

## CHAPTER 6266

### DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### BOUNDARY WATERS FISHING REGULATIONS

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#### 6266.0100 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING FISH ON BOUNDARY WATERS WITH ADJACENT STATES.

*[For text of subpart 1, see M R ]*

##### Subp. 2. Possession limits on boundary waters.

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

C Fish that are taken by angling on Minnesota boundary waters with South Dakota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota and not released freely into the water immediately after capture are considered to be in possession and part of the bag limit

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

*[For text of subp 3, see M.R.]*

Subp. 4. **Designated water bodies.** To the extent that chapter 6264 is inconsistent with parts 6266 0200 to 6266 0600, the provisions of chapter 6264 apply

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

**History:** 32 SR 1039

#### 6266.0300 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY WATERS.

*[For text of subpart 1, see M R ]*

Subp 2 **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters.** The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters:

	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A.	Walleye and sauger	Continuous	3 in aggregate.
B.	Northern pike	Continuous.	3

*[For text of items C to L, see M R ]*

*[For text of subps 3 to 7, see M R ]*

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

**History:** 32 SR 1039

#### 6266.0400 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-SOUTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY WATERS.

*[For text of subpart 1, see M R.]*

Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters.** The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters:

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	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A	Walleye and sauger	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February	4, with only one walleye over 20 inches
B	Northern pike	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February	6
C	Small and large mouth bass	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February	6
D	Crappie	Continuous	10
E	Sunfish and bluegill	Continuous.	10

*[For text of items F to K, see M R ]*

*[For text of subps 3 to 14, see M R.]*

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

**History:** *32 SR 1039*

### 6266.0500 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS.

*[For text of subpart 1, see M R ]*

Subp 2 **Definitions.** The terms used in parts 6266 0500 and 6266.0600 have the following meanings

*[For text of items A to C, see M R ]*

D "Minnow" means

(1) members of the minnow family (*cyprinidae*), except all species of carp and goldfish;

(2) shad, mudminnows, willow cat, and all members of the sucker family (*Catostomidae*) not over 12 inches in length, and

(3) bullheads, ciscoes, herring, whitefish, goldeyes, and mooneyes not over seven inches in length

E. "Rough fish" means common carp, bowfin, redbreast, sheepshead suckers, burbot, gar, buffalo, quillback, mooneyes, goldeyes, shad, eels, and bullheads. In addition, catfish 15 inches or over in length when taken under commercial license with commercial fishing gear downstream from the Taylors Falls Dam shall be considered rough fish

Subp. 3 **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters.** The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters

Species and Open Season

Daily and Possession Limits

*[For text of items A to D, see M R ]*

E Lake sturgeon

An angler must have a  
special fish management  
tag to harvest lake  
sturgeon

- (1) All waters below Prescott  
and above Taylor's Falls  
Dam Season is closed
- (2) All waters between Prescott and Taylor's Falls Dam. First  
Saturday in September  
through October 15. 1 per season (minimum  
size limit - 50 inches)
- (3) St. Louis River.  
Season is closed.

*[For text of items F to P, see M.R.]*

*[For text of subps 4 to 10, see M.R.]*

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

**History:** *32 SR 1039*

## 6266.0700 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-CANADA BOUNDARY WATERS.

*[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]*

### Subp 2 Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-Canada boundary waters.

A. To the extent that chapter 6264 is inconsistent with this part, the provisions of chapter 6264 apply

B. The following border waters and species are designated under chapter 6264:

Name	Chapter 6264 Reference
(1) Lake sturgeon	6264.0400, subpart 32
(2) Lake of the Woods	6264.0400, subparts 33 and 55
(3) Rainy River	6264.0400, subparts 33 and 55
(4) Namakan Reservoir Lakes	6264 0300, subpart 56
(5) Basswood Lake	6264 0400, subpart 19
(6) Rainy Lake, including Rat Root Lake and River	6264.0300, subpart 32

C. Except as provided in chapter 6264, the following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota-Canada boundary waters. When the closing date of the season falls on a Saturday, the season will extend to the following Sunday

Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
(1) Walleye and sauger		
(a) All border waters not listed in unit (b) or (c) or in chapter 6264	Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to April 14.	6 in the aggregate

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| (b) Rainy Lake, including Minnesota waters from the dam in International Falls to the dam in Kettle Falls and Black Bay, including Gold Portage and the upper portion of the Rainy River (Boise Cascade Dam upstream to Ranier) | Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to April 14                    | 8 in the aggregate, of which not more than 4 may be walleye |
| Rat Root River and Rat Root Lake  | Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the last Sunday in February | 8 in the aggregate, of which not more than 4 may be walleye |
| (c) Saganaga Lake   | Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to April 14                    | 6 walleye, with only 1 walleye over 19.5 inches             |
- (2) Sturgeon
- An angler must have a special fish management tag to harvest sturgeon
- (3) Lake trout
- In all bodies of water entirely or partly outside of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and exceptions from the Saturday nearest January 15 through March 15, lakes partly outside of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and exceptions include Saganaga Lake, in all bodies of water lying entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from the Saturday nearest January 1 through March 31, and in all waters from the Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through September 30
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- (4) Trout (except lake trout)
- Saturday nearest May 1 through September 30
- Same as listed in part 6262.0200

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| (5) Northern pike  |   |                                   |
| (a) For all waters not listed in unit (b) or in chapter 6264 | Continuous.   | 3, with only 1 over 30 inches.    |
| (b) Basswood Lake  | Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the last Sunday in February | 3                                 |
| (6) Muskellunge (minimum size 40 inches total length)        |   |                                   |
|  | Third Saturday in June through November 30.   | 1                                 |
| (7) Large and smallmouth bass                                |   |                                   |
|  | No closed season  | 6 in aggregate                    |
| (8) Crappie  |   |                                   |
|  | No closed season.   | 10                                |
| (9) All other species  |   |                                   |
|  | No closed season.   | Same as listed in part 6262.0200. |

Subp 3. **Number of lines allowed.** Only one line may be used to angle on Minnesota-Canada boundary waters, except two lines may be used while angling through the ice. Fish with length limits may not be possessed as fillets on the water while angling, except as provided in part 6262.0100, subpart 5, item D. Any fish that is hooked in any part of the body, except the mouth, must be immediately unhooked and returned to the water, whether dead or alive.

*[For text of subps 4 to 6, see M.R.]*

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

**History:** *32 SR 1039, 32 SR 1044*