

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Game and Fish**

1.3 **6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

1.4 [For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

1.5 Subp. 4. **Areas with hunting, trapping, and firearms restrictions.** The Bayport
1.6 Wildlife Management Area in Washington County, the Hastings Wildlife Management
1.7 Area in Dakota County, and the Raguet Wildlife Management Area in Scott and Carver
1.8 Counties are:

1.9 [For text of items A to C, see M.R.]

1.10 [For text of subp 5, see M.R.]

1.11 Subp. 6. **Areas closed to hunting only.** The following wildlife management areas
1.12 are closed to the hunting of all species:

1.13 A. Hearing Island and Interstate Island Wildlife Management Areas in St.
1.14 Louis County;

1.15 B. Pine City Wildlife Management Area in Pine County;

1.16 C. Wesley E. Olson Wildlife Management Area in Big Stone County;

1.17 D. Tom Cliff Wildlife Management Area in Waseca County;

1.18 E. Somsen Wildlife Management Area in Brown County;

1.19 F. that portion of the Perched Valley Wildlife Management Area located in
1.20 Section 6, Township 112 North, Range 13 West, and Section 31, Township 113 North,
1.21 Range 13 West, lying north and east of Highway 61; and

1.22 G. Carl and Verna Schmidt and Bur Oak Wildlife Management Areas in
1.23 LeSueur County.

1.24 [For text of subps 7 and 8, see M.R.]

2.1 Subp. 9. **Areas closed to firearms deer hunting.** The Lake Blanche Wildlife
2.2 Management Area in Otter Tail County, the Gordon F. Yeager Wildlife Management Area
2.3 in Olmstead County, and a portion of the Timber Lake Wildlife Management Area (as
2.4 posted) in Jackson County are closed to firearms deer hunting.

2.5 [For text of subp 10, see M.R.]

2.6 Subp. 11. **Areas with other restrictions.**

2.7 [For text of items A and B, see M.R.]

2.8 C. The Bass Brook Wildlife Management Area in Itasca County is closed to
2.9 trapping and firearms hunting. It is open to archery deer hunting.

2.10 D. The Mentel Wildlife Management Area in Mower County is closed to all
2.11 firearms hunting, but open for trapping and archery hunting.

2.12 [For text of subp 12, see M.R.]

2.13 Subp. 13. **Lead shot prohibited on posted managed dove fields.** A person may
2.14 not use or possess lead shot while hunting doves on posted managed dove fields in state
2.15 wildlife management areas.

2.16 **6230.0290 BECKLIN HOMESTEAD PARK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

2.17 The Becklin Homestead Park Wildlife Management Area is open to hunting and
2.18 trapping during the established seasons only to disabled hunters and trappers who meet
2.19 the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.055, subdivision 3, paragraphs (a)
2.20 and (b).

2.21 **6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

2.22 Subpart 1. **Hunting.** The Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area located
2.23 in Dakota County is closed to all hunting and trapping except:

2.24 A. archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting by special permit only;

3.1 B. pheasant hunting starting on the day following the close of the muzzleloader
3.2 deer season through the end of the statewide pheasant season;

3.3 C. late season goose hunting;

3.4 D. trapping by special permit only; and

3.5 E. spring turkey hunting.

3.6 Subp. 2. **Restrictions on hunting.** Persons may not hunt pheasants within
3.7 the Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area except when their vehicles are
3.8 occupying designated pheasant hunting parking stalls in designated parking lots. Persons
3.9 other than those hunting pheasants in the Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area
3.10 may not occupy a designated pheasant hunting parking stall in a designated parking lot.

3.11 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

3.12 [For text of subps 1 to 8, see M.R.]

3.13 Subp. 9. **Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges, Isanti County.** The
3.14 Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges in Isanti County are open to all hunting and
3.15 trapping, except waterfowl. Youth who are accompanied by a nonhunting adult and
3.16 participating in a mentoring program approved by the commissioner may hunt Canada
3.17 geese during the early goose season and waterfowl on youth waterfowl day.

3.18 [For text of items A to D, see M.R.]

3.19 [For text of subps 10 and 11, see M.R.]

3.20 Subp. 12. **Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge, Kanabec County.** The Fish
3.21 Lake-Ann River Game Refuge in Kanabec County is open to all hunting and trapping,
3.22 except waterfowl.

3.23 [For text of subp 13, see M.R.]

3.24 Subp. 14. [See repealer.]

4.1 [For text of subps 15 to 23, see M.R.]

4.2 Subp. 24. **Linn Lake Game Refuge, Chisago County.** The Linn Lake Game
4.3 Refuge in Chisago County is open to all hunting and trapping.

4.4 [For text of subps 25 to 32, see M.R.]

4.5 Subp. 33. **Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County.** The Ocheda Lake Game
4.6 Refuge in Nobles County is open to:

4.7 A. small game hunting, except from the first day of the regular duck season
4.8 through December 1;

4.9 B. trapping;

4.10 C. waterfowl hunting on youth waterfowl day;

4.11 D. Canada goose hunting during the early and late seasons, except that hunting
4.12 is prohibited within 100 yards of surface water during the early goose season; and

4.13 E. deer hunting by firearms and archery, except from the first day of the regular
4.14 duck season through December 1.

4.15 Subp. 34. **Park Rapids Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Park Rapids Game
4.16 Refuge in Hubbard County is open to trapping and deer hunting by archery.

4.17 [For text of subps 35 to 38, see M.R.]

4.18 Subp. 39. **Rochester Refuge, Olmsted County.** The Rochester Refuge in Olmsted
4.19 County is open to:

4.20 A. small game hunting, except waterfowl other than geese. Geese may be taken
4.21 during the early goose season only;

4.22 [For text of items B to D, see M.R.]

4.23 [For text of subps 40 to 51, see M.R.]

5.1 Subp. 52. **Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge, Anoka and Isanti Counties.**

5.2 The Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge in Anoka and Isanti Counties is open to
5.3 firearms and archery deer hunting.

5.4 Subp. 53. **Austin Game Refuge, Mower County.** The Austin Game Refuge in
5.5 Mower County is open to all hunting and trapping.

5.6 [For text of subps 54 to 58, see M.R.]

5.7 Subp. 59. **Lake Bemidji State Park, Beltrami County.** The southern unit of Lake
5.8 Bemidji State Park, located within the city limits of Bemidji, is open to deer hunting
5.9 by archery.

5.10 **6230.0700 LAC QUI PARLE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.**

5.11 [For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

5.12 Subp. 4. **Limitation on number of shells possessed.** Only persons hunting may
5.13 bring shotgun shells into the controlled hunting zone. A waterfowl or small game hunter
5.14 may not bring in more than 12 shells per trip or have in possession more than 12 shells at
5.15 any one time.

5.16 [For text of subps 5 and 6, see M.R.]

5.17 Subp. 7. **Limitation on number of trips.** Hunters are limited to two trips per day to
5.18 the hunting stations.

5.19 **6230.0800 THIEF LAKE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.**

5.20 [For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

5.21 Subp. 5. **Limitation on number of shells possessed.** Only persons hunting may
5.22 bring shotgun shells into the controlled hunting zone. A hunter may not bring more
5.23 than 12 shells per trip into the controlled hunting zone or have more than 12 shells in
5.24 possession at any one time.

6.1 [For text of subps 6 and 7, see M.R.]

6.2 **6232.0200 DEFINITIONS.**

6.3 [For text of subps 1 to 9, see M.R.]

6.4 Subp. 10. **Antler point.** "Antler point" means an antler projection measuring at least
6.5 one inch in length when measured from the base to the tip.

6.6 Subp. 11. **Earn-a-buck hunt.** "Earn-a-buck hunt" means a hunt in which a hunter
6.7 must tag at least one antlerless deer before tagging a legal buck.

6.8 **6232.0300 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING DEER.**

6.9 Subpart 1. **Season options.** A firearm deer hunter may purchase a firearm license
6.10 valid for the regular firearms deer season or a youth firearms license. A muzzleloader deer
6.11 hunter may purchase a muzzleloader license valid for the muzzleloader season or a youth
6.12 muzzleloader license. For the regular firearm season, a hunter must select either the A
6.13 or B season and this option will be printed on the license at the time of purchase. A
6.14 person may only hunt deer by firearms within the season option indicated on the person's
6.15 firearm license, except:

6.16 A. as prescribed in part 6232.1970, subpart 2, if adopted; and

6.17 B. a firearm license for any season option is valid in:

6.18 (1) the Metropolitan Deer Management Zone under part 6232.4700, subpart
6.19 158, if adopted;

6.20 (2) deer permit areas open for early antlerless hunting; and

6.21 (3) the special bovine tuberculosis area (deer permit area 101).

6.22 [For text of subps 2 to 4, see M.R.]

7.1 Subp. 5. **Tagging.** The tag of the license valid for taking the deer must be affixed
7.2 around the tendon or bone of a hind leg, around the base of an antler, or through a slit
7.3 cut in either ear.

7.4 [For text of subps 6 and 7, see M.R.]

7.5 Subp. 8. **Bag limit.** A person may not tag more than one legal buck per calendar
7.6 year using any combination of licenses. A person may not tag more than one deer during a
7.7 license year by any method, except as authorized in items A to H.

7.8 A. In deer areas designated as managed or intensive, a person may tag deer with
7.9 an archery, firearms, or muzzleloader license.

7.10 B. A person may tag a deer by archery, firearm, or muzzleloader with a bonus
7.11 permit in specified areas as prescribed in this chapter.

7.12 C. In no case may a person tag more than five deer per year by firearms, archery,
7.13 muzzleloader, or all methods combined, except additional deer may be taken as provided
7.14 in items D, subitem (4); E; F; and G.

7.15 D. Except as provided in items E, F, and G, the total bag limits by deer permit
7.16 area are as follows:

7.17 (1) the total bag limit for lottery deer permit areas is one deer;

7.18 (2) the total bag limit for managed deer permit areas is two deer. Archery,
7.19 firearms, and muzzleloader hunters using bonus permits may not harvest antlerless deer in
7.20 more than one managed deer permit area;

7.21 [For text of subitems (3) and (4), see M.R.]

7.22 E. Up to two antlerless deer may be taken in the early antlerless deer areas
7.23 as prescribed in part 6232.1750. These deer may be taken in addition to the bag limit
7.24 established in item C.

8.1 F. Hunters hunting in the Metropolitan Deer Management Zone under part
8.2 6232.4700, subpart 158, if adopted, may take and tag an unlimited number of deer.

8.3 G. Hunters hunting in the special bovine tuberculosis area (deer permit area 101)
8.4 may take and tag an unlimited number of deer.

8.5 H. Muzzleloader and archery deer hunters hunting in deer permit areas 300 to
8.6 399 may take deer under the most liberal bag limits prescribed for the deer permit area.

8.7 [For text of subp 9, see M.R.]

8.8 **6232.1300 SEASONS FOR TAKING DEER BY FIREARMS.**

8.9 [For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

8.10 Subp. 4a. **Metropolitan Deer Management Zone.** Legal bucks and antlerless deer
8.11 may be taken in the Metropolitan Deer Management Zone beginning on the Saturday
8.12 nearest November 6 and ending on the last day of the final firearms deer season. The
8.13 Metropolitan Deer Management Zone is deer permit area 601 according to part 6232.4700,
8.14 subpart 158, if adopted.

8.15 [For text of subps 5 and 6, see M.R.]

8.16 **6232.1950 TAKING DEER BY FIREARMS OR MUZZLELOADERS UNDER**
8.17 **BONUS PERMITS.**

8.18 Subpart 1. **Purchase.** The purchase of a bonus permit is authorized for any person
8.19 who has purchased and presents a regular firearms or muzzleloader deer license for the
8.20 current year. Bonus permits may be purchased for one-half the cost of a regular license
8.21 from electronic license system agents, the Department of Natural Resources License
8.22 Center, and other authorized agents.

8.23 Subp. 2. **Restrictions.**

9.1 A. Bonus permits may be used to take antlerless deer during the regular firearms
9.2 and muzzleloader seasons if the person has a valid license for that season.

9.3 B. During the regular firearms and muzzleloader seasons, one bonus permit may
9.4 be used to take an antlerless deer in one managed deer permit area as prescribed in part
9.5 6232.1750. Up to four bonus permits may be used to take antlerless deer in intensive
9.6 deer permit areas as prescribed in part 6232.1750 and in special hunt areas as prescribed
9.7 in part 6232.1600 or 6232.2100.

9.8 **6232.2100 MUZZLELOADER SEASON AND AREAS.**

9.9 Subpart 1. **Season.** The muzzleloader season is the 16-day deer season beginning the
9.10 Saturday nearest November 27. Special permit areas may be open for less than 16 days.

9.11 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

9.12 [For text of subp 3, see M.R.]

9.13 **6232.2800 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING BEARS.**

9.14 Subpart 1. **Bag limit.** A person may not take more than one bear in quota areas and
9.15 two bears in no-quota areas during any calendar year whether by firearm or archery. Bears
9.16 taken may be of either sex or any age except that bear cubs may not be taken.

9.17 [For text of subps 2 to 8, see M.R.]

9.18 **6232.3100 BEAR NO-QUOTA AREA.**

9.19 Licenses for the no-quota area are not limited in number and may be purchased at an
9.20 electronic licensing system (ELS) agent, ELS-Internet, or ELS-Telephone. A person may
9.21 purchase a license for both a quota area and the no-quota area in the same year. No-quota
9.22 licenses are valid only in the no-quota area.

9.23 **6234.0200 TAKING RUFFED GROUSE AND SPRUCE GROUSE.**

10.1 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Ruffed grouse and spruce grouse may be taken by firearm
10.2 or bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest September 16 to January 1, except when
10.3 January 1 is a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, the season closes the following Sunday.

10.4 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

10.5 **6234.0400 TAKING PHEASANTS.**

10.6 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Only cock (male) pheasants may be taken by firearm or
10.7 bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest October 13 to January 1, except when
10.8 January 1 is a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, the season closes the following Sunday.
10.9 Shooting hours are from 9:00 a.m. to sunset each day.

10.10 [For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]

10.11 **6234.0500 TAKING GRAY PARTRIDGE.**

10.12 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Gray (Hungarian) partridge may be taken by firearm or
10.13 bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest September 16 to January 1, except when
10.14 January 1 is a Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, the season closes the following Sunday.

10.15 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

10.16 **6236.0900 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR TAKING TURKEYS.**

10.17 [For text of subps 1 to 5, see M.R.]

10.18 Subp. 6. **Hunting with aid of bait or feed prohibited.**

10.19 A. A person may not hunt turkey:

10.20 (1) with the aid or use of bait or feed; or

10.21 (2) in the vicinity of bait or feed if the person knows or has reason to know
10.22 that bait or feed is present.

11.1 B. An area is considered baited for ten days after the complete removal of all
11.2 bait or feed.

11.3 C. For purposes of this subpart, "bait or feed" includes grains, fruits, vegetables,
11.4 nuts, or other food that is capable of attracting or enticing turkey and that has been placed
11.5 by a person. Food that has not been placed by a person and resulting from normal or

11.6 accepted farming, forest management, wildlife food plantings, orchard management, or
11.7 other similar land management activities is not bait or feed.

11.8 D. A person otherwise in compliance with this subpart who is hunting on
11.9 private or public property that is adjacent to property where bait or feed is present is not
11.10 in violation of this subpart if the person has not participated in, been involved with, or
11.11 agreed to baiting or feeding wildlife on the adjacent property.

11.12 **6240.0400 TAKING OF RAILS.**

11.13 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sora and Virginia rails may be taken from September 1 to
11.14 the end of woodcock season as prescribed under part 6240.0300. King rails may not be
11.15 taken or possessed.

11.16 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

11.17 **6240.0500 TAKING OF COMMON SNIPE.**

11.18 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Common snipe may be taken from September 1 to the end
11.19 of woodcock season as prescribed under part 6240.0300.

11.20 Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than eight common snipe per day
11.21 during the open season.

11.22 **6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS.**

11.23 Subpart 1. **Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.** Ducks, mergansers, coots,
11.24 moorhens, and Canada geese may be taken statewide on the Saturday nearest September
12.1 17 by hunters 15 years of age or younger. An adult mentor 18 years of age or older, who
12.2 is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at all
12.3 times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting license or
12.4 waterfowl stamps are required.

12.5 [For text of subps 2 and 3, see M.R.]

12.6 **6240.1750 TAKING GEESE IN NORTHWEST GOOSE ZONE.**

12.7 Subpart 1. **Open season.** The open season for taking Canada geese in the Northwest
12.8 Goose Zone, described in part 6240.0860, begins the first Saturday in September, except
12.9 the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on
12.10 September 7. The season closes on September 22.

12.11 Subp. 2. **Daily limits.** A person may not take more than five Canada geese per day
12.12 during the early season.

12.13 **6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.**

12.14 [For text of subp 1, see M.R.]

12.15 Subp. 2. **Game refuges.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint
12.16 James Game Refuge in Watonwan County are open to goose hunting during the first three
12.17 days of the regular goose season in the respective zones in which they are located. The
12.18 Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting from the last Saturday of the December
12.19 Canada goose season to the end of the goose season in the zone in which it is located,
12.20 except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.

12.21 Subp. 3. **Waterfowl refuges.** The Harstad Slough Waterfowl Refuge in Stevens
12.22 County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The
12.23 Mud-Bardwell Waterfowl Refuge in Martin County is open to Canada goose hunting from
12.24 the Saturday on or nearest November 1 to the end of the goose season in the zone in which
12.25 it is located, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Mud and Bardwell
13.1 Lakes. The Rickert Lake Waterfowl Refuge in Steele County is open to Canada goose
13.2 hunting during the early September goose season. The waterfowl sanctuary within this
13.3 refuge is closed to hunting and trespass, as posted.

13.4 **6240.2100 DESIGNATED MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND**
 13.5 **RESTING AREAS.**

13.6 Subpart 1. **Designation of entire lakes.** The following lakes are designated as
 13.7 migratory waterfowl feeding and resting areas:

13.8	Name	Location	County
13.9	A. Bakers Lake	T.114N; R.29W	McLeod
13.10	B. Bear Lake	T.101N; R.22W	Freeborn
13.11	C. Big Rice Lake	T.140, 141N; R.26W	Cass
13.12	D. Cottonwood Lake	T.106N; R.25W	Blue Earth
13.13	E. Diamond Lake	T.110N; R.23W	Le Sueur
13.14	F. Dora Lake	T.110N; R.23W	Le Sueur
13.15	G. Lake Johanna	T.123N; R.36W	Pope
13.16	H. Lake Lillian	T.117N; R.33, 34W	Kandiyohi
13.17	I. Little Puposky Lake	T.149N; R.33, 34W	Beltrami
13.18	J. Mud Lake	T.131N; R.43W	Otter Tail
13.19	K. Mud Lake	T.114N; R.26W	Sibley
13.20	L. Nelson Lake	T.124N; R.38W	Pope
13.21	M. Oakleaf Lake	T.110N; R.26W	Nicollet
13.22	N. Pleasant Lake	T.113N; R.23W	Scott
13.23	O. Puposky Lake	T.149N; R.33, 34W	Beltrami
13.24	P. Rice Lake	T.148, 149N; R.27W	Itasca
13.25	Q. Rice Lake	T.111N; R.23W	Le Sueur
13.26	R. Sanborn Lake	T.112N; R.23W	Le Sueur
13.27	S. Scotch Lake	T.110N; R.25W	Le Sueur
13.28	T. Squaw Lake	T.148, 149N; R.27W	Itasca
13.29	U. Tiger Lake	T.115N; R.26W	Carver
14.1	V. Turtle Lake	T.148N; R.39W	Polk
14.2	W. Unnamed Lake	T.114N; R.29W; S.28	McLeod
14.3	X. Upper Rice Lake	T.145N; R.36, 37W	Clearwater
14.4	Y. Wagonga Lake	T.118, 119N; R.34, 35W	Kandiyohi

14.5	Z.	Washington Lake	T.114N; R.26W	Sibley
14.6	AA.	Goose Lake	T.143N; R.23W	Cass
14.7	BB.	Lake Henry	T.110N; R.25W	Le Sueur
14.8	CC.	Mud Lake	T.144N; R.23W	Cass
14.9	DD.	Thielke Lake	T.122N; R.46W	Big Stone

14.10 [For text of subps 2 to 9, see M.R.]

14.11 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0400, subpart 14; 6230.1200; 6232.0100,
14.12 subpart 5; 6232.2100, subpart 2; 6237.0600; and 6237.0700, are repealed.