

(b) A record of tagged fish shall be kept on forms furnished by the department of natural resources and shall be submitted to the department as prescribed in NR 25.15.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, February, 1968, No. 146, eff. 3-1-68; am. Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; renum. from WCD 25.05 to be NR 25.05 and am., Register, December, 1970, No. 180, eff. 1-1-71; r. and recr., Register, November, 1972, No. 203, eff. 1-1-73; am. (1) (a), Register, June, 1974, No. 222, eff. 7-1-74.

NR 25.06 Protected fish. All black bass, rock bass, crappie, muskellunge, sturgeon, salmon, illegal whitefish, all species of trout and all other illegal fish caught or taken alive and unharmed in any licensed fishing gear shall be immediately and carefully returned to the water alive. When found dead in such gear, they shall be turned over to the department of natural resources or its authorized agents.

History: 1-2-56; am. Register, February, 1968, No. 146, eff. 3-1-68; renum. from WCD 25.06 to be NR 25.06, and am., Register, December, 1970, No. 180, eff. 1-1-71; am. Register, July, 1972, No. 199, eff. 8-1-72.

NR 25.07 Crayfish. (1) (a) There shall be an open season on crayfish or crabs in all of the outlying waters from June 16 to the last day of February of the next year and except during this season it shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture or kill, or have in possession or under control any crayfish or crab taken from outlying waters.

(b) During the open season crayfish or crabs may be taken in all outlying waters by the following means only: By hand, by use of minnow seines and minnow dip nets, and by crayfish or crab traps with the entrance to the trap not to exceed 1½ inches in diameter, except that it shall be unlawful to use any crayfish or crab trap in the waters of Sturgeon Bay in Door county.

History: 1-2-56; am. (1) (a), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; renum. from WCD 25.07 to be NR 25.07, Register, December, 1970, No. 180, eff. 1-1-71.

NR 25.075 Limited entry; Lake Superior. (1) Number of licenses issued: (a) Not more than 58 licenses authorizing commercial fishing in Lake Superior shall be issued and effective pursuant to section 29.33, Wis. Stats., for the period which begins on July 1, 1971 and extends through June 30, 1972.

(b) Following the license year of 1972 the number of licenses issued shall be the maximum number of licenses issued during the previous 2 years.

(2) Such licenses shall be effective for a one-year period.

(3) No applicant shall be eligible for such a license unless he shall have held a state of Wisconsin commercial fishing license during each of the 2-year licensing periods immediately preceding and ending June 30 of the year in which he applies, or unless he shall have been a member or partner in a fishing crew operating in the waters of Lake Superior under a state of Wisconsin commercial fishing license during each of the previous 5-year licensing periods immediately preceding and ending June 30 of the year in which he applies.

(4) In addition each applicant shall be required to meet the following qualifications:

(a) For the first year of eligibility the applicant must show proof of a \$5,000 investment in commercial fishing equipment.

(b) To retain eligibility for the second year the applicant must show proof of:

1. A \$5,000 investment in commercial fishing equipment.
2. At least 50 days of commercial fishing on Lake Superior during the previous year.
3. A catch value of \$3,000 from Lake Superior during the previous year.

(c) To retain eligibility for the third year the applicant must show proof of:

1. A \$7,500 investment in commercial fishing equipment.
2. Fifty days of commercial fishing on Lake Superior during the previous year.
3. A catch value of \$3,000 during the previous year.

(d) To retain eligibility for the fourth year the applicant must show proof of:

1. A \$10,000 investment in commercial fishing equipment.
2. Fifty days of fishing experience on Lake Superior during the previous year.
3. A catch value of \$3,000 from Lake Superior during the previous year.

(e) To retain eligibility for the fifth year period and thereafter, the applicant must show proof of:

1. A \$10,000 investment in commercial fishing equipment.
2. Seventy-five days of fishing experience on Lake Superior during the previous year.
3. A catch value of \$5,000 from Lake Superior during the previous year.

(f) All applicants shall comply with the navigation standards set by the U. S. Coast Guard and be so certified by the U. S. Coast Guard.

1. Any licensee failing to meet the qualifications of subsection 3 shall not be eligible to re-apply for such license until 3 years have elapsed since the end of the period in which he was licensed.

2. When the number of qualified new applicants for such license shall exceed the number of licenses available and such applicants are not affected by the residence priorities the licenses shall be awarded on the basis of the earliest postmarked application.

3. Such licenses shall be issued according to the following residence priorities to applicants otherwise qualified.

- a. First to residents of counties bordering Lake Superior.
- b. Next to residents of other counties.
- c. Next to nonresidents residing in states allowing Wisconsin residents similar privileges.

d. No license shall be issued to nonresidents residing in states which do not allow Wisconsin residents similar privileges.

4. Applicants for such licenses shall be at least 21 years of age.

5. Applications for such licenses shall be filed with the department not later than April 30 of the preceding license year on forms provided by the department.

History: Emerg. cr. eff. 3-30-68; cr. Register, May, 1968, No. 149, eff. 6-1-68; r. and recr. (1), (2) and (5), Register, July, 1969, No. 163, eff. 8-1-69; r. and recr., Register, December, 1970, No. 180, eff. 1-1-71.

NR 25.08 Permitted nets. (1) GILL NETS. (a) No gill nets or set hooks may be used in the waters of Lake Michigan and northern Green Bay inside of 20 fathoms, except under permit issued pursuant to section NR 25.14. No gill nets with a mesh greater than 2 3/4"