

CHAPTER 101

FISH

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Subdivision 1. **Designation of muskellunge waters.** (a) The commissioner may, after holding a public meeting, designate waters with muskellunge as muskellunge waters.

(b) The commissioner may prescribe rules for each designated muskellunge waters that:

- (1) restrict spearing from a darkhouse;
- (2) restrict angling from a darkhouse;
- (3) limit the open season to take fish;
- (4) limit the size of fish that may be kept; and
- (5) limit the number of each species of fish that may be kept.

(c) The commissioner must give notice and hold a hearing before adopting rules under this subdivision. The rules are effective for a specified period of time and may only be extended upon a showing by the commissioner, at a hearing, that the muskellunge population in the designated waters has been enhanced.

(d) The provisions of section 97.48, subdivision 1, requiring the angling season on a lake to be closed in proportion to the spearing season do not apply to designated muskellunge lakes.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1985 c 190 s 3]

History: 1985 c 190 s 2