

CHAPTER 6214

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

TRANSFER OF WILD ANIMALS BY GIFT

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Subpart 1. **Requirements for receipt of gifted animals.** Lawfully taken protected wild animals may be transferred by gift. Unless otherwise provided by this part, the donor must prepare a receipt containing the following information and give it to the recipient at the time of transfer:

- A. name and address of donor;
- B. name and address of recipient;
- C. date of transfer;
- D. description of gift, including number and species; and

E. license number under which the animal was taken, or, if acquired by the donor other than by taking, a description of how the animal was acquired.

Subp. 2. **Retention of receipt with gift.** Lawfully taken protected wild animals and their parts may be acquired by gift. Unless otherwise provided by this part, the recipient of these animals may possess them only if a receipt has been received from the donor and retained in possession as described in this part.

Subp. 3. **Gift by members of same household.** A receipt is not required if both the donor and the recipient are members of the same household and the transferred animal is stored in that household.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.505*

History: *18 SR 83*

6214.0200 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in this chapter have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Dressed fish.** "Dressed fish" means fish that may have heads, entrails, gills, and either the scales or skin removed.

Subp. 3. **Fillet.** "Fillet" means a portion, not including the cheeks, of the flesh of a fish that has been removed. Scales or skin may be removed or intact.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.551; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6214.0300 PREPARATION AND PACKING OF FISH FOR TRANSPORTATION.

Subpart 1. **Restrictions on packing and wrapping fish.** All fish that are being transported or shipped by residents or nonresidents must be packed and wrapped in such a way that they may be readily unpacked, unwrapped, separated, examined, and counted.

Subp. 2. **Retention of patch of skin on dressed fish.** Except for bullheads, sunfish, and crappies, all dressed fish and fillets must retain, in a place other than the belly, a patch of skin, measuring at least one square inch, with scales intact. Dressed and filleted sauger will be counted as walleye.

Subp. 3. **Restriction on number of fillets per fish.** A fish may not be reduced to more than two fillets.

Subp. 4. **Restriction on fish with statewide length limits.** Fish having statewide length limits may only be possessed in the field, transported, or shipped undressed, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.551, subdivision 4.

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Subp. 5. **Fish with length limits on specific waters.** Where length limits are in effect only on specific waters, fish covered by length limits and possessed by anglers while on those waters must be undressed.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.551; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6214.0400 LABELING AND PACKING OF FISH UNDER A FISH PACKER LICENSE.

Fish packed by a licensed fish packer must be packed and labeled in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Between March 15 and November 30 completely filleted sauger will be counted as walleye except that sauger may be packed in a filleted condition with skin, dorsal fin, and tail attached. Between December 1 and March 14, filleted sauger will not be counted as walleye, if packages are properly labeled.

B. A fish may not be reduced to more than two fillets.

C. Fish having statewide length limits may only be packed undressed, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.551, subdivision 4. Fish from waters where length limits differ from statewide regulations may be packed dressed.

D. Each package of fish must be individually labeled by the licensed fish packer. The label must be marked legibly in ink and contain the following information:

(1) name, address, and license number of the person who lawfully possesses the fish;

(2) name and address of consignee, if different from subitem (1);

(3) name and license number of the fish packer who packed the fish;

(4) contents of package, including species, number of fish, and net weight; and

(5) date of packaging.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.865; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

TRANSPORTATION OF FISH

6214.0500 EXEMPTION FROM FISH TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS.

A person possessing fish taken under a commercial fishing license, or private aquatic life as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.47, subdivision 7, is exempt from the provisions of parts 6214.0300 and 6214.0400 provided the person can show documentation that the fish were lawfully obtained.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 17.4983; 97C.211; 97C.821*

History: *19 SR 2222*