

**97C.391 BUYING AND SELLING FISH.**

Subdivision 1. **General restrictions.** A person may not buy or sell fish taken from the waters of this state, except:

- (1) minnows;
- (2) rough fish;
- (3) smelt taken from Lake Superior and rivers and streams that flow into Lake Superior;
- (4) fish taken under licensed commercial fishing operations;
- (5) fish that are private aquatic life; and
- (6) fish lawfully taken and subject to sale from other states and countries.

Subd. 2. **Restrictions on certain game fish.** Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, rock bass, muskellunge, and sunfish may be bought or sold by a private hatchery or aquatic farm, or as prescribed by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Rules.** The commissioner may by rule establish reasonable conditions on the buying and selling of fish that would prevent or slow the spread of certifiable diseases and invasive species.

**History:** 1986 c 386 art 3 s 40; 1987 c 318 s 8; 1992 c 566 s 21; 1993 c 231 s 59; 2008 c 307 s 15; 1Sp2019 c 4 art 3 s 72