

State Commercial Fishing Regs by Species

Species	Illinois	Iowa	Minnesota	Missouri	Wisconsin/Minnesota	Wisconsin/Iowa
Catfish	15" minimum length whole, 12" dressed and 10.7" with 1st vertebrae removed.	15" minimum length.		15" minimum length.	15" minimum length, 12" dressed. Not more than 100lbs. Plus 1 catfish per seine haul from Saturday nearest Oct 1-April 30.	15" minimum length, 12" dressed. Not more than 100lbs. Plus 1 catfish per seine haul from Saturday nearest Oct 1-April 30.
Paddlefish	Open to harvest below Lock and Dam 19. Ovaries may be removed on the water but must retain carcass. Roe harvest permit required.	Prohibited	Prohibited	24" minimum length from eye to fork in tail. Roe fish harvest permit required. Ovaries must remain intact and accompany the fish from which they were removed.	Prohibited	Prohibited
Shovelnose Sturgeon	Harvest slot: 24" to 34". Measured from tip of snout to fork in tail. Season: Oct 15-May 15. Roe Harvest permit required. Fish must remain intact while on the water.	Harvest slot: 27" to 34". Measured from tip of snout to fork in tail. Season: Oct 15-May 15. Roe Harvest permit required. Fish must remain intact until they reach the final processing facility.	Prohibited	Harvest slot: 24" to 32". Measured from tip of snout to fork in tail. Season: October 15 through May 15. Roe fish Harvest permit required. Fish must remain whole and intact while on the waters of the state and adjacent banks.	Setlines harvest only. Length limit: 25" total length.	Harvest slot: 27" to 34". Measured from tip of snout to fork in tail. Season: Open all year. Sturgeon Harvest permit required. Fish must remain intact until they reach the final processing facility.
Bowfin	Fish must remain intact while on the water. Roe harvest permit required	Fish must remain intact until they reach the final processing facility.		Roe fish harvest permit required. Fish must remain whole and intact while on waters of the state and adjacent banks.		
Turtles	Prohibited	Allow common snapper, smooth softshell, spiny softshell and painted turtle harvest with a commercial fisher license on the Mississippi River with no size restrictions				

Illinois

Shovelnose X

Shovelnose Sturgeon X Pallid Sturgeon Hybrids may not be commercially harvested from the Mississippi River downstream of Lock and Dam 26.

Pallid Hybrids

Any sturgeon belonging to the genus *Scaphirhynchus*, which contains any **one** of the three morphological characteristics listed below shall be considered Shovelnose Sturgeon X Pallid Sturgeon hybrid.

- 1). Belly completely lacking in scales.
- 2). Bases of outer barbels located slightly farther behind bases of inner barbels.
- 3). Length of inner barbel going at least 6.3 times into length of head