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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS**6230.0100 DEFINITIONS.**

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

Subp. 2. **Special goose season.** "Special goose season" means an open season for the taking of geese where quotas exist on the numbers of hunters or harvest or a season that is restricted in area or time from the regular statewide seasons.

Subp. 3. **Waterfowl season.** "Waterfowl season" means any day that there is an open season for the taking of migratory waterfowl.

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6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.

Subpart 1. **Areas requiring a permit to trap.** The following wildlife management areas are open to trapping with a permit:

- A. Carlos Avery in Anoka and Chisago Counties;
- B. Hubbel Pond in Becker County;
- C. Red Lake in Beltrami and Lake of the Woods Counties;
- D. Talcot Lake in Cottonwood and Murray Counties;
- E. Mille Lacs in Mille Lacs and Kanabec Counties;
- F. Lac qui Parle in Big Stone, Lac qui Parle, Swift, and Chippewa Counties;
- G. Roseau River in Roseau County;
- H. Thief Lake in Marshall County; and
- I. Whitewater in Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona Counties.

Subp. 2. **Trapping permits.** On areas where trapping permits are required, the number of trapping permits may be limited to avoid undue depletion of the furbearer resources or to prevent excessive crowding of trappers. The wildlife manager may establish a method, including a drawing, for impartially selecting the persons who may trap. An application for a trapping permit may be rejected if the trapper has failed to submit a trapping report for the previous season. Permits may be revoked at any time if the permittee violates any law or regulation or fails to comply with the requirements of the permit.

Subp. 3. **Areas closed to migratory waterfowl hunting.** The Gordon W. Yeager Wildlife Management Area and the Eastside Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted County and the Carl

Schmidt Wildlife Management Area in Morrison County are closed to the taking of migratory waterfowl. On the Gordon W. Yeager Wildlife Management Area, small game taken by firearms may only be taken with shotguns using No. 4 or smaller diameter shot.

Subp. 4. **Areas with hunting, trapping, and firearms restrictions.** The Bayport Wildlife Management Area in Washington County, the Hastings Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County, and the Raguet Wildlife Management Area in Scott and Carver Counties are:

A. closed to the trapping of unprotected mammals, except when there is an open trapping season for a protected species;

B. closed to the possession of firearms unless unloaded and contained in a case, except that shotguns with only No. 4 buckshot or smaller diameter shot may be used during the small game season in posted areas; and

C. open to the possession and use of lawful archery equipment in designated hunting areas during established hunting seasons.

In the Bayport Wildlife Management Area, all firearms will be allowed on the specified rifle range when supervised by the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

Subp. 5. **Areas closed to hunting and trapping.** The Boerner Wildlife Management Area in Sibley County, the Buelow Wildlife Management Area in Steele County, the Bryson Wildlife Management Area in Freeborn County, the Chapa-Kak-Say-Za Wildlife Management Area in Steele County, and the Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in McLeod County are closed to the hunting and trapping of all species. The Sand Prairie Wildlife Management Area in Sherburne County is closed to the hunting and trapping of all species, except hunting by individuals with disabilities participating in a special hunt.

Subp. 6. **Areas closed to hunting only.** The following wildlife management areas are closed to the hunting of all species:

A. Hearing Island and Interstate Island Wildlife Management Areas in St. Louis County;

B. Pine City Wildlife Management Area in Pine County;

C. Wesley E. Olson Wildlife Management Area in Big Stone County;

D. Tom Cliff Wildlife Management Area in Waseca County;

E. Somsen Wildlife Management Area in Brown County;

F. that portion of the Perched Valley Wildlife Management Area located in Section 6, Township 112 North, Range 13 West, and Section 31, Township 113 North, Range 13 West, lying north and east of Highway 61; and

G. Carl and Verna Schmidt and Bur Oak Wildlife Management Areas in LeSueur County.

Subp. 7. **Areas open to waterfowl hunting only.** The Gold Portage Wildlife Management Area in Koochiching and St. Louis Counties is open to waterfowl hunting during the established season. It is closed to all other hunting and to trapping.

Subp. 8. **Areas open to hunting beginning with the opening of waterfowl season.** The Uppgaard Wildlife Management Area in Crow Wing County is open to hunting and trapping beginning on the opening date of the regular migratory waterfowl season. Unprotected species may not be taken, except during the same time and by the same methods legal to take protected species.

Subp. 9. **Areas closed to firearms deer hunting.** The Lake Blanche Wildlife Management Area in Otter Tail County, the Gordon W. Yeager Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted County, a portion of the Timber Lake Wildlife Management Area (as posted) in Jackson County, and a portion of the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area (as posted) in Dakota County are closed to firearms deer hunting. Small game taken by firearms on a portion of Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County that is posted with firearms restrictions may only be taken with shotguns using BBB or smaller diameter shot.

Subp. 10. **Areas closed to trapping only.** The Pike Bay Wildlife Management Area in St. Louis County is closed to the trapping of all species.

Subp. 11. **Areas with other restrictions.**

A. The Schrafel Wildlife Management Area in Mower County is closed to trapping and firearms hunting.

B. The Hvoslef Wildlife Management Area in Fillmore County is open to archery hunting only from September 1 to October 31 and during the spring wild turkey seasons. Firearms hunting, except the use of centerfire rifles, is allowed from November 1 to December 15.

C. The Bass Brook Wildlife Management Area in Itasca County is closed to trapping and firearms hunting. It is open to archery deer hunting.

D. The Mentel Wildlife Management Area in Mower County is closed to all firearms hunting, but open for trapping and archery hunting.

Subp. 12. **Sanctuary areas open to hunting.** The following sanctuary areas of wildlife management areas posted with "Wildlife Sanctuary Do Not Trespass" signs are open for hunting as specified:

A. The Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area Sanctuary is open for deer hunting by persons with disabilities at designated stands, by permit, during the established state seasons.

B. The Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area sanctuaries are open for:

(1) hunting by persons with disabilities at designated stands, by permit; and

(2) taking wild turkeys during the spring wild turkey season in those portions of the sanctuaries that lie within an open spring wild turkey hunting zone.

Subp. 13. **Lead shot prohibited on posted managed dove fields.** A person may not use or possess lead shot while hunting doves on posted managed dove fields in state wildlife management areas.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 86A.06; 97A.045; 97A.137; and others at 19 SR 6*

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6230.0250 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR USE OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.

Subpart 1. [Repealed, 39 SR 1006]

Subp. 2. **Reporting.** The commissioner may require persons to report animals taken within wildlife management areas and submit them for inspection.

Subp. 3. **Nuisance animals.** Unprotected wild animals may not be taken within wildlife management areas from March 1 to August 31, except by a person lawfully hunting a protected species. Nuisance animals in wildlife management areas may be controlled under permits issued by a wildlife manager.

Subp. 4. **Compatible uses and exceptions.** Wildlife management areas may be used for wildlife observation, sport fishing, hiking, snowshoeing, and other resource-related uses if the uses are not inconsistent with parts 6230.0250 to 6230.0270. Exceptions to this part for specific wildlife management areas are provided by parts 6230.0100 and 6230.0200.

Subp. 5. **Entry and hours of use.** A person may not enter a portion of a wildlife management area posted closed to trespass, except as posted or as otherwise authorized by an agent of the commissioner. Wildlife management areas may not be entered or used during closed hours posted at the major access points, except by permit.

Subp. 6. **Harvest of bait.** Taking minnows, leeches, and other live bait for noncommercial use is allowed. Harvest of live bait for commercial purposes within a wildlife management area is allowed only under permit issued by the wildlife manager.

Subp. 7. **Overnight use.** A person may not camp on or remain in a vehicle overnight in any wildlife management area, except by permit or where posted for this use by the commissioner. A person may not leave a vehicle, trailer, or tent overnight within a wildlife management area, except by permit or in areas and at times designated by signs for overnight use. A vehicle, trailer, or tent lawfully left overnight must be occupied or attended.

Subp. 8. **Alcoholic beverages.** A person may not consume alcoholic beverages within a wildlife management area, except when lawfully occupying an overnight use area.

Subp. 9. **Use of motorboats.** Motorboat use is prohibited within a wildlife management area, except where posted or as provided in this subpart. For purposes of this chapter, "motorboat" includes motorboats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 86B.005, subdivision 9, and duckboats with motors attached.

A. Gores Wildlife Management Area in Dakota and Goodhue Counties: motorboats may be used with no limit on size.

B. Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area in Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, and Swift Counties: motorboats may be used with no limit on size.

C. Mud-Goose Wildlife Management Area in Cass County: motorboats of ten horsepower or less may be used, except during any waterfowl season.

D. Orwell Wildlife Management Area in Otter Tail County: motorboats of ten horsepower or less may be used.

E. Roseau River Wildlife Management Area in Roseau County: motorboats may be used in the main channel and oxbows of the Roseau River. Motorboats of ten horsepower or less may be used elsewhere within the area only during a waterfowl season.

F. Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area in Cottonwood and Murray Counties: motorboats may be used on Talcot Lake, except watercraft are not permitted on the north one-half of Talcot Lake during any waterfowl season. Only nonmotorized watercraft are permitted on the river and marshes within the areas open to public hunting.

G. Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area in Marshall County: motorboats of ten horsepower or less may be used.

H. Walnut Lake Wildlife Management Area in Faribault County: motorboats of ten horsepower or less may be used in that portion of the area known as South Walnut Lake.

I. Gold Portage Wildlife Management Area in Koochiching and St. Louis Counties: motorboats may be used with no limit on size.

J. Swamp River Wildlife Management Area in Cook County: motorboats may be used with no limit on size.

K. Chub Lake Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County: motorboats may be used with no limit on size.

L. Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County: motorboats may be used with no limit on size.

Subp. 10. General restrictions on vehicles.

A. A person may not operate an all-terrain vehicle, hang glider, air boat, hover craft, or personal watercraft defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 86B.005, within the boundaries of a wildlife management area. Exceptions for all-terrain vehicle use include:

- (1) use during deer seasons as provided in part 6232.0300, subpart 7, item B;
- (2) use by a person with a disability who has a permit approved by the area wildlife manager under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.137, subdivision 3;
- (3) use for ice fishing as provided in item C; and

(4) use on designated trails as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.133, subdivision 3.

For purposes of this chapter, all-terrain vehicle means vehicles as defined in part 6232.0300, subpart 7, item C.

B. A person may not operate a snowmobile in a wildlife management area in that part of the state lying south and west of the line described in this item, except as provided in part 6232.0300, subpart 7, by permit from the area wildlife manager, as provided in item C, or as otherwise posted:

U.S. Highway 2 from East Grand Forks east to Bemidji; thence south along U.S. Highway 71 to Wadena; thence east along U.S. Highway 10 to Staples and U.S. Highway 210 to Carlton; thence east in a straight line to the easterly boundary of the state.

C. A person may use a motor vehicle, for ice fishing purposes only, on the following lakes, except where posted closed to motor vehicles:

- (1) Rice Lake in the Rice-Skunk Wildlife Management Area, Morrison County;
- (2) Marsh Lake and Lac qui Parle Lake in the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area, Big Stone, Lac qui Parle, Swift, and Chippewa Counties;
- (3) Talcot Lake in the Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area, Cottonwood County;
- (4) Walnut Lake in the Walnut Lake Wildlife Management Area, Faribault County;
- (5) North Lake in the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area, Goodhue County;
- (6) Boot Lake in the Bootleg Lake Wildlife Management Area, Jackson County; and
- (7) Spring Lake in Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area, Dakota County.

D. A vehicle may not be parked in a wildlife management area in front of a gate or in a manner that obstructs travel.

Subp. 11. **Motor vehicles on major areas.** Motor vehicles licensed for use on a public highway may be operated up to 20 miles per hour within the following wildlife management areas, unless posted otherwise:

- A. Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area in Anoka and Chisago Counties;
- B. Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area in Cottonwood and Murray Counties;
- C. Mille Lacs Wildlife Management Area in Kanabec and Mille Lacs Counties;
- D. Red Lake Wildlife Management Area in Beltrami and Lake of the Woods Counties;
- E. Roseau River Wildlife Management Area in Roseau County;
- F. Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area in Marshall County;

G. Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area in Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, and Swift Counties; and

H. Whitewater Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona Counties.

Vehicles may be operated only on established roads and may not be driven beyond signs prohibiting vehicular use, beyond any constructed vehicle barrier, or in a reckless or careless manner.

Subp. 12. **Motor vehicles within other areas.** Motor vehicles licensed for use on a public highway are prohibited within all other wildlife management areas, except that they may be operated up to 20 miles per hour on those routes designated by signs for travel purposes.

Subp. 13. **Aircraft.** Aircraft activities that chase, herd, scare, or otherwise disturb wildlife are prohibited over wildlife management areas, except in emergencies or by authorization of the wildlife manager.

Subp. 14. **Firearms and target shooting.** Target, trap, skeet, or indiscriminate shooting is prohibited within a wildlife management area except as authorized by the commissioner. A person may not possess an uncased or loaded firearm or an uncased and strung bow, except when lawfully taking a wild animal or by permit from the area wildlife manager. Discharge of firearms or bows and arrows or possession of uncased firearms or bows is prohibited in areas posted closed to discharge or possession of firearms and bows. A person training a dog on a wildlife management area may not use live ammunition or blank cartridges, including the use of blanks in dummy launchers or similar devices designed to use an explosive charge to propel a retrieving dummy or similar object.

Subp. 15. **Structures.** A person may not construct or maintain a building, dock, fence, billboard, sign, or other structure within a wildlife management area. Temporary waterfowl blinds may be erected but may not be used to preempt a hunting location. Materials brought into the area for the construction of blinds must be removed from the area each day at the close of shooting hours.

Subp. 16. **Stands.** It is unlawful to construct, occupy, or use any elevated scaffold or stand to watch for or take wild animals in a wildlife management area, except that portable stands may be used if they are removed each day at the close of shooting hours and do no permanent damage. Spikes or nails driven into trees are prohibited but screwing or clamping devices are allowed if removed each day at the close of shooting hours.

Subp. 17. **Commercial and private business prohibited.** A person may not conduct any commercial operation, solicit business, farm, or keep bees within a wildlife management area, except as provided in subpart 6 or by contract, lease, permit, or written agreement with the department.

Subp. 18. **Disorderly conduct.** Disorderly conduct, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 609.72, is prohibited within a wildlife management area.

Subp. 19. **Abandonment of trash and property.** The disposal or abandonment of garbage, trash, spoil, sludge, rocks, vehicles, carcasses, or other debris and the abandonment or storage of

property within a wildlife management area is prohibited. Boats, decoys, or other property may not be left unattended overnight, except as follows:

- A. traps lawfully placed; and
- B. fish houses or dark houses on the following lakes:
 - (1) Rice Lake in the Rice-Skunk Wildlife Management Area, Morrison County;
 - (2) Marsh Lake and Lac qui Parle Lake in the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area, Big Stone, Lac qui Parle, Swift, and Chippewa Counties;
 - (3) Talcot Lake in the Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area, Cottonwood County;
 - (4) Walnut Lake in the Walnut Lake Wildlife Management Area, Faribault County;
 - (5) North Lake in the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area, Goodhue County;
 - (6) Boot Lake in the Bootleg Lake Wildlife Management Area, Jackson County; and
 - (7) Spring Lake in Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area, Dakota County.

Subp. 20. **Destruction or removal of property.** A person may not destroy, disturb, or remove any plants, trees, or other vegetative material, or signs, posts, fences, gates, buildings, or other property in a wildlife management area, except that wetland vegetation may be used to build blinds and edible fruits or seeds and decorative portions of plants may be removed for personal use. A person may not destroy or remove threatened or endangered plants or animals as defined in chapter 6134.

Subp. 21. **Introduction of plants or animals.** A person may not release, place, or transplant in a wildlife management area any plant or animal life within a wildlife management area that did not originate within the area, unless approved by the wildlife manager.

Subp. 22. **Animal trespass.** A person may not permit or allow livestock, horses, or other domestic animals within a wildlife management area, except:

- A. dogs accompanied by or under the control of the owner, except from April 16 through July 14 when dogs must be on a leash; or
- B. under a cooperative agreement or permit approved by the wildlife manager. Field trials are prohibited, except by permit from the wildlife manager.

Subp. 23. **Department operations excluded.** This part does not apply to persons lawfully engaged in the performance of their duties in the management and administration of wildlife management areas, including agents of the commissioner, persons operating under permit or contract with the department, and law enforcement officers. Subparts 5 and 8 do not apply to resident managers or their guests while at their residences.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.06; 86A.06; 97A.137; L 2023 c 60 art 4 s 98; art 4 s 103*

History: 18 SR 83; 19 SR 2222; 20 SR 2287; 24 SR 644; 30 SR 613; 36 SR 1155; 39 SR 1006; 48 SR 697

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6230.0260 RED LAKE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, BELTRAMI AND LAKE OF THE WOODS COUNTIES.

The Red Lake Wildlife Management Area in Beltrami and Lake of the Woods Counties, consists of that part of the state lying within the following described boundary:

All of Townships 155 and 156 North, Ranges 34 and 35 West: and

All of Townships 157 and 158 North, Ranges 34 and 35 West and those parts of Township 159 North, Ranges 34, 35, and 36 West, Townships 157, 158, and 159 North, Range 36 West, and Township 157 North, Ranges 32 and 33 West included in the following described boundary to wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 157 North, Range 36 West; thence westerly along the line common to Townships 156 and 157 North to the easterly right-of-way line of State Forest Road 49 known as Dick's Parkway; thence in a generally northerly direction along the easterly boundary of said road as it crosses Townships 157, 158, and 159 North, Range 36 West to the northwest corner of Section 20, Township 159 North, Range 36 West: thence along the southerly right-of-way line of State Forest Road 58 known as the Hogsback-O'Brian Road extending in a generally easterly direction across Township 159 North, Ranges 36, 35, 34 West to the northeast corner of Section 24, Township 159 North, Range 34 West: thence southerly along the westerly right-of-way line of State Forest Road 94 known as the Range Line Road following in general the line common to Ranges 33 and 34 West to the northeast corner of Section 13, Township 157 North, Range 34 West; thence along the southerly right-of-way line of State Forest Road 60 known as the Rapid River Road extending in a generally easterly, southerly, and northeasterly direction to the northeast corner of Section 12, Township 157 North, Range 32 West: thence southerly along the line common to Ranges 31 and 32 West to the southeast corner of Section 36, Township 157 North, Range 32 West, thence westerly along the line coin to Townships 156 and 157 North to the point of beginning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.135*

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6230.0270 GOLD PORTAGE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA, KOOCHICHING AND ST. LOUIS COUNTIES.

Subpart 1. **Gold Portage Wildlife Management Area description.** The Gold Portage Wildlife Management Area, Koochiching and St. Louis Counties, consists of that part of the following described lands and waters:

All water areas of Rainy Lake within the fluctuating waterline level and located within Sections 7 and 18 in Township 70 North, Range 21 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, and within Sections 12, 13, and 24 in Township 70 North, Range 22 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian. All islands within the above water areas of Rainy Lake, which would be definable as islands at a water level of 1,108.1 feet mean sea level, or higher, are also included in the management zone even though not technically islands below the referenced level.

Subp. 2. **Special provisions for Gold Portage Wildlife Management Area.** Taking species other than migratory birds and fish within the Gold Portage Wildlife Management Area is prohibited and portable stands may not be erected or used within the wildlife management area.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 86A.06; 97A.045; 97A.135; 97A.137*

History: *18 SR 83*

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6230.0280 ROTHSAW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

The Rothsaw Wildlife Management Area Sanctuary in Wilkin County is open to deer hunting during the established seasons in the zones in which it is located.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.137; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

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6230.0290 BECKLIN HOMESTEAD PARK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

The Becklin Homestead Park Wildlife Management Area is open to hunting and trapping during the established seasons only to disabled hunters and trappers who meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.055, subdivision 3, paragraphs (a) and (b).

Statutory Authority: *MS s 86A.06; 97A.137*

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6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

Subpart 1. **Hunting.** The Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area located in Dakota County is closed to all hunting and trapping except:

- A. archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting by special permit only;
- B. pheasant and Canada goose hunting starting on the day following the close of the muzzleloader deer season through the end of the respective statewide seasons;
- C. trapping by special permit only; and
- D. spring turkey hunting.

Subp. 2. **Restrictions on hunting.** Persons may not hunt pheasants within the Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area except when their vehicles are occupying designated pheasant hunting parking stalls in designated parking lots. Persons other than those hunting pheasants in the Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area may not occupy a designated pheasant hunting parking stall in a designated parking lot.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 86A.06; 97A.045; 97A.137; 97A.401*

History: *34 SR 621; 36 SR 1155*

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STATE GAME REFUGES

6230.0300 PERMIT REQUIRED TO TRAP BEAVER AND OTTER.

A person may not trap beaver or otter within any state-owned game refuge without first obtaining a permit from the appropriate wildlife manager.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.045; 97A.091*

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6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.

Subpart 1. **Albert Lea Game Refuge, Freeborn County.** The Albert Lea Game Refuge in Freeborn County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 2. **Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Bemidji Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season;
- B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season, except on Lake Bemidji, the Mississippi River, and Stump Lake;
- C. trapping for beaver, mink, otter, and muskrat only; and
- D. deer hunting during the muzzleloader season and deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 3. **Camp Ripley State Game Refuge, Morrison County.** Hunting in the Camp Ripley State Game Refuge in Morrison County is allowed only by permit as provided by parts 6232.0900 to 6232.1100.

Subp. 4. **Claremont Game Refuge, Dodge County.** The Claremont Game Refuge in Dodge County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except ducks and mergansers;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer hunting by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 5. **Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County.** The Clay County Game Refuge in Clay County is open to:

- A. prairie chickens;
- B. deer and bear hunting by firearms;
- C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and
- D. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season.

Subp. 6. **Clearbrook Game Refuge, Clearwater County.** The Clearbrook Game Refuge in Clearwater County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl, through December 31;
- B. trapping through December 31;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 7. **Cross Lake Game Refuge, Crow Wing County.** The Cross Lake Game Refuge in Crow Wing County is open to:

- A. trapping; and
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 8. **East Minnesota River Game Refuge, Blue Earth and Le Sueur Counties.** The East Minnesota River Game Refuge in Blue Earth and Le Sueur Counties is open to deer, wild turkey, and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 9. **Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges, Isanti County.** The Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges in Isanti County are open to all hunting and trapping, except waterfowl. The refuges are open for goose hunting during the early goose season. Youth who are accompanied

by a nonhunting adult and participating in a mentoring program approved by the commissioner may hunt waterfowl on youth waterfowl day.

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 10. **Erhard's Grove Game Refuge, Otter Tail County.** The Erhard's Grove Game Refuge in Otter Tail County is open to:

- A. deer and bear hunting by firearms;
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery; and
- C. small-game hunting, except waterfowl.

Subp. 11. **Evansville Game Refuge, Douglas County.** The Evansville Game Refuge in Douglas County is open to:

- A. trapping;
- B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season; and
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms.

Subp. 12. **Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge, Kanabec County.** The Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge in Kanabec County is open to all hunting and trapping, except waterfowl.

Subp. 13. **Fox Lake Game Refuge, Martin County.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl;
- B. trapping;
- C. special goose hunts;
- D. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- E. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 14. [Repealed, 34 SR 621]

Subp. 15. **Glencoe Izaak Walton League Game Refuge, McLeod County.** The Glencoe Izaak Walton League Game Refuge in McLeod County is open to trapping.

Subp. 16. **Gopher Campfire Game Refuge, McLeod County.** The Gopher Campfire Game Refuge in McLeod County is open to trapping.

Subp. 17. **Hanley Falls Game Refuge, Yellow Medicine County.** The Hanley Falls Game Refuge in Yellow Medicine County is open to deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 18. **Hiawatha Game Refuge, Pipestone County.** The Hiawatha Game Refuge in Pipestone County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl, by shotgun only;
- B. trapping; and
- C. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 19. **Howard Lake Game Refuge, Wright County.** The Howard Lake Game Refuge in Wright County is open to trapping.

Subp. 20. **Itasca State Park, Becker, Clearwater, and Hubbard Counties.** Itasca State Park in Becker, Clearwater, and Hubbard Counties is open to firearms deer hunting, except where posted as closed.

Subp. 21. **Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties.** The following special provisions apply to the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties:

A. Those portions within the Lac qui Parle Mission Site are closed to hunting. The remainder of the refuge is open to:

(1) waterfowl hunting only from the third Thursday in October through the open Canada goose season, only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.0700;

(2) deer hunting; and

(3) small-game hunting other than waterfowl, except from the second Saturday in October through November 30, when small-game hunting is allowed only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.0700. Small-game hunting is not allowed on closed Canada goose hunting days during a split goose season.

B. No unauthorized person may trespass during the dates posted on any part of the refuge posted with "State Wildlife Sanctuary - Do Not Trespass" signs, except for:

(1) ice fishing; and

(2) open water fishing in the posted closed area from the close of the Canada goose season until the second Saturday in October.

C. A person may not enter onto Rosemoen Island at any time during the year, except as specifically authorized.

D. Designated hunting stations within the refuge must be spaced no less than 200 yards apart and must be no more than 125 yards inside the refuge, as measured from the posted boundary.

Subp. 22. **Lake Ripley Game Refuge, Meeker County.** The Lake Ripley Game Refuge in Meeker County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl, after the duck season; and
- B. trapping after the duck season.

Subp. 23. **Lake Winona Game Refuge, Douglas County.** The Lake Winona Game Refuge in Douglas County is open to trapping.

Subp. 24. **Linn Lake Game Refuge, Chisago County.** The Linn Lake Game Refuge in Chisago County is open to all hunting and trapping.

Subp. 25. **Little Pine Lake Game Refuge, Otter Tail County.** The Little Pine Lake Game Refuge in Otter Tail County is open to trapping.

Subp. 26. **Lost Lake Game Refuge, Fillmore County.** The Lost Lake Game Refuge in Fillmore County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 27. **Lower Pigeon Lake Game Refuge, Itasca County.** The Lower Pigeon Lake Game Refuge in Itasca County is open to:

- A. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 28. **Madelia Game Refuge, Watonwan County.** The Madelia Game Refuge in Watonwan County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 29. [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

Subp. 30. **Moscow Game Refuge, Freeborn County.** The Moscow Game Refuge in Freeborn County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except ducks and mergansers;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 31. **Nerstrand Woods Game Refuge, Rice County.** That portion of the Nerstrand Woods Game Refuge in Rice County that is within the Nerstrand Big Woods State Park and the Prairie Creek Woods Scientific and Natural Area is open to deer hunting by muzzleloader special permit only. The remainder of the refuge is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 32. **Oak Lake Game Refuge, Polk County.** The Oak Lake Game Refuge in Polk County is open to trapping.

Subp. 33. **Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County.** The Ocheda Lake Game Refuge in Nobles County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except from the first day of the regular duck season through December 1;
- B. trapping;
- C. waterfowl hunting on youth waterfowl day;
- D. Canada goose hunting during the early season and from the first Saturday in December through the end of the statewide goose season, except that hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of surface water during the early goose season; and
- E. deer hunting by firearms and archery, except from the first day of the regular duck season through December 1.

Subp. 34. **Park Rapids Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Park Rapids Game Refuge in Hubbard County is open to trapping and deer hunting by archery.

Subp. 35. **Paul Bunyan Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Paul Bunyan Game Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer hunting by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 36. **Pigeon River Flowage Game Refuge, Itasca County.** The Pigeon River Flowage Game Refuge in Itasca County is open to:

- A. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and

B. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 37. **Pine County Game Refuge Unit 2, Pine County.** The Pine County Game Refuge Unit 2 in Pine County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting;
- B. trapping; and
- C. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 38. **Polk-Clearwater Game Refuge, Polk and Clearwater Counties.** The Polk-Clearwater Game Refuge in Polk and Clearwater Counties is open to:

- A. trapping; and
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 39. **Rochester Refuge, Olmsted County.** The Rochester Refuge in Olmsted County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl other than geese. Geese may be taken during the early goose season only;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms and bow and arrow; and
- D. the taking of unprotected wild animals at any time and by any legal method.

Subp. 40. **St. Croix River Game Refuge, Washington County.** The St. Croix Game Refuge in Washington County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 41. **St. James Game Refuge, Watonwan County.** The St. James Game Refuge in Watonwan County is open to:

- A. trapping; and
- B. special goose hunts.

Subp. 42. **Sand Dunes Game Refuge, Sherburne County.** The Sand Dunes Game Refuge in Sherburne County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting;
- B. trapping;

- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 43. **Schoolcraft Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Schoolcraft Game Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4;
- B. trapping; and
- C. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 44. **Stearns County Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Stearns County Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 45. **Stillwater Game Refuge, Washington County.** The Stillwater Game Refuge in Washington County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 46. **Sunnyside Township Game Refuge, Wilkin County.** The Sunnyside Township Game Refuge in Wilkin County is open to trapping.

Subp. 47. **Swan Lake Number 2 Game Refuge, Nicollet County.** The Swan Lake Number 2 Game Refuge in Nicollet County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting;
- B. trapping;
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms; and
- D. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 48. **Talcot Lake Waterfowl Refuge, Cottonwood County.**

A. Waterfowl hunting, in an area adjacent to the Talcot Lake Waterfowl Refuge in Cottonwood County, is prohibited within the right-of-way of State Trunk Highway 62 from the

Cottonwood-Murray county line on the west to the junction with County State-Aid Highway 7, Cottonwood County, on the east.

B. The Talcot Lake State Waterfowl Refuge is open to goose hunting by persons with disabilities at designated hunting stations. Hunters with disabilities may reserve designated stations according to regulations available at the Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area Headquarters. All other applicable controlled hunt regulations in parts 6230.0500 and 6230.1100 apply to persons hunting at these stations.

Subp. 49. **Warroad Game Refuge, Roseau County.** The Warroad Game Refuge in Roseau County is open to trapping.

Subp. 50. **Whitewater Game Refuge, Winona County.** The Whitewater Game Refuge in Winona County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl;
- B. trapping by permit; and
- C. firearms deer hunting only by permit.

Subp. 51. **Bellwood Game Refuge, Dakota County.** The Bellwood Game Refuge in Dakota County is open to:

- A. trapping; and
- B. deer and bear hunting by archery.

Subp. 52. **Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge, Anoka and Isanti Counties.** The Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge in Anoka and Isanti Counties is open to archery deer hunting and archery turkey hunting.

Subp. 53. **Austin Game Refuge, Mower County.** The Austin Game Refuge in Mower County is open to all hunting and trapping.

Subp. 54. **Mud-Bardwell Game Refuge, Martin County.** The Mud-Bardwell Game Refuge in Martin County is open to special goose hunts.

Subp. 55. **Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to firearms deer and bear hunting during the established seasons, by written permission of the landowner.

Subp. 56. **Carleton Game Refuge, Dakota and Rice Counties.** The Carleton Game Refuge in Dakota and Rice Counties is open for deer hunting by archery from the fourth Thursday in November to December 31, by written permission of the landowner.

Subp. 57. **Talcot Lake Game Refuge, Cottonwood County.** The following special provisions apply to the Talcot Lake Game Refuge, Cottonwood County.

A. Those portions within the Talcot Lake Game Refuge that are posted to prohibit trespassing are closed to hunting. The remainder of the refuge is open to waterfowl hunting during the open

Canada goose seasons only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.1100.

B. Designated hunting stations within the refuge must be spaced no less than 200 yards apart and must be no more than 100 yards inside the refuge, as measured from the posted boundary.

Subp. 58. **Clear Lake Game Refuge, Sherburne County.** The Clear Lake Game Refuge in Sherburne County is open to:

A. deer hunting by firearms; and

B. deer hunting by archery.

Subp. 59. **Lake Bemidji State Park, Beltrami County.** The southern unit of Lake Bemidji State Park, located within the city limits of Bemidji, is open to deer hunting by archery.

Subp. 60. **Cedar Lake Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Cedar Lake Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 86A.06; 97A.091; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222; 20 SR 2287; 22 SR 292; 24 SR 644; 30 SR 613; 34 SR 621; 35 SR 505; 36 SR 1155*

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CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES

6230.0500 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES.

The following regulations apply to all persons within a controlled hunting zone during the open Canada goose seasons or as otherwise specified in parts 6230.0600 to 6230.1100:

A. Except for the retrieval of downed birds, the taking of waterfowl is limited to the area within ten feet of each designated hunting station provided a person complies with all other refuge and trespass regulations.

B. Only one hunting group, consisting of no more than three hunters, may occupy a designated hunting station at a time.

C. Persons occupying a hunting station must fulfill all license requirements to hunt waterfowl.

D. A person may not leave any refuse, offal, or feathers on public lands in the controlled hunting zone or in any parking lot.

E. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed or possessed at any of the hunting stations on public lands.

F. A person may not loiter in areas between the designated hunting stations on public lands.

G. On public lands, dogs must be on a leash except within ten feet of stations or while retrieving, and must be under control at all times.

H. On public lands, after each party member has bagged a limit of Canada geese, or expended a limit of shells, the party must promptly leave the station.

I. No trailers of any kind are allowed in designated parking lots.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.092; and others at 19 SR 6*

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6230.0600 DESCRIPTIONS OF CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES.

Subpart 1. **Establishment of controlled hunting zones.** Controlled hunting zones with designated hunting stations are established on portions of or adjacent to certain wildlife management areas and game refuges as described.

Subp. 2. **Thief Lake Zone, Marshall County.** On the Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area in Marshall County, the controlled hunting zone includes the following:

The Southwest Quarter of Section 8, the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 9, the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 11, the West Half (W 1/2) of Section 17, and the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 20; as well as portions of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 8, the South Half of the South Half (S 1/2 S 1/2) of Section 9, the South Half (S 1/2) of Section 10, the South Half of the South Half (S 1/2 S 1/2) of Section 11, the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section 20, Township 158 North, Range 41 West.

Subp. 3. **Lac qui Parle zones, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties.**

A. On the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area in Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties, the controlled hunting zone includes the following:

The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 32, Township 119 North, Range 42 West, and the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW 1/4 NE 1/4) and the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E 1/2 NW 1/4) of Section 5, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Lac qui Parle County.

And also the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E 1/2 NW 1/4), the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E 1/2 SW 1/4) and the West Half of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4), the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) except that part lying northeasterly of State Highway 7, the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E 1/2 SE 1/4), and those parts of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) owned by the state and posted as "Wildlife Management Area, Controlled Hunting Zone," all in Section 1, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, all in Chippewa County.

And also all state owned land posted as "Wildlife Management Area, Controlled Hunting Zone" located between U.S. Highways 7 and 59 and County State-Aid Highways 32 and 33, Chippewa County, in Sections 6 and 7, Township 118 North, Range 41 West, and Section 36, Township 119 North, Range 42 West, all in Chippewa County.

B. On the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge in Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties, the controlled hunting zone includes the 200 yard wide area which is outside of and immediately adjacent to the area within the following described boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 13, Chippewa County, and CSAH 33, Lac qui Parle County, thence East along CSAH 13 to the southeast corner of Section 13, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, thence North along the township road to the northeast corner of said Section 13, thence West along the township road to the southeast corner of the West Half of the West Half of the Southeast Quarter (W 1/2 W 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 118 North, Range 42 West; and beginning at the northeast corner of the West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W 1/2 SW 1/4) of Section 12, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, thence West along the North side of said West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W 1/2 SW 1/4) of Section 12, Township 118 North, Range 42 West, to County Road 32, Chippewa County, thence North along County Road 32 to the intersection of CSAH 12, Chippewa County, thence West along CSAH 12 to the intersection of County Road 31, Chippewa County, thence along County Road 31 to State Trunk Highway 40; and beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway 40 and CSAH 33 in Lac qui Parle County, thence southeasterly along CSAH 33 to the intersection with CSAH 13, Chippewa County, the point of beginning.

C. Designated hunting stations are also established in Lac qui Parle State Recreation Area, Lac qui Parle County, where waterfowl hunting is permitted subject to the provisions of part 6230.0700.

Subp. 4. **Elm Lake Zone, Marshall County.** On the Elm Lake Wildlife Management Area in Marshall County, the controlled hunting zone includes the following:

The North 200 yards of Sections 1 and 2, Township 155 North, Range 41 West, adjacent to the South boundary of the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge.

Subp. 5. **Roseau River Zone, Roseau County.** The following areas are included in the controlled hunting zones in the Roseau River Zone in Roseau County as posted:

A. On the Roseau River Wildlife Management Area in Roseau County, the controlled hunting area includes the following:

The South Half of the South Half (S 1/2 S 1/2) of Section 12, and the South Half of the South Half (S 1/2 S 1/2) of Section 11, Township 163 North, Range 42 West.

B. On the Roseau River Game Refuge in Roseau County, the controlled hunting zone includes the 200 yard wide area which is east of and immediately adjacent to the following described portion of the refuge boundary:

Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 163 North, Range 42 West; thence South 1-3/4 miles along County State-Aid Highway 3 to the southeast corner of the North Half of the Southeast Quarter (N 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 12, Township 163 North, Range 42 West.

Subp. 6. **Rochester Zone, Olmsted County.** On the Rochester Game Refuge in Olmsted County, the controlled hunting zone includes the 200 yard wide area lying outside of the refuge and immediately adjacent to the following described portion of the refuge boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of County State-Aid Highway 117 and County Road 8; thence along the southern, western and northern boundaries of the refuge to the center of Section 18, Township 107 North, Range 13 West.

Subp. 7. **Talcot Lake Zone, Cottonwood County.** On the Talcot Lake Game Refuge and Sanctuary in Cottonwood County, the controlled hunting zones include the East Side Zone and the West Side Zone:

A. The East Side Zone is:

(1) the 200 yard wide area which is east of the west right-of-way boundary of that portion of County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 7, Cottonwood County, described as follows:

Beginning at the center of Section 17, Township 105 North, Range 38 West; thence south along CSAH 7 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 62; and

(2) the West Half of the East Half of Section 29, Township 105 North, Range 38 West, Cottonwood County.

B. The West Side Zone is the 200 yard wide area which is west and north of and immediately adjacent to the following described boundaries as posted:

Starting at a point on the north shore of Talcot Lake 600 feet east of the west line of Section 19, Cottonwood County, Township 105 North, Range 38 West; thence North to the north line of Section 19, Township 105 North, Range 38 West; thence North to a point 325 feet north of the south line and 600 feet east of the west line of Section 18, Cottonwood County, Township 105 North, Range 38 West; thence due East to the north-south refuge line.

Subp. 8. **Orwell Zone.** On the Orwell Wildlife Management Area Sanctuary in Otter Tail County, the controlled hunting zone includes the following:

The west 200 yards of Section 26, Township 132 North, Range 44 West, adjacent to County Road 15 from the northwest corner of the Orwell Wildlife Sanctuary South to the Otter Tail River.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.091; 97A.092; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484; 22 SR 292; 30 SR 613; 35 SR 2014*

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6230.0700 LAC QUI PARLE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

Subpart 1. **Time periods for special provisions.** In addition to the regulations provided by part 6230.0500, the following subparts apply to all persons in the Lac qui Parle controlled hunting zones during the open season for taking Canada geese in those zones.

Subp. 2. **Hunting stations.**

A. Only one hunting group, consisting of no more than three hunters, may occupy a designated hunting station at one time.

B. From the third Thursday in October through November 30, waterfowl and small-game hunters may reserve designated hunting stations according to regulations available at the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area headquarters. Reservation dates may not be changed.

C. From December 1 through the end of the Canada goose season, waterfowl hunters must use designated hunting stations and use of the stations is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Subp. 3. **Entry permit required.** From the third Thursday in October through November 30, on public lands, a person may not hunt migratory waterfowl or small game in the controlled hunting zone without first registering at the check station and obtaining an entry permit. Entry permits must be displayed as specified on the permit. Hunters age 18 or older will be charged a \$3 daily fee for the Lac qui Parle entry permit. Failure to comply with the provisions of the permit or special provisions relating to the controlled hunt will result in immediate revocation of the permit for that day.

Subp. 4. **Limitation on number of shells possessed.** Only persons hunting may bring shotgun shells into the controlled hunting zone. A waterfowl or small-game hunter may not bring in more than 12 shells per trip or have in possession more than 12 shells at any one time, except that small-game hunters may possess more than 12 shells beginning December 1.

Subp. 5. **Firearms must be cased.** Waterfowl and small-game hunters must have firearms cased, except within ten feet of assigned hunting stations.

Subp. 6. **Actions after taking bag limit.** Within one hour of hunt completion each party member must personally return their entry permit to the check station and report the harvest of geese.

Subp. 7. **Limitation on number of trips.** Hunters are limited to one trip to the hunting stations before noon and one trip after noon each day.

Subp. 8. **Restrictions on occupancy of designated parking lots and hunting stations.** A person may not park in or otherwise occupy a designated controlled hunting zone parking lot or occupy a hunting station from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Subp. 9. **Closed hunting stations.** A person may not occupy or hunt from a hunting station that is posted closed.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.092; 97A.401; and others at 19 SR 6*

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6230.0800 THIEF LAKE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

Subpart 1. **Time period for special provisions.** In addition to the regulations provided by part 6230.0500, the following subparts apply to waterfowl and small-game hunters in the Thief Lake Controlled Hunt Zone during all open waterfowl seasons, except that restrictions on small-game hunting apply only from the opening of the regular waterfowl season through the Monday nearest October 22.

Subp. 2. **Designated hunting station.** Hunters must use designated hunting stations and on a first-come first-served basis. Hunters are limited to one trip to the hunting stations before noon and one trip after noon each day.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

Subp. 4. **Firearms must be cased.** All firearms must be cased except within ten feet of the designated hunting station.

Subp. 5. **Limitation on number of shells possessed.** Only persons hunting may bring shotgun shells into the controlled hunting zone. A hunter may not bring more than 12 shells per trip into the controlled hunting zone or have more than 12 shells in possession at any one time.

Subp. 6. **Restrictions on occupancy of designated parking lots and hunting stations.** A person may not park in or otherwise occupy any designated controlled hunting zone parking lot or occupy any hunting station from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Subp. 7. **Closed hunting stations.** A person may not occupy or hunt from any hunting station that is posted closed.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.092; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: 19 SR 484; 22 SR 292; 30 SR 613; 34 SR 621

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6230.0900 ORWELL SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

Subpart 1. **Time period for special provisions.** The general regulations in part 6230.0500 and the following subparts apply to all persons in the Orwell Controlled Hunting Zone during a migratory waterfowl season.

Subp. 2. **Designated hunting stations.** Hunters may hunt only at the designated hunting stations having numbers corresponding to their parking stall number.

Subp. 3. **Restrictions on entry to zone.** Persons may not enter the controlled hunting zone except when their vehicles are occupying numbered parking stalls in the designated parking lot in the controlled hunting zone. Persons other than those hunting at a designated station in the controlled hunting zone may not occupy a numbered stall in a designated parking lot.

Subp. 4. **Firearms must be cased.** All firearms must be cased except within ten feet of a hunting station.

Subp. 5. **Restrictions on occupancy of designated parking lot and hunting stations.** A person may not park in or otherwise occupy any parking stall in the designated parking lot or occupy any designated hunting station during any two consecutive days or from one hour after the close of daily waterfowl shooting hours to 8:00 p.m.

Subp. 6. **Hunting prohibited.** Hunting, other than for waterfowl, is prohibited in the Orwell Controlled Hunting Zone.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.092; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222; 22 SR 292*

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6230.1000 ROSEAU RIVER AND ROCHESTER REGULATIONS.

Subpart 1. **Time period for special provisions.** In addition to the general regulations, the following subparts apply to all persons in the Roseau River and Rochester Controlled Hunting Zones during the open goose seasons.

Subp. 2. **Limitations on persons hunting.** The wildlife manager may limit persons hunting to one day of hunting in every three if the manager determines that it is necessary to provide for the equitable allocation of hunting opportunities. If hunting is limited, the manager will stamp the date on the small-game hunting license or firearms safety certificate of each person at a restricted hunting station. Persons may hunt at any restricted station on the day stamped but may not occupy a restricted station for the next two days. Restricted stations will be posted.

Subp. 3. **Restrictions on occupancy of designated parking lot and hunting stations.** A person may not occupy a hunting station or a designated parking lot from one hour after the close of daily waterfowl shooting hours to 8:00 p.m.

Subp. 4. **Firearms must be cased.** All firearms must be cased except within ten feet of a hunting station.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.092; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484; 30 SR 613*

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6230.1100 TALCOT LAKE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

Subpart 1. **Time period for special provisions.** In addition to the general regulations, the following subparts apply to all persons in the Talcot Lake Controlled Hunting Zones during open Canada goose seasons.

Subp. 2. **Hunting.** In the Talcot Lake Controlled Hunting Zones, waterfowl hunting is allowed only at designated hunting stations. Hunting species other than waterfowl is prohibited on public land in the Talcot Lake Controlled Hunting Zones.

Subp. 3. **Limitations on persons hunting.** The wildlife manager may limit persons to one day of hunting in every three if the manager determines that it is necessary to provide for the equitable allocation of hunting opportunities. If hunting is limited, the manager will stamp the date on the small-game hunting license or firearms safety certificate of each person at a restricted hunting station. Persons may hunt at any restricted station on the day stamped but may not occupy a restricted station for the next two days. Restricted stations will be posted.

Subp. 4. **Designated hunting stations.** Waterfowl hunters on public lands must hunt only at the designated hunting stations having numbers corresponding to their parking stall number.

Subp. 5. **Restrictions on entry to zone.** Persons may not occupy a hunting station on public land within the controlled hunting zone except when their vehicles are occupying numbered parking stalls in a designated parking lot in the controlled hunting zone. Persons other than those hunting at a designated hunting station may not occupy a numbered stall or park in a designated parking lot.

Subp. 6. **Restrictions on occupancy of designated parking stall and hunting stations.** A person may not park in or otherwise occupy any parking stall in the designated parking lot or occupy any designated hunting station from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Subp. 7. **Firearms must be cased.** All firearms must be cased except within ten feet of a hunting station.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.092; and others at 19 SR 6*

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NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES AND FEDERAL WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREAS

6230.1300 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES.

Subpart 1. **National wildlife refuges open to hunting.** The national wildlife refuges described in the following subparts are open to the hunting and trapping of protected wild animals during the state seasons and subject to special federal regulations, except as otherwise provided.

Subp. 2. **Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, Marshall County.** Portions of Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge in Marshall County are open to firearm hunting of deer and moose. Areas closed to hunting are posted as "Area Beyond This Sign Closed," or as shown on maps available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 3. **Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge, Big Stone and Lac qui Parle Counties.** Portions of Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge in Big Stone and Lac qui Parle Counties are open to firearm and archery hunting of deer, muzzleloader hunting of deer by permit, and firearm hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, red and gray fox, gray partridge, and pheasant in areas posted as "Public Hunting Area" or as shown on maps available at parking areas and Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 4. **Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Aitkin and Pine Counties.** Portions of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Aitkin and Pine Counties are open to firearm hunting of deer by special permit, archery hunting for deer in designated areas, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, woodcock, and snipe in areas posted as "Public Hunting Area" or as shown on maps available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 5. **Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, Sherburne County.** Portions of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge in Sherburne County are open to firearm and archery hunting of deer and firearm hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, ruffed grouse, pheasant, woodcock, Wilson's snipe, sora rail, and Virginia rail. Hunting in closed areas and target shooting are prohibited. Maps of hunting areas are available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 6. **Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge in Becker County.** Portions of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge in Becker County are open to firearm and archery hunting of deer and firearm hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, ruffed grouse, snipe, woodcock, rails, coots, and waterfowl in areas posted as "Public Hunting Area" or as shown on maps available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 7. **Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Wabasha, Winona, and Houston Counties.** Portions of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge located in Wabasha, Winona, and Houston Counties are open to hunting except as follows: Hunting is prohibited between March 1 and September 1, except that hunting of wild turkey is permitted during the spring turkey seasons. In areas posted closed, hunting of all protected species, except geese, is permitted beginning the day after the close of the duck season. For more information contact Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 8. **Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, and Scott Counties.** Portions of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge known as Louisville Swamp located near Carver in Scott County, and the Wilkie Unit in Scott County, are open to deer hunting in accordance with state and special regulations. Portions of the refuge in Hennepin, Scott, Carver, and Dakota Counties may be open to waterfowl hunting. Areas open will be posted with signs saying "Open to Waterfowl Hunting - Special Regulations in Effect - Consult Refuge Manager." Other areas may be open to waterfowl hunting by special use permit.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.305; 97B.311; 97B.411; 97B.505; 97B.515; 97B.605; 97B.711; 97B.731; 97B.803*

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STATE FORESTS**6230.1400 HUNTING RESTRICTIONS FOR RICHARD J. DORER MEMORIAL
HARDWOOD STATE FOREST.**

A person may not hunt with firearms in those portions of the Brightsdale Management Unit of the Richard J. Dorer Memorial Hardwood State Forest surrounding the forest resource center in Fillmore County that are posted closed to firearms hunting.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.311; 97B.605; 97B.711; 97B.731*

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TRANSFER OF WILD ANIMALS BY GIFT**6230.1500 TRANSFER OF WILD ANIMALS BY GIFT.**

Subpart 1. **Requirements for receipt of gifted animals.** Lawfully taken protected wild animals may be transferred by gift. Unless otherwise provided by this part, the donor must prepare a receipt containing the following information and give it to the recipient at the time of transfer:

- A. name and address of donor;
- B. name and address of recipient;
- C. date of transfer;
- D. description of gift, including number and species; and

E. license number under which the animal was taken, or, if acquired by the donor other than by taking, a description of how the animal was acquired.

Subp. 2. **Retention of receipt with gift.** Lawfully taken protected wild animals and their parts may be acquired by gift. Unless otherwise provided by this part, the recipient of these animals may possess them only if a receipt has been received from the donor and retained in possession as described in this part.

Subp. 3. **Gift by members of same household.** A receipt is not required if both the donor and the recipient are members of the same household and the transferred animal is stored in that household.

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6230.1600 AIRBOAT USE ON DESIGNATED WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT LAKES.

The use of airboats is prohibited at all times on the lakes listed below that have been designated for wildlife management purposes, except as otherwise authorized by posting or permit:

Lake Name	County	DNR Lake Inventory Number (Bulletin 25)	Location
Cottonwood	Blue Earth	70024	T.106N, R.25W
Perch	Blue Earth	70058	T.106N, R.25,26W
Eagle	Blue Earth	70060	T.108,109N, R.25,26W
Buffalo	Waseca	810083	T.107N, R.24W
Rice	Faribault	220075	T.104N, R.27W
Bear	Freeborn	240028	T.101N, R.22W
Swan	Nicollet	520034	T.109,110N, R.28,29W
Lower Twin	Freeborn	240027	T.101N, R.22W
Heron	Jackson	320057	T.103,104N, R.36,37W
Pierce	Martin	460076	T.102N, R.31W
Geneva	Freeborn	240015	T.104N, R.20,21W
Upper Twin	Freeborn	240031	T.101,102N, R.22W
Pelican	Wright	860031	T.120,121N, R.24,25W
Goose	Waseca	810016	T.107N, R.22W
Patterson	Carver	100086	T.116N, R.25W
Rice	Blue Earth	70059	T.107N, R.25W
Big Rice	Cass	110073	T.140,141N, R.26W
Sanborn	LeSueur	400027	T.112N, R.23W
Christina	Douglas, Grant	210375	T.130N, R.40,41W
Ash	Grant	260294	T.130N, R.43,44W
Sand	Sibley	720069	T.112N, R.29,30W
Hanska	Brown	80026	T.108N, R.31,32W

Augusta	Cottonwood	170033	T.106N, R.37W
Rice	Steele, Dodge	740001	T.107N, R.18,19W
Tiger	Carver	100108	T.115N, R.26W
Hassel	Swift	760086	T.122N, R.39W
Dog	Crow Wing	180107	T.45N, R.29W
Onamia	Mille Lacs	480009	T.42N, R.26,27W
South Badger	Murray	510049	T.105N, R.41W
North Badger	Murray	510050	T.105N, R.41W
White Elk	Aitkin	101481	T.50N, R.26,27W
North and South Spellman	Yellow Medicine	870060	T.114N, R.41W
Maria	Murray	510062	T.108N, R.41W
Minnesota	Faribault	220033	T.104,105N, R.25W
Little Rice	St. Louis	690612	T.60,61N, R.16,17W
Big Rice	St. Louis	690669	T.60N, R.70W

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.101*

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