

# GUIDE TO WISCONSIN HOOK AND LINE FISHING SEASON DATES 2026-2027



**Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Bureau of Fisheries Management**

<b>LARGEMOUTH BASS and SMALLMOUTH BASS</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	
Northern Zone - Largemouth bass harvest Southern Zone - Largemouth and smallmouth bass harvest	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Northern Zone - Smallmouth bass harvest	Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens June 20, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Northern Zone/Southern Zone - Largemouth and Smallmouth bass catch and release	At all times of the year except on waters closed to fishing
Lake Winnebago System waters	Continuous open season
<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Outlying waters of Green Bay and Lake Michigan within 1/4 mile of Washington, Detroit, Plum, Pilot, Hog or Rock Islands	July 1 to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens July 1, 2026 - March 7, 2027). No catch and release fishing prior to July 1
Outlying waters of Green Bay, Lake Michigan within 5 miles of the Door County shoreline and Fox, Peshtigo and Oconto rivers up to the first dam - Smallmouth bass harvest	July 1 to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens July 1, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
	<b>NEW IN 2026-2027</b>
Other Lake Michigan waters Lake Superior and connected sloughs, Kakagon River - Largemouth bass harvest	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Lake Superior and connected sloughs, Kakagon River - Smallmouth bass harvest	Third Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens June 20, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Other Lake Michigan waters; Lake Superior and connected sloughs, Kakagon River - Largemouth and Smallmouth bass catch and release	At all other times of the year.
<b>Wisconsin - Minnesota boundary waters</b>	
St. Louis River	Saturday preceding Memorial Day to March 1 (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 23, 2026 - March 1, 2027)
St. Croix River upstream from the dam at St. Croix Falls - harvest	Saturday preceding Memorial Day to, but not including, the second Monday in Sept. (May 23, 2026 - Sept. 13, 2026)
St. Croix River upstream from the dam at St. Croix Falls - catch and release	Second Monday in Sept. to March 1 (season closes March 1, 2025; opens Sept. 14, 2026 - March 1, 2027)
St. Croix River downstream from the dam at St. Croix Falls to the Hwy 10 Bridge at Prescott	Saturday preceding Memorial Day to March 1 (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 23, 2026 - March 1, 2027)
Mississippi River	Continuous open season
<b>Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters - Largemouth and smallmouth bass harvest</b>	Third Saturday in June to Dec. 31 (June 20, 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026)
<b>Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters - Largemouth and Smallmouth bass catch and release</b>	At all other times of the year.
<b>Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters</b>	Continuous open season

<b>ROCK, YELLOW, and WHITE BASS</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	Continuous open season
Major Green Bay tributaries	Continuous open season
All other tributaries, streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Lake Michigan and Green Bay	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters - lakes	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters	Continuous open season

<b>CATFISH (CHANNEL and FLATHEAD)</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	Continuous open season (including by bow and arrow and crossbow)
Duck Creek downstream from the first dam above the Pamperin Park Footbridge in the Village of Howard excluding its tributaries, Fox River downstream from DePere Dam, Suamico River downstream from CTH HS, East River downstream from Hoffman Road (CTH XX), Brown County	Continuous open season (including by bow and arrow and crossbow)
All tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake,	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027) (including by bow and arrow and crossbow)
Prairie du Sac Dam on Wiscotin River downstream to US Hwy 12 bridge	First Saturday in May to Nov. 30 (May 2, 2026 - Nov. 30, 2026) including by bow and arrow and crossbow
Lake Winnebago System Waters - Channel catfish	Continuous open season
Lake Winnebago System Waters - Flathead catfish	First Saturday in May to Sept. 30 (May 2, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026)
Lake Winnebago System Waters - Flathead and Channel catfish by bow and arrow and crossbow	Saturday nearest May 20 to Sept. 30 (May 23, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026)
All waters by hand	June 1, 2026 - Aug. 31, 2026
<b>Catfish in Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Lake Michigan, Green Bay and Lake Michigan tributaries	Continuous open season (including by bow and arrow and crossbow)
Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters	Continuous open season (including by bow and arrow and crossbow on the Wisconsin boundary waters only)
Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters	Continuous open season (including by bow and arrow and crossbow on the Wisconsin boundary waters only)
Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters by bow and arrow and crossbow	Saturday nearest April 21 to March 1 (April 18, 2026 to March 1, 2027)
All waters by hand	June 1, 2026 - Aug. 31, 2026

<b>PANFISH: bluegill, crappie, pumpkinseed, yellow perch</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	Continuous open season
<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Lake Michigan and Lake Michigan tributaries	Continuous open season, (but the open season for yellow perch is June 16, 2026 to April 30, 2027)
Green Bay and the Fox River	Continuous open season, (but the open season for yellow perch is May 20, 2026 to March 15, 2027).
All other tributaries, streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027) but the open season for yellow perch is May 20, 2026 to March 15, 2027
Lake Superior	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters	Continuous open season

<b>CISCO (LAKE HERRING) and WHITEFISH</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	Continuous open season
<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Green Bay, major Green Bay tributaries, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior, Lake Michigan tributaries	Continuous open season

All other tributaries, streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters	Continuous open season

LAKE STURGEON	Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	
<b>Chippewa River: West Fork Chippewa River</b> downstream from Moose Lake Dam (Sawyer Co.) and <b>East Fork Chippewa River</b> (Ashland Co.) downstream to the confluence of the Mississippi River (Pepin Co.) including sloughs, bayous, and flowages. <b>Flambeau River: North Fork Flambeau River</b> from Turtle-Flambeau Dam (Iron Co.) and <b>South Fork Flambeau River</b> (Price Co.) downstream to the confluence with the Chippewa River (Rusk Co.) including sloughs, bayous, and flowages. <b>Butternut Lake</b> (Price Co.) <b>Jump River</b> from the North and South Forks to the confluence with the Chippewa River (Rusk Co.); <b>Yellow Lake, Little Yellow Lake, Danbury Flowage, Yellow River</b> from Yellow Lake downstream to the Danbury Dam (Burnett Co.) <b>Wisconsin River</b> downstream from the Wisconsin Dells Dam	<b>HARVEST SEASON</b> - First Saturday in Sept. to Sept. 30 (Sept. 5, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026)
<b>Bear River</b> downstream from the Lac du Flambeau Dam (Vilas Co.) to the confluence of the Flambeau River (Iron Co.); <b>Black River</b> from the Black River Falls Dam (Jackson Co) to the confluence of the Mississippi River (La Crosse Co.); <b>Butternut Lake</b> (Price Co.); <b>Chippewa River</b> downstream from the Chippewa Flowage Dam (Sawyer Co.) to the confluence of the Mississippi River (Buffalo/Pepin Co.); <b>East Fork Chippewa River</b> (Ashland Co.) downstream to the Chippewa Flowage Dam (Sawyer Co.) and <b>West Fork Chippewa River</b> downstream from Moose Lake Dam (Sawyer Co.) <b>Eau Claire River</b> from Lake Altoona Dam (Eau Claire Co.) to the confluence of the Chippewa River (Eau Claire Co.) <b>North Fork Flambeau River</b> downstream from the confluence of the Manitowish and Bear rivers including the Turtle Flambeau Flowage (Iron Co.); <b>South Fork Flambeau River</b> from the Round Lake Dam (Price Co.) downstream to the confluence with the Chippewa River (Rusk Co.); <b>Jump River</b> from its North/South Forks (Price Co.) to the confluence of the Chippewa River (Chippewa Co.); <b>Little Turtle River</b> downstream from the Lake of the Falls Dam (Iron Co.); <b>Manitowish River</b> downstream of the Rest Lake Dam (Vilas Co.) to the confluence of the Flambeau River (Iron Co.); <b>Namekagon River</b> downstream from the Hayward Dam (Sawyer Co.) to the confluence of the St. Croix River (Burnett Co.); <b>Red Cedar River</b> downstream from the Lake Menominee Dam (Dunn Co.) to the confluence of the Chippewa River (Dunn Co.); <b>St. Croix River</b> including Upper St. Croix lake upstream from the St. Croix Dam at Gordon flowage (Douglas Co.); <b>Wisconsin River</b> from the Merrill Flowage Dam (Lincoln Co.) downstream to the confluence of the Mississippi River (Grant/Crawford Co.)	<b>CATCH AND RELEASE SEASON</b> - First Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March of the following year (June 6, 2026 - March 1, 2027)  <b>NEW IN 2026-2027</b>
Lake Winnebago System Waters	No open season for hook and line harvest or catch and release fishing
Lake Winnebago	<b>SPEARING SEASON</b> Second Saturday in February for 16 consecutive days unless harvest cap is triggered (Feb. 14, 2026 - March 1, 2026 or until harvest cap trigger)
Upriver Lakes (includes Poygan, Winneconne, and Butte des Morts)	<b>SPEARING SEASON</b> Second Saturday in February for 16 consecutive days unless harvest cap is triggered (participation dependent on random drawing for license purchase) (Feb. 14, 2026 - March 1, 2026 or until harvest cap trigger)
<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Lake Michigan, Green Bay and their tributaries	No open season
Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters	
Mississippi River upstream of Red Wing Dam, St. Croix River from Prescott to Gordon Flowage	<b>CATCH AND RELEASE SEASON</b> - June 16, 2026 - March 1, 2027
St. Louis River, Nemadji River and the Mississippi River downstream of the Red Wing Dam	<b>CATCH AND RELEASE SEASON</b> - June 16, 2026 - April 14, 2027



St. Croix River downstream from the St. Croix Falls Dam	<b>HARVEST SEASON</b> - First Saturday in Sept. to Sept. 30 (Sept. 5, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026) <b>CATCH AND RELEASE SEASON</b> - June 16 to the Friday before the first Saturday in Sept. (June 16, 2026 - Sept. 4, 2026) and Oct. 1 to March 1 (Oct. 1, 2026 - March 1, 2027)
<b>Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters</b>	
Upstream from the Grand Rapids Dam on the Menominee River	<b>HARVEST SEASON</b> - First Saturday in Sept. to Sept. 30 (Sept. 5, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026)
From the Sturgeon Falls Dam downstream on the Menominee River	<b>CATCH AND RELEASE SEASON</b> - First Saturday in June to the first Sunday in March of the following year (June 6, 2026 - March 1, 2027)
<b>Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters</b>	No open season

<b>MUSKELLUNGE</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	
Northern Zone - inland waters north of U.S. Hwy 10 (excluding Wisconsin - Michigan boundary waters)	First Saturday in May to Dec. 31 (May 2, 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026) <b>NEW IN 2026-2027</b>
Southern Zone - inland waters south of U.S. Hwy 10	First Saturday in May to Dec. 31 (May 2, 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026)
<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Green Bay, Lake Michigan and Lake Michigan tributaries north of a line running due east from eastern terminus of Waldo boulevard in the City of Manitowoc, all tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake.	Saturday nearest Memorial Day to Dec. 31 (May 23, 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026)
Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters	First Saturday in May to Dec. 31 (May 2, 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026)
Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters	June 1 to Dec. 31 <b>on open water only</b> (June 1, 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026)
Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters	
St. Louis River, St. Croix River, and Mississippi River	Saturday nearest Memorial Day to Nov. 30 (May 23, 2026 - Nov. 30, 2026)

<b>NORTHERN PIKE</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Green Bay tributaries and Lake Michigan tributaries south of US Hwy 10	Continuous open season
Green Bay tributaries and Lake Michigan tributaries north of US Hwy 10	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Lake Superior	Continuous open season (spearing through the ice)
Lake Superior tributaries and connected sloughs upstream to the first dam or lake	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters	First Saturday in May to March 1 (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 1, 2027)
Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters	
St. Croix River to Hwy 10 at Prescott	Saturday nearest May 1 to March 1 (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 1, 2027)
St. Louis River	Saturday 2 weeks prior to the Saturday nearest Memorial Day to March 1 (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 9, 2026 - March 1, 2027)
Mississippi River	Continuous open season

<b>RUFFE, WHITE PERCH, and GOBIES</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	No open season, one of each may be killed and possessed for transport to a Wisconsin DNR office
<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Michigan tributaries, major Green Bay tributaries	Continuous open season for white perch, no open season for ruffe or gobies
All other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027) for white perch, no open season for ruffe or gobies
Lake Superior	Continuous open season for white perch, No open season for ruffe or gobies except one of each may be killed and possessed for transport to a Wisconsin DNR office
Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters	No open season, one of each may be killed and possessed for transport to a Wisconsin DNR office
Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters	Continuous season for white perch, no open season for ruffe or gobies
Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters	No open season, one of each may be killed and possessed for transport to a Wisconsin DNR office

<b>BULLHEADS and ROUGH FISH</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	Continuous open season
Bullheads - by hand	June 1, 2026 - Aug. 31, 2026
<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Major Green Bay tributaries, Major Lake Michigan tributaries	Continuous open season (including bullheads by bow and arrow and crossbow)
Bullheads - by hand	June 1, 2026 - Aug. 31, 2026
All other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Bullheads - by hand	June 1, 2026 - Aug. 31, 2026
Bullheads - by bow and arrow and crossbow	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Lake Superior	Continuous open season (including bullheads by bow and arrow and crossbow)
Bullheads - by hand	June 1, 2026 - Aug. 31, 2026
Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters	Continuous open season (including bullheads by bow and arrow and crossbow on the Wisconsin side of the boundary waters only)
Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters	Continuous open season (including bullheads by bow and arrow and crossbow on the Wisconsin side of the boundary waters only)
Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters	Continuous open season (including bullheads by bow and arrow and crossbow on the Wisconsin side of the boundary waters only)

<b>TROUT AND SALMON</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	
Early season catch and release	First Saturday in January at 5:00 am to Friday preceding the first Saturday in April (Jan. 3, 2026 - April 3, 2026)
General open season (inland streams, springs and spring ponds)	First Saturday in April at 5:00 am to Oct. 15 (April 4, 2026 - Oct. 15, 2026) <b>NEW IN 2026-2027</b>
General open season (inland lakes and ponds)	First Saturday in May at 5:00 am to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)

<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Lake Michigan and its tributaries, Green Bay, and major Green Bay tributaries	Continuous open season
All other tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Lake Superior (does not include Lake Superior tributaries)	Continuous open season except the open season for lake trout is Dec. 1, 2026 to Sept. 30, 2027
Lake Superior tributaries	First Saturday in May at 5:00 AM to Sept. 30 (May 2, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026)
Brule River downstream from US Hwy 2; Amnicon River, Nemadji River, Poplar river and the St. Louis River downstream from WI/MN state line	Last Saturday in March to Nov. 15 (March 28, 2026 - Nov. 15, 2026)
<b>Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters</b>	Last Saturday in April to Sept. 30 (April 25, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026)
Montreal and Menominee rivers from their mouths upstream to the first dam and Smokey Lake	Continuous open season
Brule River (i.e., "boundary" Brule in Florence & Forest Counties) upstream from US Highway 2	Last Saturday in April to Sept. 30 (April 25, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026)
<b>Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters - St. Louis River</b>	First Saturday in May at 5:00 AM to Sept. 30 (May 2, 2026 - Sept. 30, 2026)

<b>SHOVELNOSE STURGEON</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	
Wisconsin River downstream from the Prairie du Sac dam	First Saturday in July to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens July 4, 2026 - March 7, 2027) <b>NEW IN 2026-2027</b>
All other inland waters	No open season
<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
<b>Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters</b>	
Mississippi River from the Red Wing Dam upstream and the St. Croix and St. Louis Rivers	<b>CATCH AND RELEASE SEASON</b> June 16, 2026 - March 1, 2027
Mississippi River from the Red Wing dam downstream	Continuous open season
<b>Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters</b>	Continuous open season

<b>WALLEYE and SAUGER</b>	<b>Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)</b>
<b>General Inland Waters</b>	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Chippewa Flowage (Sawyer County)	First Saturday in May to Nov. 30 (May 2, 2026 - Nov. 30, 2026)
<b>Boundary and Outlying Waters</b>	
Major Green Bay tributaries and tributaries to Lake Michigan north of Waldo Boulevard, Manitowoc	Monday after the first Sunday in March to the Friday before the first Saturday in May (March 2, 2026 - May 1, 2026) 1 in total with 15" minimum length limit
Major Green Bay tributaries and tributaries to Lake Michigan north of Waldo Boulevard, Manitowoc	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027) 5 in total with 15" minimum length limit
Tributaries to Lake Michigan south of Waldo Boulevard	Continuous open season
All other tributary streams & ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)
Lake Superior	Continuous open season
Lake Superior tributaries	First Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March of the following year (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)

Lake Winnebago System waters	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Iowa boundary waters	Continuous open season
Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters	
Mississippi River	Continuous open season
St. Croix River downstream to Prescott	Saturday nearest May 1 to March 1 (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 1, 2027)
St. Louis River	Saturday 2 weeks prior to the Saturday nearest Memorial Day to March 1 (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 9, 2026 - March 1, 2027)
Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters - rivers and flowages	(5 bag/15") season closes March 1, 2026. March 2 to the Friday before the First Saturday in May (March 2, 2026 - May 1, 2026) (1 bag/ 15") and First Saturday in May to March 1 (May 2, 2026 - March 1, 2027) (5 bag/15")
Wisconsin-Michigan boundary waters - lakes	First Saturday in May to March 1 (season closes March 1, 2026; opens May 2, 2026 - March 7, 2027)

CLAMMING (Mussel harvest)	Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)
Inland waters	No open season on live mussels (dead shell harvest only)
Boundary and outlying waters	There is a year-round open season from sunrise to sunset on live mussels of species other than those that are <a href="#">endangered/threatened</a> .
St. Croix River - Wisconsin-Minnesota boundary waters	No open season on live mussels (dead shell harvest prohibited)

FROGS and TURTLES	Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)
Frogs	Saturday nearest May 1 to Dec. 31 (May 2, 2026 - Dec. 31, 2026)
Turtles	July 15, 2026 to Nov. 30, 2026

ICE SHANTY REMOVAL	Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)
Lake Michigan, Green Bay, Lake Superior, and inland waters north of Hwy 64	Remove by the first Sunday following March 12 (March 15, 2026; March 14, 2027)
Inland waters south of Hwy 64	Remove by the first Sunday following March 1 (March 8, 2026; March 7, 2027)
Wisconsin - Iowa Boundary Waters	Remove by Feb. 20, 2026 and 2027
Wisconsin - Michigan Boundary Waters	Remove by March 15, 2026 and 2027
Wisconsin - Minnesota Boundary Waters	Remove by March 1, 2026 and 2027

URBAN FISHING	Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)
Southeast, North, and Northeast	Second Saturday in March to but not including the last Saturday in April (March 14 - April 24 in 2026, March 13 - April 23 in 2027)

FREE FISHING WEEKENDS	Season Dates Inclusive (2026 - 2027 dates in parentheses)
Summer Free Fishing Weekend	First Saturday and Sunday in June (June 6-7, 2026)
Winter Free Fishing Weekend	The full weekend before the 3rd Monday in January (Jan. 17-18, 2026 and Jan. 16-17, 2027)



