

Table 4 Lake Sturgeon

Hook & Line only (*Except Black L. Cheboygan Co., special spearing season)

Open Season (Note 1)	Gear, Harvest, and Size Restrictions	
July 16 - Nov. 30 Great Lakes and connecting waters (except L. St. Clair and St. Clair R.), all inland waters except Otsego L. & Black L. (Cheboygan Co.)	Catch and release only. No possession	
July 16 - Sept. 30 L. St. Clair and St. Clair R. (Harvest Season) Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 (Catch and release only).	Between 42" - 50". All fish less than 42" and greater than 50" must be released immediately.	1 per season
July 16 - March 15 Otsego L. (Otsego Co.)	50" minimum	
1st. Sat. in Sept. - Sept. 30 All MI-WI boundary waters (see Note 2, p. 13)	60" minimum (See Table 7, p. 13)	
1st Sat. in February - Sun. following the 2nd Sat. in February Black L. (Cheboygan Co.)	Lottery Draw Only - 5 fish quota for the season Tags will be issued by random drawing. Contact DNR Gaylord office 989-732-3541 for details	

*Spearing for lake sturgeon is prohibited, except in Black L. (Cheboygan Co.) under special lottery permit.

Note1: A non-transferable sturgeon tag must be obtained at a license vendor prior to all sturgeon fishing, including catch and release.

Successful anglers must tag the fish and register it immediately (within 24 hrs.) at a designated registration station, contact DNR for locations. Fish being released should not be tagged. Information is available online: www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing.