Motor Trolling in Wisconsin

Permanent rules for trolling were implemented during the 2018-2019 fishing season. Motor trolling is now legal on all inland waters with either:

- 1 hook, bait or lure/person with a maximum of 3 lines per boat or
- 3 hooks, baits or lures/person with no maximum number of lines per boat.

**Counties that allow 3 hooks, baits, or lures per person** (There is no limit to the number of trolling lines on a single boat).

**Entire counties with only one hook, bait, or lure per person** (There is a limit of up to three hooks, baits, or lures from a boat):
Florence, Iron, Lincoln, Oneida, Sheboygan, Vilas and Waupaca

**Specified waters** - County with one hook, bait, or lure per person, with a limit of up to three hooks, baits, or lures from a boat, except for waters listed below that allow three hooks, baits, or lures and no boat restriction:
- Sawyer County - Big Chetac Lake, Grindstone Lake, Lac Courte Oreilles Chain, Nelson Lake, Round Lake Chain, Whitefish Lake, and Windigo Lake,

**Lake Winnebago System Waters**
Trolling with up to 3 hooks, baits, or lures per person is allowed on all Lake Winnebago System waters.

**Trolling on outlying or boundary waters**
There is no change to trolling rules on outlying waters or on WI-MN, WI-IA or WI-MI boundary waters, where trolling is already allowed with up to three hooks, baits, or lures. **Exception:** Trolling with one hook, bait, or lure per person and up to three hooks, baits, or lures per boat will now be allowed on the WI-MI boundary waters of Vilas County.