

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Game and Fish: State Game Refuges and**
1.3 **Taking Big and Small Game**

1.4 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

1.5 [For text of subps 1 to 20, see M.R.]

1.6 Subp. 21. **Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties.**

1.7 The following special provisions apply to the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and
1.8 Lac qui Parle Counties:

1.9 A. Those portions within the Lac qui Parle Mission Site are closed to hunting.

1.10 The remainder of the refuge is open to:

1.11 (1) waterfowl hunting only during the open Canada goose season in
1.12 the West Central Goose Zone, only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts
1.13 6230.0500 to 6230.0700;

1.14 [For text of subitem (2), see M.R.]

1.15 (3) small game hunting other than waterfowl, except from the second
1.16 Saturday in October through the last day of the open Canada goose season in the West
1.17 Central Goose Zone, when small game hunting is allowed only at designated hunting
1.18 stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.0700. Small game hunting is not allowed
1.19 on closed Canada goose hunting days during a split goose season.

1.20 B. A person may not trespass on any part of the refuge which is posted with
1.21 signs prohibiting trespass during the dates posted, except that fishing is permitted in
1.22 the posted closed area within the Lac qui Parle Goose Zone, except from the second
1.23 Saturday in October through the last day of the open Canada goose season in the West
1.24 Central Goose Zone.

1.25 [For text of items C and D, see M.R.]

2.1 [For text of subps 22 to 59, see M.R.]

2.2 **6232.2100 MUZZLELOADER SEASON AND AREAS.**

2.3 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

2.4 Subp. 3. **Legal deer by muzzleloader.** Antlerless deer and legal bucks may be
2.5 taken by muzzleloader during the muzzleloader season in any managed or intensive area.
2.6 Muzzleloader hunters may take antlerless deer in a lottery area only if the person has
2.7 obtained an either-sex permit through the procedure described in part 6232.1800.

2.8 **6232.3200 BAIT STATIONS AND GARBAGE DUMPS.**

2.9 Subpart 1. **Bait station restriction.**

2.10 A. A person may not establish, service, maintain, or sign any bear bait station
2.11 prior to the Friday nearest August 14.

2.12 B. In order to establish, service, maintain, or sign any bear bait station, a person
2.13 must have a valid bear hunting license or be operating under the direction of a person
2.14 with a valid bear hunting license.

2.15 C. No more than three bait stations may be placed at one time for each licensed
2.16 bear hunter. If a hunter wishes to establish a different bait station, one of the hunter's three
2.17 existing bait stations must be removed. Each licensed bear hunting outfitter may establish
2.18 up to three bait stations in addition to bait stations placed for licensed hunters.

2.19 Subp. 2. **Registration of bait station.** A person may not establish a bear bait station
2.20 without registering the site as provided in this subpart.

2.21 A. The following information must be provided on a form provided by the
2.22 commissioner or on an 8-1/2 inch by 11 inch sheet of paper:

2.23 (1) name, address, Minnesota DNR number, and telephone number of
2.24 person who established the bear bait station; and

3.1 [For text of subitem (2), see M.R.]

3.2 [For text of item B, see M.R.]

3.3 Subp. 3. **Display of sign.** A person establishing a bear bait station must display a
3.4 sign at the site meeting the following requirements.

3.5 A. The sign must be made of plastic, wood, or metal and must be at least six
3.6 inches by ten inches in size and, on public land, no more than 18 inches by 24 inches in
3.7 size.

3.8 B. The sign must contain:

3.9 (1) for unguided hunters, the full name and either the Minnesota DNR
3.10 number or Minnesota driver's license number of the person on whose behalf the bait is
3.11 placed; or

3.12 (2) if placed by a bear hunting outfitter for a client, the outfitter's Minnesota
3.13 driver's license number or bear hunting outfitter license number.

3.14 [For text of items C to E, see M.R.]

3.15 F. Only signs prescribed in items A to D may be used. Warning or other signs
3.16 used to mark generic locations of bait stations or advise people of bait stations on public
3.17 land are prohibited.

3.18 [For text of subps 4 to 7, see M.R.]

3.19 **6232.3500 BEAR HUNTING OUTFITTERS.**

3.20 Subpart 1. **Application for bear hunting outfitter and master bear hunting**
3.21 **outfitter licenses.** An application for a bear hunting outfitter or master bear hunting
3.22 outfitter license can be obtained from the License Center.

3.23 Subp. 2. **Deadline for license issuance.** A bear hunting outfitter or master bear
3.24 hunting outfitter license may not be issued after August 31 in any year.

4.1 Subp. 2a. **Adding persons to a master bear hunting outfitter license.**

4.2 A. A person may be added to a master bear hunting license through the License
4.3 Center.

4.4 B. The licensee may add additional persons to a master bear hunting outfitter
4.5 license at any time.

4.6 C. Any person listed under a master bear hunting license remains on that license
4.7 for the entire license year. No person may be substituted for a person listed under a master
4.8 bear hunting outfitter license.

4.9 Subp. 3. **Required reporting by bear hunting outfitters and master bear hunting**
4.10 **outfitters.**

4.11 A. All licensed bear hunting outfitters and master bear hunting outfitters must
4.12 complete the report form provided with the license and return it to the specified address no
4.13 later than ten days after the close of the bear season. Failure to submit this report or failure
4.14 to provide all requested information may result in ineligibility for a bear hunting outfitter
4.15 or master bear hunting outfitter license for the following bear season.

4.16 B. The report must show for each outfitter:

- 4.17 (1) the names and addresses of all hunters guided;
- 4.18 (2) the Minnesota DNR number of all hunters guided;
- 4.19 (3) the bear zones hunted;
- 4.20 (4) whether a bear was harvested;
- 4.21 (5) the date the bear was harvested; and
- 4.22 (6) the sex of the bear harvested.

4.23 C. Information required under item B, subitems (1) to (3), must be recorded on
4.24 the report form before any bear hunting activity takes place.

5.1 D. Information required under item B, subitems (4) to (6), must be recorded on
5.2 the report form within 24 hours of a bear being harvested by a guided hunter or within 24
5.3 hours of the completion of a hunt when a bear is not harvested.

5.4 E. The records required under this subpart must be available for inspection by
5.5 the commissioner. The records must be preserved and available for three years after the
5.6 expiration of the license.

5.7 Subp. 4. **Eligibility requirements.** To be eligible for a bear hunting outfitters license
5.8 or master bear hunting outfitters license, an applicant must be at least 16 years of age and
5.9 submit proof that the applicant:

5.10 A. is certified for standard first aid and CPR by the American Red Cross or
5.11 American Heart Association or through an equivalent course;

5.12 B. has completed a department-approved advanced hunter education/bear
5.13 hunting outfitter clinic;

5.14 C. is eligible to possess a Minnesota big game hunting license; and

5.15 D. has scored at least 70 percent on a written bear hunting outfitter exam,
5.16 administered by the commissioner.

5.17 This subpart is effective one year after the effective date of this part.

5.18 **6234.0800 HUNTING BY FALCONRY.**

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

5.20 Subp. 4. **Open season and hours for migratory game birds.** Woodcock, sora
5.21 and Virginia rails, morning dove, and common snipe may be taken by falconry from
5.22 September 1 to December 16. Ducks, coots, and moorhens (Gallinules) may be taken
5.23 by falconry from the Saturday nearest October 1 to the Saturday nearest January 14.
5.24 Geese may be taken by falconry during any open goose season. Crows may be taken by
5.25 falconry during the open season. Falconry hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to

6.1 sunset, except during the regular waterfowl season when falconry hours are the same as
6.2 waterfowl shooting hours.

6.3 **6234.2200 USE OF TRAPS.**

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

6.5 Subp. 2. **Trap-tending interval; nondrowning sets.**

6.6 A. Any trap, except a body-gripping or "conibear" type trap, capable of
6.7 capturing a protected wild animal and not capable of drowning the animal must be tended
6.8 at least once each calendar day and any animal captured must be removed from the trap. A
6.9 body-gripping or "conibear" type trap need not be tended more frequently than once every
6.10 third calendar day and any animal captured must be removed from the trap.

6.11 B. Foothold traps with a jaw spread of 4.75 inches or less or a rat type snap trap,
6.12 contained entirely within a container with an opening of no more than two inches in height
6.13 or width, need not be tended more frequently than once every third calendar day and any
6.14 animal captured must be removed from the trap. This item applies only to sets that are
6.15 designed to immediately kill the animal.

6.16 [For text of subps 3 to 6, see M.R.]

6.17 Subp. 7. **Placement of body-gripping traps.** A person may not set, place, or
6.18 operate any body-gripping or "conibear" type trap that has a maximum jaw opening, when
6.19 set, of greater than 6-1/2 inches measured from the inside edges of the body-gripping
6.20 portions of the jaws:

6.21 A. in a road right-of-way within 500 feet of a building occupied by a human or
6.22 livestock without written permission of the landowner, except as a completely submerged
6.23 waterset; or

6.24 B. in or within three feet of the opening of a six-foot-wide or smaller culvert,
6.25 except as a completely submerged waterset.

7.1 [For text of subp 8, see M.R.]

7.2 Subp. 9. **Marking trapping site.** Prior to the opening of the trapping season for any
7.3 protected species of wild animal, no trap, either set or unset, may be placed or staked and
7.4 no flag, stake, or other device may be placed for the purpose of marking or preempting
7.5 a trapping site. During the muskrat trapping season, no flag, stake, or other device may
7.6 be placed in or on a muskrat house for the purpose of marking or preempting a trap site
7.7 unless an operational trap is set at the site at the time it is first staked or marked.

7.8 [For text of subps 10 to 12, see M.R.]

7.9 **6234.2300 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.**

7.10 Subpart 1. **Regulation of snares as traps.** Unless otherwise specified, snares may
7.11 be used for taking all species of protected wild animals that may be taken by the use of
7.12 traps. The use of snares is subject to all rules for the use of traps that are consistent with
7.13 parts 6234.2300 and 6232.2400.

7.14 Subp. 2. [Repealed, L 2005 c 146 s 52]

7.15 Subp. 3. [Repealed, L 2005 c 146 s 52]

7.16 **6234.2400 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.**

7.17 Subpart 1. **Scope.** The provisions of parts 6234.2300 and 6232.2400 apply to the
7.18 use of snares capable of taking a wild animal protected under provisions of Minnesota
7.19 Statutes, sections 97B.601 to 97B.671 or 97B.901 to 97B.945.

7.20 [For text of subps 2 to 10, see M.R.]

7.21 **6240.0250 TAKING MOURNING DOVES.**

7.22 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Mourning doves may be taken during the 60-day period
7.23 beginning September 1.

8.1 Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than 15 mourning doves per day
8.2 during the open season.

8.3 **6240.1200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY**
8.4 **SEASONS.**

8.5 Subpart 1. **Taking near water.**

8.6 A. Taking Canada geese during the early seasons is prohibited on or within 100
8.7 yards of all surface waters in the following areas:

8.8 (1) the Northwest Goose Zone;

8.9 (2) all of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area, including that
8.10 portion outside the Twin Cities Metro Goose Zone;

8.11 (3) the Swan Lake area in Nicollet County, within the boundary described
8.12 as follows:

8.13 Beginning at the junction of State Trunk Highway (STH) 14 and County State-Aid
8.14 Highway (CSAH) 12 north along CSAH 12 to CSAH 5; thence east along CSAH 5
8.15 to CSAH 13; thence south along CSAH 13 to STH 99; thence west along STH 99
8.16 to CSAH 17; thence south along CSAH 17 to STH 14; thence northwest and west
8.17 along STH 14 to CSAH 12; and

8.18 (4) Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County.

8.19 [For text of item B, see M.R.]

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

8.21 **6240.1700 TAKING GEESE IN SOUTHEAST ZONE EARLY SEASON.**

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

8.23 Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than five Canada geese per day
8.24 during the early season.

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

- 9.1 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, parts 6234.2100, subparts 5 and 6; 6234.2500; and
- 9.2 6234.3000, subpart 5, are repealed.