seasons, bag limits and other rules and regulations for hook and line fishing are established. The possession limit for each species shall be double the daily bag limit specified in this chapter except that no person shall have in his possession or under his control more than the daily bag limit while on the ice or waters or while fishing in the Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters. The measurement of all fish taken shall be in a straight line from the tip of the snout to the utmost end of the tail fin fully extended.

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Kind of Fish	Open season	Daily bag limit	
		Quantity	Minimum length
(1) LARGEMOUTH AND SMALLMOUTH BASS.....	Continuous	10 in aggregate	No size limit
(3) WALLEYE AND SAUGER.....	Continuous	10 in aggregate	No size limit
(4) NORTHERN PIKE.....	Continuous	5	No size limit
(5) WHITE BASS.....	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(6) CRAPPIE.....	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(7) ROCK BASS.....	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(8) PUMPKINSEED (SUNFISH) AND BLUEGILL.....	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(9) PERCH.....	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(10) CATFISH.....	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(11) BULLHEAD.....	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(12) HACKLEBACK (SAND OR SHOVELNOSE) STURGEON.....	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit
(13) LAKE STURGEON.....	No open season	-----	-----
(14) PADDLEFISH (SPOONBILL CATFISH).....	No open season	-----	-----
(15) ROUGH FISH.....	Continuous	No bag limit	No size limit

(16) SALE PROHIBITED; EXCEPTIONS. No such fish shall be sold, purchased, bartered, offered for sale, or had under control or in possession for the purpose of sale or barter at any time except legally taken and possessed rough fish at all times, catfish 13 inches or over in length in the round or 10 inches dressed with head off and tail on, hackleback sturgeon 25 inches or over, and bullheads. The minimum length for bullheads offered for sale shall be 7 inches dressed with head off and tail on or 9 inches in the round.

(17) CRAYFISH. There shall be an open season for the taking of crayfish from the Saturday nearest May 1 to March 1, both dates inclusive, with no bag limit or no size limit.

**History:** 1-2-56; r. and recr. Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; am., renum. (16) from WCD 22.04, Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; am. (16), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; r. and recr. (11), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; renum. (15) and (16) to be (16) and (17); renum. (1) through (14) to be (1) through (15) and am., Register, December, 1966, No. 132, eff. 1-1-67; renum. from WCD 22.03 to be NR 22.03, Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71; r. and recr. (1) and (2), Register, November, 1972, No. 203, eff. 1-1-73; am. Register, January, 1975, No. 229, eff. 2-1-75.

**NR 22.04 Rough fish.** Rough fish, for the purpose of this chapter, shall be defined as follows: carp, dogfish, redhorse, sheepshead, sucker, eel, eelpout, garfish, buffalo fish, quillback, mooneye, goldeye, shad and turtle.

**History:** 1-2-56; am. Register, December, 1957, No. 24, eff. 1-1-58; renum. from WCD 22.05 and am. Register, December, 1959, No. 48, eff. 1-1-60; renum. from WCD 22.04 to be NR 22.04, Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

**NR 22.05 Use of hook and line.** (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided by the Wis. Stats. or by department order:

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