



## 2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 6

February 1, 2013 – Introduced by Representatives KLEEFISCH, BIES and A. OTT.  
Referred to Committee on Natural Resources and Sporting Heritage.

1     **AN ACT** *to create* 29.053 (2m) of the statutes; **relating to:** a catch-and-release  
2             only season for bass fishing.

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*Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau*

Under administrative rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), most fishing seasons open on the first Saturday of May. This bill requires DNR to establish a catch-and-release only season for bass fishing in the areas of the state where there is not a continuous open season for bass fishing. The bill requires the catch-and-release only season to begin on the first Saturday in March and to end on the Sunday preceding the first Saturday in May.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

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*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

3             **SECTION 1.** 29.053 (2m) of the statutes is created to read:  
4             29.053 (**2m**) The department shall establish a catch-and-release only season  
5             for bass fishing for the areas of the state where there is not a continuous open season

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1 for bass fishing. The season shall begin on the first Saturday in March and end on  
2 the Sunday preceding the first Saturday in May.

3 (END)