

6262.0575 WATERS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.

Subpart 1. **Treaty lakes.** The commissioner may modify seasons and limits under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 13, or sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459, to accommodate tribal declarations for fish harvest in the 1837 Ceded Territory in compliance with the court ruling in *Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa v. Minnesota*, 119 S.Ct. 1187 (1999). Changes shall be posted at water access sites and the Department of Natural Resources Web site.

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

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

Subp. 3. **Conservation lakes.** While on or fishing in the following waters, the possession limit for sunfish is five, the possession limit for crappie is five, the possession limit for yellow perch is ten, the possession limit for walleye is two, and the possession limit for largemouth bass is one. A person's possession limit may not include more than one northern pike over 30 inches in length. The possession limit for northern pike is three.

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

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 30 SR 904]

Subp. 5. **Minnows in southwestern counties.** A person shall not take minnows for personal use, except by angling, from a stream, stream tributary, sidechannel, oxbow, backwater, or other seasonally or permanently connected water of the Missouri River watershed that is in Lincoln, Pipestone, Murray, Rock, or Nobles County and that lies south of U.S. Highway 14 to the Iowa border and west of U.S. Highway 59 to the South Dakota border. These waters include, but are not limited to, Medary Creek, Flandreau Creek, East Branch Flandreau Creek, Willow Creek, Pipestone Creek, North Branch Pipestone Creek, Split Rock Creek, Beaver Creek, Little Beaver Creek, Springwater Creek, Rock River, East Branch Rock River, Ask Creek, Little Rock River, Little Rock Creek, Kanaranzi Creek, Norwegian Creek, East Branch Kanaranzi Creek, Elk Creek, Champepadan Creek, Mound Creek, Poplar Creek, Chanarambie Creek, North Branch Chanarambie Creek, and Mud Creek.

Subp. 6. **Minnows in south-central counties.** A person may not take for personal use any tadpole madtoms (*Noturus gyrinus*) or stonecats (*Noturus flavus*), except by special permit, from a stream, stream tributary, side channel, oxbow, backwater, or other seasonally or permanently connected water that is in Dodge, Freeborn, or Mower County.

Subp. 7. [Repealed, 37 SR 1431]

Subp. 8. **Annie Battle Lake including inlets and outlets.** While on or fishing in the following waters, angling for northern pike is limited to catch and release only, whereby any northern pike caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release angling for northern pike is legal during the open season for this species in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any northern pike while on or fishing in the following waters. A person may not possess a motorized ice auger or electronic fish finding devices while on or fishing in the following waters. Electronic fish finding devices include depth finders; fish finders; underwater videos or cameras; sonars; global positioning systems; and temperature, oxygen, and pH meters.

	Name	Location	County	End Date
A.	Annie Battle Lake	T.133, R.39,40, S.13,18,19,24	Otter Tail	3/1/2013
B.	Annie Battle inlet stream beginning at the exit point of Molly Stark Lake to the confluence with Annie Battle Lake	T.133, R.40, S.24	Otter Tail	3/1/2013
C.	Annie Battle outlet stream beginning at the northwest exit of Annie Battle Lake to Blanche Lake	T.133, R.40, S.12	Otter Tail	3/1/2013

Subp. 9. **Largemouth bass and northern pike catch and release and spearing ban regulations.** While on or fishing in the following waters, angling for largemouth bass and northern pike is limited to catch and release only, whereby any largemouth bass and northern pike caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release angling for largemouth bass and northern pike is legal during the open season for these species in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any largemouth bass or northern pike while on or fishing in these waters. Spearing is prohibited from December 1 to the last Sunday in February.

Name	Location	County
Stieger	T.116, R.24, S.11,12,13,14	Carver

Subp. 10. **Black Bass Lake.** While on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for sunfish is five and angling for northern pike and largemouth bass is limited to catch and release only, whereby any northern pike or largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water. A person may not possess a motorized ice auger or electronic fish finding devices while on or fishing in the following waters. Electronic fish finding devices include depth finders; fish finders; underwater videos or cameras; sonars; global positioning systems; and temperature, oxygen, and pH meters.

Name	Location	County
Black Bass Lake	T.42, R.27, S.11-14	Mille Lacs

Subp. 11. **Sunfish and crappie possession limits and catch and release fishing for northern pike and largemouth bass.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for sunfish is ten and for crappie is five and fishing for northern pike and largemouth bass is limited to catch and release only, whereby any northern pike or largemouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release fishing for northern pike and largemouth bass is legal during the open season for these species in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any northern pike or largemouth bass while on or fishing in the following waters.

Name	Location	County
A. Fladmark	T.135, R.42, S.13,14,24	Otter Tail
B. Twenty One	T.135, R.42, S.16,21	Otter Tail

Subp. 12. **Rochester Area Lakes regulations.**

A. The Rochester Area Lakes are the five waters listed in item C. Daily and possession limits provided in item B apply to the five waters listed in item C as a whole.

B. While a person is on or fishing in the Rochester Area Lakes:

(1) the daily and possession limit for sunfish, black crappie, white crappie, and yellow perch in aggregate is ten, of which not more than five may be black crappie or white crappie in aggregate;

(2) the daily and possession limit for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass in aggregate is one; and

(3) the daily and possession limit for northern pike is one.

C. The Rochester Area Lakes include the following waters:

Name	Location	County
Gamehaven (Willow Reservoir No. 4)	T.106, R.13,14, S.25,30,31,36	Olmsted
Cascade Ponds	T.107, R.14, S.33,34	Olmsted
Manor Woods Pond	T.107, R.14, S.33	Olmsted
Silver Lake	T.107, R.14, S.25,26,35,36	Olmsted
Silver Creek Reservoir No. 2	T.107, R.13, S.26,27	Olmsted

Subp. 13. **Lester Lake catch and release regulations.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, angling is limited for all species to catch and release only, whereby any species that are caught must be immediately returned to the water.

Name	Location	County
Lester Lake	T.142, R.32, S.5,6	Hubbard

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.386; 97A.045; 97A.101; 97C.001; 97C.005; 97C.025; 97C.401*

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