

Division 13 Members,

We need to clarify what is and what is not a fish hook when flipping.

If you depart La Crosse on a train (or deadhead) to Northtown, then simply flip back to La Crosse, it **is not** a fishhook.

If you depart La Crosse as either the working crew or deadhead on the second unit and board your train south of the La Crosse General Switching Limits (example: Goose Island), then **run through** La Crosse to Northtown and flip back, **it is** a fishhook. (The deadhead crew **must have** cabbed out and boarded the train they deadheaded on south of La Crosse GSL, **run through** La Crosse on that train, and flipped back on continuous time to qualify for a fish hook. If the deadhead crew is picked up by the working crew at the La Crosse depot as the train passes through La Crosse, the deadhead crew **does not** qualify to claim a fish hook if Northtown flips them back on a train).

If you depart La Crosse and run to Northtown, then flip back after boarding your train west of the Northtown General Switching Limits (MP 17 on the Staples Sub), **it is** a fishhook (as you went beyond the terminal GSL to board the train and **ran through** the terminal).

If you depart La Crosse and flip back from Northtown, then **run through** La Crosse going south of the La Crosse GSL (example: staging train at De Soto), **it is** a fish hook.

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