

**6264.0300 DESIGNATED EXPERIMENTAL WATERS.**

- Subpart 1. [Repealed, 28 SR 629]
- Subp. 2. [Repealed, 28 SR 1011]
- Subp. 3. [Repealed, 28 SR 1011]
- Subp. 4. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]
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- Subp. 14. [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]
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- Subp. 18. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]
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- Subp. 20. [Repealed, 28 SR 33]
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- Subp. 23. [Repealed, 22 SR 1559]
- Subp. 24. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]
- Subp. 25. [Repealed, 24 SR 1186]
- Subp. 26. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]
- Subp. 27. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]
- Subp. 28. [Repealed, 28 SR 33]

Subp. 29. [Repealed, 28 SR 33]

Subp. 30. [Repealed, 28 SR 33]

Subp. 31. [Repealed, 36 SR 810]

**Subp. 32. Rainy Lake experimental regulations.** To the extent that this subpart is inconsistent with part 6266.0700, subpart 2, the provisions of this subpart apply. While a person is on or fishing in the waters listed below, all walleye in possession or under control, regardless of where taken, must be less than 17 inches in length or greater than 28 inches in length. All walleye that are 17 to 28 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession and daily limit for walleye is four, and must not include more than one walleye over 28 inches in length. Walleye legally taken from Ontario waters of Rainy Lake that are not within the above length limits may be possessed with documented proof of fishing on Ontario waters of Rainy Lake. Proof of fishing must consist of documentation of a residence or property on Ontario waters of Rainy Lake, or a dated receipt from an Ontario resort on Rainy Lake. A person in possession of walleye that were legally taken in Ontario waters of Rainy Lake, but not within the legal sizes for the waters listed below, may not fish on the waters listed below.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Rainy Lake	T.67,68,69,70, 71, R.18,19,20, 21,22,23,24, S. Various, Minnesota waters of Rainy Lake from the dam in International Falls to the dam in Kettle Falls, Black Bay including Gold Portage, Rat Root Lake, and all of the Rat Root River	Koochiching, St. Louis	3/1/2016

Subp. 33. [Repealed, 37 SR 1208]

Subp. 34. [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]

Subp. 35. [Repealed, 37 SR 1208]

Subp. 36. [Repealed, 34 SR 1071]

Subp. 37. [Repealed, 35 SR 1093]

Subp. 38. [Repealed, 28 SR 1011]

Subp. 39. [Repealed, 35 SR 1093]

Subp. 40. [Repealed, 28 SR 1011]

Subp. 41. [Repealed, 35 SR 1093]

Subp. 42. [Repealed, 29 SR 876]

Subp. 43. [Repealed, 30 SR 697]

Subp. 44. [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]

Subp. 45. **Largemouth bass maximum size limits.** All largemouth bass in possession while a person is on or fishing in these waters must be less than 12 inches in length. All largemouth bass 12 inches and greater must be immediately returned to the water.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Lake Thirteen	T.144, R.31, S.Various	Cass	3/1/2014

Subp. 46. [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]

Subp. 47. **Sunfish possession limits.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters the daily and possession limit for sunfish is ten. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any sunfish in excess of the daily and possession limit while fishing in these waters. A person who is in transit, taking the most direct route back to the person's lodging or docking, and not fishing, may possess sunfish in excess of the daily and possession limit if the sunfish were legally taken from connecting waters or the Wisconsin waters of the Mississippi.

Name	Location	County	End Date
A. Mississippi River			
Pool 5	Lock and Dam 4 to Lock and Dam 5 T.110N, R.9W, S.19,20,29,30,31, 32, T.109N, Winona R.9W, S.4,5,8,9,16,17, 18,19,20,21,22,27, 28,29,32,33,34,35, T.108N, R.9W, S.1,2, T.108N, R.8W, S.7,17,18	Wabasha	3/1/2015
Pool 5A	Lock and Dam 5 at Minneiska to Lock and Dam 5A at Goodview T.108N, R.8W, S.16,17,21,22,23, 25,26,27,28,34, 35,36, T.108N, R.7W, S.30,31, T.107N, R.8W, S.1,2, T.107N, R.7W, S.4,5, 6,7,8,9	Winona	3/1/2015

Pool 8	Lock and Dam 7 near Dresbach to Lock and Dam 8 at Reno T.105N, R.4W, S.28,33,34, T.104N, R.4W, S.2,3,10,11,12, 13,14,15,22,23, 24,25,26,27,34, 35,36, T.104N, R.3W, S.30,31, T.103N, R.4W, S.1,2,11,12,13, 14,24,25,35,36, T.103N, R.3W, S.6, T.102N, R.4W, S.1,2,11, 12,13,14,24,25, T.102N, R.4W, S.36, T.102N, R.3W, S.31	Winona Houston	3/1/2015
B. Star Lake	T.135,136, R.40,41, S.Various	Otter Tail	3/1/2015
C. Battle	T.62, R.23,24, S.25,30	Itasca	3/1/2016
D. Deer	T.62, R.24, S.14, 15,22-28,34	Itasca	3/1/2016
E. Pickerel	T.62, R.24, S.25, 26,35	Itasca	3/1/2016
	Subp. 48. [Repealed, 31 SR 1319]		
	Subp. 49. [Repealed, 32 SR 1547]		
	Subp. 50. [Repealed, 30 SR 697]		
	Subp. 51. [Repealed, 34 SR 1071]		
	Subp. 52. [Repealed, 29 SR 876]		
	Subp. 53. [Repealed, 29 SR 876]		
	Subp. 54. [Repealed, 34 SR 1071]		
	Subp. 55. [Repealed, 32 SR 1547]		

Subp. 56. **Walleye slot limits on Namakan Reservoir Lakes.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession or under control must be less than 17 inches in length or greater than 28 inches in length. All walleye that are 17 to 28 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession and daily limit for walleye and sauger is six in the aggregate, of which not more than four may be walleye and not more than one walleye may be over 28 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
A. Kabetogama Lake (including T.68, R.19,20, S.Various T.69, St. Louis, Sullivan Bay and Ash River to Ash River Falls)	R.19,20,21, 22, S.Various T.70, R.21,22, S.Various	Koochiching	3/1/2019

B. Namakan Lake	T.68, R.17,18,19, S.Various T.69, R.17,18,19, S.Various T.70, R.18,19, S.Various	St. Louis	3/1/2019
C. Sand Point Lake	T.67, R.16, S.Various R.16, S.Various T.69, R.17, S.Various	St. Louis	3/1/2019
D. Little Vermilion Lake (including Loon River to Loon Falls Portage)	T.66, R.16, S.Various T.67, R.16, S.Various	St. Louis	3/1/2019
E. Crane Lake (including Vermillion Gorge and the Echo River from the mouth upstream to St. Louis Co. Highway 424 bridge)	T.67, R.16,17, S.Various T.68, R.16,17, S.Various	St. Louis	3/1/2019
	Subp. 57. [Repealed, 32 SR 1547]		
	Subp. 58. [Repealed, 32 SR 1547]		

Subp. 59. **Pelican Lake experimental regulations.** All largemouth bass and smallmouth bass in possession while on or fishing in Pelican Lake must be less than 14 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth bass and smallmouth bass that are 14 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit may not include more than one largemouth bass or smallmouth bass over 20 inches in length. All northern pike in possession while on or fishing in Pelican Lake must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Pelican Lake	T.64,65, R.19,20,21, S.Various	St. Louis	3/1/2018
Subp. 60. [Repealed, 29 SR 871]			
Subp. 61. [Repealed, 29 SR 871]			
Subp. 62. [Repealed, 33 SR 1442]			

## Subp. 63. [Repealed, 35 SR 1093]

Subp. 64. **Sunfish possession limits.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for sunfish is five.

	Name	Location	County	End Date
A.	Carnelian Lake	T.122, R.29, S.13,24	Stearns	3/1/2017
B.	Pimushe Lake	T.147,148, R.30,31, S. Various	Beltrami	3/1/2015
C.	Pleasant Lake	T.123, R.29, S.1,2	Stearns	3/1/2017

## Subp. 65. [Repealed, 37 SR 1208]

Subp. 66. **Mule and Blackwater Lakes largemouth bass and smallmouth bass maximum size limit.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth and smallmouth bass in possession must be less than 12 inches in length. All largemouth and smallmouth bass 12 inches and greater in length must be immediately returned to the water.

	Name	Location	County	End Date
A.	Blackwater Lake	T.140, R.29, S.25,26,34,35	Cass	3/1/2016
B.	Mule Lake	T.140, R.28,29, S.various	Cass	3/1/2016

Subp. 67. **Stony Lake largemouth bass maximum size and possession limits.** Except as provided in this subpart, while a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth bass in possession while on or fishing in the following waters must be less than 12 inches in length. Except as provided in this subpart, all largemouth bass 12 inches or greater must be immediately returned to the water. The possession limit may include one largemouth bass over 20 inches in length.

	Name	Location	County	End Date
	Stony	T.140N., R.30W., S.4,5,8,9	Cass	3/1/2014

Subp. 68. **Muskellunge catch and release.** While on or fishing in the following waters, angling for muskellunge is limited to catch and release only. Any muskellunge caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release angling for muskellunge is legal during the open season for muskellunge in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any muskellunge while on or fishing in these water.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Elk Lake	T.143N, R.36W, S.15,22,23	Clearwater	3/1/2014

Subp. 69. [Repealed, 36 SR 810]

**Subp. 70. Walleye 18-inch to 26-inch slot limit and possession limit.** All walleye taken from the following waters and in possession must be less than 18 inches in length or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 18 to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and possession limit for walleye taken from the following waters is four fish, of which not more than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Kabekona	T.142,143, R.32,33, S.Various	Hubbard	3/1/2016

**Subp. 71. Long and Crooked Lakes experimental regulations.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all largemouth bass in possession must be less than 12 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth bass that are 12 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit may not include more than one largemouth bass over 20 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
A. Crooked	T.122, R.27, S.5	Stearns	3/1/2016
B. Long	T.122, R.27, S.5,8	Stearns	3/1/2016

**Subp. 72. Big Birch Lake; northern pike size limits.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession and daily limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Big Birch	T.127, R.33, S.19,20,25,26	Todd, Stearns	3/1/2015

**Subp. 73. Northern pike restricted size and possession limits.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 22 inches

in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 22 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit is nine and may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

	Name	Location	County	End Date
A.	Bowstring Lake	T.146,147, R.25,26, S.Various	Itasca	3/1/2017
B.	Bowstring River, from Bowstring Lake downstream to the County Road 145 bridge	T.147,148,149, R.26, 27, S.Various	Itasca	3/1/2017
C.	Sand Lake	T.147,148, R.26, S.3,4,17-21,28-33	Itasca	3/1/2017
D.	Portage Lake	T.147, R.26, S.3,10	Itasca	3/1/2017
E.	Birds Eye Lake	T.148, R.26, S.28	Itasca	3/1/2017
F.	Little Sand Lake	T.148, R.26,27, S.6,7,12,18	Itasca	3/1/2017
G.	Round Lake	T.148, R.27,28, S.13,14,18-20, 23-26,29,30	Itasca	3/1/2017
H.	Alice Lake	T.148, R.27, S.31	Itasca	3/1/2017
I.	Popple River	T.148, R.27, S.19,20, from the outlet of Round Lake downstream to the State Highway 46 bridge	Itasca	3/1/2017

**Subp. 74. Sugar Lake northern pike and crappie restrictions.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length. While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, the possession limit for crappie is five.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Sugar Lake	T.121,122, R.27, S.1,2,10,11,35,36	Wright	3/1/2017

**Subp. 75. East and West Sylvia Lakes northern pike regulations.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and possession limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Sylvia, East	T.121, R.28, S.Various	Wright	3/1/2019
Sylvia, West	T.121, R.28, S.Various	Wright	3/1/2019

**Subp. 76. Pearl Lake walleye and northern pike regulations.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be 17 inches or greater in length. All walleye less than 17 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. The daily and possession limit for walleye taken from the following waters is three. While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and possession limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End date
Pearl Lake	T.122, R.29, S.2,3,10,11	Stearns	3/1/2019

**Subp. 77. Big Sandy Lake walleye regulation.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be from 14 inches to 18 inches in length, inclusive. All walleye that are less than 14 inches or greater than 18 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water, except a person's daily and possession limit may include one walleye over 26 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
A. Big Sandy Lake	T.49,50, R.23,24, S.Various	Aitkin	3/1/2023
B. Aitkin Lake (a.k.a. Aitkin Flowage)	T.50, R.23, S.Various	Aitkin	3/1/2023

C. Sandy River Lake	T.49, R.23,24, S.Various	Aitkin	3/1/2023
D. Flowage Lake	T.49, R.23,24, S.Various	Aitkin	3/1/2023
E. Davis Lake (a.k.a. Steamboat Lake)	T.48, R.24, S.Various	Aitkin	3/1/2023
F. Sandy River from State Highway 210 downstream to confluence with Mississippi River	T.48, R.23,24, S.Various	Aitkin	3/1/2023
G. Prairie River from confluence with Tamarack River downstream to Big Sandy Lake	T.49,50, R.22,23, S.Various	Aitkin	3/1/2023
H. West Savanna River from County Highway 14 downstream to Prairie River	T.50, R.22,23, S.Various	Aitkin	3/1/2023

**Subp. 78. Clear Lake walleye regulation.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be 17 inches or greater in length. All walleye less than 17 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. The daily and possession limit for walleye taken from the following waters is three.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Clear Lake	T.32, R.21, S.17,18	Washington	3/1/2022

**Subp. 79. Long Lake largemouth bass restricted size and possession limits.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth bass in possession must be less than 14 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth bass that are 14 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit may not include more than one largemouth bass over 20 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Long	T.122, R.27, S.5,8	Kandiyohi	3/1/2020

Subp. 80. **Big Swan Lake; northern pike size limit and bag restrictions.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit for northern pike is six and may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Big Swan	T.128, R.32, S.Various	Todd	3/1/2018

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