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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD
AMENDING AND CREATING RULES

The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board proposes an order to **amend** NR 20.16 (1) (a) 3., 4., 5., 7., 12., and 15, and NR 20.20 (2) (h) 2., (19) (g) 4., (21) (g) 4., (26) (h) 2., (37) (f) 2., (38) (d) 2., (39) (d) 2., (42) (c) 2., (44) (b) 2. and 3., (49) (d) 1., (50) (f) 1., (51) (c) 1., (e) 1. and (h) 2., (53) (e) 3., 5., and 6., (55) (f) 2., (57) (c) 2., (57) (f) 1. and 4. and (i) 2. and 4., (58) (e) 3. and 4., (64) (d) 1. and (i) 2., 5., and 7., (68) (d) 1., (69) (e) 4., (70) (b) 2., and (70) (c) 1.; and to **create** NR 20.20 (1) (d) 3., (2) (h) 4., (7) (bm) 1., (19) (g) 5m., (21) (b) 5., (26) (h) 5., (37) (e) 4., (38) (d) 4., (43) (a) 3., (44) (g) 6., (48) (a) 1., (50) (d) 5g. and 5r., (51) (h) 4., (56) (c) 3., (57) (c) 8. and (i) 5., (64) (a) 3., (c) 8. and (i) 9., (66) (bm) 1., and (70) (b) 3. relating to fishing regulations on inland, outlying and boundary waters (the 2021 Fisheries Management spring hearing rule).

FH-09-20

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Natural Resources

1. Statutes Interpreted: Section 23.09 (2) (c), Stats. is interpreted as allowing the department to designate fish refuges. Sections 29.014 (1), 29.041 and 29.053 (2), Stats. have been interpreted as authorizing the department to conserve and regulate the fish supply on waters of the state while continuing to provide opportunities for good fishing.

2. Statutory Authority: Sections 23.09 (2)(c), 29.014 (1), 29.041, and 29.053 (2) authorize these rules.

3. Explanation of Agency Authority:

Section 23.09 (2) (c), Stats., provides that the department may designate fish refuges to secure the perpetuation and adequate supply of any species of fish and provide safe retreats in which fish may breed and replenish adjacent fishing waters.

The department is directed under s. Section 29.014 (1), Stats., to establish and maintain any bag limits and conditions governing the taking of fish that will conserve the fish supply and ensure the citizens of this state continued opportunities for good fishing.

Section 29.041, Stats., provides that the department may regulate fishing on and in all interstate boundary waters and outlying waters.

Section 29.053 (2), Stats., provides that the department may establish conditions governing the taking of fish for the state as a whole, for counties or parts of counties, or for waterbodies or parts of waterbodies. It also allows the department to establish a fishing season on specified bodies of water in certain urban areas to allow fishing only by persons who are under 16 years old or who are disabled, as specified in s. 29.193 (3) (a), (b), or (c), Stats.

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4. Related Statutes or Rules: No related statutes or rules apply.

5. Plain Language Analysis:

This rule will serve several purposes, including applying fishing regulations to waters of the state to accomplish management goals. Such management goals include improving size structure of game fish, increasing the density or abundance of certain fish species or increasing the survival of mature adults; establishing statewide regulations that provide harvest opportunity while protecting fish populations; and aligning regulations with public desires for certain waterbodies. Specifically, these rules would accomplish the following:

SECTION 1 adds the Popple River, main stem of the Plover River upstream of Highway 153, and the Waupaca (Tomorrow) River between Durant Rd and Frost Valley Rd to the list of waters with an early catch-and-release season for trout using artificial lures only to provide additional angling opportunity.

SECTION 2 applies a protected slot of 25-35 inches and daily bag limit of 5 for northern pike in Parker Lake, Adams County to allow harvest of smaller pike while preserving larger pike for a quality fishery.

SECTIONS 3, 4, 10, 11, 25, 28, and 33 revert waters in Ashland, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer and Vilas counties to the Ceded Territory walleye regulation of a 15-inch minimum length limit, walleye between 20 and 24 inches may not be kept, and only one walleye greater than 24 inches may be kept, with a bag limit of 3 in total. The regulation currently in place is no longer appropriate for increasing adult walleye population densities on these waters.

SECTIONS 5 and 39 create a trophy harvest regulation of a 50-inch minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 1 for the Namekagon River from the Trego Dam to the confluence with the St. Croix River.

SECTIONS 6, 9 and 14 remove the late catch-and-release trout season (from October 16 to November 15) from the Popple River, Peshtigo River and Rat River. This will simplify regulations for anglers and reduce fishing pressure on spawning migrations of brook trout. Also, a late season is not needed since these rivers already allow an early catch-and-release fishing opportunity (with the Popple River gaining the early season in SECTION 1).

SECTIONS 7 and 15 establish a bag limit of 5 fish and no minimum length limit for trout on the North Branch Pemebonwon River, Wausaukee River and South Branch Pike River to allow anglers to make use of trout stocked on these waters by the department and cooperators.

SECTIONS 8, 19, 21, 29, and 31 establish a protected slot of 14 to 18 inches for largemouth and smallmouth bass with only one bass greater than 18 inches allowed for harvest on Butternut and Franklin lakes in Forest County, North Nokomis Lake in Oneida County, Nugget Lake in Pierce County, White Mound Lake in Sauk County, and the Tiger Cat Chain of Lakes in Sawyer County. This regulation is expected to result in more harvest of smaller bass, improving growth rates and the size structure of the bass population in these lakes.

SECTIONS 12, 22, 25, 32 and 44 reduce the daily bag limit for panfish on the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir, Marathon County, Big Round Lake, Polk County, Cranberry Lake, Price County, Lake Chippewa, Sawyer County, and Huron Lake, Waushara County to 10 in total to provide additional protection and maintain the quality of the panfish population.

SECTIONS 13, 24, 34, and 41 modify the trout regulation on the Little Wolf River, Comet Creek,

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Bradley Creek, Flume Creek, Rainy Creek, Jackson Creek and Jones Creek to 3 trout in total with a minimum length limit of 8 inches. This regulation is expected to preserve a high-quality brook trout fishery on these waters.

SECTIONS 16 and 42 establish a daily bag limit of 5 and no minimum length limit for northern pike in Tuttle Lake, Marquette County, and Big Hills, Morris and Pine lakes, Waushara County, to encourage pike harvest and improve growth rates and size structure.

SECTION 17 revises the regulation for northern pike on Lake Tomah in Monroe County to a minimum length limit of 40 inches and daily bag limit of 1 to cultivate trophy pike fishing opportunities in the lake.

SECTION 18 removes the minimum length limit for largemouth bass on White Potato Lake in Oconto County while retaining the 14-inch minimum length limit for smallmouth bass, and a daily bag limit of 5 in total. This regulation would promote additional harvest of largemouth bass to decrease their abundance.

SECTIONS 19 and 36 establish a daily bag limit of 5 in total and no minimum length limit for bass in Katherine Lake, Oneida County, and Upper and Lower Buckatabon lakes, Vilas County to encourage bass harvest and potentially improve quality potential for bass.

SECTIONS 20 and 38 apply a protected slot limit for walleye of a minimum length limit of 18 inches and fish from 22 to 28 inches may not be kept on Clear and Katherine lakes in Oneida County and Anvil and Laura lakes in Vilas County. This regulation aims to increase adult walleye densities and re-establish self-sustaining walleye populations.

SECTION 23 establishes that, for northern pike, waters in Portage County north of Highway 10 shall have a daily bag limit of 5 and no minimum length limit while waters south of Highway 10 shall have a daily bag limit of 2 and minimum length limit of 26 inches. This section also makes exceptions for Jordan Pond and Collins Lake, which will remain at a daily bag limit of 2 and minimum length limit of 26 inches, and does not make any changes to the existing regulations for the Wisconsin River system and Jacqueline Lake.

SECTION 25 removes the special musky size limit regulation on Butternut Lake in Ashland and Price County to replace it with the statewide regulation of a minimum length limit of 40 inches. The special size limit is no longer needed to decrease musky abundance in the lake.

SECTION 26 maintains the walleye regulations for Butternut and Long (Boyd's) lakes in Price County at a daily bag limit of 3 and no minimum length limit but only 1 fish over 14 inches allowed for harvest. These walleye regulations were previously grouped with Flambeau River system regulations that are reverting to the Ceded Territory walleye regulations.

SECTION 27 adds Mill Creek from Highway 14 upstream to Quarry Hill Rd and Willow Creek from Lost Hollow Rd upstream to the Highway 58 bridge 0.25 miles north of Loyd to the trout regulation of 5 in total and a maximum length limit of 12 inches. This regulation would allow harvest of trout and reduce brown trout overabundance to improve growth potential.

SECTIONS 30 and 32 apply the same regulations on Schoolhouse Lake as already in place on the connected Durphee Lake, Sawyer County. Durphee Lake is under experimental regulations, so applying consistent regulations to Schoolhouse Lake will simplify the regulations on this chain and improve the data collected to evaluate the experimental regulations.

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SECTION 35 establishes Pipke Park pond in Vilas County as an urban fishing pond, with a continuous season except during the period from the second Saturday in March to the Friday before the last Saturday in April which is only open to youth anglers under 16 years old and certain disabled anglers. The daily bag limits shall be 1 game fish (largemouth or smallmouth bass, walleye, northern pike), 3 trout or salmon in total, and 10 panfish in total, with no size limits.

SECTION 37 establishes a minimum length limit of 50 inches and daily bag limit of 1 for musky on the Presque Isle Chain of Lakes (all waters combined). This section also modifies the walleye regulation on Escanaba Lake, an experimental research lake, to the Ceded Territory length limit of 15-inch minimum length limit except walleye between 20-24 inches may not be kept and only one over 24 inches may be kept. The daily bag limit will remain 3 until an annual harvest quota (in pounds of walleye) specified by the department is reached, then will go to 0, catch and release only for the remainder of the season. The season on Escanaba Lake will run from the second Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March.

SECTIONS 40 and 43 revise the northern pike regulation on Big Muskego Lake, including Bass Bay, Waukesha County, and Irogami, Long and Wilson lakes, Waushara County, to be no minimum length limit and a protected slot of 25-35 inches, with a daily bag limit of 2. Applying this regulation will provide anglers with more diversified fishing opportunities while protecting larger female pike and maintaining northern pike size structure and recruitment.

SECTION 42 establishes a regulation of no minimum length limit and daily bag limit of 5 for northern pike in Morris, Big Hills and Pine lakes, Waushara County. Removing the size limit will encourage the harvest of smaller, slow-growing pike to reduce density and improve growth rates and size structure.

6. Summary of, and Comparison with, Existing or Proposed Federal Statutes and Regulations:

No federal regulations apply. States retain management authority over the fish and wildlife resources within state boundaries provided that state regulations do not conflict with regulations established in the Federal Register. None of these rule changes violate or conflict with the provisions established in the Federal Code of Regulations.

7. Comparison with Similar Rules in Adjacent States:

Individual state or provincial agencies are responsible for managing fisheries within their state boundaries and each jurisdiction has its own decision-making process. Wisconsin's approach to fisheries management and regulations are comparable to that of surrounding states. Additionally, Wisconsin works with the natural resources agencies of neighboring states when proposing rules relating to fishing in shared boundary waters.

8. Summary of Factual Data and Analytical Methodologies Used and How Any Related Findings Support the Regulatory Approach Chosen:

With this rule, the department will make changes to certain fish size limits, bag limits, seasons, and other regulations related to fishing in inland, outlying, and boundary waters. Fishing regulations are in place to help meet management goals and objectives for fish populations in waters of the state. Examples include providing a trophy walleye fishery or a bass fishery that maximizes predation on smaller fishes. New regulations are proposed when management goals have changed or the department must address a critical need, such as a fish population decline.

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The regulation proposals included in this rule are based on biological surveys and analyses conducted by fisheries biologists and input from local stakeholders and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress. All proposals are peer-reviewed for justification, enforceability, and completeness by department Bureaus of Fisheries Management, Law Enforcement, and Legal Services.

Based on the management goals for individual waters and species, the department strives to provide:

- consumptive opportunities where anglers can fish for a meal from a self-sustained, slow-growing fish population;
- quality and memorable opportunities where anglers can catch large fish and the density of adult fish in the populations are sustained or increased; and
- trophy opportunities where anglers can catch large trophy-size fish and the survival of older and larger fish is increased.

Most recreational fishing regulation changes are updated in Administrative Code every two years. Forestalling the proposed rule changes would result in less than optimal management of fish populations in waters of the state and reduced fishing opportunities for resident and visiting anglers. However, existing regulations would remain in place to provide some level of continued protection of fish resources.

9. Analysis and Supporting Documents Used to Determine the Effect on Small Business or in Preparation of an Economic Impact Report:

The department does not expect any economic impact or change directly related to these rule changes (Governor's Executive Order 50, level 3 economic impact analysis of minimal to no economic impact less than $50,000). The proposed rule will primarily affect recreational anglers. Fishing regulations are already in place for waters of the state, and this rule is intended to continue protection and enhancement of the state's fish resources by adjusting regulations on select waters where there is a management need. One purpose of the rule is to help maintain the general, beneficial economic impact of fishing throughout Wisconsin.

The department prepared an economic impact analysis, which was posted for public comment in March 2019 to determine if any individuals, businesses, local governments, or other entities expect to be adversely affected economically by the rule. No comments were received on the economic impact analysis.

10. Effect on Small Business (initial regulatory flexibility analysis):

The proposed rule would not impose any reporting requirements on small businesses, nor are any design or operational standards contained in the rule. The rule would not allow for the potential to establish a reduced fine for small businesses, nor would it establish "alternative enforcement mechanisms" for "minor violations" of administrative rules made by small businesses.

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12. Place where comments are to be submitted and deadline for submission:
Written comments may be submitted at the public hearings, by regular mail, fax or email to:
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Written comments may also be submitted to the Department at DNRAdministrativeRulesComments@wisconsin.gov.

Public hearings will be held on April 12, 2021. The deadline for submittal of comments is April 15, 2021.

RULE TEXT

SECTION 1. NR 20.16 (1) (a) 3., 4., 5., 7., 12. and 15. are amended to read:

NR 20.16 **(1)** (a) 3. 'Florence county.' Pine river, Popple river in its entirety.

4. 'Forest county.' Peshtigo river downstream from U.S. highway 8, Pine river downstream from STH 55, Popple river in its entirety, and Rat river downstream from Scattered Rice lake.

5. 'Langlade county.' Wolf river, main stem of the Plover river upstream of STH 153, excluding tributaries and off-channel springs.

7. 'Marathon county.' Black creek (mouth at T27N R7E S4), Black creek (T30N,R3E), Grass creek, McGinnes creek, Fourmile creek, Noisy creek, and ~~Plover river from STH 29 downstream to STH 153~~, main stem of the Plover river upstream of STH 153, excluding tributaries and off-channel springs.

12. 'Portage county.' Ditches 1 through 6 downstream from Townline road ~~and~~, Tomorrow river from Amherst downstream to Durant road, and Waupaca (Tomorrow) river from Durant road downstream.

15. 'Waupaca county.' North branch Little Wolf river from CTH P to CTH J, south branch Little Wolf river, ~~and~~ Waupaca river from Frost Valley road to STH 54, and Waupaca (Tomorrow) river from Frost Valley road upstream.

SECTION 2. NR 20.20 (1) (d) 3. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(1) ADAMS (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(d) Northern pike	3. Parker lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None except the possession of fish

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					from 25 to 35 is prohibited

SECTION 3. NR 20.20 (2) (h) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(2) ASHLAND (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))					
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Butternut lake (on Price County border), ~~North Fork Flambeau river from Upper Park Falls Flowage dam in Price County upstream to the Turtle-Flambeau flowage in Iron County and its tributaries upstream to the first lake, dam, or fish refuge,~~ Mineral lake, Spillerberg lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None but only 1 may be longer than 14

SECTION 4. NR 20.20 (2) (h) 4. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(2) ASHLAND (for species or waters not listed, including Lake Superior, see sub. (73))					
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	4. North Fork Flambeau river from Upper Park Falls Flowage dam in Price County upstream to the Turtle-Flambeau flowage in Iron County and its tributaries upstream to the first lake, dam, or fish refuge	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

SECTION 5. NR 20.20 (7) (bm) is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(7) BURNETT (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(bm) Muskellunge	1. Namekagon river from the Trego dam to the confluence with the St. Croix river	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to December 31 on open water	1 per season	50

SECTION 6. NR 20.20 (19) (g) 4. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)

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(19)	**FLORENCE** (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(g) Trout and salmon	4. Popple river downstream from state highway 139	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
		~~a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used~~	~~October 16 to November 15~~	~~All trout caught shall be immediately released~~	~~--~~

SECTION 7. NR 20.20 (19) (g) 5m. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(19)	**FLORENCE** (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(g) Trout and salmon	5m. North branch Pemebonwon river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None

SECTION 8. NR 20.20 (21) (b) 5. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(21)	**FOREST (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))**				
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	5. Butternut lake, Franklin lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
			Monday following the first Sunday in March to Friday preceding the first Saturday in May	0	None

SECTION 9. NR 20.20 (21) (g) 4. is amended to read:

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COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(21) FOREST (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(g) Trout and salmon	4. Peshtigo river, Rat river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
		~~b. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used~~	~~October 16 to November 15~~	~~All trout caught shall be immediately released~~	--

SECTION 10. NR 20.20 (26) (h) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(26) IRON (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Gile flowage, Island lake (connected to Montreal river), Pine lake, ~~North Fork Flambeau river from Upper Park Falls Flowage dam in Price county upstream to the Turtle-Flambeau flowage in Iron county and its tributaries upstream to the first lake, dam, or fish refuge,~~ West Branch Montreal river, Sherman lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None but only 1 may be longer than 14

SECTION 11. NR 20.20 (26) (h) 5. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(26) IRON (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	5. North Fork Flambeau river from Upper Park Falls Flowage dam in Price county upstream to the Turtle-Flambeau flowage in Iron county and its tributaries upstream to the first lake, dam, or fish refuge	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

SECTION 12. NR 20.20 (37) (e) 4. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(37) MARATHON (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					

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(e) Panfish	4. Big Eau Pleine Reservoir	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None

SECTION 13. NR 20.20 (37) (f) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(37) MARATHON (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(f) Trout and salmon	2. ~~Comet creek,~~ Embarrass river (south branch), ~~Little Wolf river,~~ Plover river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout

SECTION 14. NR 20.20 (38) (d) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(38) MARINETTE (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(d) Trout and salmon	2. Peshtigo river downstream from state highway 8 (in Forest county) to county highway C in Marinette county, Rat river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8
		~~b. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used~~	~~October 16 to November 15~~	~~All trout caught shall be immediately released~~	—

SECTION 15. NR 20.20 (38) (d) 4. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(38) MARINETTE (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries, see sub. (73))					
(d) Trout and salmon	4. North branch Pemebonwon river, Wausaukee river from the dam in Wausaukee downstream to the confluence with the Menominee river, south branch Pike river from Brock pond downstream to the confluence with the north branch Pike river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	None

SECTION 16. NR 20.20 (39) (d) 2. is amended to read:

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COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(39)	**MARQUETTE** (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(d) Northern pike	2. Sharon lake, Tuttle Lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None

SECTION 17. NR 20.20 (42) (c) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(42)	**MONROE** (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(c) Northern pike	2. Lake Tomah	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1	~~32~~40

SECTION 18. NR 20.20 (43) (a) 3. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(43)	**OCONTO** (for species or waters not listed, including Green Bay and its tributaries, see sub. (73))				
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	3. White Potato lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	14 for smallmouth bass, none for largemouth bass
			Monday following the first Sunday in March to Friday preceding the first Saturday in May	0	None

SECTION 19. NR 20.20 (44) (b) 2. and 3. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(44)	**ONEIDA** (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(b) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Oneida lake, North Nokomis lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of ~~bass~~fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18

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			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
			Monday following the first Sunday in March to Friday preceding the first Saturday in May	0	None
	3. Minocqua chain (includes Jerome lake, Kawaguesaga lake, Little Tomahawk lake, Mid lake, Minocqua lake, Mud lake, Tomahawk lake, Minocqua thoroughfare, Tomahawk thoroughfare, and connecting waters combined), Squash lake, Julia lake (T36N R08E S12 near Rhinelander), Katherine lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
			Monday following the first Sunday in March to Friday preceding the first Saturday in May	0	None

SECTION 20. NR 20.20 (44) (g) 6. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(44) ONEIDA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	6. Clear lake, Katherine lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18 except the possession of fish from 22 to 28 is prohibited

SECTION 21. NR 20.20 (48) (a) 1. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(48) PIERCE (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	1. Nugget lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 may be longer than 18

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			Monday following the first Sunday in March to the Friday before the first Saturday in May	0	None

SECTION 22. NR 20.20 (49) (d) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(49) POLK (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(d) Panfish	1. Cedar lake, Big Round lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None

SECTION 23. NR 20.20 (50) (d) 5g. and 5r. are created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(50) PORTAGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(d) Northern pike	5g. Jordan pond, Collins lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	26
	5r. All other waters of Portage county north of U.S. highway 10	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None

SECTION 24. NR 20.20 (50) (f) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(50) PORTAGE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(f) Trout and salmon	1. ~~Bradley creek, Flume creek, Little Wolf river, Rainy creek,~~ Tomorrow (Waupaca) river (upper) upstream from Clementson road	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout

SECTION 25. NR 20.20 (51) (c) 1., (e) 1. and (h) 2. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE

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	WATERS				RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(51) PRICE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(c) Muskellunge	1. ~~Butternut lake,~~ Solberg lake including its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to December 31 on open water	1	28
(e) Panfish	1. Newman lake, Cranberry lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None
(h) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2~~. Butternut lake (on Ashland County border), Long (Boyd's) lake,~~ Pike chain of lakes (Amik lake, Pike lake, Round lake, Turner lake, and connecting waters combined), Solberg lake (including its tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake); The daily bag limit and length restrictions apply separately to each of the following sections of the Elk river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake: Elk river upstream from the Lac Sault Dore dam (including Lac Sault Dore and Grassy lake) to Jobes dam, Elk river upstream from Jobes dam to Musser Flowage dam (including Phillips chain of lakes: Duroy, Elk, Long, Wilson lakes, and connecting waters and Squaw creek upstream to Solberg dam); The daily bag limit and length restrictions apply separately to each of the following sections of the North Fork Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam, lake, or fish refuge: Upper Park Falls Flowage dam upstream to the Turtle-Flambeau flowage in Iron County, Lower Park Falls Flowage dam upstream to Upper Park Falls Flowage dam, Pixley Flowage dam upstream to Lower Park Falls Flowage dam, Crowley Flowage dam upstream to Pixley Flowage dam, Big Falls Flowage dam in Rusk county (Flambeau river) upstream to Crowley Flowage dam (North Flambeau river); South Fork Flambeau river upstream from its confluence with the Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake including Elk river upstream from its confluence with the South Fork Flambeau river to Lac Sault Dore dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	~~None but only 1 may be longer than 14~~15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

SECTION 26. NR 20.20 (51) (h) 4. is created to read:

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COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(51) PRICE (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(h) Walleye, sauger, and hybrids	4. Butternut lake (on Ashland County border), Long (Boyd's) lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None but only 1 may be longer than 14

SECTION 27. NR 20.20 (53) (e) 3., 5. and 6. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(53) RICHLAND (for species and waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(e) Trout and salmon	3. Camp creek, Elk creek, Knapp creek upstream from state highway 171, Mill creek from U.S. highway 14 upstream to Quarry Hill road, Willow creek from Lost Hollow road upstream to state highway 58 bridge 0.25 miles north of Loyd	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	5 in total	Maximum length limit 12
	5. Gault Hollow creek downstream from county highway H, ~~Mill creek from state highway 14 upstream to Quarry Hill road,~~ West Branch Pine river from Old County Farm drive upstream to Spangler Ridge road	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	--
	6. Smith Hollow creek downstream of Robin Holow road~~, Willow creek from Lost Hollow road upstream to state highway 58 bridge 0.25 miles north of Loyd~~	a. Hook and line, only artificial lures may be used	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	All trout caught shall be immediately released	--

SECTION 28. NR 20.20 (55) (f) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(55) RUSK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					

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(f) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. The daily bag limit and length restrictions apply separately to each of the following sections of the Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake: Big Falls Flowage dam (Flambeau river) upstream to Crowley Flowage dam (North Flambeau river) in Price county, Dairyland Reservoir dam upstream to Big Falls Flowage dam, Ladysmith Flowage dam upstream to Dairyland Reservoir dam, Thornapple Flowage dam upstream to Ladysmith Flowage dam; South Fork Flambeau river upstream from its confluence with the Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake including Elk river upstream from its confluence with the South Fork Flambeau river to Lac Sault Dore dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	~~None but only 1 may be longer than 14~~15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

SECTION 29. NR 20.20 (56) (c) 3. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(56) SAUK (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	3. White Mound lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
			Monday following the first Sunday in March to Friday preceding the first Saturday in May	0	None

SECTION 30. NR 20.20 (57) (c) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	2. Blueberry lake, Durphee lake and Schoolhouse lake combined, Nelson lake, Osprey lake, Smith	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only

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	lake, Spider lake chain (Big Spider, Little Spider, Clear, Fawn, and North lakes combined), Whitefish lake		preceding the third Saturday in June		
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None
			Monday following the first Sunday in March to Friday preceding the first Saturday in May	0	None

SECTION 31. NR 20.20 (57) (c) 8. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	8. Tiger Cat chain, including Upper Twin lake, Lower Twin lake, McClaine lake, Burns lake, Tigercat flowage, and Placid lake all downstream to the Tiger Cat flowage dam combined	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None except the possession of fish from 14 to 18 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 18
			Monday following the first Sunday in March to Friday preceding the first Saturday in May	0	None

SECTION 32. NR 20.20 (57) (f) 1. and 4. and (i) 2. and 4. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(f) Panfish	1. Christner lake, Moose lake, Nelson lake, Sand lake, Sissabagama lake, Smith lake, Lake Chippewa from the Winter dam upstream to the Moose lake dam on the west fork of the Chippewa river and county highway B on the east fork of the Chippewa river	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None

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	4. Black Dan lake, Durphee lake and Schoolhouse lake combined, Lower Holly lake, Windigo lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	15 in total but no more than 5 of a single species until March 1, 2026 when it becomes 25 in total	None
(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. West Fork Chippewa river from Moose Lake dam upstream to FR 176, Moose lake, Sand lake including Sissabagama creek upstream to Sand lake road, Windigo lake~~, Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake from Big Falls Flowage dam (Flambeau river) in Rusk county upstream to Crowley Flowage dam (North Flambeau river) in Price county, South Fork Flambeau river upstream from its confluence with the Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake~~	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except only 1 may be longer than 14
	4. Big Chetac lake, Birch lake (on Washburn county border), Black Dan lake, Durphee lake and Schoolhouse lake combined, Island lake (T39N R5W S2), Osprey lake, Nelson lake, Sissabagama lake, and Whitefish lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	18

SECTION 33. NR 20.20 (57) (i) 5. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(57) SAWYER (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	5. Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake from Big Falls Flowage dam (Flambeau river) in Rusk county upstream to Crowley Flowage dam (North Flambeau river) in Price county, South Fork Flambeau river upstream from its confluence with the Flambeau river and its impoundments, sloughs, and tributaries upstream to the first dam or lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

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SECTION 34. NR 20.20 (58) (e) 3. and 4. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(58) SHAWANO (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(e) Trout and salmon	3. ~~Comet creek,~~ Embarrass river (Middle branch) from county highway Z downstream to Homme Pond dam, Embarrass river (South branch) upstream from Tigerton dam, ~~Jackson creek,~~ Mill creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout
	4. Oconto river, Comet creek, Jackson creek	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	8

SECTION 35. NR 20.20 (64) (a) 3. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(64) VILAS (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(a) All species	3. The following urban waters: Pipke park pond (T44 R6E S34)	a. Hook and line	Continuous but only persons under 16 years of age or disabled under s. 29.163 (3) (a), (b), or (c), Stats., may fish from the second Saturday in March to the Friday before the last Saturday in April	1 largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, sauger, or hybrid in total; 10 panfish in total; 3 trout and salmon in total; none for rough fish	None

SECTION 36. NR 20.20 (64) (c) 8. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(64) VILAS (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(c) Largemouth and smallmouth bass	8. Upper Buckatabon lake and Lower Buckatabon lake combined	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to Friday preceding the third Saturday in June	0 for smallmouth bass, 5 for largemouth bass	None for largemouth bass only
			Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	5 in total	None

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			Monday following the first Sunday in March to Friday preceding the first Saturday in May	0	None

SECTION 37. NR 20.20 (64) (d) 1. and (i) 2., 5. and 7. are amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(64)	**VILAS** (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))				
(d) Muskellunge	1. Big Sand lake, Little St. Germain lake, Long lake, North Twin lake, South Twin lake, Trout lake, White Sand lake, Presque Isle chain (Presque Isle lake, Van Vliet lake, and Averill lake combined)	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to December 31 on open water	1	50
(i) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	2. Alder lake, Big lake (T42N R6E S4), Big Arbor Vitae lake, Big Muskellunge lake, Birch lake, Boulder lake, Clear lake (T42N R5E S12), Crab lake, Fawn lake (T42N R5E S11), Harris lake, Ike Walton lake, Island lake, ~~Laura lake,~~ Little Arbor Vitae lake, Little Star lake, Manitowish lake, North Crab lake, North Turtle lake, Oxbow lake, ~~Pike Lake chain (Amik lake, Pike lake, Round lake, and Turner lake combined on the Price county border),~~ Presque Isle chain (Averill lake, Presque Isle lake, and Van Vliet lake combined), Rest lake, Rock lake, South Turtle lake, Spider lake, Squaw lake (on Oneida county border), Star lake, Stone lake, Wild Rice lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	None except only one may be longer than 14

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	5. Escanaba lake	a. Hook and line. Daily permit required. (see s. NR 20.41)	~~Continuous~~Second Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March	~~1~~3 in total until annual quota (in pounds) is met, then 0, catch and release only, until the first Sunday in March. The annual quota shall be calculated by adding the pounds of total annual walleye production and pounds of 25% of annual surplus production. The bag limit of 0 shall become effective as specified in a public notice published in a local newspaper in the vicinity of the water.	~~28~~15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24
	7. North and South Twin lakes combined, Pike Lake chain (Amik lake, Pike lake, Round lake, and Turner lake combined on the Price county border)	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	3 in total	15 except the possession of fish from 20 to 24 is prohibited and only 1 fish may be longer than 24

SECTION 38. NR 20.20 (64) (i) 9. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(44) VILAS (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(g) Walleye, sauger and hybrids	9. Anvil lake, Lake Laura	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	1 in total	18 except the possession of fish from 22 to 28 is prohibited

SECTION 39. NR 20.20 (66) (bm) is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(66) WASHBURN (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(bm) Muskellunge	1. Namekagon river from Trego dam to the confluence with the St. Croix river	a. Hook and line	Saturday nearest Memorial day to December 31 on open water	1	50

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SECTION 40. NR 20.20 (68) (d) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(68) WAUKESHA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(d) Northern pike	1. Big Muskego lake including Bass bay and waters from Little Muskego dam downstream to Big Muskego dam	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to first Sunday in March	~~1 until April 1, 2021, when it becomes~~ 2	~~40 until April 1, 2021, when it becomes 26~~None except the possession of fish from 25 to 35 is prohibited

SECTION 41. NR 20.20 (69) (e) 4. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(69) WAUPACA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(e) Trout and salmon	4. Comet creek, Flume creek, Jackson creek, Jones creek, Little Wolf river	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May at 5:00 a.m. to October 15	3 in total	~~12 for brown trout and rainbow trout, 8 for brook trout~~ 8

SECTION 42. NR 20.20 (70) (b) 2. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(70) WAUSHARA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(b) Northern pike	2. Alpine lake, Morris lake, Big Hills lake, Pine lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	5	None

SECTION 43. NR 20.20 (70) (b) 3. is created to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(70) WAUSHARA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(b) Northern pike	3. Irogami lake, Long lake, Wilson lake	a. Hook and line	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March	2	None except the possession of fish from 25 to 35 is prohibited

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SECTION 44. NR 20.20 (70) (c) 1. is amended to read:

COUNTY AND SPECIES	WATERS	AUTHORIZED METHODS	OPEN SEASON (both dates inclusive)	DAILY BAG LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH OR OTHER SIZE RESTRICTIONS (INCHES)
(70) WAUSHARA (for species or waters not listed, see sub. (73))					
(c) Panfish	1. Hartford lake, Little Hills lake, Huron lake	a. Hook and line	Continuous	10 in total	None

SECTION 43. EFFECTIVE DATE. This rule shall take effect on April 1, 2022.

SECTION 44. BOARD ADOPTION. This rule was approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on [DATE].

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin _____.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BY _____

Preston D. Cole, Secretary

(SEAL)