

1 Department of Natural Resources

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3 Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Fish and Wildlife Stamp

4 Design Contests

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6 Rules as Adopted

7 6290.0100 PURPOSE.

8 As required by Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.045,
9 subdivision 7, this chapter establishes contest procedures by
10 which the Department of Natural Resources selects and utilizes
11 designs for fish and wildlife stamp images. Contest entries
12 that do not conform to this chapter shall be ineligible for a
13 stamp contest.

14 6290.0200 DEFINITIONS.

15 Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in this chapter have the
16 meanings given them in this part.

17 Subp. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the
18 commissioner of natural resources or the commissioner's
19 designated representative.

20 Subp. 3. **Department.** "Department" means the Minnesota
21 Department of Natural Resources.

22 Subp. 4. **Migratory waterfowl stamp.** "Migratory waterfowl
23 stamp" means the stamp issued by the department under Minnesota
24 Statutes, section 97B.801, that allows individuals to take
25 migratory waterfowl.

26 Subp. 5. **Pheasant stamp.** "Pheasant stamp" means the stamp
27 issued by the department under Minnesota Statutes, section
28 97B.715, that allows individuals to take pheasants.

29 Subp. 6. **Trout and salmon stamp.** "Trout and salmon stamp"
30 means the stamp issued by the department under Minnesota
31 Statutes, section 97C.305, that allows individuals to angle for
32 trout and salmon in specified waters.

33 6290.0300 APPLICATION PROCEDURE.

34 Subpart 1. **Eligibility requirements.** Each stamp contest

1 is open only to residents of Minnesota who have maintained a
2 legal residence in the state for a minimum of 60 days
3 immediately preceding the entry deadline for the contest.

4 A person who wins a contest is ineligible to enter a
5 contest for the same type of stamp for two successive years of
6 competition following the contestant's first win. A person who
7 wins a contest for the same type of stamp two or more times is
8 ineligible to enter a contest for the same type of stamp for
9 four successive years of competition after the second and each
10 successive win. A person who wins a contest for one type of
11 stamp is eligible for the other fish and wildlife stamp contests
12 described in part 6290.0200.

13 Subp. 2. **Contest entry period.** The entry period for each
14 contest will be prescribed in a notice published in the State
15 Register at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the contest
16 entry period. Entry forms provided by the department must be
17 used and can be obtained by contacting the department as
18 prescribed in the contest entry notice. A contest application
19 package will be provided by the department to interested parties
20 upon request.

21 Subp. 3. **Receipt of entries.** Entries for each stamp
22 contest will be accepted only during the contest entry period.
23 Entries must be received by the department by 4:00 p.m. on the
24 last day of the contest entry period. Late or early entries
25 will not be accepted.

26 Subp. 4. **Restriction on number of entries.** A person may
27 submit only one entry per year for each type of stamp contest.
28 If two or more entries are submitted for a stamp contest in one
29 year, all of that person's entries will be declared ineligible.

30 Subp. 5. **Submittal of entries.** An entry for a migratory
31 waterfowl, pheasant, or trout and salmon stamp contest must be
32 mailed or delivered to the department at the address specified
33 in the contest application package. A contest entry should be
34 securely wrapped and enclosed in a container or envelope with
35 the name of the stamp contest clearly marked on the outside.
36 All completed and signed contest entry forms must accompany the

1 contest entry. These contest entry forms shall include:

2 A. the entry form;

3 B. reproduction rights agreement form; and

4 C. any other forms specified in the contest

5 application package.

6 Submission of all of the contest entry forms are required
7 for eligibility. Failure to include all completed contest entry
8 forms will render the contest entry ineligible.

9 Subp. 6. **Department liability.** The department assumes no
10 liability for damage, loss, or theft of a contest entry.

11 Subp. 7. **Reproduction rights.** A person winning a stamp
12 contest will receive no financial remuneration from the state.
13 The reproduction rights agreement required with the submission
14 of a contest entry will require the contest winner to agree to
15 grant the department the exclusive rights to use the contest
16 entry as the design for the applicable stamp and for use of the
17 stamp image on commercial products produced or licensed by the
18 department. All rights to the reproduction in a print form are
19 retained by the person submitting a contest entry, including the
20 contest winner. The remainder of the reproduction rights for
21 the design will be determined by the department on an annual
22 basis and will be specified in the reproduction rights agreement
23 form included in the contest application package. If a design
24 is reproduced in a limited edition by any party other than the
25 department or its licensees, the contest winner shall deliver
26 without cost to the department four signed prints numbered 2, 3,
27 4, and 5. If a design is reproduced in an open edition by any
28 party other than the department or its licensees, the contest
29 winner shall deliver without cost to the department four prints
30 of each edition.

31 6290.0400 DESIGN STANDARDS.

32 Subpart 1. **Eligible species.** The eligible species for
33 migratory waterfowl and trout and salmon contests shall be
34 specified in the contest application package. The eligible
35 species for the pheasant stamp shall be the ring-necked pheasant

1 (*Phasianus colchicus*). The eligible species should be the
2 primary subject of the contest entry. A contest entry may
3 contain species other than the eligible species as accompanying
4 design elements.

5 Subp. 2. **Background of contest entry.** The background or
6 setting of a contest entry shall only represent environments
7 found in Minnesota. Design elements in a contest entry should
8 be accurately portrayed as to ecology and anatomy, although they
9 need not be literal renditions.

10 Subp. 3. **Contest entry media and originality.** A contest
11 entry may be created in one or a combination of media, but shall
12 not include a photograph or other photographic product. A
13 contest entry shall be an original work of art created by the
14 person submitting the contest entry and shall be one of a kind
15 design. Contest entries may incorporate printing processes
16 including screen printing, intaglio, and relief.

17 Subp. 4. **Contest entry design size.** The design size of a
18 contest entry shall be two-dimensional on a horizontal format
19 nine inches in width and 6-1/2 inches in height. Winning
20 contest entries must produce a quality stamp image.

21 Subp. 5. **Matting requirements.** A contest entry shall be
22 firmly attached to solid white matting with dimensions of 12
23 inches in width and nine inches in height. No other color shall
24 be used for matting.

25 Subp. 6. **Contest entry thickness.** A contest entry shall
26 not exceed three-eighths inch in thickness, including matting.

27 Subp. 7. **Covering of contest entry.** A contest entry shall
28 not be framed or covered by glass or other material.

29 Subp. 8. **Ineligible contest entry.** A contest entry shall
30 be ineligible if:

31 A. it is signed, lettered, or contains any mark
32 identifying the artist on its front;

33 B. it has won first place in another stamp contest,
34 whether federal, state, or private;

35 C. it has been in the third round of a previous
36 department stamp contest; or

1 D. it does not meet the requirements contained in
2 parts 6290.0100 to 6290.0800.

3 6290.0500 CONTEST JUDGING.

4 Subpart 1. **Date and location of judging.** Notice of the
5 date, location of judging, and size of the judging panel for
6 each contest will be contained in the contest application
7 package.

8 Subp. 2. **Selection of judging panel.** Contest judging
9 panels will be chosen by the commissioner of natural resources
10 and will consist of at least five members from areas of
11 expertise including, but not limited to: art, hunting or
12 fishing, outdoor media, conservation, or publishing. Judges
13 will serve for a length of time to be established by the
14 department.

15 Subp. 3. **Assignment of identifying number.** Each contest
16 entry will be assigned an identifying number prior to the
17 judging to keep the identity of the artist of the contest entry
18 unknown to the judges. The identity of the artist of the
19 contest entries will not be revealed to the judges prior to the
20 selection of the winning entry.

21 Subp. 4. **Judging procedure.** Three rounds of judging will
22 be used to select a winner in each contest.

23 A. During the first round of judging, the judging
24 panel will view all eligible contest entries. Each judge shall
25 select all those contest entries that the judge wishes to see
26 advance to the second round.

27 B. During the second round, the contest entries
28 selected by any judge from the first round will be separated
29 from those contest entries not selected in the first round.
30 Each judge shall select all those contest entries that the judge
31 wishes to see advanced to the third round. Any contest entry
32 receiving at least three votes shall advance to the third
33 round. If no entry receives three votes, all entries receiving
34 two votes will advance to the third round.

35 C. During the third round, the judges shall give each

1 contest entry a numerical score. The contest entry receiving
2 the highest combined numerical score shall be selected the
3 winner. In the case of a tie for the winning entry or a tie for
4 second place, the judges will repeat the process described for
5 the third round, but only as to the tied entries. If for any
6 reason, the contest entry with the highest combined numerical
7 score is disqualified, the entry with the next highest combined
8 numerical score shall be selected the winner.

9 6290.0600 RETURN OF CONTEST ENTRIES.

10 Contest entries will be returned to the address specified
11 by the artist and artists are responsible for notifying the
12 department of an address change. If a contest entry is returned
13 to the department because it is undeliverable or unclaimed, the
14 department will not be obligated to trace the location of the
15 artist to return the contest entry. All unclaimed entries,
16 after one year, shall be assumed to be abandoned and shall
17 become the property of the department.

18 The winning entry shall be retained by the department for
19 such period of time as necessary to complete the stamp and stamp
20 image.

21 6290.0700 DISPLAY AND PROMOTION OF CONTEST ENTRIES.

22 All contest entries shall be subject to display for
23 promotion of the stamp and the stamp image by the department or
24 parties authorized by the department.

25 6290.0800 RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.

26 The department reserves the right to not conduct a stamp
27 contest. If the department conducts a stamp contest, the
28 department reserves the right not to select or use a winning
29 entry even if all requirements of this chapter are met.