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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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ROUGH FISH

6252.0100 SEASONS AND METHODS FOR TAKING ROUGH FISH.

Rough fish may be taken in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 97C.345, 97C.371, and 97C.375. Rough fish may be taken by the following methods between sunrise and sunset in all inland waters, except where the taking of fish is otherwise prohibited by law or rule. Nonresidents may not spear from a fish house or darkhouse.

A. Harpooning equipment may not be used within 1,000 feet of an established swimming beach. Harpooning equipment may be discharged only when both the equipment and operator are entirely beneath the surface of the water and may not be carried in a cocked position while out of the water.

B. Rough fish may be taken by archery provided that the arrows used are tethered or controlled by an attached line. The use of crossbows is prohibited.

C. Rough fish may be taken by means of hand-held dip nets having a diameter not exceeding 24 inches.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.345; 97C.375; 97C.381; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484*

6252.0200 DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMIT OF ROUGH FISH TAKEN BY SPEARING.

Daily and possession limits of rough fish taken by spearing are:

- A. suckers, 50;
- B. redhorse, 50;
- C. bullheads, 100; and
- D. other species, no limit.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.401*

History: *18 SR 83*

6252.0300 RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING ROUGH FISH.

Except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.345, rough fish may not be taken by spearing, harpooning, archery, or dip netting in any designated trout stream or lake, posted spawning area, or any water where spawning, trapping, or hatchery operations are being carried on.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.041; 97C.345; 97C.375; 97C.381; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484*

6252.0350 PROHIBITION ON RETURNING ROUGH FISH TO WATERS.

Rough fish taken by spearing, harpooning, or archery may not be returned to the water and rough fish may not be left on the banks of any water of the state.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.375; 97C.381; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484*

POSSESSION AND MARKING OF FISH NETS

6252.0400 REQUIRED MARKING OF FISH NETS.

Fish nets, including minnow seines used by minnow dealers, must be marked, as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.351, as follows:

- A. pound nets must be marked on the top rope of the back side of the pound or crib;
- B. fyke nets must be marked on the top side of the end hoop opposite the lead;
- C. hoop nets must be marked on the top side of an end hoop;
- D. seines must be marked on one end of the float line near the first float; and
- E. gill nets must be marked on one end of the float line near the first float. One end of the gill net must have a pole, stake, or buoy projecting at least two feet above the surface of the water or ice.

Tags for marking nets must be of a minimum size of 2-1/2 inches by five-eighths inch and must be provided by the owner or operator of the nets.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.351*

History: *18 SR 83*

WHITEFISH AND CISCOES

6252.0500 OPEN SEASONS FOR TAKING WHITEFISH AND CISCOES.

Subpart 1. **Schedules designating open seasons for certain waters.** The waters listed in each of the following schedules will be open during the designated seasons to the netting of whitefish and ciscoes. Unless otherwise indicated, the names of the bodies of water refer to lakes.

Subp. 2. **Schedule I.** All bodies of water listed in this schedule are to be opened and closed on a 48-hour notice posted at lake accesses and other public places.

		Whitefish minimum mesh size 3-1/2 inches allowed	Ciscoe minimum mesh size 1-3/4 inches allowed
Balsam, Big, T.58, 59, R.24, S.5 + Various	Itasca		X
Basswood, T.64, 65, R.9, 10, 11, S. Var.	Lake		X
Bear Island, T.61, R.13, S. Var.	St. Louis		X
Deer, T.56, R.26, 27; T.57, R.26, 27, S. Var.	Itasca	X	
Ely, T.57, 58, R.17, S. Var.	St. Louis		X
Fall, T.63, R.11, 12, S. Var.; T.64, R.11, S. Var.	Lake		
Flour, T.64, R.1E, 1W	St. Louis		X
Green, T.120, R.33, 34; T.121, R.33, 34	Cook		X
Ida, T.129, 130, R.38	Kandiyohi	X	
Mille Lacs	Douglas	X	
	Aitkin		
	Crow Wing		
	Mille Lacs	X	
Nashwauk, T.57, R.23, 24, S.7 + Var.	Itasca		X

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Newton, T.63, 64, R.11, S. Var.	Lake	X	
Ojibway, T.63, R.9, 10, S. Var.	Lake		X
Poplar, T.64, R.1W, 2W	Cook	X	
Rachel, T.127, R.39	Douglas		X
Reilley (O'Reilly), T.56, R.24, S.5, 6	Itasca		X
Shagawa, T.63, R.12, S. Var.	St. Louis	X	
Straight, T.140, R.36, S.6 + Var.	Becker	X	
Vermillion, T.61, R.16; T.62, R.14, 15, 16, 17; T.63, R.15, 16, 17, 18 – all except Pike Bay, south and west of a north– south line at narrowest portion between Echo Point and Punchers Point, T.62, R.15, S.19 + Var.	St. Louis		X

Subp. 3. **Schedule II.** All bodies of water listed in this schedule are open during the dates indicated by one of the following symbols:

A = Second Friday of October through the first Sunday of December;

B = First Friday of November through the second Sunday of December; or

C = Second Friday of November through the second Sunday of December.

	County	Whitefish minimum mesh size 3–1/2 inches allowed	Ciscoe minimum mesh size 1–3/4 inches allowed	Open dates
Ball Club, T.144, R.25, 26; T.145, R.26	Itasca	X		B
Bass, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing	X		B
Bass, north basin and Snyder Bay to the narrows, T.56, R.26	Itasca	X		B
Bass, Big, T.140, R.26, S.27 + Various	Cass		X	B
Beltrami, T.148, R.32, 33	Beltrami	X		B
Bemidji, Little, T.142, R.39, S.23 + Var.	Becker	X		B
Benedict, T.142, R.32	Hubbard	X		B
Black Bear, T.46, R.29, 30; T.47, R.29, 30	Crow Wing		X	B
Blackduck, T.149, R.31	Beltrami	X		B
Blackwater, T.140, R.29, S.25 + Var.	Cass	X		B
Bowstring, T.146, R.25, 26; T.147, R.25, 26	Itasca	X		B
Bowstring, Little, T.58, R.27, S.23 + Var.	Itasca	X		B
Boy, T.142, R.27, 28	Cass	X		B

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Buffalo, T.140, R.40, 41; T.141, R.40	Becker	X		C
Burgen, T.127, 128, R.37	Douglas	X		B
Buzzle, Big, T.148, R.35	Beltrami		X	B
Caribou, T.65, R.1E	Cook	X		A
Carr, T.146, R.33	Beltrami	X		B
Cass, T.145, 146, R.30, 31	Beltrami			
	Cass	X		B
Clear, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing		X	B
Clearwater, T.149, R.35, 36	Beltrami			
	Clearwater	X		B
Cotton, T.139, 140, R.40	Becker	X		B
Crane, T.67, R.16, 17	St. Louis		X	A
Crooked, T.144, R.31	Cass	X		B
Crooked, T.45, R.28, S.16 + Var.	Crow Wing			
Crow Wing, Fifth and Sixth Lakes (channel between), T.140, R.33, S.20	Hubbard	X		B
Crow Wing, Seventh and Eighth Lakes (channel between), T.140, R.33, S.12 + Var.	Hubbard			
Crow Wing, Ninth, T.140, 141, R.32	Hubbard	X		B
Crystal, T.136, R.42	Otter Tail	X		C
Curfman, T.138, R.41	Becker	X		B
Cut Foot Sioux, T.146, 147, R.27	Itasca	X		B
Deer, T.148, R.34	Beltrami	X		B
Deer, T.64, R.1E, S.4 + Var.; T.65, R.1E, S.32 + Var.	Cook		X	A
Deer, T.62, R.24, S. Var.	Itasca	X		B
Detroit, T.138, 139, R.41	Becker	X		B
Eagle, T.45, R.29	Crow Wing		X	B
Elbow, Big, T.142, R.38, 39	Becker	X		C
Eunice, T.138, R.42, S.26 + Var.	Becker			
Fish, T.137, R.42	Otter Tail	X		B
Fish Hook, T.140, R.34, 35	Hubbard	X		C
Floyd, Big, T.139, R.41	Becker	X		B
Fox, East, T.138, R.27	Crow Wing	X		B
Fox, West, T.138, R.27	Crow Wing	X		B
Franklin, T.136, 137, R.42	Otter Tail	X		C
Gilstad, T.148, 149, R.30	Beltrami	X		B
Graham, T.137, 138, R.40	Becker			
	Otter Tail	X		B
Grant, T.146, 147, R.34	Beltrami		X	B
Graves, T.58, R.26	Itasca	X		B
Gull, T.134, R.29, 30; T.135, R.29	Cass			
Gull, Upper, T.135, R.29	Crow Wing	X		B
Hanging Horn, Big, T.46, R.19	Cass	X		B
Howard, T.141, R.31	Carlton	X		B
Ice Cracking, T.141, R.38, 39	Cass		X	B
Isabella, T.61, R.8; T.62, R.7, 8	Becker	X		C
Island, T.141, R.35	Lake			
Island, T.150, R.28	Hubbard	X		A
Jack, T.141, 142, R.30	Itasca	X		B
	Cass		X	B

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Jessie, T.147, 148, R.25	Itasca	X		B
Jessie, Little, T.147, R.25	Itasca		X	B
Jewett, T.134, R.43	Otter Tail	X		C
Kabekona, T.142, R.32; T.143, R.32, 33	Hubbard	X		B
Kabetogama, T.69, 70, R.19-22	Koochiching			
Kimble, T.137, R.28	St. Louis		X	A
Kitchie, T.146, 147, R.30	Crow Wing		X	B
Lake of the Woods	Beltrami	X		B
	Lake of the Woods			
	Roseau	X		A
Latoka, T.128, R.38	Douglas	X		B
Leaf, East, T.134, R.37, 38	Otter Tail	X		C
Leaf, Middle, T.134, R.38	Otter Tail	X		C
Leaf, West, T.134, R.38	Otter Tail	X		C
Leavitt, T.139, R.25, 26	Cass	X		B
Leech, including Kabekona Bay and all other bays, T.141, R.29, 31; T.142, R.28, 29, 30, 31, 32; T.143, R.28, 29, 30, 31; T.144, R.28, 29, 30	Cass Hubbard			
		X		A
Lida, T.135, 136, R.42	Otter Tail	X		C
Lizzie, T.136, 137, R.42	Otter Tail	X		C
Long, T.138, 139, R.41	Becker	X		B
Long, T.139, 140, R.34	Hubbard	X		B
Long, T.134, R.42, 43	Otter Tail	X		C
Long, Lower South, T.44, R.29, 30	Crow Wing			
		X		B
McCraney, T.143, R.40, S.25 + Var.	Mahnomen	X		B
Many Point, T.141, R.38; T.142, R.38, 39	Becker			
		X		B
Maple, T.60, R.27	Itasca	X		B
Margaret (Kilpatrick), T.135, R.29	Cass	X		B
Marquette, T.146, R.33	Beltrami	X		B
Maud, T.138, R.42	Becker	X		B
Melissa, T.138, R.41	Becker	X		B
Mitchell, T.138, R.27	Crow Wing	X		B
Moore, T.142, R.38, S.5; T.143, R.38, S.32	Becker			
	Clearwater	X		B
Movil, T.147, 148, R.33	Beltrami	X		B
Murphy, T.137, R.39, S.6; T.138, R.39, S.31	Becker			
	Otter Tail	X		B
Namakan, T.68, R.17, 18; T.69, R.17, 18, 19, except the narrows between Namakan and Sand Point Lakes	St. Louis			
			X	A
Net (Burnett), T.142, R.40, S.17 + Var.	Becker			
		X		B
Nisswa, T.135, R.29	Crow Wing	X		B
Oak (Mud), T.143, R.32, S.27	Hubbard	X		B
Osakis, T.128, R.35, 36; T.129, R.35	Douglas			
	Todd	X		B
Ossawinamakee (Long), T.136, 137, R.28	Crow Wing			
		X		B

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Pelican, T.135, R.27, 28; T.136, R.27, 28	Crow Wing	X		B
Pelican, Big, T.137, R.42, 43	Otter Tail	X		C
Pike, T.142, R.38	Becker	X		B
Pike, East, T.65, R.2E, 3E	Cook		X	A
Pike Bay, T.145, R.30, 31	Cass	X		B
Pillager, T.133, 134, R.30	Cass		X	B
Pimushe, T.147, 148, R.30, 31	Beltrami	X		B
Pine, Big, T.136, 137, R.38	Otter Tail	X		C
Pine, Little, T.136, R.39; T.137, R.38, 39	Otter Tail	X		C
Pine Mountain, T.138, R.30; T.139, R.30, 31	Cass		X	B
Plantaganette, T.145, R.33, 34; T.146, R.33	Beltrami			
Pokegama, T.54, R.25, 26; T.55, R.25, 26	Hubbard	X		B
Portage, T.141, R.31	Itasca		X	B
Portage, T.45, R.28, S.29 + Var.	Cass		X	B
Potato and Eagle Lakes (channel between), T.141, R.35, S.22	Crow Wing	X		B
Prairie, T.50, R.20	Hubbard			
Pug Hole Lake, T.140, R.26, S.2 + Var.		X		B
Rainy, T.69-71, R.17-24	St. Louis	X		B
Round, T.141, R.38, 39	Cass		X	B
Round, T.134, R.28, 29; T.135, R.28, 29	Koochiching			
Round, T.148, R.27, 28	St. Louis		X	A
Roy, T.135, R.29	Becker	X		B
Rush Island, T.148, R.26, S.15 + Var.	Crow Wing	X		B
Sand, Big, T.147, 148, R.26	Itasca		X	B
Sand Point, T.67, R.16, 17; T.68, R.16, 17, except the narrows between Sand Point and Namakan Lakes and Sand Point and Little Vermillion Lakes	Cass			
Sandy, T.149, R.35	Crow Wing	X		B
Sandy, Big, T.49, R.23, 24; T.50, R.23, 24	Itasca	X		B
Sauk, Big, T.126, 127, R.34	St. Louis	X		B
Serpent, T.46, R.28, 29	Beltrami	X		B
Silver Island, T.60, R.6; T.61, R.6, 7	Aitkin	X		B
Snyder (Snider), T.143, R.39, 40	Stearns			
Stalker, T.132, R.41	Todd	X		B
Star, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing		X	B
Star, T.135, R.40, 41; T.136, R.41	Lake	X		A
	Mahnomen	X		B
	Otter Tail	X		C
	Crow Wing	X		B
	Otter Tail	X		C

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Steamboat, T.144, R.31, 32	Cass			
	Hubbard	X		B
Strawberry, T.141, 142, R.40	Becker		X	B
Sucker, Lower (Big Sucker), T.144, R.30;	Cass			
T.145, R.29, 30		X		B
Swan, T.55, 56, R.22, 23, S. Var.	Itasca		X	B
Ten Mile, T.140, R.30, 31; T.141, R.30, 31	Cass		X	C
Thunder, Big, T.140, R.26	Cass	X		B
Tulaby, T.142, 143, R.39	Becker			
	Mahnomen	X		B
Turtle, Big, T.148, R.33	Beltrami	X		B
Turtle, Big, T.59, R.26, 27; T.60, R.26, 27	Itasca		X	B
Turtle, Little, T.148, R.31, 32	Beltrami	X		B
Turtle River Lake, T.147, 148, R.32	Beltrami	X		B
Twin Lakes, T.56, R.23, 24	Itasca	X		B
Victoria, T.128, R.37	Douglas	X		B
Wabedo, T.140, R.28	Cass	X		B
Washburn, T.139, 140, R.26	Cass	X		B
White Earth, T.142, 143, R.40	Becker			
	Mahnomen	X		B
Wilson Bay, T.134, R.29, 30	Cass	X		B
Wimer, T.137, R.40	Otter Tail	X		C
Winnibigoshish, T.145, R.27, 28, 29; T.146, R.27, 28, 29; T.147, R.27, 28	Cass			
	Itasca	X		B
Winnibigoshish, Little, T.145, R.26, 27; T.146, R.26, 27, except those portions within one-fourth mile of river channels	Cass			
	Itasca		X	B
Wolf, Big, T.145, 146, R.32, S. Var.	Beltrami			
	Hubbard	X		B
Woman, T.140, R.28, 29; T.141, R.28, 29	Cass	X		B

Subp. 4. **Schedule III.** That part of Upper Red Lake located in Beltrami county (T.153, R.31, 32, 33, 34; T.154, R.31, 32, 33, 34; T.155, R.30, 31, 32) and outside the Red Lake Indian Reservation, known as Schedule III, is open from the second Friday of October through the third Sunday of November and it is permissible to set portions of gill nets in water deeper than six feet, provided that one end of the gill net is set in water no deeper than six feet, measured from the lake bottom to the top surface of the water or ice. The minimum allowable mesh size for these nets is 3-1/2 inches.

Subp. 5. **Special restrictions for Leech Lake Reservation.** The seasons, daily, and possession limits for the taking of fish from bodies of water within the Leech Lake Reservation for noncommercial purposes shall be the same as the statewide regulations, except whitefish which shall have a daily and possession limit of 25 each. These limits do not apply to band or tribal members possessing a valid band fishing identification permit.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.345; 97C.401; 97C.805; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222*

6252.0600 TIME RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING WHITEFISH AND CISCOES.

Gill nets for taking whitefish and ciscoes may not be set after sunset or raised before sunrise. All gill nets must be operated only by the licensee. Gill nets must be tended at least once every 24 hours. A person may use only one gill net.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.345; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6252.0900 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR LAKE SUPERIOR FISHING GUIDES.

License applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time the license is issued and possess a valid United States Coast Guard operator's license appropriate for the watercraft to be used. Applications are available from the License Bureau and must be submitted to the Lake Superior Area Fisheries Supervisor.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.311; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6252.1000 REQUIRED RECORDKEEPING.

Licensed Lake Superior fishing guides must keep accurate records on forms provided by the commissioner. Records must be kept on a monthly basis and must be submitted on or before the tenth day of each month for the preceding month. Records must be submitted whether or not the licensee engaged in guiding during the reporting month, except that records need not be submitted for the months of November through April unless the licensee has engaged in guiding during those months. Records must be submitted to the Lake Superior Area Fisheries Supervisor.

Failure to submit any required records will invalidate any subsequent application for licensure as a guide for up to a three-year period, upon determination by the commissioner.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.311; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*