

Table 6 Bow and Spear Fishing

A hand-propelled spear may be used on the following waters. In addition, a bow, light, spring-propelled or rubber-propelled spear may be used as indicated. Size and possession limits are the same as for General Hook and Line Regulations – Table 1 (p. 7); inland non-trout waters are those inland waters except Designated Trout

Lakes (*see FO-200) and Designated Trout Streams (see FO-210); For exceptions to these regulations, see Note 8 - Restricted Spearing Lakes (p.8), Michigan-Wisconsin Boundary Regulations (p.13), Sylvania Wilderness Area (p. 14), and Exceptions to General Regulations by County (p.16-18).

Season	Waters	Species	
Dec. 1 - March 15	All waters (through the ice) except: Designated Trout Lakes (*see above), and Streams (FO-200), and Note 8 waters (p. 8). No muskellunge spearing on L. St. Clair, L. Erie, Detroit R., and St.Clair R.	Northern Pike Muskellunge	
January - February	L. St. Clair (bow may be used)	Yellow perch	
January - February	(bow and light may be used) Inland non-trout waters (through the ice): See Note 8 (p. 8)	Bowfin Bullheads Carp Catfish Drum Gar	Lake herring (cisco) Smelt Suckers Whitefish
All year (Note 1)	(bow and light may be used) Great Lakes, L. St. Clair, St. Marys R., St. Clair R., and Detroit R.		
All year	Great Lakes		Burbot
April 1 - May 31 South of Hwy. M-46	(bow and light may be used) All non-trout streams or Trout streams listed in FO-219	Bowfin Carp Gar Suckers	
April 15 - May 31 Between M-46 and M-72			
May 1 - 31 North of Hwy. M-72			
All Year	Waters listed in FO-219 as open to the use of rubber-propelled or spring-propelled spears when used as noted in FO-219 list.		
May 1 - Aug. 15	(bow and light may be used) Inland non-trout waters	Bowfin Carp Gar	
Oct. 15 - Dec. 31	(light may be used) Hubbard L. (Alcona Co.), Ottawa, Chicagon L. (Iron Co.)	Carp Lake herring (cisco) Suckers Whitefish	
Nov. 1 - Dec. 31	(light may be used) Elk L., Torch L., Clam R. (Grand Traverse, Antrim, Kalkaska Cos.); Crystal L. (Benzie Co.) All inland non-trout waters in lower peninsula counties wholly south of M-20 (including all of Huron, Sanilac, and Tuscola Cos.)		

[Note 1*](#): In Little Bay de Noc, bowfin, carp, and gar may be speared only in January and February.