

ORDER OF
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD
REPEALING AND RECREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board adopts an order to repeal and recreate NR 25.05(1)(d) relating to commercial fishing open seasons in Lake Michigan for chubs

FH-34-01

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

Statutory authority: ss. 29.041, 29.014(1), 29.519(1)(b) and 227.11(2)(a), Stats.

Statutes interpreted: ss. 29.041, 29.014(1) and 29.519(1)(b), Stats.

The order affects Lake Michigan commercial fishing rules and changes the minimum depth for commercial chub fishing in the southern chub fishing zone and in the northern chub fishing zone of Lake Michigan during January 16 through April 25.

Subject to a “sunset” that will take place on July 1, 2007, the order makes the following changes: In the northern chub fishing zone it reduces the minimum depth from 55 fathoms to 45 fathoms during January 16 through the end of February and establishes a minimum depth of 45 fathoms during March 1 through April 25; and in the southern chub fishing zone it reduces the minimum depth from 60 fathoms to 45 fathoms during January 16 through the end of February and establishes a minimum depth of 45 fathoms during March 1 through April 25. The latter minimum depth applies only to waters south of 44°32’ north latitude because only those waters are open to chub fishing during that period.

On the “sunset” date, the chub fishing rules will revert to requirements that are identical to those now in effect.

SECTION 1. NR 25.05(1)(d) is repealed and recreated to read:

	Species	A Green Bay	B Lake Michigan	C Lake Superior
(d)	Chubs	No open season	1. To June 30, 2007, in the northern chub fishing zone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. From April 26 to January 15. b. From January 16 to April 25, only in water 45 fathoms deep or deeper. 2. After June 30, 2007 in the northern chub fishing zone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. From March 1 to January 15. b. From January 16 to the end of February, only in water 55 fathoms deep or deeper. 3. To June 30, 2007, in the southern chub fishing zone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. From April 26 to January 15, only in water south of 44°32’ north latitude. 	At all times

			<p>b. From January 16 to the end of February, only in water 45 fathoms deep or deeper.</p> <p>c. From March 1 to April 25, only in water south of 44°32' north latitude which is 45 fathoms deep or deeper.</p> <p>4. After June 30, 2007 in the southern chub fishing zone:</p> <p>a. From March 1 to January 15, only in water south of 44°32' north latitude.</p> <p>b. From January 16 to the end of February, only in water 60 fathoms deep or deeper.</p>	
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The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on April 24, 2002.

The rules contained herein shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin administrative register, as provided in s. 227.22(2)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By _____
Darrell Bazzell, Secretary

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