

## Catfish Bow, Crossbow and Hand Fishing Regulations

- Rule in effect March 1, 2020
- Catfish and bullheads can be taken by bow, crossbow or by hand. The bow/crossbow season is concurrent with the rough fish spearing season in most cases. The hand fishing season runs from June 1 to August 31.
  - If the rough fish spearing season is closed, so is the bow/crossbow season.
- General limits (exceptions apply for specific waters; see below):
  - Bag limits: channel catfish 5, flathead catfish 1, bullheads none
  - Size limits: none
  - Gear restrictions: no snorkel/SCUBA gear, nest/spawning boxes, hooks, lines, gaffes, etc. can be used to take catfish by hand. You may only take catfish directly by hand.
- On boundary waters, catfish can be taken with these methods only on the Wisconsin side of the waters and only if the season is open for spearing rough fish.
- No commercial fishing for catfish with these methods is allowed (note: guided fishing trips for the purpose of taking catfish or rough fish with a bow, crossbow or by hand are legal).
- Exceptions to the general limits:

Water(s)	Special Regulations
<b>Lower Wisconsin River from Prairie du Sac Dam to the US Highway 12 bridge</b>	The bow/crossbow season runs from the May 2, 2020 to Nov. 30, 2020. The general hand fishing season dates apply.
<b>Waters of Green Lake and Marquette counties, Lake Winnebago system waters</b>	<p>Bow/crossbow season runs from May 23, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2020. The general hand fishing season dates apply.</p> <p>The flathead and channel catfish bag limit for bow/crossbow and hand harvest is 5 in total but only 1 may be a flathead catfish regardless of method of harvest.</p> <p>There is no size limit, except for flathead catfish, where the size limit is 30 inches and catfish from 36 to 42 inches are protected.</p> <p>For bullheads, the bow/crossbow season runs from April 21, 2020 to February 1, 2021 and the general hand fishing season dates apply.</p>
<b>Tributaries, streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake</b>	<p>Bow/crossbow season runs May 2, 2020 to March 7, 2021. The general hand fishing season dates apply.</p> <p>For bullheads, the bow/crossbow season is continuous on major Green Bay tributaries.</p>
<b>WI/MN boundary waters</b>	The bow/crossbow season runs from April 18, 2020 to March 1, 2021. The general hand fishing dates apply.