

## CHAPTER 6260

### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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#### COMMERCIAL FISHING GENERAL RESTRICTIONS

##### 6260.0100 DEFINITIONS.

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

Subp. 2. **Net bar measurement.** "Net bar measurement" means the interior distance between adjacent angles of a single mesh of a net when extended. An entire net or lot of netting is considered to be of the same mesh size as the majority of ten or more meshes in any part of the net or lot at least three meshes removed from the selvage or side lines selected at random.

Subp. 3. **Net stretch measurement.** "Net stretch measurement" means the interior distance between opposite knots or corners of a single mesh of a net, taken between the thumb and forefingers and applying enough pressure laterally to allow the opposite side of the mesh to meet. An entire net or lot of netting is considered to be of the same mesh size as the majority of ten or more meshes in any part of the net or lot of netting at least three meshes removed from the selvage or side lines selected at random.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

##### 6260.0200 COMMERCIAL FISHING CONDITIONS AND PROHIBITIONS.

Subpart 1. **License, permit, or contract required.** A person may not conduct a commercial fishing operation on any waters of the state except under license, permit, or contract and in conformance with the requirements of the license, permit, contract, parts 6260.0100 to 6260.2400, and other applicable law. The commissioner may require any commercial operator to cease fishing operations when the commissioner finds that the operations are destructive to game fish or for any other reasonable cause.

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Subp. 2. **Angling license requirements.** Permittees, contractors, licensed commercial operators, or their helpers may not engage in any commercial fish removal operations without first being in possession of a valid Minnesota angling license or be otherwise permitted by law to take fish by angling.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

## 6260.0300 COMMERCIAL FISHING PERMIT ISSUANCE.

Subpart 1. **Issuance of permits for designated species.** The commissioner may issue the permits listed in subparts 2 to 4 for the taking of designated species of fish by means and conditions and in such waters and times as may be necessary for the removal of the designated species.

Subp. 2. **Class A permits.** Class A permits may be issued for the use of a hand-held implement or device used by a single operator. Class A permits may also be issued for the taking of turtles at night with the aid of an artificial light, subject to the provisions of all applicable laws and part 6256.0500.

Subp. 3. **Class B permits.** Class B permits may be issued for:

- A. permanently or temporarily installed traps in waters of the state with fish migrations;
- B. the use of seines by persons other than licensed inland commercial operators;
- C. licensed inland commercial operators to fish waters other than the core waters of their assigned area;
- D. licensed inland commercial operators to fish unassigned waters; or
- E. licensed inland commercial operators to crib fish in waters other than where taken.

Subp. 4. **Class C permits.** Class C permits may be issued for:

- A. licensed inland commercial operators to fish waters assigned to other inland commercial operators;
- B. licensed inland commercial operators to use gear other than seines or hoopnets; or
- C. experimental, research, or special projects.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

## 6260.0400 COMMERCIAL FISHING REPORTS.

All commercial fishing operators must submit reports, on forms provided by the commissioner, on their commercial fishing activities containing all information as required by the commissioner. Issuance of licenses, contracts, or permits may be delayed until all reports have been received. The commissioner may revoke a commercial fishing license, contract, or permit of a person who fails to submit reports.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

## 6260.0500 REQUIRED NOTIFICATION OF OPERATIONS.

Licensed commercial operators must notify the area fisheries supervisor of each operation prior to the start of any fishing activity. If contact with the area fisheries supervisor cannot be made, the local conservation officer must be notified.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

## 6260.0600 INSPECTION BY COMMISSIONER.

Inland commercial fish operators, their helpers, records, premises, and operating sites, are subject to and must be available for supervision and inspection by the commissioner with respect to all commercial fishing activities and transactions, including the disposition of fish removed.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

**6260.0700 ENTRY UPON OR USE OF LAND.**

The licensee, permittee, or contractor must obtain any permission necessary for entry upon or use of land in connection with the fishing operations. Issuance of the license, permit, or contract is not a guarantee by the state of access to or use of land, nor does the state have any obligation to obtain permission for access or use.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

**6260.0800 DISPOSITION OF NONLICENSED SPECIES.**

Licensed commercial operators must use all reasonable means to avoid taking, killing, or injuring fish other than those which may be lawfully taken under their license. Fish of any kind not permitted to be lawfully taken in licensed commercial fishing operations must be immediately returned to the water.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

**6260.0900 SPORT ANGLING EQUIPMENT RESTRICTIONS.**

Licensed commercial operators, crew members, or any person associated with the commercial taking of fish may not possess any game fish or sport angling equipment while operating licensed commercial fishing gear or while traveling to or from the place of operation of the gear.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

**6260.1000 DISCOVERY OF A FISH KILL.**

Upon the discovery of a fish kill, an operator must notify the area fisheries supervisor as soon as possible.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

**6260.1100 MARKING UNCOVERED HOLES IN ICE.**

Uncovered holes through the ice must be marked in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 86B. Marking signs must be obtained and placed by the operator.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

**6260.1200 PROPER MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF FISHING GEAR.**

Commercial fish operators must perform all measures necessary to ensure proper maintenance and operation of their fishing gear, including webbing repair of nets and daily cleaning of stationary fish trap panels.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

**6260.1300 PREVENTION OF INTERFERENCE WITH PUBLIC USE OF WATERS.**

Commercial fish operators must make every effort to prevent interference with navigation, recreational activities, other authorized commercial fishing operations, game fish spawning areas, or other public use of the public waters in which they are operating. They may not, in their operations, materially impede or obstruct the flow of water or cause any overflow upon public or private property.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

**GEAR FOR TAKING ROUGH FISH****6260.1400 GEAR SPECIFICATIONS FOR TAKING ROUGH FISH.**

Subpart 1. **Seine specifications.** The mesh of seines may not be more than the following specifications:

A. Seine bag: three inches, stretch measure.

B. The first 300 feet of seine on each side of the bag: three inches, stretch measure.

C. The mesh in the balance of the seine: five inches, stretch measure.

Subp. 2. **Hoop net specifications.** Hoop nets may not have center leads over 25 feet long nor hoops that exceed four feet in diameter. The mesh in all hoop nets, including leads, may not be over two inches stretch measure. Twine used in hoop nets, including leads, may not be smaller than size 18.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

## COMMERCIAL FISHING IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS

### 6260.1500 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON NAMAKAN AND SAND POINT LAKES.

Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.** Whitefish and rough fish may be taken by licensed commercial operators in Namakan Lake and Sand Point Lake only from January 1 through March 15 and from May 16 through December 31.

The minimum size limit for whitefish taken by commercial fishing operations is 18 inches total length.

Subp. 2. **Use of gill nets.** Gill net sections of 500 feet in length or less in Namakan Lake are considered a single net. Gill nets may not extend more than 50 meshes in depth when in operation. Gill nets may be set in connected strings of any number.

Subp. 3. **Use of pound and fyke nets.** The mesh of the pound in pound and fyke nets may not exceed four inches, stretch measure.

Subp. 4. **Use of submerged trap nets.** The mesh of the pound or crib of submerged trap nets may not exceed three inches, stretch measure.

Subp. 5. **Restrictions on gear.** The provisions of this subpart apply to commercial gear restrictions on Namakan and Sand Point Lakes:

A. Gill nets and submerged trap nets must contain a buoy at each end of each net or string of nets and each buoy must be marked with a white flag extending not less than three feet above the water. The flag must not be less than one foot square.

B. Pound, fyke, and submerged trap nets may be set in connected strings of not more than two.

C. Licensees may not operate more than 3,500 feet of gill nets on Namakan Lake.

D. All nets must be lifted and emptied of fish at least once in every 48-hour period when set in open water and at least once in every 96-hour period, weather permitting, when set under the ice.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

### 6260.1600 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON RAINY LAKE.

Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.** Whitefish and rough fish may be taken by licensed commercial operators in Rainy Lake from June 1 through December 31 subject to the specified length limits. The minimum length for whitefish taken by commercial fishing operations is 18 inches.

Subp. 2. **Use of pound nets.** Pound net leads may not exceed 825 feet in length. Pound nets may be not set in connected strings of more than two.

Subp. 3. **Net locations.** Nets may not be set within 500 feet of the mouth of any stream nor within that portion of Rainy Lake, including Black Bay, within the boundaries of Koochiching county under the jurisdiction of this state. Under special permit, pound, trap, or fyke nets may be set at any place within any closed area of Rainy Lake which is approved by the commissioner during the period from June 15 through April 15 for the sole purpose of taking rough fish and whitefish. Nets may not be lifted except during daylight hours.

Subp. 4. **Lifting of nets.** All nets in Rainy Lake must be lifted and emptied of fish at least once in every 48-hour period, unless a longer period is granted by the commissioner.

Subp. 5. **Special provisions for commercial fishing on Rainy Lake.** The provisions in this subpart apply to commercial fishing operations on Rainy Lake:

A. Monthly reports must be submitted by the tenth day of the month following the month reported to Area Fisheries Headquarters.

B. In case of the death of a licensed commercial operator during the fishing season, the operator's legal representative or successor in interest succeeds to the rights of the deceased license holder and may continue operations under the license until its expiration.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045*

**History:** 18 SR 83

## 6260.1700 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON LAKE OF THE WOODS.

Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.** The commercial fishing season on Lake of the Woods is January 1 through December 31.

Subp. 2. **Use of fyke nets.** Fyke nets may be used as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.825, except that a lead may not exceed 300 feet in length. The size of the mesh in the crib may not be less than 2-1/2 inches nor more than four inches, stretch measure. The wings may not exceed 100 feet in length and the lead may not exceed 300 feet in length. The hoops may not exceed six feet in height.

Subp. 3. **Use of staked trap nets.** The crib of staked trap nets in Lake of the Woods may not exceed 22 feet on any side with the top open and breaching the water surface. The lead may not exceed 400 feet in length.

Subp. 4. **Use of pound nets.** There is no limit on the size of the crib of pound nets in Lake of the Woods. The crib must have an opening at the top breaching the water surface. The lead may not exceed 825 feet in length.

Subp. 5. **Use of submerged trap nets.** Submerged trap nets in Lake of the Woods must contain a buoy at each end of each net and each buoy must be marked with a yellow or blaze orange flag displaying not less than one square foot of surface and rising not less than three feet above the water. Attached to the staff of each buoy must be an identification tag. The minimum size of the tag must be 2-1/2 inches by five-eighths inch. Each tag must have the operator's name and license number engraved upon it.

Subp. 6. **Restrictions on gear used in Lake of the Woods.** The provisions in this subpart apply to commercial gear restrictions on Lake of the Woods:

A. Fyke, staked trap, and pound nets have no depth limitation, but may be set only in areas specified in the license, and may be set in strings of not more than two.

B. Commercial fishing in Lake of the Woods is prohibited within 500 feet of the mouth of any stream, within two miles of the lakeside shoreline of Pine Island, or in Four Mile Bay and Zippel Bay.

In Muskeg Bay from June 20 through October 14, no portion of a net may be in water less than 15 feet deep. Along the southern shoreline of Big Traverse Bay from June 1 through October 14, no portion of a net may be in water less than 15 feet deep. Submerged trap nets may be set in strings of not more than two. Submerged trap nets may not be placed in the Northwest Angle Inlet west of a line from a point on the international boundary midway between Buckets Island and Magnuson Island; thence southeasterly to the easterly shore of Magnuson Island; thence southerly and westerly along said shore to the line between Twp. 168 N., Rge. 34 W., Sec. 23 and Sec. 24; thence south to the shore of the mainland in Twp. 168 N., Rge. 34 W., Sec. 26.

C. All nets must be lifted and emptied of fish at least once every 48-hour period in Lake of the Woods, unless a longer period is granted by the commissioner.

Subp. 7. **Required reporting.** Commercial operators licensed to fish Lake of the Woods must submit monthly reports by the tenth day of the month following the month reported to the area fisheries headquarters.

Subp. 8. **Helper's license restrictions.** A person may not be issued more than one helper's license for Lake of the Woods unless they are the holder of a commercial master license.

Subp. 9. **Operation under two licenses.** A person may not operate under a master and a helper commercial fishing license during the same license year on Lake of the Woods.

Subp. 10. **Death of commercial operator.** In case of the death of a licensed commercial operator licensed to fish Lake of the Woods, the operator's legal representative or successor in interest succeeds to the rights of the deceased license holder, and may continue operations under the license until its expiration.

Subp. 11. **Required stake removal.** Within ten days after removing nets, commercial operators must remove from the lake bed all net stakes used in their operations.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

### COMMERCIAL FISHING ON LAKE SUPERIOR

#### 6260.1800 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON LAKE SUPERIOR.

Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.** The species of fish in this subpart may be taken in Lake Superior by licensed commercial operators in accordance with this subpart:

A. Ciscoes, chubs, alewives, whitefish, menominee whitefish, smelt, and rough fish may be taken at any time, except that lake herring may be taken from December 1 through October 31.

B. Whitefish may be taken in pound or trap nets at any time but no whitefish less than 20 inches total length may be possessed, bought, or sold. Whitefish less than 20 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately.

C. Lake trout may not be taken by commercial fishing except by permit and no lake trout less than 17 inches in length may be possessed, bought, or sold. Lake trout legally taken under permit must be sealed with a tag, provided by the commissioner, affixed through the mouth and out the gill. The tag must be affixed immediately upon removal from the water and before the boat is brought to shore. No untagged lake trout may be possessed, bought, or sold by licensed commercial operators. Lake trout of lawful size incidentally taken to commercial operations and dead when removed from the water may be possessed only if sealed with a tag, provided by the commissioner, affixed through the mouth and out the gill. Untagged incidentally taken lake trout may not be possessed, bought, or sold by licensed commercial operators. All incidentally taken live lake trout and all untagged dead lake trout must be returned to the water immediately.

Subp. 2. **Use of gill nets.** While used on Lake Superior, a tag which is not smaller than 2-1/2 inches by five-eighths inch permanently bearing the owner's name and address must be attached to one end of the gill net float line near the first float.

While used on Lake Superior, herring nets are considered gill nets which are weighted to fish in a floating or suspended position off the bottom, and cisco or chub nets are gill nets which are weighted to fish on the bottom.

Subp. 3. **Use of pound or trap nets.** Pound or trap nets used on Lake Superior may be of any dimensions or mesh size. Pound or trap nets must be marked with a tag which is at least 2-1/2 inches by five-eighths inch permanently bearing the owner's name and address and attached to the top rope of the back side of the pound or crib. Trap nets set with anchors must have attached to the end farthest from shore one fluorescent orange or fluorescent red marker buoy constructed so that a minimum of 18 inches of buoy surface is visible above water in the absence of current or under the weight of nets and line. The number of the owner's Lake Superior commercial fishing license must be plainly marked, in black, on the marker buoy. The marker buoy must be marked with a fluorescent orange or fluorescent red flag, at least one foot square, attached to the top of a flag staff at least five feet long, and the buoy constructed so that the flag staff is supported in a vertical position. All buoys and floats used in pound or trap net sets must be constructed of styrofoam, plastic, rubber, or other materials nonhazardous to navigation.

Subp. 4. **Required net markings.** Gill nets, when set in Lake Superior, must be attached at each end to fluorescent orange or fluorescent red marker buoys constructed such that a minimum of 18 inches of buoy surface is visible above water in the absence of current or under the weight of nets and lines. The number of the owner's Lake Superior commercial fishing license must be plainly marked, in black, on each end marker buoy. Each end marker buoy must be marked with a fluorescent orange or fluorescent red flag, at least one foot

square, attached to the top of a flag staff at least five feet long, and the buoy must be constructed so that the flag staff is supported in a vertical position. In addition, the marker buoy attached to the shoreward (or westerly) end of each set must have a one foot square white flag positioned immediately below the fluorescent orange or fluorescent red flag. No other buoys employed in gill net sets may be marked with fluorescent orange or fluorescent red flags. All buoys and floats used in gill net sets must be constructed of styrofoam, plastic, rubber, or other materials nonhazardous to navigation.

**Subp. 5. Net limits for individual operators.** No more than 100,000 feet of herring net may be licensed in Minnesota waters of Lake Superior and no more than 2,000 feet of herring net may be allocated to an individual licensee, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.835.

No more than 120,000 feet of cisco or chub net may be licensed in Minnesota waters of Lake Superior and no more than 12,000 feet of cisco or chub net may be allocated to an individual licensee, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.835.

**Subp. 6. Net locations.** Gill nets may not be set within one-quarter mile of the shore in the area extending from the Superior entrance to Pigeon River, except under permit issued by the commissioner. Gill nets set on the bottom may not be in water shallower than 40 fathoms except under permit.

**Subp. 7. Required reporting.** Commercial fishing operators must submit a record of their commercial fishing operations for each month of the calendar year. These reports must be submitted within ten days after the end of the month for which the report is made. Reports must be made regardless of whether fish are taken and regardless of whether any fishing operations have taken place.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045; 97C.835*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

### COMMERCIAL FISHING ON INLAND MISSISSIPPI RIVER

#### 6260.1900 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON INLAND MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

**Subpart 1. Species, seasons, and limits.** Rough fish may be taken in the Mississippi River from the St. Croix River junction to St. Anthony Falls, including the following waters:

Waters	County	Description
A. River Lake	Dakota	T. 27 N.; R. 22 W.; S. 23, 26, 27
B. Spring Lake	Dakota	T. 115 N.; R. 18 W.; S. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23
C. Pickerel Lake	Dakota and Ramsey	T. 28 N.; R. 23 W.; S. 12, 13
D. Pig Eye Lake	Ramsey	T. 28 N.; R. 22 W.; S. 10, 11, 14, 15, 23
E. Baldwin Lake	Washington	T. 26 N.; R. 22 W.; S. 1; T. 27 N.; R. 22 W.; S. 25, 26, 35, 36
F. Connelly's Lake (Conley)	Washington	T. 26 N.; R. 20 W.; S. 7, 8
G. Grey Cloud Slough	Washington	T. 27 N.; R. 21 W.; S. 30, 31, 32, 33; T. 27 N.; R. 22 W.; S. 24, 25
H. Moore Lake	Washington	T. 27 N.; R. 21 W.; S. 30; T. 27 N.; R. 22 W.; S. 25, 26

Subp. 2. **Restrictions on use of bait for set lines.** A person using set lines may not use any frogs, bullheads, or perch of any size for bait on the Inland Mississippi River.

Subp. 3. **Set line markings.** All set lines on the Inland Mississippi River must be equipped with a tag furnished by the commissioner. At one end of every set line there must be a white flag at least 16 inches square, the upper end of which must extend at least two feet above the water and which must be numbered with figures at least three inches in height corresponding with the number of the license authorizing the use of the set line.

Subp. 4. **Lifting and set times.** Set lines must be lifted and all fish removed at least once every 48 hours and may be set or lifted only between sunrise and sunset. Commercial fishing regulations for boundary waters are found in chapter 6266 under the listing for each state.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

### COMMERCIAL FISHING ON INLAND WATERS

#### 6260.2000 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON INLAND WATERS.

Subpart 1. **Release of commercial fish.** Commercial fish species may not be released into any waters, unless necessary to prevent injury to game fish. Fish placed in a holding crib must not be returned to the water under any circumstances.

Subp. 2. **Assignment of fishing areas.** Licensees will be assigned an inland commercial fishing area at the time the license is issued. When it is determined that the issuance of a class B or C permit is desirable for waters which are included within the boundaries of an existing licensee's specified fishing area, that licensee will be given the first opportunity to apply for the permit, and will be considered before other applicants. When it is determined that the issuance of a contract is desirable for waters which are included within the boundaries of an existing licensee's specified fishing area, that licensee must be given first opportunity to apply for the contract, and must be considered before other applicants.

Subp. 3. **Use of seines.** The mesh in the seine bag and first 300 feet of each side of the bag used in inland waters may not be larger than three inches, stretch measure. The balance of the seine may not be of mesh size larger than five inches, stretch measure. There is no limit on the depth of the seine measured perpendicularly from cork line to lead line or in the twine size or strength.

Subp. 4. **Use of hoop nets.** Center leads of hoop nets used in inland waters may not exceed 25 feet in length and hoops may not exceed four feet in diameter. The webbing for the entire net may not exceed two inches, stretch measure, or be of twine size less than 18 gauge or 150 pound strength.

Subp. 5. **Use of crib nets.** Crib net design for inland waters is at the discretion of the operator, except that mesh size in cribs may not be larger than two inches, stretch measure, or be of twine size smaller than 18 gauge or 150 pound strength. Wooden cribs must be constructed so that the sides and bottoms have no openings larger than one inch.

Subp. 6. **Restrictions on seines and hoop nets.** Seines and hoop nets used in inland commercial fishing operations must be of a design which will allow the release of nontarget species unharmed.

Subp. 7. **Marking of hoop nets.** A tag having a minimum size of 2-1/2 inches by five-eighths inch and permanently bearing the name and residence address of the operator must be attached to the top side of the end hoop and near the top of a hoop net stake of hoop nets used in inland waters. Hoop net stakes must also be marked with an orange or yellow flag, at least one foot square, the upper end of which extends at least three feet above the surface of the water or ice. Hoop nets that are set in open water with anchors must be marked with white buoys of at least one gallon displacement bearing the name and residence of the operator in contrasting color.

Subp. 8. **Marking of seines.** A tag having a minimum size of 2-1/2 inches by five-eighths inch and permanently bearing the name and residence address of the operator must be placed near the first float on one end of the float line of seines used in inland waters.

Subp. 9. **Lifting of hoop nets.** Hoop nets must be checked not less than two times in each seven-day period during open water fishing in inland waters and not less than one time in each seven-day period when fishing under ice.



All commercial fish removal operations must be conducted during daylight hours, when feasible. The area fisheries supervisor must be notified immediately in the instance of an exception.

Subp. 10. **Removal of gear.** All commercial fishing gear and equipment must be removed from inland waters at the time a license, permit, or contract becomes void. Hoop nets must be removed from the water during the period between freeze-up in the fall and ice-out in the spring.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

## GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS

### 6260.2100 INTENSITY AND TIMING OF FISHING EFFORTS.

Licensees, permittees, or contractors must make an effort to take fish in the specified area which effort is satisfactory by the commissioner. Failure to make a satisfactory effort may be grounds for nonrenewal of the license, permit, or contract.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

### 6260.2200 LICENSE REVOCATION.

Upon revocation of the license, permit, or contract, operators may not be eligible for another license, permit, or contract until one year from the date of the revocation.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

## INLAND COMMERCIAL FISHING AREAS

### 6260.2300 COMMERCIAL FISHING AREAS WITHIN INDIAN RESERVATIONS.

Those portions of the inland commercial fishing areas and core waters established by part 6260.2400 that lie within the established boundaries of Indian reservations are not subject to the provisions of parts 6260.0100 to 6260.2400.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

### 6260.2400 DESCRIPTION OF INLAND COMMERCIAL FISHING AREAS.

Subpart 1. **Identification of inland commercial fishing areas.** The areas described in this part are established as inland commercial fishing areas. Within each area, the specified waters are hereby designated as core waters. Core waters are identified by name and county, Division of Waters identification number (Id. No.), (Township (Twp.)), (Range (Rge.)), and (Section (Sec.) number).

Subp. 2. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 1.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 1 consists of all of Lincoln and Lyon counties lying south of State Highway No. 19 and all of Murray county lying north of State Highway No. 30.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Bloody Lake				
Murray Co.	51-40	108	40	20, 28, 29
Fox Lake				
Murray Co.	51-43	108	40	21, 22, 27, 28
Shetek Lake				
Murray Co.	51-46	107, 108	40-41	Various
Sarah Lake				
Murray Co.	51-63	108	41	9, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22
Currant Lake				
Murray Co.	51-82	108	42, 43	7, 18; 12, 13

Subp. 3. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 2.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 2 consists of all of Nobles, Jackson, and Cottonwood counties plus all of Murray county lying south of State Highway No. 30.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
North Oaks Lake Cottonwood Co.	17-44	105, 106	38	5, 8, 32
Talcot Lake Cottonwood and Murray Counties	17-60	105	38, 39	17-20, 30; 24, 25
Loon Lake Jackson Co.	32-20	101	35, 36	18, 19; 13, 24, 25
First Fulda (South Fulda Lake) Murray Co.	51-21	105	40	35, 36
West Graham Lake Nobles Co.	53-21	104	39	15, 16, 21, 22

Subp. 4. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 3.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 3 consists of all of Watonwan and Martin counties.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
East Chain Lake Martin Co.	46-10	101	29, 30	7, 18, 19; 13, 24
South Silver Lake Martin Co.	46-20	101	30	29-32
Bright Lake Martin Co.	46-52	101	31	8, 9, 16, 17
Fox Lake Martin Co.	46-109	102, 103	32	4-6; 31-34
Cedar Lake Martin Co.	46-121	103, 104	32,33	19, 30; 1; 24, 25, 26

Subp. 5. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 4.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 4 consists of all of the area that lies within a boundary line starting at the city of Montevideo; thence north on State Highway No. 29 to Chippewa County Highway No. 13; thence west across the Minnesota River and continuing west on Lac Qui Parle County Highway No. 20 to Lac Qui Parle County Highway No. 31; thence south to U.S. Highway No. 212; thence east to U.S. Highway No. 59; thence south to State Highway No. 67; thence east to State Highway No. 23; thence south to Lyon County Highway No. 10; thence east and continuing east on Yellow Medicine County Highway No. 1 to Redwood County Highway No. 7; thence north across the Minnesota River and continuing north on Renville County Highway No. 9 to the Chippewa County line; thence west to State Highway No. 23; thence north to State Highway No. 7; thence west to Montevideo, the point of beginning.

The Core Waters are the Minnesota River lying within the described boundary.

Subp. 6. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 5.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 5 consists of all of the area that lies within a boundary line starting at the city of Paynesville; thence west on State Highway No. 23 to State Highway No. 55; thence west to the Kandiyohi County line; thence north to the Stearns County line; thence west to U.S. Highway No. 71; thence south to U.S. Highway No. 12 at Willmar; thence west to the Kandiyohi County line; thence south to the Swift County line; thence west to State Highway No. 7; thence north to State Highway No. 119 at Appleton; thence north to U.S. Highway No. 12; thence crossing U.S. Highway No. 12 and continuing north on Swift County Highway No. 5 to Swift County Highway No. 22; thence west to Big Stone County Highway No. 25 at Artichoke; thence south to State Highway No. 7 at Correll; thence west to U.S. Highway No. 75; thence south to Lac Qui Parle County Highway No. 34; thence east to State Highway No. 119; thence south

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to Lac Qui Parle County Highway No. 20; thence east crossing the Minnesota River and continuing east on Chippewa County Highway No. 13 to State Highway No. 29; thence south to State Highway No. 7 at Montevideo; thence east to State Highway No. 23; thence south to the Renville County line; thence east to the Meeker County line; thence north to the Stearns County line; thence east to Stearns County Highway No. 2; thence north to State Highway No. 23 at Cold Spring; thence west to Paynesville, the point of beginning.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Marsh Lake				
Big Stone, Lac Qui Parle, and Swift Counties	6-1	120	43, 44	Various
Big Kandiyohi Lake Kandiyohi Co.	34-86	117, 118	34	3; 20-23, 26-29, 31
Lac Qui Parle Lake Lac Qui Parle, Chippewa, and Swift Counties	37-46	118-120	42, 43	Various
Cedar Island Lake Stearns Co.	73-133	123	30, 31	30-32; 24, 25, 36
Horseshoe Lake Stearns Co.	73-157	123	31	25, 26, 34-36

**Subp. 7. Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 6.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 6 consists of all of the area that lies within a boundary line starting at the city of Willmar; thence west on U.S. Highway No. 12 to the Swift County line; thence south to the Chippewa County line; thence west to State Highway No. 7; thence north to State Highway No. 119 at Appleton; thence north to U.S. Highway No. 12; thence crossing U.S. Highway No. 12 and continuing north on Swift County Highway No. 5 to Swift County Highway No. 22; thence west to Big Stone County Highway No. 25 at Artichoke; thence north to the Stevens County line; thence east to the Pope County line and continuing east including that portion of Camp Lake lying in Pope County, to the Kandiyohi County line and continuing east to U.S. Highway No. 7; thence south to Willmar, the point of beginning.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Long Lake Kandiyohi Co.	34-192	120	35	11-15, 22, 23
East Solomon Lake Kandiyohi Co.	34-246	120	35, 36	20, 21, 28-30; 25
Monson Lake Swift Co.	76-33	121, 122	37	3; 35, 36
Camp Lake Swift and Pope Counties	76-72	122, 123	38	1; 36
Oliver Lake Swift Co.	76-146	121, 122	43	1; 26, 27, 35, 36

**Subp. 8. Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 7.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 7 consists of all that area starting at the junction of Minnesota State Highway No. 19 and the South Dakota border in Lincoln county; thence east on State Highway No. 19 to U.S. Highway No. 75; thence north crossing Yellow Medicine and Lac Qui Parle counties to the junction of State Highway No. 7; thence east to the junction of Big Stone County Highway No. 25 at Correll; thence north to the Stevens County line; thence following the Stevens County line west and then north to the Grant County line and continuing north to the northern Traverse County line; thence west to the Minnesota-North Dakota state boundary; thence

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south to the Minnesota–South Dakota state boundary and continuing south on the border to point of beginning at the junction of Minnesota State Highway No. 19 and the South Dakota border in Lincoln county.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Big Stone Lake Big Stone County of Minnesota and Roberts and Grant Counties of SD	6–152	121–124	46–49	Various
Hendricks Lake Lincoln County of MN and Brookings County of SD	41–110	112	46, 47	18, 19; 13, 24
Mud Lake Traverse County of MN and Roberts County of SD	78–24	127, 128	47, 48	Various
Traverse Lake Traverse County of MN and Roberts County of SD	78–25	125, 127	47–49	Various

**Subp. 9. Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 8.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 8 consists of all of Stevens, Grant, and Pope counties excluding Reno Lake (Pope and Douglas counties), but including Christina Lake (Grant and Douglas counties).

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Pelican Lake Grant and Douglas Counties	26–2	130	40, 41	18, 19; 11–15 22–27, 34, 35
Barrett Lake Grant Co.	26–95	128	41, 42	6, 7; 1, 12
Pomme de Terre Lake Grant Co.	26–97	129, 130	41, 42	5–7; 29–32; 12; 25, 36
Gilchrist Lake Pope Co.	61–72	123	37, 38	6–8, 17, 18; 1
Pelican Lake Pope Co.	61–111	125	38	9, 10, 16
Minnewaska Lake Pope Co.	61–130	125	38, 39	Various
Emily Lake Pope Co.	61–180	124	39, 40	Various
Perkins Lake Stevens Co.	75–75	126	41	19, 20, 29, 30
Hattie Lake Stevens Co.	75–200	124	43	20, 21, 28, 29

**Subp. 10. Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 9.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 9 consists of all of Douglas county excluding Christina Lake (Grant and Douglas counties), but including Reno Lake (Pope and Douglas counties).

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Victoria Lake Douglas Co.	21–54	128	37	21, 22, 27–29
Maple Lake Douglas Co.	21–79	127	37, 38	19, 20, 29–31; 25, 36

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Mary Lake Douglas Co.	21-92	127, 128	38	4-9, 16-18; 32, 33
Pocket Lake Douglas Co.	21-140	127	38, 39	18, 19; 24-26
Freeborn Lake Douglas Co.	21-162	127	39	19, 20
Red Rock Lake Douglas Co.	21-291	127, 128	40	5; 28, 29, 32, 33
Reno Lake Pope and Douglas Counties	61-78	126, 127	37, 38	Various

Subp. 11. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 10.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 10 consists of that part of Otter Tail county that lies south of a boundary line starting at the junction of State Highway No. 29 and the eastern Otter Tail County line; thence west on State Highway No. 29 to Otter Tail County Highway No. 52; thence west to State Highway No. 108 and continuing west to State Highway No. 78; thence north to Otter Tail County Highway No. 1; thence west to Otter Tail County Highway No. 3; thence crossing Otter Tail County Highway No. 3 and continuing west on Otter Tail County Highway No. 10 through Elizabeth to the western Otter Tail County line.

Core Waters Fish Lake	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Otter Tail Co.	56-66	131	37, 38	30; 25, 26
East Leaf Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-116	134	38	22-26
East Battle Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-138	132, 133	38, 39	Various
Stuart (Stewart) Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-191	132, 133	39	3, 4, 10; 33, 34
North Turtle Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-379	133	40, 41	19, 30; 23-26, 32-35
Bass Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-570	133	41, 42	31, 32; 36
North Ten Mile Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-604	131	42	16, 17, 20, 21
Ten Mile (South Ten Mile) Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-613	131	42	21, 27-29, 32-34

Subp. 12. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 11.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 11 consists of that part of Otter Tail county bounded by a line starting at the junction of State Highway No. 29 and the eastern boundary line of Otter Tail county; thence north on the Otter Tail county line to the southern Becker county line; thence west to U.S. Highway No. 10; thence south to State Highway No. 228; thence west to Otter Tail County Highway No. 4; thence south to Otter Tail County Highway No. 35 at Vergas and continuing south to Otter Tail County Highway No. 1; thence east to State Highway No. 78; thence south to State Highway No. 108; thence east to Otter Tail County Highway No. 52 and continuing east to State Highway No. 29 and continuing east to the eastern Otter Tail county line, the point of beginning.

Core Waters Big Pine Lake	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Otter Tail Co.	56-130	136, 137	38	Various

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Little Pine Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-142	136, 137	38, 39	Various
Buchanan Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-209	134, 135	39	1, 2, 11; 35, 36
Round Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-214	135	39	22, 27
Mud Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-222	136, 137	39	3, 4; 34, 35
Dead Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-383	134, 135	40, 41	Various

**Subp. 13. Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 12.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 12 consists of that part of Otter Tail county bounded by a line starting at the junction of U.S. Highway No. 10 and the northern Otter Tail county line; thence west to the eastern Clay County line; thence south to the southern Clay County line; thence west to the Wilkin County line; thence south to Otter Tail County Highway No. 10; thence east to Otter Tail County Highway No. 3; thence crossing Otter Tail County Highway No. 3 and continuing east on Otter Tail County Highway No. 1 to Otter Tail County Highway No. 35; thence north to Otter Tail County Highway No. 4 and continuing north through Vergas to State Highway No. 228; thence east to U.S. Highway No. 10; thence north to the Otter Tail County line, the point of beginning.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Star Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-385	135, 136	40, 41	Various
East Spirit Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-501	136	41	4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17
Little Pelican Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-761	137	42	1, 2, 11, 12
Long (North Long) Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-784	134	42, 43	7, 18; 10-14
Prairie Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-915	136	43	10, 11, 14, 15
Tamarac Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-931	137	43	14, 15, 22, 23, 26
Sand Lake Otter Tail Co.	56-942	137	43	35, 36

**Subp. 14. Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 13.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 13 consists of that part of Becker county west of U.S. Highway No. 59.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Monson (Munson) Lake Becker Co.	3-357	138	41	5, 8
Sallie Lake Becker Co.	3-359	138	41	7-9, 16-20
Melissa Lake Becker Co.	3-475	138	41, 42	19-21, 28-32; 25
Little Cormorant Lake Becker Co.	3-506	138, 139	42	4, 5; 28-33
Big Cormorant Lake Becker Co.	3-576	138	42, 43	7, 18, 19, 30; 1, 11-14, 22-25

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### Upper Cormorant Lake

Becker Co.	3-588	138	43	4, 5, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17
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Subp. 15. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 14.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 14 consists of that part of Becker county lying east of U.S. Highway No. 59 and all of Hubbard county south of Hubbard County Highway No. 9 except Steamboat Lake and all of Wadena county north of Wadena County Highway No. 9.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Shell Lake Becker Co.	3-102	140	37, 38	7, 18; 9-16, 21 23, 24
Toad (Big Toad) Lake Becker Co.	3-107	139	38	4, 8-10, 15-17, 20, 21
Little Toad Lake Becker Co.	3-189	139	39	23-26
Height of Land Lake Becker Co.	3-195	139, 140	39	2-5, 9-11; 26-28, 32-34
Rock Lake Becker Co.	3-293	140	40	16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29
Detroit Lake Becker Co.	3-381	138, 139	41	1-4, 9-15; 34-36
Little Floyd Lake Becker Co.	3-386	139	41	2, 3, 10, 11
Floyd Lake Becker Co.	3-387	139	41	3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16

Subp. 16. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 16.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 16 consists of all of Meeker, McLeod, and Sibley counties, plus that part of Wright county that lies south of U.S. Highway No. 12 and west of State Highway No. 25.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Francis Lake Meeker and Wright Counties	47-2	120	28, 29	6, 7; 1, 11, 12
Jennie Lake Meeker Co.	47-15	118	29	20, 21, 27-29, 32, 33
Big Swan Lake Meeker Co.	47-38	119, 120	29	1, 2, 14; 35, 36
Betty Lake Meeker Co.	47-42	121	29	23, 24
Belle Lake Meeker and McCleod Counties	47-49	117, 118	30	2, 3; 26, 27, 35
Dunns Lake Meeker Co.	47-82	119, 120	30	3; 34
Star Lake Meeker Co.	47-129	118, 119	31	5-8; 31, 32
Ripley Lake Meeker Co.	47-134	119	31	14, 15, 22-26

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Collinwood Lake Wright and Meeker Counties	86-293	118	28, 29	6, 7; 1, 12
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Subp. 17. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 17.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 17 consists of all of Sherburne and Wright counties except that part of Wright county that lies south of U.S. Highway No. 12 and west of State Highway No. 25.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Eagle Lake Sherburne Co.	71-67	33, 34	27	6; 30-32
Buffalo Lake Wright Co.	86-90	119, 120	25, 26	30, 31; 1; 25, 35, 36
Deer Lake Wright Co.	86-107	119	26	1, 2
Waverly Lake Wright Co.	86-114	119	26	28, 32, 33
Howard Lake Wright Co.	86-199	118, 119	27	3, 4; 27, 28, 33, 34
Clearwater Lake Wright and Stearns Counties	86-252	121, 122	27, 28	Various
Cokato Lake Wright Co.	86-263	119	28	14, 15, 23

Subp. 18. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 18.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 18 consists of all of Anoka, Ramsey, and Washington counties, plus that part of Dakota county bounded by a line from the junction of Highway I-494 and the eastern line of Washington county; thence west on Highway I-494 to State Highway No. 56; thence south to the northern boundary of Goodhue county; thence east, including Byllesby Lake, on the Dakota-Goodhue County line to the Minnesota-Wisconsin state line.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Peltier Lake Anoka Co.	2-4	31	22	2, 10, 11, 14, 15
Centerville Lake Anoka Co.	2-6	31	22	14, 15, 22, 23
Byllesby Lake Dakota and Goodhue Counties	19-6	112	18	8-10, 14-16
Long Lake Ramsey Co.	62-67	30	23	17, 18, 20
Bone Lake Washington Co.	82-54	32	20	4, 5, 8, 9
Clear Lake Washington Co.	82-163	32	21	17, 18

Subp. 19. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 19.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 19 consists of all of Hennepin county excluding that part bounded by a line starting at the junction of the eastern Carver County line and U.S. Highway No. 169; thence easterly on U.S. Highway No. 169 to State Highway No. 5; thence west to the eastern Carver County line.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Bryant Lake Hennepin Co.	27-67	116	22	2, 11
Medicine Lake Hennepin Co.	27-104	118	22	14, 23-26



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Minnetonka Lake Hennepin and Carver Counties	27-133	116, 117	22-24	Various
Long Lake Hennepin Co.	27-160	118	23	26, 34, 35
Independence Lake Hennepin Co.	27-176	118	23, 24	7, 18, 19; 12, 13, 24

Subp. 20. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 20.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 20 consists of all of Scott and Carver counties plus that part of Hennepin county bounded by a line starting at the junction of the eastern Carver County line and U.S. Highway No. 169; thence easterly on U.S. Highway No. 169 to State Highway No. 5; thence west to the eastern Carver County line, plus that part of Dakota county west of a line starting at the junction of Highway I-494 and the eastern Washington County line; thence west on Highway I-494 to State Highway No. 56; thence south to the northern Goodhue County line.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Parley Lake Carver Co.	10-42	116	24	4, 5, 8, 9
Wassermann Lake Carver Co.	10-48	116	24	14, 22, 23
Waconia Lake Carver Co.	10-59	116	24, 25	6, 7, 18; 1, 2; 10-15
Staring Lake Hennepin Co.	27-78	116	22	21, 22
Spring Lake Scott Co.	70-54	114	22	3-5, 8-10
Cedar Lake Scott Co.	70-91	113	22, 23	7, 18, 19; 12, 13, 24

Subp. 21. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 21.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 21 consists of all of Rice county except that part bounded by a line starting at the junction of the eastern LeSueur County line and Rice County Highway No. 12; thence east on Rice County Highway No. 12 to State Highway No. 60; thence west to the eastern LeSueur County line, plus that part of LeSueur County bounded by a line starting at the junction of LeSueur County Highway No. 14 and the Chicago and Northwestern railroad tracks; thence north on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad tracks to LeSueur County Highway No. 13 and continuing north on LeSueur County Highway No. 13 to LeSueur County Highway No. 12; thence west to Singing Hills Road, which courses the western end of Tetonka Lake; thence south to LeSueur County Highway No. 14; thence east to the Chicago and Northwestern railroad tracks, the point of beginning.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Circle Lake Rice Co.	66-27	111	21	15-17, 21, 22
Fox Lake Rice Co.	66-29	111	21	26, 27
Union Lake Rice Co.	66-32	111, 112	21	2, 3; 35, 36
Rice Lake Rice Co.	66-48	110	22	16, 17, 20, 21

Subp. 22. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 22.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 22 consists of all of LeSueur county except that part bounded by a line starting at the junction of the eastern Nicollet County line and State Highway No. 99; thence east on State Highway No. 99 to LeSueur County Highway No. 15 at Cleveland; thence south to LeSueur

County Highway No. 13; thence east and south on LeSueur County Highway No. 13 to LeSueur County Highway No. 16; thence west to the northern Blue Earth County line and also excluding that part of LeSueur county bounded by a line starting at the junction of LeSueur County Highway No. 14 and the Chicago and Northwestern railroad tracks; thence north on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad tracks to LeSueur County Highway No. 13 and continuing north on LeSueur County Highway No. 13 to LeSueur County Highway No. 12; thence west to Singing Hills Road, which courses the western end of Tetonka Lake; thence south to LeSueur County Highway No. 14; thence east to the Chicago and Northwestern railroad tracks, plus that part of Rice county bounded by a line starting at the junction of the eastern LeSueur County line and Rice County Highway No. 12; thence east on Rice County Highway No. 12 to State Highway No. 60; thence west to the eastern LeSueur County line.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Dora Lake				
LeSueur Co.	40-10	110	23	3, 4, 9, 10
Sabre Lake				
LeSueur Co.	40-14	110	23	29, 30
Gorman Lake				
LeSueur Co.	40-32	110	23, 24	7; 11-14
Frances Lake				
LeSueur Co.	40-57	109	24	27-29, 32-35

**Subp. 23. Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 23.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 23 consists of all of Faribault, Waseca, Brown, and Blue Earth counties plus that part of LeSueur county bounded by the junction of the eastern Nicollet County line and State Highway No. 99; thence east on State Highway No. 99 to LeSueur County Highway No. 15 at Cleveland; thence south to LeSueur County Highway No. 13; thence east and south on LeSueur County Highway No. 13 to LeSueur County Highway No. 16; thence west to the northern Blue Earth County line.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Loon Lake				
Blue Earth Co.	7-96	107	28	2-4, 10, 11
Crystal Lake				
Blue Earth Co.	7-98	107, 108	28	4, 5; 32, 33
Hanska Lake				
Brown Co.	8-26	108	31, 32	19, 28-30, 32, 33; 13-16, 23, 24
Washington Lake				
LeSueur and				
Blue Earth				
Counties	40-117	109	25, 26	Various
Elysian Lake				
Waseca and				
LeSueur Counties	81-95	108, 109	24	Various

**Subp. 24. Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 24.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 24 consists of all of Itasca County.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Blackberry Lake				
Itasca Co.	31-210	55	24	28, 33
Split Hand Lake				
Itasca Co.	31-353	53	25	14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 35
Blandin Lake				
Itasca Co.	31-533	55	25, 26	18-21; 13
Blackwater Lake				
Itasca Co.	31-561	55	26	4, 7-10, 15-17

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Bass Lake Itasca Co.	31-576	55, 56	26	Various
Dora Lake Itasca Co.	31-882	149, 150	27	Various

Subp. 25. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 25.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 25 consists of all of Clearwater and Beltrami counties plus that part of Hubbard county lying north of Hubbard County Highway No. 9.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Rabideau Lake Beltrami Co.	4-34	147, 148	30	8, 9, 16-20; 13
Blackduck Lake Beltrami Co.	4-69	149	31	3-5, 8-11, 14-17
Gull Lake Beltrami Co.	4-120	148, 149	32	1-4, 11; 26, 27, 34, 35
Three Island Lake Beltrami Co.	4-134	148	32, 33	18, 19; 23-26
Irving Lake Beltrami Co.	4-140	146	33	16, 17, 21
Julia Lake Beltrami Co.	4-166	148, 149	33	4, 5; 32, 33
Minerva Lake Clearwater Co.	15-79	145	37	13, 14
Pine Lake Clearwater Co.	15-149	149	38	20-22, 27-29, 32, 33

Subp. 26. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 26.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 26 consists of all of St. Louis County north of U.S. Highway No. 169, State Highway No. 169 and State Highway No. 1.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Burntside Lake St. Louis Co.	69-118	63	12, 13	Various
Vermillion Lake St. Louis Co.	69-378	61-63	14-16	Various
Pelican Lake St. Louis Co.	69-841	64, 65	19, 20	Various
Kabetogama Lake St. Louis and Koochiching Counties	69-845	69, 70	19-22	Various
Sturgeon Lake St. Louis and Itasca Counties	69-939	60	21, 22	Various

Subp. 27. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 27.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 27 consists of all of Lake county.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Dumbbell Lake Lake Co.	38-393	59, 60	7, 8	6, 7; 31; 1
Snowbank Lake Lake Co.	38-529	63, 64	8, 9	1-3, 11, 12; 19, 20, 29-31; 23-27, 34-36

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Greenwood Lake Lake Co.	38-656	58, 59	10	4, 5, 7-9, 17-20; 32
Farm Lake Lake Co.	38-779	62, 63	11	3; 4; 33, 34

Subp. 28. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 28.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 28 consists of all of Cook county.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Greenwood Lake Cook Co.	16-77	64	2E	21-28, 34
Devil Track Lake Cook Co.	16-143	62	1E, 1W	30, 31; 25-29, 34, 35
Brule Lake Cook Co.	16-348	63	2, 3W	Various
Caribou Lake Cook Co.	16-360	60, 61	3W	1, 2, 11, 12; 35, 36
Sawbill Lake Cook Co.	16-496	62, 63	4W	6, 7; 20, 29-32
Seagull Lake Cook Co.	16-629	65, 66	4, 5W	5-7; 31, 32; 9-16

Subp. 29. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 29.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 29 consists of all of St. Louis County south of U.S. Highway No. 169, State Highway No. 169, and State Highway No. 1 and all of Carlton county.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Birch Lake St. Louis and Lake Counties	69-3	61	11, 12	Various
Bearhead Lake St. Louis Co.	69-254	61	14	1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 14
Island Lake St. Louis Co.	69-372	52, 53	14, 15	Various
Boulder Lake St. Louis Co.	69-373	53	14, 15	Various
Whiteface Reservoir St. Louis Co.	69-375	55, 56	14, 15	Various
Fish Lake Flowage St. Louis Co.	69-491	51, 52	15, 16	Various

Subp. 30. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 30.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 30 consists of all of Aitkin and Mille Lacs counties.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Minnewawa Lake Aitkin Co.	1-33	49	23	16, 20-23, 26-29, 32, 33
Big Sandy Lake Aitkin Co.	1-62	49, 50	23, 24	Various
Gun Lake Aitkin Co.	1-99	48	25	8, 9, 16, 17, 20
Hill Lake Aitkin Co.	1-142	52	26	2, 11-14, 23, 24

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Farm Island Lake Aitkin Co.	1-159	45, 46	27	4-6; 28, 29,
Cedar Lake Aitkin and Crow Wing Counties	1-209	46, 47	27, 28	4-7; 29-33; 1, 12

Subp. 31. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 31.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 31 consists of all of Pine, Kanabec, Isanti and Chisago counties.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
South Center Lake Chisago Co.	13-27	33, 34	20	2, 3, 4, 9, 10; 34, 35
Rush Lake Chisago Co.	13-69	37	21, 22	19, 30; 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 20-25, 27, 28
Goose Lake Chisago Co.	13-83	36, 37	22	3, 4, 9, 10, 15; 34
Green Lake Isanti Co.	30-136	36	25	26-28, 33-35
Knife Lake Kanabec Co.	33-28	40, 41	23, 24	1, 2, 10, 11, 15, 30, 31, 32
Cross Lake Pine Co.	58-119	39	21	11, 14, 15, 22, 23, 27, 28, 33, 34
Pokegama Lake Pine Co.	58-142	39	22	13, 14, 23-26, 35, 36

Subp. 32. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 32.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 32 consists of all of Crow Wing and Cass counties.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
George Lake Cass Co.	11-101	139, 140	26, 27	6, 7; 31; 1; 36
Woman Lake Cass Co.	11-201	140, 141	28, 29	Various
Gull Lake Cass and Crow Wing Counties	11-305	134, 135	28-30	Various
Pine Mountain Lake Cass Co.	11-411	138, 139	30, 31	6 19, 30, 24, 25, 36
Borden Lake Crow Wing Co.	18-20	44	28	2, 9-11, 14-16, 22
Crooked Lake Crow Wing Co.	18-41	45	28	16, 17, 19-21, 29, 30
Upper Long Lake Crow Wing Co.	18-96	44	29	5, 7, 8, 18
Long Lake Crow Wing Co.	18-136	44	29, 30	18; 13, 14, 22-24, 26, 27
Emily Lake Crow Wing Co.	18-203	137, 138	26	2, 3; 26, 27, 34, 35

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Subp. 33. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 33.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 33 consists of all of Todd, Morrison, Benton, and Stearns counties except that part of Stearns county bounded by a line starting at the junction of Stearns County Highway No. 2 and the Meeker County line, near the community of Watkins; thence north on Stearns County Highway No. 2 to State Highway No. 23, near the community of Cold Spring; thence west on State Highway No. 23 to the junction of State Highway No. 55; thence west on State Highway No. 55 to the eastern Kandiyohi County line, plus that part of Wadena county lying south of Wadena County Highway No. 9.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Little Rock Benton Co.	5-13	37, 38	31	2, 3, 10, 11, 14; 34, 35
Sullivan Lake Morrison Co.	49-16	42	28, 29	6, 7; 1, 11, 12, 14
Two Rivers Lake Stearns Co.	73-138	125, 126	30, 31	6; 19, 30, 31, 36
Big Swan Lake Todd Co.	77-23	128	32	7, 18-20; 29, 30
Big Birch Lake Todd and Stearns Counties	77-84	126, 127	32, 33	Various

Subp. 34. **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 34.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 34 consists of all of Goodhue, Wabasha, Olmsted, and Winona counties lying north of U.S. Highway I-90.

Core Waters	Id. No.	Twp.	Rge.	Sec.
Vermillion River Goodhue Co.		113, 114	15, 16	Various
Goose Lake Goodhue Co.	25-5	113	15	5-8
Brunner Lake Goodhue Co.	25-6	113	15	6
Wildcat Lake Goodhue Co.	25-7	113	15	NC8
Jones Lake Goodhue Co.	25-8	113	15	SE8
Birch Lake Goodhue Co.	25-9	113	15	8, 9
Larson Lake Goodhue Co.	25-16	113, 114	15, 16	6; 31; 1
Upper Clear Lake Goodhue Co.	25-18	114	16	22, 27
Clear Lake Goodhue Co.	25-19	114	16	26, 35
Upper Rattling Springs Lake Goodhue Co.	25-20	114	16	34, 35
Lower Rattling Springs Lake Goodhue Co.	25-21	114	16	35
Zumbro Lake Olmsted and Wabash Counties	55-414	108, 109		Various

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Shady Lake  
Olmsted Co.

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7, 8, 17, 18; 12

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

### CRAYFISH

#### 6260.2500 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING CRAYFISH.

Subpart 1. **Seasons and size restrictions.** The open season for taking crayfish is April 1 through November 30. Crayfish less than one inch in length from tip of rostrum to tip of tail must be returned unharmed to the water.

Subp. 2. **Gear and marking requirements.** The following provisions in this subpart apply to gear and marking requirements on the taking of crayfish:

A. Crayfish may be harvested with gear allowed for rough fish and minnows in addition to gear specified in this part. Crayfish traps or harvesting devices must be identified in a permanent and legible manner with a plastic or metal tag not smaller than one inch by three inches bearing the user's name and address.

B. The mesh size for crayfish traps may not be less than one-half inch, stretch measure.

C. Floats used to mark traps may not be larger than four inches square or four inches in diameter.

D. Rough fish parts may be used within a crayfish trap as bait.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.871; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

#### 6260.2600 SALE OF CRAYFISH.

All crayfish species in this state may be harvested and crayfish may be cultured for sale for food and processed bait. Crayfish may not be sold for live bait or aquarium use within this state.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.871; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

#### 6260.2700 TENDING CRAYFISH TRAPS.

Crayfish traps may be lifted from one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. Crayfish traps must be lifted at least once in each 24 hour period weather permitting. All trapped fish must be returned to the water.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.871; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

#### 6260.2800 DISPOSAL OF CRAYFISH.

Dead crayfish or the shells or meats of crayfish may not be returned to the water or deposited on any shoreline or adjacent area.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.871; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

#### 6260.2900 TRANSPORTATION AND STOCKING OF CRAYFISH.

The transportation of any crayfish from one body of water to another within the state is prohibited, except by written permission from the commissioner.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.871; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

#### 6260.3000 IMPORTATION OF CRAYFISH PROHIBITED.

The placement in waters of the state of any crayfish imported from outside the state is prohibited, except under permit by the commissioner.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.871; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**6260.3100 PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.**

Violation of any provision of state law pertaining to the harvest of crayfish, parts 6260.2500 to 6260.3400, or any terms or conditions of any permit may result in the permit being revoked in addition to any other penalties provided by law.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.418; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**6260.3200 TAKING OF CRAYFISH FOR PERSONAL USE.**

Subpart 1. **License requirement for taking crayfish for personal use.** A person possessing a valid resident or nonresident angling license may take and possess for personal use not more than 25 pounds of live, whole freshwater crayfish.

Subp. 2. **Sale of crayfish taken for personal use prohibited.** Crayfish taken for personal use may not be sold.

Subp. 3. **Locations for taking crayfish for personal use.** Crayfish may be harvested for personal use in any waters of the state where fish may be taken by angling, and to which the harvester has legal access, unless otherwise posted.

Subp. 4. **Use of crayfish for bait.** Live crayfish taken may be used as bait only in the body of water where taken.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.871; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**6260.3300 TAKING CRAYFISH FOR COMMERCIAL USE.**

Subpart 1. **Permits and resident angling license requirements.** A person taking or possessing more than 25 pounds of live, whole freshwater crayfish must first obtain a written permit from the commissioner. This permit is required to harvest crayfish for sale.

Subp. 2. **Persons allowed to assist permit holders.** Only persons listed on the permit may assist the permit holder in any phase of the crayfish harvesting operations.

Subp. 3. **Commercial use permit procedures.** Permits may be issued upon application pursuant to the criteria in this subpart:

A. Application must be made on forms, provided by the commissioner, and must be submitted to the area fisheries office.

B. Permits will be issued only to residents who possess a valid Minnesota angling license or are otherwise exempt from angling license requirements.

C. A person working for a permit holder must possess a valid Minnesota angling license or be otherwise exempt from angling license requirements.

D. Applications must be signed by the applicant. Failure to properly and fully complete an application may result in its rejection.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.871; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**6260.3400 PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR COMMERCIAL CRAYFISH OPERATIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Permit duration.** A permit is not valid for more than one season and may be issued for shorter periods of time at the discretion of the commissioner.

Subp. 2. **Permit revocation.** The commissioner may revoke any permit upon determination that revocation is necessary for protection of natural resources.

Subp. 3. **Variance of harvest operations.** Any variance from permit conditions requires a written amendment which must be attached to and become part of the permit.

Subp. 4. **Importation of crayfish.** The importation of live crayfish or crayfish eggs into the state is prohibited except by written permit from the commissioner. Permits to import live crayfish for processing may only be issued provided no live crayfish are allowed to exit the processing facility.

Subp. 5. **Required records.** Permit holders must keep records of all crayfish sales transactions. Records must be verifiable with supporting sales slips and include the number



or weight of all species of crayfish acquired by taking or purchase and sold, name and address of buyer, and date of each transaction. Records must be kept current within 48 hours. Failure to keep complete and current records may result in immediate revocation of the permit and may render the permit holder ineligible for future permits.

**Subp. 6. Commercial sale, purchase, and transportation of crayfish.** Crayfish legally harvested may be bought, sold, and transported for food purposes and as processed bait only, except as otherwise provided by part 6260.2900 and this part.

Crayfish must be kept separated from live fish when being transported within the state.

**Subp. 7. Exportation of crayfish.** Crayfish legally possessed may be exported for any purpose.

**Subp. 8. Notification of harvest operations.** The permit holder must inform the area fisheries office at least 24 hours in advance of the start of harvest operations for each water body.

**Subp. 9. Responsibility for harvest activities.** The permit holder must be in personal attendance at harvest operations and is responsible for all harvest activities. All members of the crew must be listed on the permit.

**Subp. 10. Identification of harvest sites.** Crayfish harvest sites will be identified to the area fisheries office by name and legal description or, if available, the Division of Waters inventory number.

**Subp. 11. Permits to rear and hold crayfish.** The commissioner may issue a permit to rear or hold crayfish of the species *Orconectes virilis* and *Orconectes immunis* for any waters, including waters that are not isolated from other waters.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.418; 97C.871; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*