

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Permanent Game and Fish Rules: Aquatic Regulation**

1.3 **6260.1800 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON LAKE SUPERIOR.**

1.4 Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.** The species of fish in this subpart may be
1.5 taken in Lake Superior by licensed commercial operators according to this subpart.

1.6 A. Chubs, alewives, smelt, and rough fish may be taken at any time. Ciscoes may
1.7 be taken from December 1 through October 31, except that ciscoes may be taken from
1.8 November 1 through November 30 under a special permit approved by the commissioner.

1.9 B. Lake whitefish and round whitefish may be taken in gill, pound, or trap nets
1.10 under a special permit approved by the commissioner. Incidental catch of lake and round
1.11 whitefish in other commercial fishing operations may be possessed but must be reported
1.12 on forms provided by the commissioner.

1.13 C. Lake trout and siscowet may not be taken by commercial fishing except by
1.14 special permit. Lake trout and siscowet legally taken under permit or incidentally taken to
1.15 commercial operations and dead when removed from the water may be possessed only if
1.16 sealed with a tag, provided by the commissioner, affixed through the mouth and out the
1.17 gill. Untagged lake trout and siscowet may not be possessed, bought, or sold by licensed
1.18 commercial operators. All incidentally taken live lake trout and all untagged dead lake
1.19 trout must be returned to the water immediately.

1.20 Subp. 2. **Use of gill nets.** While used on Lake Superior, a tag which is not smaller than
1.21 2-1/2 inches by five-eighths inch permanently bearing the owner's name and address must
1.22 be attached to one end of the gill net float line near the first float.

1.23 While used on Lake Superior, cisco nets are considered gill nets which are weighted to
1.24 fish in a floating or suspended position off the bottom, and chub nets are gill nets which
1.25 are weighted to fish on the bottom.

2.1 Subp. 3. **Use of pound or trap nets.** Hoops and center leads of pound nets used on
2.2 Lake Superior may be of any length and diameter. A trap net may not exceed six feet in
2.3 height and a hoop may not exceed six feet in diameter. The webbing for pound or trap nets,
2.4 including leads, may not exceed 2-1/2 inch stretch measure, or be of twine size less than 9
2.5 gauge or 70 pound strength. Pound or trap nets may not be set within one-quarter mile of
2.6 the mouth of any stream unless approved by the commissioner. Pound or trap nets may not
2.7 be set in harbors from May 25 through March 31, except for St. Louis Bay downstream
2.8 (east) of the U.S. Highway 53 bridge, unless approved by the commissioner. Commercial
2.9 operators must notify the Lake Superior Fisheries Office within 48 hours if they are unable
2.10 to lift and empty pound or trap nets at least once every 48 hours. All net stakes, lines, and
2.11 anchors must be removed from the lake bed within ten days of removing pound and trap
2.12 nets. Commercial operators must notify the Lake Superior Fisheries Office prior to setting
2.13 pound or trap nets and at the beginning of each week that pound or trap nets are used. The
2.14 commissioner may deny the use of pound or trap nets during periods when such use would
2.15 conflict with fisheries management activities. Pound or trap nets must be marked with a
2.16 tag which is at least 2-1/2 inches by five-eighths inch permanently bearing the owner's
2.17 name and address and attached to the top rope of the back side of the pound or crib. Trap
2.18 nets set with anchors must have attached to the end farthest from shore one fluorescent
2.19 orange or fluorescent red marker buoy constructed so that a minimum of 18 inches of buoy
2.20 surface is visible above water in the absence of current or under the weight of nets and
2.21 line. The number of the owner's Lake Superior commercial fishing license must be plainly
2.22 marked, in black, on the marker buoy. The marker buoy must be marked with a fluorescent
2.23 orange or fluorescent red flag, at least one foot square, attached to the top of a flagstaff
2.24 at least five feet long, and the buoy constructed so that the flagstaff is supported in a
2.25 vertical position. Each flagstaff must display one linear foot of reflective surface material
2.26 immediately below the flag. All buoys and floats used in pound or trap net sets must be
2.27 constructed of styrofoam, plastic, rubber, or other materials nonhazardous to navigation.

3.1 Subp. 4. **Required net markings.** Gill nets, when set in Lake Superior, must be
3.2 attached at each end to fluorescent orange or fluorescent red marker buoys constructed
3.3 such that a minimum of 18 inches of buoy surface is visible above water in the absence of
3.4 current or under the weight of nets and lines. The number of the owner's Lake Superior
3.5 commercial fishing license must be plainly marked, in black, on each end marker buoy.
3.6 Each end marker buoy must be marked with a fluorescent orange or fluorescent red flag, at
3.7 least one foot square, attached to the top of a flagstaff at least five feet long, and the buoy
3.8 must be constructed so that the flagstaff is supported in a vertical position. Each flagstaff
3.9 must display one linear foot of reflective surface material immediately below the flag. In
3.10 addition, the marker buoy attached to the shoreward (or westerly) end of each set must
3.11 have a one foot square white flag positioned immediately below the fluorescent orange or
3.12 fluorescent red flag. No other staffs or flags employed in gill net sets may be marked with
3.13 fluorescent orange or fluorescent red flags. Float or trip buoys used to support suspended
3.14 nets for fishing cisco must be of vinyl or PVC material measuring a minimum of 15 inches
3.15 in diameter of fluorescent red or orange color. All buoys and floats used in gill net sets must
3.16 be constructed of styrofoam, plastic, rubber, or other materials nonhazardous to navigation.

3.17 Subp. 5. **Net limits for individual operators.**

3.18 A. No more than 100,000 feet of cisco net may be licensed in Minnesota waters of
3.19 Lake Superior and no more than 2,000 feet of cisco net may be allocated to an individual
3.20 licensee, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.835.

3.21 B. No more than 100,000 feet of chub net may be licensed in Minnesota waters of
3.22 Lake Superior and no more than 10,000 feet of chub net may be allocated to an individual
3.23 licensee, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.835.

3.24 C. No more than five pound nets shall be licensed in Minnesota waters for taking
3.25 smelt. Taking smelt by commercial gear is allowed only in Minnesota's Lake Superior

4.1 management zone 1, referenced as "MN1" on the map posted on the Department of
4.2 Natural Resources' Web site.

4.3 Subp. 6. **Net locations.** Gill nets may not be set within one-quarter mile of the shore
4.4 in the area extending from the Superior entrance to Pigeon River, except under permit
4.5 issued by the commissioner. From June 1 through Labor Day, gill nets not under permit
4.6 must be at least one-half mile from the entrance of marinas or public accesses. Gill nets
4.7 set on the bottom may not be in water shallower than 50 fathoms if closer than one mile
4.8 from the Minnesota shore and 40 fathoms if farther than one mile from the Minnesota
4.9 shore except under permit.

4.10 Subp. 7. **Required reporting.** Commercial fishing operators must submit a record of
4.11 their commercial fishing operations for each month of the calendar year on forms provided
4.12 by the commissioner. These reports must be submitted to the address identified on the
4.13 form so that they are received within ten days after the end of the month for which the
4.14 report is made. Reports must be made regardless of whether fish are taken and regardless
4.15 of whether any fishing operations have taken place. Separate records must be kept for
4.16 each pound or trap net used in Lake Superior and St. Louis Bay. Reports for pound or trap
4.17 nets must include the number of game fish kept and released, and must be submitted to the
4.18 Lake Superior Office by the tenth day of each month for the preceding month, whether or
4.19 not pound or trap nets were fished. Special permits may require more detailed reporting
4.20 as described in subpart 8 or as a condition of the permit.

4.21 Subp. 8. **Permits for taking lake trout, siscowet, cisco, lake whitefish, and round**
4.22 **whitefish.**

4.23 A. Only individuals currently licensed as commercial operators on Lake Superior
4.24 may apply for permits to take lake trout, siscowet, cisco, lake whitefish, and round
4.25 whitefish. Applicants must apply in writing on forms provided by the commissioner.
4.26 Applications must be completed in full and returned by April 15 of each year for lake trout

5.1 and by October 15 of each year for cisco to the address specified on the application.
5.2 Applications for lake whitefish, round whitefish, and siscowet may be submitted at any
5.3 time.

5.4 B. The permittee must be present on
the vessel when setting, lifting, and processing
5.5 fish. The permittee must provide, on forms provided by the commissioner:

5.6 (1) monthly records of harvest for lake trout;

5.7 (2) weekly records of harvest for cisco;

5.8 (3) records for lake whitefish, round whitefish, and siscowet as specified
5.9 in the permit; and

5.10 (4) other records or information as specified in the permits.

5.11 Harvest reports from the previous year must be received before any new permits are issued
5.12 the next year. Noncompliance of reporting may result in revocation or denial of permits.

5.13 C. The number of permits within an area (zone and grid) and harvest are limited
5.14 as follows:

5.15 (1) for lake trout:

5.16 (a) no more than ten permits per zone per season shall be issued with
5.17 no more than two permits allowed per statistical grid as identified in a grid map. The
5.18 commissioner shall conduct a lottery if more than ten applications are received for a
5.19 specific zone or more than two applications are received for a specific grid;

5.20 (b) no more than two gill net
gangs shall be authorized per permit and the
5.21 gill net gangs must be set only during the time period identified on the permit;

5.22 (c) no more than 1,000 lake
trout may be taken under an individual permit;
5.23 and

5.24 (d) no more than 1,000 lake trout may be taken in a grid; and

6.1 (2) for cisco:

6.2 (a) by October 15 of each year, the commissioner shall review cisco
6.3 population and harvest data and establish a cisco harvest allocation for each zone and
6.4 for each permit; and

6.5 (b) no more than three permits per statistical grid shall be authorized.

6.6 D. The commissioner may specify conditions for permits to protect the species,
6.7 including:

6.8 (1) when authorized activities may be conducted, including days of the week
6.9 or other time restrictions;

6.10 (2) where net sets may be located;

6.11 (3) how authorized activities are conducted, including harvest methods;

6.12 (4) monthly or annual limits on the number or pounds of fish species that may
6.13 be removed in the permitted zones and grids; and

6.14 (5) the number and length of gill nets.

6.15 E. The commissioner shall consider
the following criteria when making a decision
6.16 on specifying conditions for a permit:

6.17 (1) whether the applicant is qualified to conduct the activities authorized by
6.18 the permit;

6.19 (2) whether the activity will
 advance knowledge, understanding, interpretation,
 6.20 or management of a fish species, fish community, or water body;

6.21 (3) impacts to spawning fish, spawning areas, critical habitat, or fish
 6.22 communities;

6.23 (4) whether the activity is
 detrimental or helps achieve management objectives
 6.24 for the specific water body;

7.1 (5) whether water temperature, water quality conditions, or pathogens would
 7.2 lead to undue mortality or spread of diseases or invasives; and

7.3 (6) whether the activities during high-use periods are anticipated to cause
 7.4 user conflicts.

7.5 **6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.**

7.6 Subpart 1. **General inland fishing regulations.** Fish may be taken in inland waters
 7.7 by angling during the time specified for each of the following species, however, certain
 7.8 waters of the state are subject to experimental regulations, special regulations, or are
 7.9 closed for the taking and possession of fish. When the closing date of a season falls on a
 7.10 Saturday, the season will extend through the following Sunday.

7.11	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
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7.12	A. Largemouth and smallmouth bass.	6 in aggregate.
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7.13	(1) In all waters lying east and north of U.S.
7.14	Highway 53 from Duluth to International
7.15	Falls and Pelican and Ash Lakes, St.
7.16	Louis County.

7.17	Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday
7.18	of Memorial Day weekend to the last
7.19	Sunday in February.

7.20 From the second Monday in September
 7.21 to the end of the season, angling for
 7.22 smallmouth bass shall be limited to
 7.23 catch and release only. Any smallmouth
 7.24 bass must be immediately returned to
 7.25 the water and it shall be unlawful for
 7.26 anyone to have in possession, regardless
 7.27 of where taken, any smallmouth bass
 7.28 while on or fishing in inland waters.

7.29 (2) In all other waters.

7.30 Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to
 7.31 the last Sunday in February.

8.1 From the second Monday in September
 8.2 to the end of the season, angling for
 8.3 smallmouth bass shall be limited to
 8.4 catch and release only. Any smallmouth
 8.5 bass must be immediately returned to
 8.6 the water and it shall be unlawful for
 8.7 anyone to have in possession, regardless
 8.8 of where taken, any smallmouth bass
 8.9 while on or fishing in inland waters.

8.10 B. Brown trout.

8.11 (1) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook
 8.12 Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
 8.13 Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties. over 16 inches in length. No harvest of
 8.14 April 1 to September 30. trout is allowed from April 1 up to but
 8.15 not including the Saturday nearest April
 8.16 15 and from September 15 to September
 8.17 30. During these time periods, all trout
 8.18 must be immediately returned to the
 8.19 water and all hooks must be barbless.

8.20 (2) In all other streams, except those in part 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook
 8.21 6262.0300, subpart 6, item C, for St. trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
 8.22 Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties. over 16 inches in length.
 8.23 Saturday nearest April 15 to September
 8.24 30.

8.25 (3) In lakes only: 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook
 8.26 trout and splake. No more than 3 may be
 8.27 over 16 inches in length.

8.28 Statewide.

8.29 Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday
 8.30 of Memorial Day weekend to October
 8.31 31.

8.32 All lakes entirely within the Boundary
 8.33 Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

9.1 January 1, except when January 1 falls
 9.2 on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday,
 9.3 then opening day is the preceding
 9.4 Saturday (Saturday nearest January
 9.5 1), to March 31.

9.6 All lakes entirely or partly outside
 9.7 the Boundary Waters Canoe Area
 9.8 Wilderness.

9.9 Saturday nearest January 15 to March
 9.10 31.

9.11 Lakes in Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow
 9.12 Wing, and Hubbard Counties, except
 9.13 Blue Lake in Hubbard County.

9.14 Closed for the winter season.

9.15 C. Brook trout and splake.

9.16 (1) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brown
 9.17 Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
 9.18 Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties. over 16 inches in length. No harvest of
 9.19 April 1 to September 30. trout is allowed from April 1 up to but
 9.20 not including the Saturday nearest April
 9.21 15 and from September 15 to September
 9.22 30. During these time periods, all trout
 9.23 must be immediately returned to the
 9.24 water and all hooks must be barbless.

- 9.25 (2) In all other streams, except those in part 5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow
 9.26 6262.0300, subpart 6, item B, for St. trout. No more than 1 may be over 16
 9.27 Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties. inches in length.
 9.28 Saturday nearest April 15 to September
 9.29 30.
- 9.30 (3) In lakes only: 5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow
 9.31 trout. No more than 3 may be over 16
 9.32 inches in length.
- 9.33 Statewide.
- 10.1 Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday
 10.2 of Memorial Day weekend to October
 10.3 31.
- 10.4 All lakes entirely within the Boundary
 10.5 Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.
- 10.6 January 1, except when January 1 falls
 10.7 on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday,
 10.8 then opening day is the preceding
 10.9 Saturday (Saturday nearest January
 10.10 1), to March 31.
- 10.11 All lakes entirely or partly outside
 10.12 the Boundary Waters Canoe Area
 10.13 Wilderness.
- 10.14 Saturday nearest January 15 to March
 10.15 31.
- 10.16 Lakes in Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow
 10.17 Wing, and Hubbard Counties, except
 10.18 Blue Lake in Hubbard County.
- 10.19 Closed for the winter season.
- 10.20 D. Rainbow trout, including steelhead.

- 10.21 (1) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, 5 in aggregate with brown and brook
- 10.22 Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
- 10.23 Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties. over 16 inches in length. No harvest of
- 10.24 April 1 to September 30. trout is allowed from April 1 up to but
- 10.25 not including the Saturday nearest April
- 10.26 April 15 and from September 15 to September
- 10.27 30. During these time periods, all trout
- 10.28 must be immediately returned to the
- 10.29 water and all hooks must be barbless.

- 10.30 (2) In all other streams, except those in part 5 in aggregate with brook and brown
- 10.31 6262.0300, subpart 6, item A, for St. trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
- 10.32 Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties. over 16 inches in length.
- 10.33 Saturday nearest April 15 to September
- 10.34 30.

- 11.1 (3) In lakes only: 5 in aggregate with brook and brown
- 11.2 trout and splake. No more than 3 may be
- 11.3 over 16 inches in length.

- 11.4 Statewide.
- 11.5 Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday
- 11.6 of Memorial Day weekend to October
- 11.7 31.
- 11.8 All lakes entirely within the Boundary
- 11.9 Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.
- 11.10 January 1, except when January 1 falls
- 11.11 on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday,
- 11.12 then opening day is the preceding
- 11.13 Saturday (Saturday nearest January
- 11.14 1), to March 31.
- 11.15 All lakes entirely or partly outside
- 11.16 the Boundary Waters Canoe Area
- 11.17 Wilderness.
- 11.18 Saturday nearest January 15 to March
- 11.19 31.

- 11.20 Lakes in Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow
 11.21 Wing, and Hubbard Counties, except
 11.22 Blue Lake in Hubbard County.
 11.23 Closed for the winter season.
- 11.24 E. Lake trout. 2
 11.25 Statewide.
 11.26 Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday
 11.27 of Memorial Day weekend to
 11.28 September 30.
- 11.29 All lakes entirely within the Boundary
 11.30 Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.
 11.31 January 1, except when January 1 falls
 11.32 on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday,
 11.33 then opening day is the preceding
 11.34 Saturday (Saturday nearest January
 11.35 1), to March 31.
- 12.1 All lakes lying entirely or partly outside
 12.2 the Boundary Waters Canoe Area
 12.3 Wilderness.
 12.4 Saturday nearest January 15 to March
 12.5 31.
- 12.6 F. Walleye and sauger. 6 in aggregate.
 12.7 Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday
 12.8 of Memorial Day weekend to the last
 12.9 Sunday in February.
- 12.10 G. Northern pike. 3
 12.11 Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday
 12.12 of Memorial Day weekend to the last
 12.13 Sunday in February.
 12.14 The limit also applies to the taking by
 12.15 dark house spearing.
- 12.16 H. Muskellunge (including
 12.17 muskellunge-northern pike hybrid).

- 12.18 The first Saturday in June to December 1.
- 12.19 (1) In all inland waters not listed in subitem 1 in aggregate. The minimum size
12.20 (2). limit is 48 inches in length.
- 12.21 (2) In the following lakes in Carver, 1 in aggregate. The minimum size
12.22 Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and limit is 40 inches in length.
12.23 Washington Counties:
- | 12.24 | Lake: | County: |
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| 12.25 | Bryant | Hennepin |
| 12.26 | Bush | Hennepin |
| 12.27 | Calhoun | Hennepin |
| 12.28 | Cedar | Hennepin |
| 12.29 | Cedar | Scott |
| 12.30 | Clear | Washington |
| 12.31 | Crystal | Dakota |
| 12.32 | Crystal | Hennepin |
| 13.1 | Eagle | Carver |
| 13.2 | Elmo | Washington |
| 13.3 | Gervais | Ramsey |
| 13.4 | Island | Ramsey |
| 13.5 | Isles | Hennepin |
| 13.6 | Johanna | Ramsey |
| 13.7 | Nokomis | Hennepin |
| 13.8 | Orchard | Dakota |
| 13.9 | Phalen | Ramsey |
| 13.10 | Pierson | Carver |
| 13.11 | Silver | Ramsey |
| 13.12 | Wasserman | Carver |
| 13.13 | Weaver | Hennepin |
- 13.14 I. Rock bass. 30
- 13.15 Continuous.

13.16	J.	White (striped) bass.	30
13.17		Continuous.	
13.18	K.	Crappies.	10
13.19		Continuous.	
13.20	L.	Sunfish.	20
13.21		Continuous.	
13.22	M.	Flathead and channel catfish.	5 in aggregate. No more than 1 may be
13.23		Continuous.	over 24 inches and no more than 2 may
13.24			be flathead catfish.
13.25	N.	Perch.	100 to November 30, 2000.
13.26		Continuous.	20 daily, 50 in possession, December 1,
13.27			2000, to November 30, 2001.
14.1			20 daily, 40 in possession, December 1,
14.2			2001, and thereafter.
14.3	O.	Bullheads.	100
14.4		Continuous.	
14.5	P.	Sturgeon.	0
14.6		Closed.	
14.7	Q.	Carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshead,	No limits.
14.8		suckers, burbot, gar, whitefish, goldeyes,	
14.9		tullibees, buffalo, smelt.	
14.10		Continuous.	

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

14.12 **6262.0300 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE SUPERIOR AND**
 14.13 **TRIBUTARIES.**

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

14.15 Subp. 5. **Prohibition on taking fish for bait purposes.** Taking fish for bait purposes
 14.16 from all Minnesota waters of Lake Superior and all waters of the St. Louis River
 14.17 downstream of the Fond du Lac Dam in St. Louis and Carlton Counties, including any
 14.18 and all outflows, estuaries, streams, creeks, or waters adjacent to or flowing into these
 14.19 waters, is prohibited.

14.20 Subp. 6. **Lake Superior and tributaries open season, daily and possession limits.**
 14.21 Angling season and daily and possession limits for Lake Superior are as follows:

14.22	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
14.23	A. Rainbow trout, including		
14.24	steelhead		
15.1	All streams and rivers from	Continuous	5 in aggregate with brown and
15.2	Lake Superior upstream to the		brook trout and splake. No more
15.3	posted boundaries, including		than 3 may be clipped rainbow
15.4	the St. Louis River upstream		trout, including steelhead. The
15.5	to the Highway 23 bridge, and		minimum size limit for clipped
15.6	Lake Superior tributaries with		rainbow trout is 16 inches in
15.7	no posted boundaries. Only a		length. Clipped rainbow trout
15.8	single hook may be used for		have their adipose fin removed
15.9	angling, except in the Pigeon		and must show a healed scar. No
15.10	River (Cook County), and the		harvest of unclipped rainbow trout
15.11	St. Louis River (St. Louis and		is allowed. All unclipped rainbow
15.12	Carlton Counties).		trout must be returned to the water
15.13			immediately and it is unlawful
15.14			for anyone to have in possession,
15.15			regardless of where taken, any
15.16			unclipped rainbow trout while on
15.17			or fishing in Lake Superior.

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| 15.18 | In all streams of the Lake | Saturday nearest | No harvest of rainbow trout |
| 15.19 | Superior watershed in St. | April 15 to | is allowed. All rainbow trout |
| 15.20 | Louis, Lake, Carlton, and | September 30 | must be returned to the water |
| 15.21 | Cook Counties above the | | immediately. It is unlawful for |
| 15.22 | posted boundaries and their | | anyone to have in possession, |
| 15.23 | tributaries. | | regardless of where taken, any |
| 15.24 | | | rainbow trout while on or fishing |
| 15.25 | | | in the listed waters. |
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| 15.26 | B. Brook trout and splake | | |
| 15.27 | All streams and rivers from | Saturday nearest | 5 in aggregate with brown and |
| 15.28 | Lake Superior upstream to the | April 15 through | rainbow trout. The aggregate |
| 15.29 | posted boundaries, including | Labor Day | limit for brook trout and splake is |
| 15.30 | the St. Louis River upstream | | 1 and the minimum size limit is |
| 15.31 | to the Highway 23 bridge, and | | 20 inches in length. |
| 15.32 | Lake Superior tributaries with | | |
| 15.33 | no posted boundaries. | | |
| 16.1 | Only a single hook may be | | |
| 16.2 | used for angling, except in the | | |
| 16.3 | Pigeon River (Cook County), | | |
| 16.4 | and the St. Louis River (St. | | |
| 16.5 | Louis and Carlton Counties). | | |
| 16.6 | In all streams of the Lake | Saturday nearest | 5 in aggregate with brown trout. |
| 16.7 | Superior watershed in St. | April 15 to | No more than 1 may be over 16 |
| 16.8 | Louis, Lake, Carlton, and | September 30 | inches in length. |
| 16.9 | Cook Counties above the | | |
| 16.10 | posted boundaries and their | | |
| 16.11 | tributaries. | | |
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| 16.12 | C. Brown trout | | |

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| 16.13 | All streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Highway 23 bridge, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries. Only a single hook may be used for angling, except in the Pigeon River (Cook County), and the St. Louis River (St. Louis and Carlton Counties). | Continuous | 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches and the minimum size limit is 10 inches in length. |
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| 16.23 | In all streams of the Lake Superior watershed in St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties above the posted boundaries and their tributaries. | Saturday nearest April 15 to September 30 | 5 in aggregate with brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. |
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| 16.31 | D. Lake trout | | |
| 17.1 | All streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Highway 23 bridge, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries. | December 1 | 3 through the first full weekend in October |
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| 17.8 | E. Chinook, coho, Atlantic, and pink salmon | Continuous | 5 in aggregate. All must be at least 10 inches in length. Only 1 may be an Atlantic salmon. |
| 17.9 | | | |
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| 17.11 | F. Smelt | Continuous | Smelt may be possessed without limit and may be bought or sold at any time. |
| 17.12 | | | |
| 17.13 | | | |
| 17.14 | G. Walleye | | |

17.15 All streams and rivers from Saturday two weeks 2. All must be at least 15 inches
 17.16 Lake Superior upstream to the prior to Saturday in length.
 17.17 posted boundaries, including of Memorial Day
 17.18 the St. Louis River upstream weekend through
 17.19 to the Highway 23 bridge, and March 1
 17.20 Lake Superior tributaries with
 17.21 no posted boundaries.

17.22 H. Northern pike

17.23 All streams and rivers from Saturday two weeks 2
 17.24 Lake Superior upstream to the prior to Saturday
 17.25 posted boundaries, including of Memorial Day
 17.26 the St. Louis River upstream weekend through
 17.27 to the Highway 23 bridge, and March 1
 17.28 Lake Superior tributaries with
 17.29 no posted boundaries.

17.30 All other species may be taken as allowed by inland regulations. When the closing date
 17.31 of the season falls on a Saturday, the season extends to the following Sunday.

17.32 Subp. 7. **Single hook restrictions.** Only a single hook per rod may be used for angling
 17.33 below the ~~barrier~~ posted boundaries in tributaries to Lake Superior, except in the Pigeon
 18.1 River (Cook County), and the St. Louis River (St. Louis and Carlton Counties). "Single
 18.2 hook" does not include a treble or double hook, stinger hook, or lure with multiple single
 18.3 hooks or more than one hook on any type of drop line or at the end of the line.

18.4 **6262.0500 WATERS CLOSED TO TAKING FISH.**

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

18.8 [For text of items A to P, see M.R.]

18.9 Q. St. Louis County:

18.10 (1) French River, between Lake Superior and the new Highway 61, S.17,
18.11 T.52, R.12.

18.12 (2) Knife River, S.25, T.52, R.12, from the top of the second falls 100 feet
18.13 downstream.

18.14 (3) Lester River, immediately
downstream of the Superior Street bridge to the
18.15 bottom of the first falls. The pool downstream of the first falls remains open. S.8, T.50,
18.16 R.13.

18.17 [For text of items R to W, see M.R.]

18.18 Subp. 2. **Waters seasonally closed to taking fish.** The following waters in the
18.19 portions designated are closed to the taking of all fish during the periods specified:

18.20 [For text of item A, see M.R.]

18.21 B. St. Louis and Carlton Counties:

18.22 [For text of subitem (1), see M.R.]

18.23 (2) Lake Superior from the mainland to a line that runs from the mouth of
18.24 Chester Creek, S.23, T.50N, R.14W, to the outermost portion of the north/west arm of the
19.1 Duluth ship canal, S.27, T.50N, R.14W. The dates of closure are from the day after the
19.2 first full weekend in October to November 30. When November 30 falls on a Saturday,
19.3 the closure extends to the following Sunday. Fishing is allowed only from shore in this
19.4 area during the dates of closure.

19.5 [For text of item C, see M.R.]

19.6 D. Cass County: the Gull River from the United States Army Corps of Engineers
19.7 dam (Government Lot 1, S.20, T.134N, R.29W) downstream 250 feet. The closure is from
19.8 the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the Friday
19.9 before Memorial Day.

19.10 E. Goodhue County:

19.11 (1) Mississippi River, within 300 feet below Lock and Dam 3 at Red Wing,
19.12 S.10, T.113, R.15. The closure is from March 1 to April 30; and

19.13 (2) Cannon River and Hay Creek floodplain, S.10,11,13,14,15,23,24,25,26,
19.14 T.113, R.15, and S.19, T.113, R.14, includes floodplain lakes and streams in the area
19.15 bounded on the northwest by the Vermillion River, on the south and southwest by
19.16 Canadian Pacific Railroad track, and on the north and east by the Mississippi River. The
19.17 dates of closure are April 1 through May 15.

19.18 F. Wabasha County: Mississippi River, within 300 feet below Lock and Dam 4 at
19.19 Alma, Wisconsin, S.17,20, T.110, R.9. The closure is from March 1 to April 30.

19.20 Subp. 2a. **Waters closed to possession of fish.** The following waters have restrictions
19.21 on the possession of fish:

19.22 A. Mink Lake in Wright County:

S.23-25, T.121, R.27, and Somers Lake in Wright
19.23 County, S.24-25, T.121, R.27, are closed to the possession of all fish through February 28,
19.24 1998, except that the daily and possession limit for sunfish is five. Possession and use
20.1 of minnows as bait, except processed minnows in a dried, frozen, or pickled condition,
20.2 is prohibited.

20.3 B. Annie Battle inlet and outlets in Otter Tail County: The inlet stream (T.133N,
20.4 R.40W, S.24) beginning at the northeast exit point of Molly Stark Lake to the confluence
20.5 with Annie Battle Lake and the outlet stream (T.133N, R.40W, S.12) beginning at the
20.6 northwest exit of Annie Battle to Blanche Lake are closed to the possession of northern
20.7 pike and largemouth bass. The daily and possession limit for sunfish is five.

20.8 C. Eagle Creek in Scott County: S.7,18, T.115N, R.21W, and S.13, T.115N, R.22
20.9 (south of State Highway 101 to the source of the east and west branches that are west of
20.10 State Highway 13) is closed to the possession of trout.

20.11 D. [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]

20.12 E. Crawford Lake in Wright County: S.20, T.119N, R.25W, is closed to the
20.13 possession of largemouth bass. The daily and possession limit for sunfish is five, for
20.14 crappie is five, for walleye is two, and for yellow perch is ten.

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

20.16 **6266.0200 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-IOWA BOUNDARY WATERS.**

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

20.18 Subp. 4. **Spearing restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing is prohibited on
20.19 Minnesota-Iowa boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo, sheepshead, bowfin, gar, and
20.20 quillback may be taken by spearing from May 1 through February 15 between sunrise
20.21 and sunset and possessed without limit.

20.22 [For text of subps 5 to 7, see M.R.]

20.23 **6266.0300 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY**
20.24 **WATERS.**

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

21.1 Subp. 3. **Spearing restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing is prohibited on
21.2 Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers,
21.3 redhorse, bowfin, and gar may be taken by spearing from May 1 through December 31
21.4 between sunrise and sunset each day. There is no possession limit on the listed species of
21.5 fish. A person may not have in possession on or near the water or ice of Minnesota-North
21.6 Dakota boundary waters a spear at any time, except during the open season for spearing.
21.7 Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle. The taking of fish

21.8 by spearing from or within a darkhouse or fish house is prohibited on Minnesota-North
21.9 Dakota boundary waters.

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

21.11 **6266.0400 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-SOUTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY**
21.12 **WATERS.**

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

21.14 Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary**
21.15 **waters.** The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on
21.16 Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters:

21.17	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
21.18			
21.19			
21.20	A. Walleye and sauger	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February.	4; with only one walleye over 20 inches.
21.21			
21.22			
21.23			
21.24	B. Northern pike	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February.	6
21.25			
21.26	C. Small and large mouth bass	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February.	6
21.27			
22.1	D. Crappie	Continuous.	10
22.2	E. Sunfish and bluegill	Continuous.	10
22.3	F. Rock bass	Continuous.	20
22.4	G. Bullhead	Continuous.	100
22.5	H. Perch	Continuous.	15 daily, 30 in possession.
22.6			

22.7 I. Catfish Continuous. 5 with only
 22.8 1 over 24
 22.9 inches.

22.10 J. Sturgeon Closed. 0

22.11 K. Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, Continuous. No limits.
 22.12 sucker, redhorse, bowfin,
 22.13 burbot, gar, and white
 22.14 (striped) bass

22.15 When the closing falls on a Saturday, the season will extend through the following
 22.16 Sunday.

22.17 Subp. 3. **Spearing restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing is prohibited on
 22.18 Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers,
 22.19 redhorse, bowfin, burbot, and gar may be taken by spearing and possessed without limit
 22.20 from the last Saturday in April through November 30 between sunrise and sunset each day.
 22.21 When the 30th falls on a Saturday, the season will extend through the following Sunday.

22.22 Subp. 4. **Restricted equipment.** A person may not have in possession on or near the
 22.23 water or ice of Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters a spear or spring gaff at any
 22.24 time, except during the open season for spearing.

22.25 [For text of subps 5 to 14, see M.R.]

23.1 **6266.0500 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY**
 23.2 **WATERS.**

23.3 Subpart 1. **Specified waters.** The provisions of this part apply to the following
 23.4 described Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters:

23.5 A. Mississippi River and Lake Pepin extending from the mouth of the St. Croix
 23.6 River at the U.S. Highway 10 bridge at Prescott, Wisconsin to the southern boundary
 23.7 of this state and lying between the Burlington Northern main railroad tracks on the
 23.8 Wisconsin side and the Canadian Pacific, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad tracks on the

23.9 Minnesota side, including all sloughs, backwaters, bays, and newly extended water areas
23.10 lying between the railroad tracks.

23.11 [For text of items B and C, see M.R.]

23.12 [For text of subps 2 to 7, see M.R.]

23.13 Subp. 8. **Restricted equipment.** No more than two tip-ups may be used for ice fishing
23.14 on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters. Tip-ups may not be more than 400 feet from
23.15 the angler. A person may not use a spear, dip net, or bow and arrow in any manner at any
23.16 time for the purpose of taking game fish or have in possession or under control any fish
23.17 spear, spring gaff, or similar device in a fish house. Rough fish may be taken by means of
23.18 a spear or dip net not to exceed 24 inches in diameter, from sunrise to sunset only, from
23.19 the Saturday nearest May 1 through March 1. A person may not have in possession on the
23.20 water or immediate banks of the water a spear, except during the open season for spearing.

23.21 [For text of subps 9 and 10, see M.R.]

23.22 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6262.0600, subpart 2, is repealed.