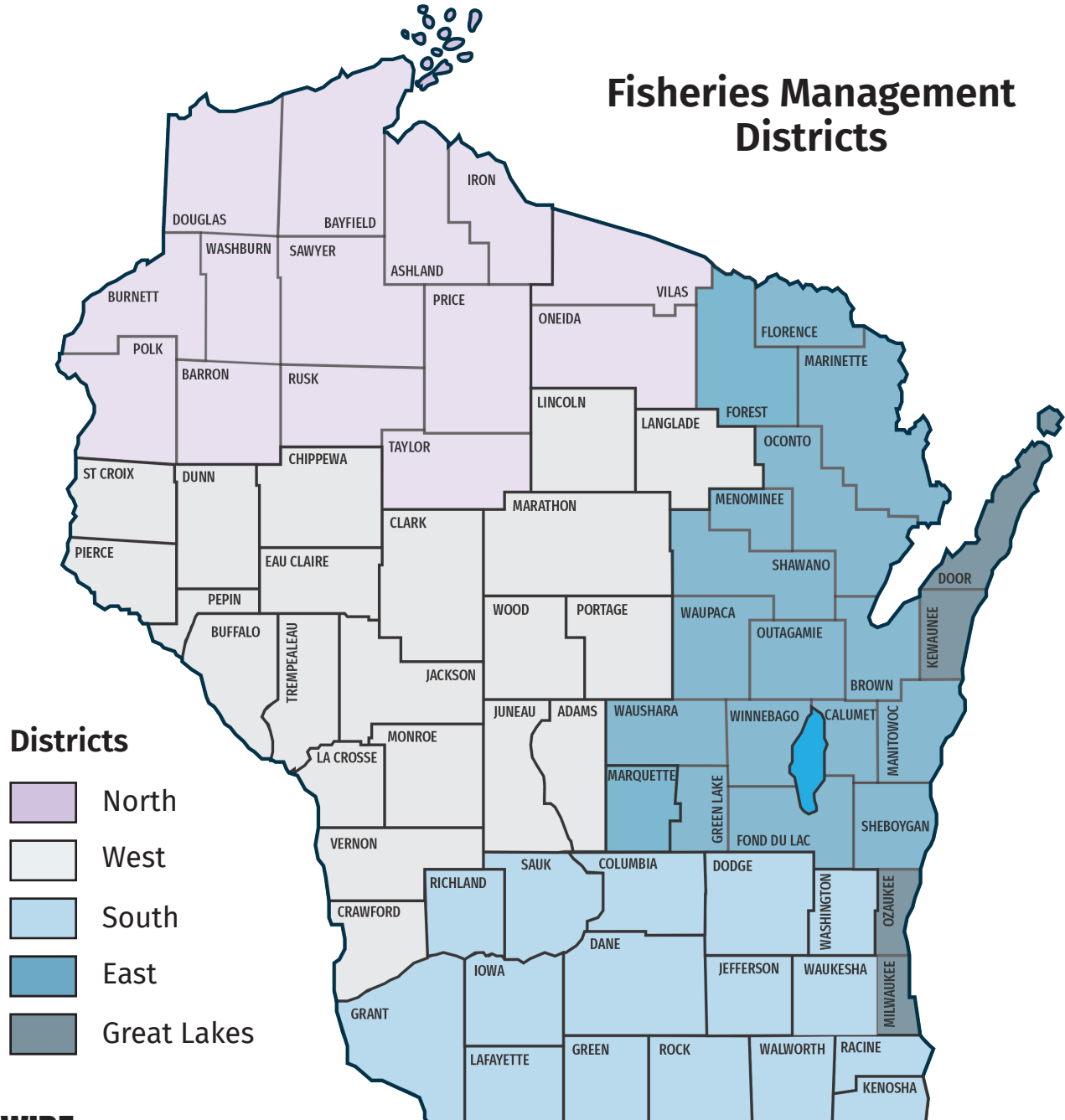


# REGULATION CHANGES FOR THE 2024-2025 FISHING SEASON

The regulation changes in this document go into effect April 1, 2024 except as otherwise noted. The new regulations are divided alphabetically by county within existing Fisheries Management Districts. Check the *Guide to Wisconsin Trout Fishing Regulations, 2024-2025* and the *Guide to Wisconsin Hook and Line Fishing Regulations, 2024-2025* for fishing regulations on other waters and general statewide regulations.



## STATEWIDE

Waterbody	Species	Regulation
All inland waters	Walleye/Sauger	Three in total may be kept.

## NORTH DISTRICT

Waterbody	Species	Regulation
<b>Bear River</b> (Iron County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Flambeau River above Turtle Flambeau Flowage</b> (Iron County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Trude Lake</b> (Iron County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Turtle Flambeau Flowage</b> (Iron County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Turtle River, Little</b> (Iron County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Jump River</b> (Price, Taylor and Rusk counties)	Walleye/Sauger	Walleye of at least 13" may be kept, except walleye from 16" to 24" must be released and only one may be over 24".
<b>Flambeau River downstream of the Thornapple Dam</b> (Rusk County)	Walleye/Sauger	Walleye of at least 13" may be kept, except walleye from 16" to 24" must be released and only one may be over 24".
<b>Chippewa River downstream of the Arpin Dam</b> (Sawyer and Rusk counties)	Walleye/Sauger	Walleye of at least 13" may be kept, except walleye from 16" to 24" must be released and only one may be over 24".
<b>Island Lake</b> (Sawyer County)	Panfish	Fifteen panfish may be kept, but only five of any one species.
<b>Lac Courte Oreilles Chain of Lakes</b> (Sawyer County)	Northern pike	Ten northern pike of any length may be kept.
<b>Lake Chippewa (Chippewa Flowage)</b> (Sawyer County)	Northern pike	Ten northern pike of any length may be kept.
<b>Moose Lake</b> (Sawyer County)	Panfish	Five panfish in total may be kept, but only one may be over 12".
<b>Osprey Lake</b> (Sawyer County)	Panfish	Fifteen panfish may be kept, but only five of any one species.

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<b>Spider Chain of Lakes</b> (Sawyer County)	Northern pike	Ten northern pike of any length may be kept.
<b>Tiger Cat Chain of Lakes</b> (Sawyer County)	Northern pike	Ten northern pike of any length may be kept.
<b>Manitowish River downstream of the Rest Lake Dam (including Sturgeon, Benson and Vance lakes)</b> (Vilas County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Plum Lake</b> (Vilas County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".

## WEST DISTRICT

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Regulation</b>
<b>Lake Holcombe</b> (Chippewa County)	Walleye/Sauger	Walleye of at least 13" may be kept, except walleye from 16" to 24" must be released and only one may be over 24".
<b>Cornell Flowage</b> (Chippewa County)	Walleye/Sauger	Walleye of at least 13" may be kept, except walleye from 16" to 24" must be released and only one may be over 24".
<b>Old Abe Flowage</b> (Chippewa County)	Walleye/Sauger	Walleye of at least 13" may be kept, except walleye from 16" to 24" must be released and only one may be over 24".
<b>Lake Wissota</b> (Chippewa County)	Walleye/Sauger	Walleye of at least 13" may be kept, except walleye from 16" to 24" must be released and only one may be over 24".
<b>Chippewa Falls Flowage</b> (Chippewa County)	Walleye/Sauger	Walleye of at least 13" may be kept, except walleye from 16" to 24" must be released and only one may be over 24".
<b>Dells Pond</b> (Chippewa County)	Walleye/Sauger	Walleye of at least 13" may be kept, except walleye from 16" to 24" must be released and only one may be over 24".
<b>Jump River</b> (Chippewa County)	Walleye/Sauger	Walleye of at least 13" may be kept, except walleye from 16" to 24" must be released and only one may be over 24".
<b>Cady Creek</b> (Dunn, Pierce and St. Croix counties)	Trout (brown, brook and rainbow)	Five brown or rainbow trout of any length may be kept, but brook trout must be immediately released.

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<b>Chippewa River upstream from the Dells Pond Dam</b> (Eau Claire County)	Walleye/Sauger	Walleye of at least 13" may be kept, except walleye from 16" to 24" must be released and only one may be over 24".
<b>Wisconsin River from Wausau Dam upstream to the Merrill Dam</b> (Lincoln County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Wisconsin River from the Lake DuBay Dam upstream to the hydro dam in Merrill including Lake DuBay, Mosinee Flowage, Half Moon Lake, Lake Wausau, Wausau Dam Lake, and all sloughs, bayous, flowages and tributaries upstream to the first dam or highway bridge</b> (Marathon and Portage counties)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>North Pine Creek</b> (Pierce County)	Trout (brown, brook and rainbow)	Five brown or rainbow trout of any length may be kept, but brook trout must be immediately released.
<b>Pine Creek</b> (Pierce County)	Trout (brown, brook and rainbow)	Five brown or rainbow trout of any length may be kept, but brook trout must be immediately released.

## WISCONSIN/MINNESOTA BOUNDARY WATER - ST CROIX RIVER

*Regulations go into effect  
March 1, 2024*

<b>Waterbody</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>Regulation</b>
<b>St Croix Falls Dam downstream to Prescott</b> (Pierce, St. Croix and Polk counties)	White and Yellow bass	Ten white or yellow bass in total of any length may be kept.
<b>St Croix Falls Dam downstream to Prescott</b> (Pierce, St. Croix and Polk counties)	Panfish (bluegill/sunfish, crappie, yellow perch)	Fifteen of each species may be kept.
<b>St Croix Falls Dam downstream to Prescott</b> (Pierce, St. Croix and Polk counties)	Walleye/Sauger	Sauger of any length may be kept, but walleye must be at least 15"; only one walleye or sauger over 20" may be kept per day. Daily bag limit: 4 in total.
<b>St Croix Falls Dam downstream to Prescott</b> (Pierce, St. Croix and Polk counties)	Northern pike	Three northern pike of any length may be kept, but only one fish over 30" may be kept per day.
<b>St Croix Falls Dam downstream to Prescott</b> (Pierce, St. Croix and Polk counties)	Catfish (Channel and Flathead)	Five channel catfish and two flathead catfish of any length may be kept, but only one channel catfish or flathead catfish over 24" may be kept per day.
<b>State Highway 8 bridge upstream to the St. Croix Falls Dam</b>	All species	Fish Refuge - No fishing from March 1 through June 15.

## SOUTH DISTRICT

Waterbody	Species	Regulation
<b>Lake Mendota</b> (Dane County)	Panfish (bluegill/ sunfish, crappie, yellow perch	Ten in total may be kept.
<b>Blackhawk Lake</b> (Iowa County)	Panfish (bluegill/ sunfish, crappie, yellow perch	Ten in total may be kept.
<b>Beaver Creek</b> (Sauk County)	Trout (brown, brook and rainbow)	Five brown or rainbow trout of any length may be kept, but brook trout must be immediately released - artificial lures only may be used.
<b>Dell Creek (South Avenue down- stream to Coon Bluff Road)</b> (Sauk County)	Trout (brown, brook and rainbow)	Five brown or rainbow trout of any length may be kept, but brook trout must be immediately released - artificial lures only may be used.
<b>Turtle Lake</b> (Walworth County)	Panfish (bluegill/ sunfish, crappie, yellow perch	Ten in total may be kept.
<b>Fowler Lake</b> (Waukesha County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Lac LaBelle</b> (Waukesha County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Oconomowoc Lake</b> (Waukesha County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Okauchee Lake</b> (Waukesha County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Pewaukee Lake</b> (Waukesha County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Oconomowoc River from Lac LaBelle upstream to North Lake</b> (Waukesha County)	Muskellunge	Muskellunge must be at least 50".
<b>Illinois-Fox River – from Madison St in Waukesha upstream to the Barstow Dam</b> (Waukesha County)	All species	Fish Refuge - No fishing allowed from March 1 through May 1.  (Effective March 1, 2024)

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## EAST DISTRICT

Waterbody	Species	Regulation
<b>Village of Suamico Urban Fishing Pond</b> (Brown County)	Trout, Gamefish and Panfish	Youth and people with disabilities season (March 9 - April 26) - Three trout, one gamefish (bass, walleye, northern pike) and 10 panfish (bluegill, crappie, pumpkinseed, yellow perch and bullheads) may be kept.
<b>Wilke Lake</b> (Manitowoc County)	Bass (Largemouth and Smallmouth)	One bass may be kept, but it must be at least 18".
<b>Wilke Lake</b> (Manitowoc County)	Northern pike	Two northern pike of any length may be kept, but pike between 25-35" may not be kept.
<b>Wilke Lake</b> (Manitowoc County)	Walleye	Three walleye may be kept, but they must be at least 18".
<b>Wood Lake</b> (Marquette County)	Northern pike	Two northern pike of any length may be kept, but pike between 25-35" may not be kept.
<b>White River System</b> (Marquette/Waushara counties)	Northern pike	Five northern pike of any length may be kept.
<b>Rost Lake</b> (Oconto County)	Bass	Five bass of any length may be kept.
<b>Wescott Lake</b> (Oconto County)	Bass	Five bass of any length may be kept.
<b>Pearl Lake</b> (Waushara County)	Northern pike	Five northern pike of any length may be kept.
<b>Silver Lake</b> (Waushara County)	Northern pike	Two northern pike of any length may be kept, but pike between 25-35" may not be kept.



## FISHING WALLEYE OR SAUGER IN INLAND WATERS? **THINK 3**

**WALLEYE/SAUGER DAILY BAG LIMIT**  
(in most inland waters)

**3** in total

**EFFECTIVE**  
**APRIL 1, 2024**