

6262.1000 SPECIAL FISH MANAGEMENT TAGS.

Subpart 1. **Tag definition.** For purposes of this part, "tag" means a special fish management tag.

Subp. 2. **Special fish management species.** The following is a special fish management species and requires a tag:

Lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*).

Subp. 3. **Tag requirements.** A person may not possess a special fish management species unless the person has a valid tag for that species. A tag is not required to angle for a special fish management species.

Subp. 4. **Eligibility.** A person applying for a tag must either possess a valid fishing license or be specifically exempt by law from the fishing license requirement. A person exempt by law from the fishing license requirement must still obtain a tag to legally possess a special fish management species.

Subp. 5. **Issuance.**

A. Upon application and payment of the required fee, the authorized licensing agent shall issue the appropriate number of tags and registration cards for the species requested. Each tag issued shall specify the species for which it is valid.

B. No more than one set of tags for each special fish management species may be purchased. A set is defined as the number of tags equal to the prescribed legal daily and possession limits for that species. Duplicate tags shall not be issued.

Subp. 6. **Tagging.**

A. Immediately after reducing a special fish management species to possession, a tag holder must validate and attach a tag to the fish. A tag holder may not affix any tag to the carcass of a special fish management species that the tag holder did not personally catch.

B. To validate a tag, the tag holder must use a sharp object to cut out or use a pen to indelibly mark the appropriate notch on the tag indicating:

- (1) the month the fish was taken;
- (2) the day of the month that the fish was taken; and
- (3) the time of day the fish was taken.

C. A tag must be attached to a special fish management species as described in this item and in such a manner that it cannot be readily removed before the fish is consumed or processed. For lake sturgeon, tag holders must attach the validated tag to the caudal peduncle (narrow portion of the body just in front of the tail fin) using string, twine, wire, or similar device.

Subp. 7. **Registration.** A tag holder must register a catch of a special fish management species within 48 hours of reducing it to possession by completing and mailing the registration card provided with the tag. The following registration information is required:

- A. tag holder information;
- B. date when reduced to possession;
- C. fish length;
- D. name of the water body where the fish was reduced to possession; and
- E. signature of permittee.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 84.027; 97C.085; 97C.087*

History: *32 SR 1039*

NOTE: This part has been amended, effective upon full implementation of the replacement electronic licensing system. See State Register, volume 49, pages 534 to 548 and 1416.

Published Electronically: *April 16, 2026*