

CHAPTER 6262
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FISHING REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.

Subpart 1 **General inland fishing regulations.** Fish may be taken in inland waters by angling during the time specified for each of the following species, however, certain waters of the state are subject to experimental regulations, special regulations, or are closed for the taking and possession of fish. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season will extend through the following Sunday.

Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
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[For text of items A to M, see MR]

N. Flathead and channel catfish	5 in aggregate. No more than 1 may be over 24 inches on tributaries to the Red River of the North, and on tributaries to Minnesota-South Dakota border waters
Continuous	

[For text of items O to Q, see MR]

R. Carp, bowfin, redbhorse, sheepshead, suckers, burbot, gar, whitefish, goldeyes, tullibees, buffalo, smelt.	No limits
Continuous	

[For text of subp 2, see MR]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045, 97C 401*

History: *24 SR 1849*

6262.0500 WATERS CLOSED TO TAKING FISH.

Subpart 1 **Waters permanently closed to taking fish.** The following waters or designated portions are closed to the taking of all fish at all times, except by permit according to part 6260 0300, subpart 1, and Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.041.

[For text of items A to U, see MR.]

V Lake and St Louis counties Knife River from the U.S. Highway 61 bridge in S 36, T.52, R 12, downstream to the cable below the Knife River fish trap in S 31, T.52, R 11 and S 36, T.52, R 12

Subp 2 **Waters seasonally closed to taking fish.** The following waters in the portions designated are closed to the taking of all fish during the periods specified

[For text of items A and B, see MR.]

C. Sherburne county: Elk River, S.33, T 33, R.26, for a distance of 1,000 feet below the power dam at the city of Elk River The dates of closure are November 1 to the third Sunday in February

[For text of Items D and E, see MR]

F St Louis county:

(1) Little Knife River, S.17,21-23,26-28,35,36, T.52, R.12, from the weir upstream to the source The dates of the closure are September 1 through May 31.

(2) Knife River, S.25, T.52N, R.12W, between the cables The dates of closure are September 1 to May 31.

[For text of item G, see M.R.]

Subp 2a. **Waters closed to possession of fish.** The following waters have restrictions on the possession of fish.

[For text of items A to D, see MR]

E Annie Battle inlet and outlets in Otter Tail county: The inlet stream (T 133N, R 40W, S 24) beginning at the northeast exit point of Molly Stark Lake to the confluence with Annie Battle Lake and the outlet stream (T 133N, R 40W, S.12) beginning at the northwest exit of Annie Battle to Blanche Lake are closed to the possession of northern pike and largemouth bass The daily and possession limit for sunfish is five.

F. Eagle Creek in Scott county S.7,18, T 115N, R 21W, and S 13, T.115N, R 22 (south of State Highway 101 to the source of the east and west branches that are west of State Highway 13) is closed to the possession of trout

G Clitherall Lake in Otter Tail county S.11-15,23, and 24, T 132N, R.40W; S 6,7, T 132N, R 39W, is closed to the possession of smallmouth bass until March 1, 2009.

H Crawford Lake in Wright county S 20, T.119N, R.25W, is closed to the possession of largemouth bass The daily and possession limit for sunfish is five, for crappie is five, for walleye is two, and for yellow perch is ten

I Mountain Lake in Cottonwood county: S 32,33, T 106N, R 34W, is closed to the possession of all fish through May 12, 2000 Effective May 13, 2000, until February 28, 2002, Mountain Lake is closed to the possession of walleye, largemouth bass, black crappie, yellow perch, and northern pike The daily and possession limit for sunfish is five.

J. Red Lake and its tributaries listed below are closed to the possession of walleye

Name	Location	County
Upper Red Lake	T.153, R.31,32, T 154, R.30-32; T 155, R 30-32, outside Red Lake Indian Reservation	Beltrami
Blackduck River	T.151, R.32, S.20,28,29,33, T.150, R.32, S 1, T 150, R.31, S.6-8,15-17, 22,27,34	Beltrami

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Darrigan's Creek	T 150, R 32, S 14,15, 22,27,28,33, T 149, R 32, S.4-7	Beltrami
Detling Creek	T 151, R.31, S.31,32, T 150, R 31, S.4,5,9,10	Beltrami
Dumas Creek	T 154, R 30, S 29,31	Beltrami
Hay Creek	T 151, R 32, S.19,20,30,31	Beltrami
Meadow Creek	T 151, R 31, S.1-3, T 151, R 30, S.5,6,8-10	Beltrami
Moose Creek	T 155, R 31, S.25,36	Beltrami
North Branch Battle River	T 152, R 32, S 10-12,15, 22, T 152, R 31, S 1-7	Beltrami
North Branch Cormorant River	T 151, R 32, S 1-3, T 152, R.32, S.35, T 151, R 31, S.1-6,10-12, T 151, R 30, S 7-9,15-18, 22-25,36	Beltrami
O'Brien Creek	T 151, R 32, S 35, T 150, R 32, S.2,11,14, 23,26,35, T 149, R 32, S 2,11	Beltrami
Shotley Brook	T 153, R 31, S.10, 11,13,14,24, T 153, R 30, S 19-23	Beltrami
South Branch Battle River	T 152, R 32, S 13-15,22, T 152, R 31, S 18-22,26, 27,35,36, T 152, R 30, S 31,32, T 151, R 30, S 2-5,11,12	Beltrami
South Branch Cormorant River	T 151, R 32, S 23,25-27, 36, T.151, R 31, S.31-35	Beltrami
Squaw Creek	T 151, R 32, S 10,11,13,14	Beltrami
Tamarack River	T.154, R 30, S 8,9, 11-13,15-17	Beltrami
Unnamed tributary	T 154, R 30, S 1,11,12	Beltrami

Anglers must immediately return to the water the fish species noted for each water. It shall be unlawful for anyone to have in possession or under control, regardless

of where taken, fish species noted for each water while on or fishing on these waters Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045, 97C 395, 97C 401*

History: *24 SR 1849*

6262.0575 WATERS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.

Subpart 1. **Treaty lakes.** The commissioner may modify seasons and limits under Minnesota Statutes, section 84 027, subdivision 13, or sections 97A.0451 to 97A 0459, to accommodate tribal declarations for fish harvest in the 1837 Ceded Territory in compliance with the court ruling in Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa v. Minnesota, 119 S.Ct 1187 (1999) Changes shall be posted at water access sites and the Department of Natural Resources Web site

Subp. 2 **Inland waters of Mississippi River pool 3.** All walleye in possession while on or fishing in the following waters must be 15 inches in length or greater. The possession limit for walleye and sauger in aggregate is six Taking walleye and sauger in the following waters is limited to the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the third Sunday in February

Name	Location	County
Inland waters of Mississippi River pool 3	from the railroad tracks on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border upstream to the dam at Hastings, Minnesota	Dakota, Washington

Subp 3. **Conservation lakes.** While on or fishing in the following waters, the possession limit for sunfish is five, the possession limit for crappie is five, the possession limit for yellow perch is ten, the possession limit for walleye is two, and the possession limit for largemouth bass is one All northern pike in possession while on or fishing in the following waters must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 30 inches in length All northern pike that are from 24 inches to 30 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water A person's possession limit may not include more than one northern pike over 30 inches in length The possession limit for northern pike is three.

Name	Location	County
Little Sauk Lake	T 128, R.34W, S.32	Todd

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045, 97C 401*

History: *24 SR 1849*

6262.0800 OPEN SEASONS FOR TAKING WHITEFISH AND CISCOES.

[For text of subpart 1, see MR]

Subp. 2 **Schedule I.** All bodies of water listed in this schedule may be opened and closed on a 48-hour notice posted at lake accesses and other public places based on a determination of the following:

- A. the abundance of game fish,
- B climatic conditions that affect the vulnerability of game fish to accidental harvest, and
- C the abundance of whitefish or ciscoes

For Upper Red Lake only, 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

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	County	Minimum mesh size 3-1/2 inches allowed	Minimum mesh size 1-3/4 mches 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		
Green, T 120, R 33,34, T 121, R 33,34	St Louis		X
Greenwood, T 64N, R 2E, S Var	Kandiyohi	X	
Ida, T.129,130, R.38	Cook		X
Mille Lacs	Douglas Aitkin Crow Wmg Mille Lacs	X	
Nashwauk, T.57, R.23,24, S 7 + Var	Itasca		
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
Red, Upper, T.153, R.31- 34, T 154, R.31- 34, T 155, R 30- 32, outside Red Lake Indian Reservation	Beltrami		
Reilly (O'Reilly), T.56, R.24, S 5,6	Itasca	X	
Shagawa, T 63, R 12, S Var	St Louis	X	X
Side, T 60N, R 21W, S Var	St. Louis		X
South Sturgeon, T 59-60, R.21-22, S Var	St Louis		X
Straight, T 140, R 36, S.6 + Var.	Becker	X	
Turtle, Big, T 59, R.26,27, T.60, R 26,27	Itasca	X	
Vermillion, T.61, R 16, T 62, R.14,15,16,17, T 63, R.15,16,17,	St. Louis		

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

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	Minimum mesh size 3-1/2 mches allowed	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 Wmg		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
Brule, T 60, R 21, S Var	Cook		X	A
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

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Clearwater, T 149, R 35,36	Beltrami			
Cotton, T 139,140, R 40	Clearwater	X		B
Crane, T 67, R 16,17	Becker	X		B
Crooked, T 144, R 31	St Louis		X	A
Crooked, T 45, R 28, S 16	Cass	X		B
+ Var	Crow Wmg	X		B
Crow Wing, Fifth and Sixth Lakes (channel between), T 140, R.33, S 20	Hubbard			B
Crow Wing, Seventh and Eighth Lakes (channel between), T 140, R 33, S 12 + Var	Hubbard	X		B
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.62, R 24, S Var	Itasca	X		B
Detroit, T 138,139, R 41	Becker	X		B
Eagle, T.45, R 29	Crow Wmg		X	B
Elbow, Big, T 142, R 38,39	Becker	X		C
Eunice, T.138, R 42, S 26 + Var	Becker	X		B
Fish, T 137, R 42	Otter Tail	X		C
Fish Hook, T.140, R.34,35	Hubbard	X		B
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			
	Crow Wing	X		B
Gull, Upper, T 135, R 29	Cass	X		B
Hanging Horn, Big, T 46, R 19	Carlton		X	B
Howard, T 141, R.31	Cass		X	B
Ice Cracking, T.141, R 38,39	Becker	X		C
Isabella, T.61, R 8, T 62, R.7,8	Lake	X		A
Island, T 141, R 35	Hubbard	X		B
Island, T 150, R.28	Itasca	X		B
Jack, T 141,142, R 30	Cass		X	B
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			
	St Louis		X	A
Kimble, T 137, R 28	Crow Wmg		X	B
Kitchie, T 146,147, R 30	Beltrami	X		B

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Lake of the Woods	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	Cass		
Bay and all other bays,	Hubbard		
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		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,	Crow Wing		
R.29,30		X	B
Long, North, T 134, R.28,	Crow Wing		
29, T 135, R 28			X
McCraney, T 143, R 40, S 25	Mahnomen		B
+ Var		X	B
Many Point, T 141,	Becker		
R.38, T 142, R.38,39		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,	Becker		
T 143, R 38, S 32	Clearwater	X	B
Movil, T.147,148, R.33	Beltrami	X	B
Murphy, T 137, R 39, S 6,	Becker		
T 138, R 39, S 31	Otter Tail	X	B
Namakan, T.68, R 17,18,	St Louis		
T 69, R.17,18,19,			
except the narrows			
between Namakan and			
Sand Point Lakes			X
Net (Burnett), T 142, R 40,	Becker		A
S 17 + Var.		X	B
Nisswa, T 135, R 29	Crow Wmg	X	B
Oak (Mud), T.143, R.32, S 27	Hubbard	X	B
Osakis, T 128, R 35,36;	Douglas		
T.129, R 35	Todd	X	B
Ossawmamee (Long), T 136,	Crow Wing		
137, R.28		X	B
Pelican, T 135, R 27,28,	Crow Wing		
T.136, R 27,28		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
Pike Bay, T 145, R.30,31	Cass	X	B

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Pillager, T 133,134, R.30	Cass		X	B
Pimushe, T 147,148, R 30,31	Beltrami	X		B
Pme, 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
Pme 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.	St Louis		X	B
Rainy, T.69-71, R.17-24	Cass		X	B
Round, T 141, R 38,39	Koochiching			
Round, T 134, R 28,29, T 135, R 28,29	St. Louis		X	A
Round, T 148, R 27,28	Becker	X		B
Roy, T.135, R 29	Crow Wing		X	B
Rush Island, T 148, R.26, S 15 + Var	Itasca		X	B
Sand, Big, T 147,148, R 26	Cass			
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	Crow Wing	X		B
Sandy, T 149, R 35	Itasca		X	B
Sandy, Big, T.49, R.23,24; T.50, R.23, 24	St Louis			
Sauk, Big, T 126,127, R 34	Beltrami	X		B
Serpent, T.46, R.28,29	Aitkin		X	B
Silver Island, T 60, R 6, T 61, R.6,7	Stearns			
Snyder (Snider), T 143, R.39,40	Todd	X		B
Stalker, T 132, R 41	Crow Wing		X	B
Star, T 137, R.28	Lake			
Star, T 135, R 40,41, T 136, R.41	Mahnomen	X		A
Steamboat, T 144, R 31,32	Otter Tail	X		C
Strawberry, T 141,142, R 40	Crow Wing	X		B
	Otter Tail		X	C
	Cass			
	Hubbard	X		B
	Becker		X	B

Sucker, Lower (Big Sucker), T 144, R.30, T.145, R 29,30	Cass			
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			B B
Turtle, Big, T.148, R 33	Beltrami	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			B 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
Wm nibigoshish, Little, T 145, R 26,27, T 146, R.26,27, except those portions within one-fourth mile of river channels	Cass Itasca			
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

[For text of subp 5, see MR]

Statutory Authority: MS s 97A 045, 97C 345, 97C 395, 97C 805

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6262.0900 SEASONS AND LIMITS.

Muskellunge, including muskellunge-northern pike hybrid, may be taken by angling in all waters from the first Saturday in June to the third Sunday in February. Daily and possession limit is one. The minimum size limit will be 40 inches in length, except in Shoepac Lake, St. Louis County, where a 30-inch minimum size limit will apply.

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6262.3250 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.

[For text of items A and B, see M.R.]

C A licensed fish packer may pack dressed fish with statewide length limits

[For text of item D, see M.R.]

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