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14. Pine river in Waushara county beginning at the dam at Poysippi downstream to Lake Poygan.

15. Pumpkinseed creek in Winnebago county from county trunk "D" bridge downstream to Lake Poygan.

16. Red Cedar river including all connecting sloughs and bayous in Dunn county from its confluence with the Chippewa river to the Lake Menomin Northern States Power Dam.

17. Rock river waters.

a. Rock river in Fond du Lac, Dodge, Jefferson and Rock counties and all waters in the Horicon marsh.

b. Crawfish river in Columbia, Dodge and Jefferson counties.

c. Beaver Dam river beginning at the dam in the city of Beaver Dam in Dodge county downstream to the Crawfish river.

d. Scuppernong river beginning at the dam at Palmyra in Jefferson county downstream to the Bark river.

e. Bark river beginning at the dam at Hebron in Jefferson county downstream to the Rock river.

f. Yahara river beginning at the dam at Fulton in Rock county downstream to the Rock river.

g. Busseyville creek in Dane and Jefferson counties beginning at the Rockdale dam downstream to Lake Koshkonong.

h. Waterloo (Maunasha) creek beginning at the dam (Malthouse) at Waterloo in Jefferson county downstream to its confluence with the Crawfish river, Dodge county.

18. Rubicon river in Dodge county.

19. Shioc river in Outagamie county.

20. Waupaca river in Waupaca county beginning at the dam at Weyauwega downstream to the Wolf river.

24. a. Mill creek in Portage county.

25. Wolf river in Winnebago, Waupaca and Outagamie counties and in Shawano county upstream to the dam in the city of Shawano.

26. Yellowstone river from the dam downstream in Lafayette county.

(b) The department shall open the season for fishing with dip nets in any waters when it finds after scientific investigation and study that the fish populations in such waters are threatened with imminent mortality because of depletion of dissolved oxygen or other adverse habitat conditions under which fish will not survive. During such open season all species of fish may be taken by means of dip nets not more than 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet square, but no person shall have more than 25 pounds and one fish of any species of game fish of any size so taken in his possession. No person shall fish with more than one such dip net. Such open season shall be put into effect by posting a notice thereof on or in the vicinity of the shore of the waters affected, such posting being deemed

by the department to be the most feasible way of notifying the public that such open season for fishing with dip nets is in effect. Such open season shall remain in full force and effect only so long as such waters are covered with ice and so long as such posting is continued.

(c) 1. Except as provided in the following subdivisions 2, 3, and 4, and except for posted streams, there shall be no closed season for hook and line fishing for any species of fish except sturgeon, smallmouth bass and largemouth bass in waters of Lake Michigan, Green Bay and upstream to the first dam or lake on any stream which is a tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay.

2. During the period from the first Saturday in May to September 30, the bag limits, minimum size limits and regulations governing fish and fishing as set forth in this chapter apply to the waters of Lake Michigan, Green Bay and upstream to the first dam or lake on any stream which is tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay.

3. During the period from October 1 to but not including the first Saturday in May of the following May, annually, upstream to the first dam or lake on any stream tributary to Lake Michigan or Green Bay, the minimum size of trout and salmon shall be 10 inches and the daily bag limit shall be 5 fish in the aggregate, of which only 3 may be lake trout. During such period, hook and line fishing is restricted to baits using a hook with a gape size not larger than one-half inch from point to shank. During such period, fishing with hook and line is prohibited between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise on all streams tributary to Lake Michigan and Green Bay, except the Memomonee river.

4. During the period from October 1 through January 31, it shall be lawful to take trout and salmon by hand without the use of any device and by foul hooking or snagging while fishing with hook and line, using a hook with a gape size of not larger than one-half inch from point to shank, in the following waters only. During such period fishing by hand and hook and line on the following waters is prohibited between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, except in the Memomonee river. The size limit on trout and salmon shall be 10 inches and the bag limit shall be 5 fish in the aggregate.

a. Brown county - Fox river upstream to the dam at DePere.

b. Door county - Sturgeon Bay ship canal, excluding areas within 500 feet of Strawberry creek, from the Lake Michigan shoreline westerly to a line extending from the Hills Point light north to the point at which Gordon road intersects with the north shore of Sturgeon Bay.

c. Kenosha county - Pike river upstream to the first dam, and the Lake Michigan shoreline while fishing from shore from the mouth of the Pike river northward a distance of one-half mile.

d. Kewaunee county - Kewaunee river upstream to the first dam, Ahnapee river upstream to 500 feet below the Forestville dam.

e. Manitowoc county - Lake Michigan shoreline while fishing from shore except within 500 feet of any public utility discharge flume, and all streams tributary to Lake Michigan upstream to the first dam.

f. Marinette county - all streams tributary to Green Bay upstream to the first dam, and the waters of Green Bay.

g. Milwaukee county - Kinnickinnic river, Menomonee river, Milwaukee river, Oak creek, all upstream to the first dam.

h. Oconto county - all named and unnamed streams tributary to Green Bay upstream to the first dam, and the waters of Green Bay.

j. Sheboygan county - Lake Michigan shoreline while fishing from shore except within 500 feet of any public utility discharge flume, and all streams tributary to Lake Michigan upstream to the first dam.

(4) EXPERIMENTAL WATERS; PERMITS; REPORTS. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch or kill fish or fish for fish in the waters of Nebish, Spruce, Mystery, Escanaba and Pallette lakes situated in sections 34 and 35, township 42 north, range 7 east, and sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11 and 12, township 41 north, range 7 east, Vilas county except under the following conditions:

1. Fishing in such waters is authorized only under permit, which may be secured at the checking stations indicated by posted signs in the immediate area.

2. Fishing in such waters shall be done only with hook and line or rod and reel except that cisco may be taken in Pallette lake by means of licensed dip nets or seines.

3. The provisions of this section shall apply to such waters throughout the year.

4. All permits are valid only for the date issued and shall be turned in at the checking stations at the termination of each day's fishing activities by the fisher.

5. There is a continuous open season with no daily bag limit or size limit for all species of fish contained in these waters except in Nebish lake there shall be an 8-inch minimum size limit for smallmouth bass.

6. All fish taken pursuant to this section shall be exhibited to the department or its agents at the checking station for examination, identification and marking.

(5) FLY FISHING ONLY. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, or kill fish, or fish for fish by any means other than the use of an artificial fly by the method commonly known as "fly fishing" in the following described waters:

1. *Peshtigo river*—In, on or along that part of the Peshtigo river lying in Marinette county, beginning at the Johnson Falls dam in the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 32, township 33 north, range 19 east and extending downstream to the foot of Spring Rapids in the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of section 15, township 32 north, range 19 east, with a daily bag limit of 5 trout and a minimum size limit of 10 inches on trout.

2. *Wolf river*—In, on or along that part of the Wolf river lying in Langlade county, beginning at the railroad trestle in section 19, township 32 north, range 14 east extending downstream to the eastwest quarter line dividing the west half of section 33, township 32 north, range 14 east marked by a road which runs along side the Diercks irrigation pond with

a daily bag limit of 5 trout per day and a minimum size limit of 10 inches on trout.

(b) For the purpose of this section, an artificial fly means a single hook dressed with fur, feathers, hair, silk, tinsel, thread or similar material to imitate the natural food of trout.

(6) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, the open and closed seasons and other regulations established by this chapter shall apply to the area described herein.

(7) EXPERIMENTAL TROPHY TROUT STREAMS. (a) Castle Rock creek— In, on or along that part of Castle Rock creek, Grant county, from the Church road bridge in the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/2 section 36, T7N, R2W, downstream to the county trunk Q bridge in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, section 31, T7N, R1W.

1. Castle Rock Springs — In, on or along the springhead and spring tributary of Castle Rock creek in the SW 1/4 NE 1/4, section 36, T7N, R2W, Grant county.

(b) Doc Smith creek — In, on or along that part of Doc Smith creek, Grant county, from and including the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, section 1, T6N, R2W, downstream to its mouth (Castle Rock creek).

(c) For the purpose of this section it shall be unlawful for any person to take, catch, or kill fish, or fish for fish by any means other than the use of an artificial fly by the method commonly known as "fly fishing" and with the use of artificial lures. Artificial fly means a single hook dressed with fur, feathers, hair silk, tinsel, thread or similar material to imitate the natural food of trout. An artificial lure means a bait designed to attract fish which does not include any natural bait.

1. There is a 0 bag limit for trout and the open season is from January 1 to September 30, both dates inclusive.

(d) Race-Willow creek - In, on or along that part of Race-Willow creek, St. Croix county, known as the Race in the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, section 8; SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4, and the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4, section 17; and the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, section 18, T29N, R19W, a trout daily bag limit of one fish is established, the minimum size limit of which shall be 13 inches. The open season is the first Saturday in May beginning at 5:00 a.m. through September 30, both dates inclusive.

1. For the purpose of this section, fishing is restricted to fly fishing and artificial lures described in NR 20.04 (7) (c).

(e) Upon establishing an open season pursuant to section NR 20.03 (1) (f) 1. a. that portion of Trout creek beginning in sec. 5-T6N-R5E downstream to the earthen dam on sec. lines 19 and 30, T7N-R5E, Iowa county shall be open for catch and release trout fishing subject to par. (c).

(8) EXPERIMENTAL TROUT LAKES (ponds). (a) Bayfield county. 1. The following Bayfield county lakes (ponds) shall be open for trout fishing on even year dates only.

b. Blaisdell

- c. Mimi
- d. Nymphia

2. The following Bayfield county lakes (ponds) shall be open for trout fishing on odd year dates only.

- a. Balsam
- b. Beaver
- c. Little Star
- d. Spring

(b) The open and closed seasons and other regulations established by this section shall apply to NR 20.03 (1) (f) l.f. and NR 20.03 (1) (f) 3.

(c) In McGee lake, Langlade county, there shall be an open season for trout from the first Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to and including September 30. A daily bag limit of 2 trout with a no size limit shall be in effect. The use of minnows is prohibited.

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Note: For a complete history of NR 20.04 see the history note for NR 20.04 as it appeared in the December, 1974 Administrative Register.

NR 20.05 Season for crayfish and frogs. (1) **CRAYFISH.** There is no closed season on crayfish or crabs in the inland waters except in Manitowoc county where there is a closed season from March 1 to but not including the Saturday nearest June 15.

(2) **METHOD OF TAKING.** Crayfish or crabs may be taken in the following ways; by hand, minnow seines, minnow dip nets and minnow traps where the same are permitted for the taking of minnows (see minnow regulations, section NR 20.10) and by crab traps with the entrance of the trap not to exceed 2½ inches at greatest diagonal measurement. Each such trap shall have securely attached to it a label or tag clearly bearing in the English language the name and address of the operator. All such traps shall be raised and the crayfish or crabs removed therefrom at least once in every 24 hours.

(3) **FROGS.** (a) The open season for taking, killing or capturing frogs shall be from the Saturday nearest May 1 to December 31.

(b) All frogs taken legally during the open season may be held, purchased, and sold during the closed season. Persons engaged in the business of propagating frogs may possess and sell frogs at any time.

(c) There shall be no open season for bullfrogs in Jefferson and Walworth counties.

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(d) It is unlawful to take frogs with the aid or use of any firearms.

History: 1-2-56; am. (2) and (4) (a), r. (3) (b), Register, October, 1958, No. 34, eff. 1-1-59; r. and rec. Register, March, 1959, No. 39, eff. 4-1-59; am. (2), Register, December, 1960, No. 60, eff. 1-1-61; am. (1) and (4) (a), Register, December, 1961, No. 72, eff. 1-1-62; r. and rec. Register, December, 1962, No. 84, eff. 1-1-63; cr. (3) (d), Register, November, 1965, No. 119, eff. 1-1-66; renum. WCD 20.05 to be NR 20.05; am. (2), Register, November, 1970, No. 179, eff. 1-1-71; am. (2), Register, December, 1978, No. 276, eff. 1-1-79.

NR 20.06 Prohibited fishing under particular conditions. (1) (a) *Waters and methods.* No person shall take, capture, or kill fish of any variety or fish for fish during the closed season for trout in streams and creeks containing trout except that rough fish may be taken by hand.

(b) *Trolling.* It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture or kill fish or fish for fish of any variety at any time in the inland waters of the state from a motor-driven boat when the motor is running or from any boat in tow of a motor-driven boat when the motor is running or from any sailboat when in motion; or by means of shutting or drawing off water for that purpose. Casting and immediate retrieval of a bait or lure while positioning a boat by means of an electric motor, where motors are permitted, shall not be deemed trolling. The restrictions in this paragraph do not apply to the waters of Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Polk, Racine, Rusk, Taylor, Washburn and Waukesha counties, the Wisconsin river from county trunk A east of Tomahawk, Lincoln county, downstream, the Chippewa river including sloughs, bayous and flowages up to the flowing portion of all tributary streams from the Holcombe flowage, Chippewa county, downstream, the Fox river from Buffalo lake downstream to the DePere dam and the following named lakes and rivers including their flowages and sloughs:

1. Adams county—Mason
2. Ashland county—Kakagon
9. Chippewa county—Chain; Holcombe flowage; Long 32-8
10. Clark county—Arbutus
13. Dane county—Crystal; Kegonsa; Koshkonong; Mendota; Monona; Waubesa
14. Dodge county—Beaver Dam; Fox; Sinnissippi
15. Door county—Clarks; Kangaroo
17. Dunn county—Menomin; Tainter
18. Eau Claire county—Altoona; Big Dells pond; Eau Claire
19. Florence county—Halsey; Twin Falls flowage
21. Forest county—Butternut; Franklin; Lucerne; Metonga; Pickerel; Pine; Wabicon
24. Green Lake county—Big Green; Maria; Puckaway
27. Jackson county—Arbutus
28. Jefferson county—Koshkonong; Rock
29. Juneau county—Kilburn flowage