

**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 [Repealed, 28 SR 629]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 [Repealed, 28 SR 1011]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 [Repealed, 28 SR 1011]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 [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

Subp. 5. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

Subp. 6. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

Subp. 7. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

Subp. 8. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

Subp. 9. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

Subp. 10. [Repealed, 31 SR 1319]

Subp. 11. [Repealed, 31 SR 1319]

Subp. 12. [Repealed, 28 SR 33]

Subp. 13. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

Subp. 14. [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]

Subp. 15. [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]

Subp. 16. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

Subp. 17. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

Subp. 18. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

Subp. 19. [Repealed, 28 SR 33]

Subp. 20. [Repealed, 28 SR 33]

Subp. 21. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

Subp. 22. [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]

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 [Repealed, 22 SR 1559]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 [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]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 [Repealed, 24 SR 1186]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 [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]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 [Repealed, 21 SR 1166]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 [Repealed, 28 SR 33]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 [Repealed, 28 SR 33]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 [Repealed, 28 SR 33]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 [Repealed, 36 SR 810]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 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 possession and daily limit for walleye is four, and must not include more than one walleye over 26 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	3/1/2026

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. [Repealed, 38 SR 1061]
- Subp. 46. [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]
- Subp. 47. [Repealed, 40 SR 750]
- 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 Sullivan Bay and Ash River to Ash River Falls)	T.68, R.19,20, S.Various R.19,20,21, 22, S.Various T.70, R.21,22, S.Various	T.69, St. Louis, 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 S.Various	T.68, St. Louis, T.69, R.17,	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
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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
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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. [Repealed, 41 SR 1019]

Subp. 65. [Repealed, 37 SR 1208]

Subp. 66. [Repealed, 40 SR 750]

Subp. 67. [Repealed, 38 SR 1061]

Subp. 68. [Repealed, 38 SR 1061]

Subp. 69. [Repealed, 36 SR 810]

Subp. 70. [Repealed, 40 SR 750]

Subp. 71. [Repealed, 40 SR 750]

Subp. 72. [Repealed, 39 SR 1257]

Subp. 73. **Sand Lake 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 River, from Sand Lake upstream to County Road 35 and from Sand Lake downstream to the County Road 145 bridge	T.147,148,149, R.26, 27, S.Various	Itasca	3/1/2018
B.	Sand Lake	T.147,148, R.26, S.3,4,17-21,28-33	Itasca	3/1/2018
C.	Portage Lake	T.147, R.26, S.3,10	Itasca	3/1/2018
D.	Birds Eye Lake	T.148, R.26, S.28	Itasca	3/1/2018
E.	Little Sand Lake	T.148, R.26,27, S.6,7,12,18	Itasca	3/1/2018
F.	Rice Lake	T.148,149, R.27, S.1,2,35,36	Itasca	3/1/2018

Subp. 74. [Repealed, 41 SR 1019]

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.

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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 T.48, R.23,24, Aitkin 3/1/2023  
210 downstream to confluence with S.Various  
Mississippi River
- G. Prairie River from confluence with T.49,50, R.22,23, Aitkin 3/1/2023  
Tamarack River downstream to Big S.Various  
Sandy Lake
- H. West Savanna River from County T.50, R.22,23, Aitkin 3/1/2023  
Highway 14 downstream to Prairie S.Various  
River

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

Subp. 81. **Saganaga Lake, Sea Gull Lake, Gull Lake, Sea Gull River, and Alpine River walleye restrictions.** 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 is three. A person's possession limit may not include more than one walleye over 20 inches.

	Name	Location	County	End Date
A.	Saganaga Lake	T.66,67, R.4,5,6, S.Various	Cook	3/1/2025
B.	Gull Lake	T.66, R.4,5, S.Various	Cook	3/1/2025
C.	Sea Gull Lake	T.65,66, R.4,5, S.Various	Cook	3/1/2025
D.	Sea Gull River between Saganaga and Gull Lakes and between Gull and Sea Gull Lakes	T.66, R.4,5, S.19,30,31,36	Cook	3/1/2025
E.	Alpine River between Sea Gull Lake and Alpine Lake	T.65, R.5, S.9	Cook	3/1/2025

Subp. 82. **Sauk River Chain of Lakes catfish restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for channel catfish and flathead catfish in aggregate is ten, of which not more than two may be flathead catfish. A person's possession limit may not include more than one channel catfish or flathead catfish in aggregate over 24 inches.

Name	Location	County	End Date
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A.	Sauk River Chain of Lakes from State Highway 23 Bridge in T.123, R.31, S.24, downstream to the Cold Spring Dam in T.123, R.30, S.23, including connecting waters, Sauk River, and Becker, Horseshoe, Cedar Island, Zumwalde, Great Northern, Schneider, Krays, Bolfing, and Knaus Lakes	T.123, R.30,31, S. Various	Stearns	3/1/2025
B.	Long Lake	T.122, R.31, S.1,2,11,12	Stearns	3/1/2025
C.	North Brown's Lake	T.122, R.31, S.11,14	Stearns	3/1/2025
D.	Eden Lake	T.122, R.31, S.23-26	Stearns	3/1/2025
E.	Mud (Vails) Lake	T.122, R.31, S.26,35	Stearns	3/1/2025

Subp. 83. **Sand Lake and connected waters; walleye restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 17 to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit may not include more than one walleye over 26 inches in length.

	Name	Location	County	End Date
A.	Sand Lake	T.147,148, R.26, S.3,4,17,21,28-33	Itasca	3/1/2026
B.	Portage Lake	T.147, R.26, S.3,10	Itasca	3/1/2026
C.	Bird's Eye Lake	T.148, R.26, S.28	Itasca	3/1/2026
D.	Little Sand Lake	T.148, R.26,27, S.6,7,12,18	Itasca	3/1/2026

- E. Bowstring River, T.147,148, R.26,31, S.1,7,12,16,17,31 Itasca 3/1/2026  
 from Sand Lake  
 upstream to CSAH  
 35 Bridge and from  
 Little Sand Lake  
 downstream to the  
 mouth of Rice Lake

Subp. 84. **Sunfish restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for sunfish is ten.

Name	Location	County	End Date
A. Green Prairie Fish Lake	T.130, R.30, S.13	Morrison	3/1/2026
B. Long (Higgins) Lake	T.127, R.33, S.19	Todd	3/1/2026
C. Maple Lake	T.128, R.34, S.7	Todd	3/1/2026
D. Moose Lake	T.128, R.32, S.15	Todd	3/1/2026
E. Platte Lake	T.43, R.28, S.31	Crow Wing	3/1/2026
F. Sullivan Lake	T.42, R.29, S.12	Morrison	3/1/2026

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