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GREAT LAKES INDIAN FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION ORDER

Order No. 2026-02

Wisconsin 1837 and 1842 Ceded Territory Large Mouth and Small Mouth Bass Bag Limits Amendments

This Commission Order amends the Tribes' large mouth and small mouth bass fishing regulations for the Wisconsin portion of the 1837 and 1842 ceded territory pursuant to the authority granted by §3.33 of the Model Off-Reservation Conservation Codes (hereinafter "MORCC"). These amendments modify the existing bag limit of 10 per person/day for "intensive fishing methods" as regulated in the MORCC to a bag limit of "none," subject to the species quota trigger levels that remain in effect or any Tribal Quota for large mouth and small mouth bass for the corresponding water body or stream segment.

Sec. 1: Authority and Applicability; Terms Used and Definitions

Subd. 1: This Order is issued in accordance with MORCC § 3.33(1)(c) of the MORCC that authorizes the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission Executive Administrator to issue Commission Orders on various topics upon agreement with the State.

Subd. 2: Terms used in the MORCC shall be given the meaning set forth in the MORCC when used in this Order.

Sec. 2: Pertinent Portions of the MORCC and Parties' Stipulations.

Subd. 1: The MORCC § 9.05(3)(a) table is amended from the current bag limit of 10 per person/day for open water spearing to read "none," subject to MORCC § 9.06 (open water spearing), § 9.07 (nets except gillnets), or § 9.08 (gillnetting on lakes 1,000 acres or larger).


Subd. 2: These amendments to MORCC's large mouth and small mouth bass bag limit regulations for intensive fishing methods are in accordance with the existing provisions of the *LCO v. Wisconsin* case and do not require provisions of the relevant stipulations to be temporarily superseded.

Sec. 3: Reservation of Each Tribe's Authority.

Subd. 1: Nothing in this Order is intended to, or shall be construed to, limit the authority of each Tribe to establish large mouth and small mouth bass bag limits or other measures that are more restrictive than provided in this Order.

Subd. 2: Upon the issuance of this Order, unless a Tribe chooses to adopt more restrictive measures, the regulations established herein shall be the Tribe's regulations as provided in each Tribe's Code.

Dated this 14th day of April 2026.



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Executive Administrator
Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission

Attachment: Amendment to MORCC § 9.05(3)(a) Large Mouth and Small Mouth Bass

Model Code Amendment – Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass Bag Limits.

Model Code revision regarding fish harvesting regulations [MORCC § 9.05 (Seasons, Methods, Bag Limits, and Size Limits.)] are (deletions shown by ~~strikeout~~ and additions by **redline**):

9.05 Seasons, Methods, Bag Limits, and Size Limits.

[...]

(3) Except as provided in subsection (4), below, the following table hereby establishes the open season, permissible methods, daily bag limits and size limits for the enumerated species of fish in the identified locations:

Kind of Fish and Locality	Methods Permitted	Open Season (dates are inclusive)	Bag Limit	Maximum or Minimum Size Limits
(a) Large Mouth & Small Mouth Bass				
(i) All waters	Open water hook & line fishing, ice fishing (including spearing when ice fishing)	Year Around	10 per person/day	None
(ii) All waters	Open water spearing subject to Section 9.06 , and snagging	Year Around	10 per person/day None	None
(iii) All waters	Setline, set or bank pole subject to Section 9.09	Year Around	None	None
(iv) All waters	All nets (except gillnets) subject to Section 9.07	Year Around	10 per person/day None	None
(v) 1000 acre or larger lakes	Gillnets subject to Section 9.08	June 1 to March 1	10 per person/day None	None