

CHAPTER 6264
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DESIGNATED WATERS

6264 0300 DESIGNATED EXPERIMENTAL WATERS

6264 0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS

6264.0300 DESIGNATED EXPERIMENTAL WATERS.

[For text of subps 10 to 30, see MR]

Subp 31. **Largemouth bass catch and release regulations.** While a person is on or fishing in these waters, angling for largemouth bass shall be limited to catch and release only, whereby any largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release angling for largemouth bass shall be legal during the open season for largemouth bass in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession or under control, regardless of where taken, any largemouth bass while on or fishing in these waters

Name	Location	County	End Date
Hovde	T 141, R.30, S.22,23,26,27	Cass	3/1/2012

Subp 32 **Rainy Lake experimental regulations.** To the extent that this subpart is inconsistent with part 6266.0700, subpart 2, the provisions of this subpart apply. While a person is on or fishing in the waters listed below, all walleye in possession or under control, regardless of where taken, must be less than 17 inches in length or greater than 28 inches in length. All walleye that are 17 to 28 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession and daily limit for walleye is four, and must not include more than one walleye over 28 inches in length. Walleye legally taken from Ontario waters of Rainy Lake that are not within the above length limits may be possessed with documented proof of fishing on Ontario waters of Rainy Lake. Proof of fishing must consist of documentation of a residence or property on Ontario waters of Rainy Lake, or a dated receipt from an Ontario resort on Rainy Lake. A person in possession of walleye that were legally taken in Ontario waters of Rainy Lake, but not within the legal sizes for the waters listed below, may not fish on the waters listed below

Name	Location	County	End Date
Rainy Lake	T 67,68,69,70, 71, R.18,19,20, 21,22,23,24, S. Various, Minnesota waters of Rainy Lake from the dam in International Falls to the dam in Kettle Falls, Black Bay including Gold Portage, Rat Root Lake, and all of the Rat Root River	Koochiching, St Louis	3/1/2016

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[For text of subps 33 to 36, see M.R.]

Subp. 37 **Northern pike maximum size limits.** All northern pike in possession while a person is on or fishing in the following waters must be less than 24 inches in length. All northern pike 24 inches or greater must be immediately returned to the water.

Name	Location	County	End Date
A Andrews Lake	T.127, R 38, S.Various	Douglas	3/1/2008
B. Big Swan Lake	T.128, R.32, S.Various	Todd	3/1/2008
C Burgen Lake	T.127,128, R.37, S.4,5,33	Douglas	3/1/2008
D. Melissa Lake	T.138, R 41, S.Various	Becker	3/1/2011
E. Rachel Lake	T 127, R.39, S Various	Douglas	3/1/2008
F. Sallie Lake	T 138, R 41, S.Various	Becker	3/1/2011
G Little/South Rachel Lake	T.127, R 39, S.22	Douglas	3/1/2008
H Big Rabbit	T 47, R 28, S 19,30, T 47, R 29, S 24,25	Crow Wmg	3/1/2010
I. East Big Rabbit	T.47, R 28, S 19,20,29,30	Crow Wing	3/1/2010

[For text of subps 39 and 41, see M.R.]

Subp 43 [Repealed, 30 SR 697]

Subp. 45 **Largemouth bass maximum size limits.** All largemouth bass in possession while a person is on or fishing in these waters must be less than 12 inches in length. All largemouth bass 12 inches and greater must be immediately returned to the water.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Lake Thirteen	T 144, R.31, S Various	Cass	3/1/2014

Subp. 47 **Sunfish possession limits.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters the daily and possession limit for sunfish is ten. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any sunfish in excess of the daily and possession limit while fishing in these waters. A person who is in transit, taking the most direct route back to the person's lodging or docking, and not fishing, may possess sunfish in excess of the daily and possession limit if the sunfish were legally taken from connecting waters or the Wisconsin waters of the Mississippi.

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Name	Location	County	End Date
<i>[For text of items A to G, see MR.]</i>			
H Battle	T.62, R 23,24, S 25,30	Itasca	3/1/2016
I Deer	T.62, R.24, S 14, 15,22-28,34	Itasca	3/1/2016
J Pickerel	T.62, R.24, S 25, 26,35	Itasca	3/1/2016

[For text of subps 48 and 49, see MR]

Subp 50 [Repealed, 30 SR 697]

[For text of subps 51 to 66, see MR]

Subp 67. **Largemouth bass maximum size limit and one over.** Except as provided in this subpart, while a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth bass in possession while on or fishing in the following waters must be less than 12 inches in length. Except as provided in this subpart, all largemouth bass 12 inches or greater must be immediately returned to the water. The possession limit may include one largemouth bass over 20 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
A. Long Lake	T.121,122, R.33, S.5,6,31,32	Kandiyohi	3/1/2012
B Stony	T 140N., R.30W., S 4,5,8,9	Cass	3/1/2014

[For text of subps 68 and 69, see MR.]

Subp. 70. **Walleye 18-inch to 26-inch slot limit and possession limit.** All walleye taken from the following waters and in possession must be less than 18 inches in length or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 18 to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and possession limit for walleye taken from the following waters is four fish, of which not more than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in length

Name	Location	County	End Date
Kabekona	T 142,143, R.32,33, S.Various	Hubbard	3/1/2016

Subp. 71 **Long and Crooked Lakes experimental regulations.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all largemouth bass in possession must be less than 12 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth bass that are 12 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit may not include more than one largemouth bass over 20 inches in length. While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 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 36 inches in length.

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Name	Location	County	End Date
A. Crooked	T.122, R.27, S.5	Stearns	3/1/2016
B Long	T.122, R 27, S 5,8	Stearns	3/1/2016

Subp. 72. **Big Birch Lake; northern pike limits.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Big Birch	T.127, R 33, S.19,20,25,26	Todd, Stearns	3/1/2015

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C 001, 97C 005*

History: *30 SR 697*

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[For text of subps 2 and 3, see MR]

[For text of subp 4, see 29 SR 1235]

[For text of subps 6 to 12, see MR]

Subp 13 **Largemouth bass and smallmouth bass catch and release regulations.** While a person is on or fishing in these waters, angling for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass is limited to catch and release only, whereby any largemouth bass or smallmouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release angling for largemouth bass or smallmouth bass is legal during the open season for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any largemouth bass or smallmouth bass while on or fishing in these waters.

Name	Location	County
<i>[For text of items A and B, see MR.]</i>		
C Big Bass	T 147, R 32,33, S.19,20,24,30	Beltrami
D Deer	T.148, R 34, S.5,8	Beltrami
E. Jane	T 29, R.21, S 9,10	Washington
F. Minnewashta	T.116, R.23, S.4,5,8,9	Carver
G. South Twin	T.147,148, R.31, S.2,3,34,35	Beltrami
H Turtle Lake	T.30, R 23, S.11,14	Ramsey

[For text of subps 14 to 18, see MR]

Subp 19 **Northern pike 24-inch to 36-inch protected slot limit.** All northern pike in possession while a person is on or fishing in the following waters must be less than

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24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water Possession and daily limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length

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<i>[For text of items A to BBB, see M.R.]</i>		
CCC. Balsam	T.58,59, R.24, S.4-9	Itasca
DDD. Haskell	T.58, R.24, S 7, 8,17,18,31,32	Itasca
EEE. Scrapper	T.58, R 24,25, S 7, 12,18	Itasca
FFF Spider	T.58, R.25,26, S.7,18, 19,24,25,30,36	Itasca

[For text of subps 20 to 32, see M.R.]

[For text of subps 33 and 34, see 29 SR 851]

Subp. 35. **Catch and release trout fishing.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, angling for trout is limited to catch and release only, whereby any trout caught must be immediately returned to the water Catch and release angling for trout is legal during the open season for trout in inland streams All legal methods of taking trout are allowed

Name	Location	County
<i>[For text of items A to C, see M.R.]</i>		
D. Vermillion River	T.113,114, R 18-20, S.Various The entire designated trout stream reach beginning 1.1 miles downstream of Highway 52 upstream to the Highview Avenue bridge, except for a two-mile reach in Farmington from State Highway 3 in S.29, 30, R.19, T 114, upstream to County Highway 31 in S.31, R 19, T.114 and S.36, R.19,20, T 114	Dakota
E. Unnamed tributary DOW M-49-10 (locally known as North Creek)	T 114, R.19, S.19,30	Dakota

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| F. | Unnamed tributary
DOW
M-49-10-001
(locally known as Middle Creek) | T.114, R 19, S 30 | Dakota |
| G | Unnamed tributary
DOW M-29-12
(locally known as South Creek) | T.114, R 20, S.33,34, 35,36 | Dakota |
| H. | South Branch of Vermillion River | T 114, R.18, S 20,29,30, 31; T.114, R 19, S.36, and T 113, R.19, S 1,2,11 | Dakota |

[For text of subps 36 to 39, see M.R.]

Subp 40 **Walleye 17-inch to 26-inch protected slot.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches in length or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 17 to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may include not more than one walleye over 26 inches

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| J | Garden Reservoir | T 63, R 11, S 20-22,27-30 | Lake |
| K | Farm | T.62,63, R 11, S 3,4,26-29, 32-35 | Lake |
| L. | North Branch Kawishwi River | T.63, R.10,11, S 25,26, 28,29,30 | Lake |
| M. | South Farm | T.62,63, R.11, S.1,2,3, 35,36 | Lake |
| N. | White Iron | T 62,63, R.11,12, S.Various | St. Louis |

Subp. 41 **Largemouth and smallmouth bass 12-inch maximum size limit.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth and smallmouth bass in possession must be less than 12 inches in length. All largemouth and smallmouth bass 12 inches and greater in length must be immediately returned to the water.

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| C. | Chisago Lake | T 33, R 20, S.5-8,17 | Chisago |
| D. | South Lindstrom | T.33,34, R.20, S.4,5,
32,33 | Chisago |

Subp. 42 **Largemouth and smallmouth bass 12-inch maximum size limit and one over 20 inches.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth and smallmouth bass in possession must be less than 12 inches in length. All largemouth and smallmouth bass 12 mches and greater in length must be immediately returned to the water, except possession and daily limit may include not more than one bass over 20 mches

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| D | Agnes | T 128, R.37, S.18 | Douglas |
| E | Balm | T 150, R 35, S 22,23,26-28 | Beltrami |
| F | Henry | T.128, R.37, S.7,18 | Douglas |
| G. | Pierz (Fish) | T 40, R 31, S.13,14 | Morrison |
| H. | Turtle | T.59,60, R.26,27, S.Various | Itasca |

Subp 43 **Crappie and sunfish possession limit.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limits that apply are: crappie, five fish and sunfish, five fish.

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| E. | Dyers | T.58, R.5, S 4,5,8,9 | Cook |
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[For text of subp 44, see M R]

Subp 45. **Crappie minimum size limits and reduced bag.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all crappie in possession must be ten mches or greater in length All crappie less than ten inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit for crappie is five fish

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| A | Big Mantrap | T.141,142, R 33,34, S.Various | Hubbard |
| B | Franklin | T.137, R.42, S 27,28,33,34 | Otter Tail |

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C. Maple Lake T 127,128, R.38, S Various Douglas

[For text of subps 46 to 51, see M R.]

Subp 52 **Cottonwood special regulations.** While a person is on or anghng in the following waters, the following daily and possession limits apply. walleye, three fish and sunfish, five fish.

Name	Location	County
Cottonwood	T.126,127, R 43, S 1,2,35,36	Grant

Subp 53 **Sunfish restricted possession limits.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for sunfish is five fish

Name	Location	County
A. Blackduck	T.149, R 31, S 3-5,9-11, 14-17	Beltrami
B. Gull	T.148,149, R 32, S.1-4,11, 26,27,34,35	Beltrami
C Sand	T 59, R.10,11, S 13,18, 23-26	Lake

Subp. 54. **Walleye 17-inch to 26-inch protected slot and four-fish bag limit.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 17 to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be mmediately returned to the water. A person's walleye possession and daily limit taken from, while on, or angling in the following waters, including those taken from other waters, is four, and must not include more than one walleye over 26 mches in length.

Name	Location	County
Lake Vermilion	T.61-63, R 14-18, S Various	St Louis

Subp. 55 **Lake of the Woods and Rainy River; northern pike.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 30 inches or greater than 40 inches in length. All northern pike that are 30 to 40 inches m length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession and daily limit for northern pike is three, and must not include more than one northern pike over 40 mches in length.

Name	Location	County
A Lake of the Woods	T 162-168, R.32-37, S Various	Lake of the Woods

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| B. | Rainy River | T.162, R.31, S 19 from the U.S Coast Guard lighthouse at Wheeler's Point upstream to the Boise Cascade Dam in T 71, R.24, S 27 | Lake of the Woods,
Koochiching |
| C. | Winter Road River | T.161, R.31, S.20 upstream to the headwaters | Lake of the Woods |
| D | Baudette River | T 161, R 31, S 35 upstream to the headwaters | Lake of the Woods |
| E | Warroad River | T 163, R.36, S.28 upstream to the headwaters | Roseau |

Subp. 56. **Brook trout catch and release waters.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, angling for brook trout is legal during the open season for trout in inland waters. Angling for brook trout is limited to catch and release only, whereby any brook trout must be immediately returned to the water.

Name	Location	County
Stoney Brook	T.135, R.29, S 5,8,9 from the mouth at Gull Lake in S.8,9, R 29, T 135 upstream to the County Road 29 crossing in S.5, R 29, T 135	Cass

Subp 57 **Red Wing Pottery Pond special regulations.** The season for trout in Red Wing Pottery Pond is open continuously. While a person is on or angling in the following waters, a person's daily and possession limit for trout is three and must not include more than one trout over 16 inches

Name	Location	County
Red Wing Pottery Pond	T 113, R.15, S.25	Goodhue

Subp. 58. **North Turtle regulations.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth and smallmouth bass in possession must be less than 12 inches or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth and smallmouth bass that are 12 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession and daily limit may include not more than one bass over 20 inches in length. While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all crappie in possession must be ten inches or greater in length. All crappie less than ten inches must be immediately returned to the water.

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Name	Location	County
North Turtle	T 133, R 41, S.25,26,34,35	Otter Tail

Subp 59. Upper Red Lake and listed tributaries.

A While a person is on or fishing in the waters listed under item D:

(1) the daily and possession limit for northern pike shall not include more than one northern pike over 40 inches in length;

(2) all northern pike in possession must be less than 26 inches or greater than 40 inches in length, and

(3) all northern pike that are from 26 to 40 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water

B Except as provided in item C, while a person is on or fishing in the waters listed under item D.

(1) the daily and possession limit for walleye is two fish, of which not more than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in length;

(2) all walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches or greater than 26 inches in length,

(3) all walleye that are 17 inches to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water, and

(4) a person's statewide bag limit shall not include more than two walleye taken from Upper Red Lake and the tributaries listed under item D

C. Notwithstanding item B, if walleye kill estimates at any time from May 13 to November 30, 2006, equal or exceed 108,000 pounds, then the walleye regulation changes according to this item: the waters listed in item D are closed to the taking of or angling for walleye at all times. If this item is implemented, it is effective five days after notice of the change is posted on the Department of Natural Resources Web site and at water access sites until December 1, 2006

D This subpart applies to the following waters.

Name	Location	County
Upper Red Lake (outside Red Lake Indian Reservation)	T 153, R 31,32, S. Various, T.154, R.30-32, S Various; T 155, R.30-32, S Various	Beltrami
Shotley Brook (from Hwy. 72 west to Upper Red Lake)	T 153, R 31, S.10, 11,13,14,24, T.153, R.30, S 19-22	Beltrami
Tamarack River (from the Beltrami County line west to Upper Red Lake)	T 154, R 30, S 8-10, 11-13, 15-17	Beltrami

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History: *30 SR 697, 30 SR 904*

NOTE Subpart 59, item C, expires December 1, 2006