97C.395 OPEN SEASONS FOR ANGLING.

Subdivision 1. **Dates for certain species.** (a) The open seasons to take fish by angling are as follows:

- (1) for walleye, sauger, northern pike, muskellunge, largemouth bass, and smallmouth bass, the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the last Sunday in February;
 - (2) for lake trout, from January 1 to October 31;
- (3) for the winter season for lake trout on all lakes located outside or partially within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, from January 15 to March 31;
- (4) for the winter season for lake trout on all lakes located entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, from January 1 to March 31;
- (5) for brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and splake, between January 1 to October 31 as prescribed by the commissioner by rule except as provided in section 97C.415, subdivision 2;
- (6) for the winter season for brown trout, brook trout, rainbow trout, and splake on all lakes, from January 15 to March 31; and
 - (7) for salmon, as prescribed by the commissioner by rule.
- (b) The commissioner shall close the season in areas of the state where fish are spawning and closing the season will protect the resource.
- Subd. 2. **Continuous season for certain species.** For sunfish, white crappie, black crappie, yellow perch, catfish, rock bass, white bass, lake whitefish, and rough fish, the open season is continuous.

History: 1986 c 386 art 3 s 41; 1989 c 242 s 2; 1991 c 259 s 23; 1Sp1995 c 1 s 42; 2005 c 146 s 46; 2008 c 368 art 2 s 67; 2009 c 176 art 2 s 63