97C.601 FROGS.

Subdivision 1. **Season.** The open season for frogs is May 16 through March 31. The commissioner may, by rule, establish closed seasons in specified areas.

Subd. 2. **License required.** (a) A person may not take or possess frogs without an angling license if the person is required to have an angling license to take fish.

(b) A person may not purchase, possess, and transport frogs for purposes other than bait without a license to purchase, possess, and transport frogs.

(c) A person may not take, possess, transport, and sell frogs for purposes other than bait without a license to take, possess, transport, and sell frogs.

Subd. 3. **Taking with cloth screens prohibited.** A person may not use cloth screens or similar devices to take frogs.

Subd. 4. **Taking with artificial lights.** The commissioner may issue permits to take frogs with the use of artificial lights in waters designated in the permit.

Subd. 5. **Limits.** (a) A person may possess frogs, up to six inches long, without limit if the frogs are possessed, bought, sold, and transported for bait.

(b) Unless the commissioner prescribes otherwise, a person may possess frogs over six inches long and:

(1) transport the frogs, except by common carrier; and

(2) sell the frogs in any quantity during the open season.

(c) The length of a frog is measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the hind toes, with the legs fully extended.

Subd. 6. **Rules.** The commissioner shall prescribe rules for taking, buying, selling, possessing, importing, and transporting frogs for purposes other than bait.

Subd. 7. **For human consumption.** The commissioner may issue permits for importing, raising, and selling frogs for human consumption.

History: *1986 c 386 art 3 s 52; 1991 c 259 s 23; 1993 c 231 s 62; 2023 c 60 art 4 s 71*