

**6262.3200 PREPARING AND PACKING FISH FOR TRANSPORTATION.**

Subpart 1. **Restrictions on packing and wrapping fish.** All fish that are being transported or shipped by residents or nonresidents must be packed and wrapped in such a way that they may be readily unpacked, unwrapped, separated, examined, and counted.

Subp. 2. **Retention of patch of skin on dressed fish.** Except for bullheads, sunfish, and crappies, all dressed fish and fillets must retain, in a place other than the belly, a patch of skin, measuring at least one square inch, with scales intact. Dressed and filleted sauger will be counted as walleye.

Subp. 3. **Restriction on number of fillets per fish.** A fish may not be reduced to more than two fillets.

Subp. 4. **Restriction on fish with statewide length limits.** Fish having statewide length limits may only be possessed in the field, transported, or shipped undressed, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.551, subdivision 4.

Subp. 5. [Repealed, 28 SR 629]

Subp. 6. **Restrictions on special fish management species.**

A. A person may transport a tagged special fish management species during the open season and the two days following the season for that species.

B. A person other than the tag holder may transport a tagged special fish management species that the tag holder has registered if the fish has an additional informational tag attached to it, marked in indelible ink with the signature of the tag holder and the locations from which and to which the fish is being transported.

C. All tagged special fish management species must be transported in devices that readily allow for inspection.

D. Processing of a special fish management species may only be done at the tag holder's permanent residence, except:

- (1) as provided in part 6262.0100, subpart 5, item D;
- (2) when done for immediate consumption;
- (3) when at a temporary residence; or
- (4) when done by a licensed fish packer.

E. The validated special fish management species tag must be a part of the packaging and remain with the processed fish until all meat is consumed.

F. Special fish management species must be shipped undressed and must have the appropriate validated tag attached, except when packaged by a licensed fish packer.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.551; and others at 19 SR 6*

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