

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Aquatic Wildlife**

1.3 **6212.1400 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR POSSESSION PERMITS.**

1.4 Subpart 1. **Permit requirements.** Permits for the taking, transportation, disposal,
1.5 or possession of protected wild animals, whether dead or alive, or their parts, nests, or
1.6 eggs will be issued as provided by this part. Applications for permits from individuals or
1.7 institutions must be made in writing and must be submitted as specified. The commissioner
1.8 will determine whether the applicant meets the criteria for issuance of the permit.

1.9 Subp. 2. **Issuance of permits.**

1.10 A. Permits may be issued upon written application made by individuals or
1.11 institutions currently conducting propagation, research, scientific programs, or educational
1.12 programs in the fields of biology or natural history.

1.13 B. Permits may be issued upon written application made by media outlets to
1.14 enable them to conduct educational programs and to promote outdoor recreation and
1.15 programs in the fields of biology or natural history.

1.16 C. Individuals, media outlets, or institutions must have appropriate and adequate
1.17 facilities for the care, exhibition, or storage of the specimens sought to be taken, acquired,
1.18 or possessed.

1.19 D. A permit may not be issued unless the commissioner has first determined that
1.20 the permitted act will not be detrimental to the species or cause harm to natural resources.
1.21 Conditions for permits may be specified to protect species and enhance knowledge of the
1.22 species including:

1.23 (1) limits on the number of people authorized by the permit;

1.24 (2) when authorized activities may be conducted, including seasonal, daily,
1.25 or other time restrictions;

2.1 (3) where authorized activities may be conducted;

2.2 (4) how authorized activities are conducted, including methods that may be
2.3 used to collect or dispose of data, animals, or other resources;

2.4 (5) limits on the quantity or types of animals or other resources that may be
2.5 removed or collected; or

2.6 (6) a requirement to deposit with the University of Minnesota at least one
2.7 voucher specimen for each species collected in a time frame specified in the permit.

2.8 E. The following criteria shall be considered when making a decision on issuing
2.9 conditions for a permit:

2.10 (1) whether the activity will advance knowledge, understanding,
2.11 interpretation, or management of the species;

2.12 (2) whether the activity will advance retention and recruitment of people
2.13 involved in outdoor skills;

2.14 (3) whether alternative locations for carrying out the activity are available;

2.15 (4) whether the activity interferes with other public use, research,
2.16 educational, or management activities;

2.17 (5) whether there are other reasonable alternatives for conducting the
2.18 activity; or

2.19 (6) whether the applicant is qualified to conduct the activities authorized
2.20 by the permit.

2.21 [For text of subps 3 and 4, see M.R.]

2.22 Subp. 5. **Offspring.** Offspring of any specimen possessed under a permit will be
2.23 subject to this part and to all the terms and conditions set forth in the permit.

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

3.1 Subp. 8. **Expiration, cancellation, and revocation of collector permits.** All
3.2 permits issued as provided by this part expire on December 31 of the year of issuance,
3.3 unless otherwise specified in the permit, and may be renewed.

3.4 All permits issued as provided by this part are subject to immediate cancellation
3.5 by the commissioner upon determination that such cancellation is necessary for the
3.6 conservation of the natural resources of this state, for the welfare of particular specimens,
3.7 or is in the public interest.

3.8 Violation of any of the provisions of this part or the terms of any permit issued
3.9 under those parts may result in immediate revocation of the permit, and may subject the
3.10 permittee to other penalties established by law.

3.11 Subp. 9. **Permits for pets.** Permits are not issued for the taking or possession of
3.12 protected wild animals as pets, except for raptors as provided by chapter 6238.

3.13 **6262.0100 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.**

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

3.15 Subp. 5. **Possession of fish while on state waters.**

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

3.17 D. While on or fishing in state waters with size restrictions that differ from
3.18 statewide regulations, including experimental waters, special management waters,
3.19 boundary waters, or any other waters with size restrictions, all fish for which the different
3.20 size restrictions apply must be undressed and measurable when in a person's possession,
3.21 regardless of where taken, except under the following conditions:

3.22 (1) when a watercraft is docked or moored to shore or when on the ice and
3.23 a person is in the act of preparing and using the fish for a meal; or

3.24 (2) when a person is on an experimental or special management water and
3.25 the fish were lawfully taken, have been packaged and labeled by a licensed fish packer,

4.1 are to be prepared for a meal while on the ice or shore of that water body, and do not
4.2 otherwise exceed the statewide possession limits.

4.3 When fish are consumed under subitem (1) ~~or (2)~~, the angler must maintain the
4.4 carcass of a fish with size limits in such a way that the carcass may be readily unpacked,
4.5 unwrapped, and separated so that the carcass may be examined, measured, and counted
4.6 to ensure compliance with size restrictions for that day, as defined under Minnesota
4.7 Statutes, section 645.45.

4.8 [For text of items E and F, see M.R.]

4.9 **Subp. 6. Angling tackle.**

4.10 A. An angler may have up to three single or multiple hooks on a line used as a
4.11 single tackle configuration attached to the end of a fishing line. The total configuration
4.12 from the first hook to the last hook must be nine inches or less. Live, artificial, preserved,
4.13 or dead bait is allowed. This configuration is not considered an artificial bait or fly.

4.14 B. An angler may have one additional single or multiple hook on a line as part
4.15 of an artificial bait as long as it is within three inches of the artificial bait.

4.16 C. Except for a single artificial bait or three artificial flies, an angling rig with
4.17 more than one hook is not allowed on designated trout streams and lakes.

4.18 **6262.0500 WATERS CLOSED TO TAKING FISH.**

4.19 Subpart 1. **Waters permanently closed to taking fish.** The following waters or
4.20 designated portions are closed to the taking of all fish at all times, except by permit
4.21 according to part 6260.0300, subpart 1, and Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.041:

4.22 [For text of items A to E, see M.R.]

4.23 F. Douglas and Grant Counties: Lake Christina, S.3-11,17,18, T.130, R.40 and
4.24 S.1,12,13, T.130, R.41.

5.1 G. Goodhue County: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below U.S. Lock and
5.2 Dam No. 3 near Red Wing, S.10, T.113, R.15; except that fishing from shore within 150
5.3 feet below the lock and dam and from boats that remain outside the 150-foot restricted
5.4 zone is permitted.

5.5 H. Hennepin County: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below the St. Anthony
5.6 Falls Dam at Minneapolis, S.23, T.29, R.24.

5.7 I. Hennepin and Ramsey Counties: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below
5.8 U.S. Lock and Dam No. 1 (Ford Dam), between Minneapolis and St. Paul, S.17, T.28,
5.9 R.23.

5.10 J. Houston County: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below U.S. Lock and
5.11 Dam No. 8 near Reno, S.7, T.101, R.3; except that fishing from shore within 150 feet
5.12 below the lock and dam and from boats that remain outside the 150-foot restricted zone is
5.13 permitted.

5.14 K. Itasca County:

5.15 (1) Mississippi River, within 300 feet below the Pokegama Reservoir
5.16 Dam, S.13, T.55, R.26.

5.17 (2) Mississippi River, from 500 feet upstream to 300 feet downstream of
5.18 the Blandin Dam, S.21, T.55, R.25.

5.19 L. Itasca and Cass Counties: Winnibigoshish Lake. See Cass and Itasca
5.20 counties for area closed.

5.21 M. Otter Tail County:

5.22 (1) Stream between East and West Battle Lakes, S.33,34, T.133, R.39.

5.23 (2) Area between West Battle and Clitherall Lakes, S.2,11, T.132, R.40.

6.1 (3) Pelican River from bridge in Trunk Highway 59 to Lake Lizzie, S.20,
6.2 T.137, R.42.

6.3 N. Ramsey County:

6.4 (1) Charles Lake, including inlet and outlet channels, S.12, T.30, R.23.

6.5 (2) Deep Lake, including inlet and outlet channels, S.5,6,7, T.30, R.22.

6.6 (3) Pleasant Lake, including inlet and outlet channels, S.7,8,18,19, T.30,
6.7 R.22, and S.12,13, T.30, R.23.

6.8 O. Ramsey and Anoka Counties: Wilkinson Lake, including inlet and outlet
6.9 channels. See Anoka and Ramsey Counties.

6.10 P. Ramsey and Hennepin Counties: Mississippi River. See Hennepin and
6.11 Ramsey counties for area closed.

6.12 Q. St. Louis County: French River, between Lake Superior and the new
6.13 Highway 61, S.17, T.52, R.12.

6.14 R. St. Louis and Carlton Counties: St. Louis River, from the Fond du Lac Dam
6.15 downstream for one-half mile to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable, S.6, T.48, R.15.

6.16 S. Wabasha County: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below U.S. Lock and
6.17 Dam No. 4 near Kellogg, S.17, T.110, R.9; except that fishing from shore within 150
6.18 feet below the lock and dam and from boats that remain outside the 150-foot restricted
6.19 zone is permitted.

6.20 T. Washington and Dakota Counties: Mississippi River. See Dakota and
6.21 Washington Counties for area closed.

6.22 U. Winona County: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below the following U.S.
6.23 Locks and Dams: No. 5, S.17, T.108, R.8; No. 5A, S.9, T.107, R.7; No. 6, S.8, T.106,
6.24 R.5, near Winona; and No. 7, S.28, T.105, R.4, near Dresbach; except that fishing from

7.1 shore within 150 feet below these locks and dams and from boats that remain outside
7.2 the 150-foot restricted zone is permitted.

7.3 V. Lake and St. Louis Counties: Knife River from the U.S. Highway 61 bridge
7.4 in S.36, T.52, R.12, downstream to the cable below the Knife River fish trap in S.31,
7.5 T.52, R.11 and S.36, T.52, R.12.

7.6 W. Morrison County: Mississippi River, Zebulon Pike Reservoir's portion
7.7 known as Musky Bay T.138, R.30, S.1 E1/2 of NE1/4.

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

7.9 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, parts 6212.1500; and 6212.1700, are repealed.

7.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6212.1400, 6262.0100,
7.11 and 6262.0500, and the repealer are effective November 1, 2011.