

Chapter NR 23

WISCONSIN-MICHIGAN BOUNDARY WATERS

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Note: Chapter NR 23 as it existed on March 31, 1986 was repealed and a new chapter NR 23 was created effective April 1, 1986.

NR 23.01 Purpose. The provisions of this chapter regulate fishing in Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters.

History: Cr. Register, March, 1986, No. 363, eff. 4-1-86.

NR 23.015 License waiver. On the first Saturday and consecutive Sunday in June each year, no fishing license is required to fish the Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters.

History: Cr. Register, April, 1987, No. 376, eff. 5-1-87; am. Register, April, 1989, No. 400, eff. 5-1-89; am. Register, May, 1995, No. 473, eff. 6-1-95.

NR 23.02 Definitions. The following definitions apply to terms used in this chapter:

(1) "Bag limit" or "daily bag limit" means the maximum number of a fish species which may be reduced to a person's possession in one day.

(2) "Dip net" means a piece of netting suspended from a frame designed to be raised and lowered vertically when fishing.

(3) "Fisher" means any person engaged in fishing.

(4) "Length of fish" means the distance measured in a straight line from the tip of the snout of the fish to the end of its tail with the tail or caudal fin fully extended.

(5) "Minnow" has the meaning given it in s. 29.01 (5), Stats.

(6) "Open season" means that period of the year established in s. NR 23.04 when a specific species of fish is allowed to be taken.

(7) "Possession limit" means the maximum number of a fish species which may be possessed by a person at any time.

(8) "Rough fish" has the meaning given it in s. 29.01 (5), Stats., and also includes amur carp (*Ctenopharyngodon idella*).

(8m) "Safe harvest" means a level of harvest that incorporates an appropriate margin of safety, estimates of the population and acceptable exploitation rates which will reasonably prevent harvest of more than 35% of the population of adult walleyes or 27% of the population of adult muskellunge. The margin of safety assures that the true safe harvest is not exceeded in more than 1 of 40 cases. For waters where a population estimate has not been made, a regression model based upon population estimates from other waters will be used. The margin of safety

used depends upon the age of the population estimate and whether a regression model was used.

(8n) "Secretary" means secretary of the department of natural resources.

(9) "Sport fishing" means fishing, when authorized, with hook and line, spearing and the use of a dip net.

(10) "Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters" means the following waters that form the interstate boundary water between the states of Wisconsin and Michigan: