

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Permanent Game and Fish Rules: Wildlife Management, Hunting,**
1.3 **Trapping, and Stamp Design**

1.4 **6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

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

1.6 Subp. 3. **Areas closed to migratory waterfowl hunting.** The Gordon W. Yeager
1.7 Wildlife Management Area and the Eastside Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted
1.8 County and the Carl Schmidt Wildlife Management Area in Morrison County are closed
1.9 to the taking of migratory waterfowl. On the Gordon W. Yeager Wildlife Management
1.10 Area, small game taken by firearms may only be taken with shotguns using No. 4 or
1.11 smaller diameter shot.

1.12 [For text of subps 4 to 8, see M.R.]

1.13 Subp. 9. **Areas closed to firearms deer hunting.** The Lake Blanche Wildlife
1.14 Management Area in Otter Tail County, the Gordon W. Yeager Wildlife Management Area
1.15 in Olmstead County, a portion of the Timber Lake Wildlife Management Area (as posted)
1.16 in Jackson County, and a portion of the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area (as posted)
1.17 in Dakota County are closed to firearms deer hunting. Small game taken by firearms on a
1.18 portion of Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County that is posted with
1.19 firearms restrictions may only be taken with shotguns using BBB or smaller diameter shot.

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

1.21 [For text of subps 11 and 12, see 36 SR 75]

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

1.23 **6230.0250 GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR USE OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**
1.24 **AREAS.**

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

2.1 Subp. 9. **Use of motorboats.** Motorboat use is prohibited within a wildlife
2.2 management area, except where posted or as provided in this subpart. For purposes of
2.3 this chapter, "motorboat" includes motorboats as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section
2.4 86B.005, subdivision 9, and duckboats with motors attached.

2.5 [For text of items A to K, see M.R.]

2.6 L. Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area in Dakota County:
2.7 motorboats may be used with no limit on size.

2.8 Subp. 10. **General restrictions on vehicles.**

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

2.10 C. A person may use a motor vehicle, for ice fishing purposes only, on the
2.11 following lakes, except where posted closed to motor vehicles:

2.12 [For text of subitems (1) to (4), see M.R.]

2.13 (5) North Lake in the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area, Goodhue
2.14 County;

2.15 (6) Boot Lake in the Bootleg Lake Wildlife Management Area, Jackson
2.16 County; and

2.17 (7) Spring Lake in Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area, Dakota
2.18 County.

2.19 [For text of item D, see M.R.]

2.20 [For text of subps 11 to 18, see M.R.]

2.21 Subp. 19. **Abandonment of trash and property.** The disposal or abandonment
2.22 of garbage, trash, spoil, sludge, rocks, vehicles, carcasses, or other debris and the
2.23 abandonment or storage of property within a wildlife management area is prohibited.
2.24 Boats, decoys, or other property may not be left unattended overnight, except as follows:

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

3.2 B. fish houses or dark houses on the following lakes:

3.3 [For text of subitems (1) to (4), see M.R.]

3.4 (5) North Lake in the Gores Pool Wildlife Management Area, Goodhue
3.5 County;

3.6 (6) Boot Lake in the Bootleg Lake Wildlife Management Area, Jackson
3.7 County; and

3.8 (7) Spring Lake in Spring Lake Islands Wildlife Management Area, Dakota
3.9 County.

3.10 Subp. 20. **Destruction or removal of property.** A person may not destroy, disturb,
3.11 or remove any plants, trees, or other vegetative material, or signs, posts, fences, gates,
3.12 buildings, or other property in a wildlife management area, except that wetland vegetation
3.13 may be used to build blinds and edible fruits or seeds and decorative portions of plants
3.14 may be removed for personal use. A person may not destroy or remove threatened or
3.15 endangered plants or animals as defined in chapter 6134.

3.16 [For text of subps 21 to 23, see M.R.]

3.17 **6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

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

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

3.21 B. pheasant and Canada goose hunting starting on the day following the close
3.22 of the muzzleloader deer season through the end of the respective statewide seasons;

3.23 C. trapping by special permit only; and

3.24 D. spring turkey hunting.

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

4.2 **6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.**

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

4.4 Subp. 2. **Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Bemidji Game Refuge
4.5 in Beltrami County is open to:

4.6 A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest
4.7 November 4 and after the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season;

4.8 B. Canada goose hunting during the early goose season, except on Lake
4.9 Bemidji, the Mississippi River, and Stump Lake;

4.10 C. trapping for beaver, mink, otter, and muskrat only; and

4.11 D. deer hunting during the muzzleloader season and deer and bear hunting
4.12 by archery.

4.13 [For text of subps 3 to 8, see M.R.]

4.14 Subp. 9. **Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges, Isanti County.** The
4.15 Elizabeth and German Lake Game Refuges in Isanti County are open to all hunting and
4.16 trapping, except waterfowl. The refuges are open for goose hunting during the early
4.17 goose season. Youth who are accompanied by a nonhunting adult and participating
4.18 in a mentoring program approved by the commissioner may hunt waterfowl on youth
4.19 waterfowl day.

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

4.21 Subp. 10. **Erhard's Grove Game Refuge, Otter Tail County.** The Erhard's Grove
4.22 Game Refuge in Otter Tail County is open to:

4.23 A. deer and bear hunting by firearms;

4.24 B. deer and bear hunting by archery; and

5.1 C. small game hunting, except waterfowl.

5.2 [For text of subps 11 to 20, see M.R.]

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

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

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

5.7 The remainder of the refuge is open to:

5.8 (1) waterfowl hunting only from the third Thursday in October through
5.9 the open Canada goose season, only at designated hunting stations as provided by parts
5.10 6230.0500 to 6230.0700;

5.11 (2) deer hunting; and

5.12 (3) small game hunting other than waterfowl, except from the second
5.13 Saturday in October through November 30, when small game hunting is allowed only at
5.14 designated hunting stations as provided by parts 6230.0500 to 6230.0700. Small game
5.15 hunting is not allowed on closed Canada goose hunting days during a split goose season.

5.16 B. No unauthorized person may trespass during the dates posted on any part of
5.17 the refuge posted with "State Wildlife Sanctuary - Do Not Trespass" signs, except for:

5.18 (1) ice fishing; and

5.19 (2) open water fishing in the posted closed area from the close of the
5.20 Canada goose season until the second Saturday in October.

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

5.22 [For text of subps 22 to 32, see M.R.]

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

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

6.2 D. Canada goose hunting during the early season and from the first Saturday in
6.3 December through the end of the statewide goose season, except that hunting is prohibited
6.4 within 100 yards of surface water during the early goose season; and

6.5 [For text of item E, see M.R.]

6.6 [For text of subp 33a, see 36 SR 75]

6.7 [For text of subp 34, see M.R.]

6.8 Subp. 35. **Paul Bunyan Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Paul Bunyan Game
6.9 Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:

6.10 A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest
6.11 November 4 and after the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season;

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

6.13 [For text of subps 36 to 51, see M.R.]

6.14 Subp. 52. **Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge, Anoka and Isanti Counties.**
6.15 The Anoka and Isanti Counties Game Refuge in Anoka and Isanti Counties is open to
6.16 archery deer hunting and archery turkey hunting.

6.17 [For text of subps 53 to 59, see M.R.]

6.18 Subp. 60. **Cedar Lake Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Cedar Lake Game
6.19 Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting.

6.20 [For text of subps 61 and 62, see 36 SR 75]

6.21 **6230.0700 LAC QUI PARLE SPECIAL PROVISIONS.**

6.22 Subpart 1. **Time periods for special provisions.** In addition to the regulations
6.23 provided by part 6230.0500, the following subparts apply to all persons in the Lac qui Parle
6.24 controlled hunting zones during the open season for taking Canada geese in those zones.

7.1 Subp. 2. **Hunting stations.**

7.2 A. Only one hunting group, consisting of no more than three hunters, may
7.3 occupy a designated hunting station at one time.

7.4 B. From the third Thursday in October through November 30, waterfowl and
7.5 small game hunters may reserve designated hunting stations according to regulations
7.6 available at the Lac qui Parle Wildlife Management Area headquarters. Reservation
7.7 dates may not be changed.

7.8 C. From December 1 through the end of the Canada goose season, waterfowl
7.9 hunters must use designated hunting stations and use of the stations is on a first-come,
7.10 first-served basis.

7.11 Subp. 3. **Entry permit required.** From the third Thursday in October through
7.12 November 30, on public lands, a person may not hunt migratory waterfowl or small game
7.13 in the controlled hunting zone without first registering at the check station and obtaining
7.14 an entry permit. Entry permits must be displayed as specified on the permit. Hunters age
7.15 18 or older will be charged a \$3 daily fee for the Lac qui Parle entry permit. Failure to
7.16 comply with the provisions of the permit or special provisions relating to the controlled
7.17 hunt will result in immediate revocation of the permit for that day.

7.18 Subp. 4. **Limitation on number of shells possessed.** Only persons hunting may
7.19 bring shotgun shells into the controlled hunting zone. A waterfowl or small game
7.20 hunter may not bring in more than 12 shells per trip or have in possession more than 12
7.21 shells at any one time, except that small game hunters may possess more than 12 shells
7.22 beginning December 1.

7.23 Subp. 5. **Firearms must be cased.** Waterfowl and small game hunters must have
7.24 firearms cased, except within ten feet of assigned hunting stations.

8.1 Subp. 6. **Actions after taking bag limit.** Within one hour of hunt completion each
8.2 party member must personally return their entry permit to the check station and report
8.3 the harvest of geese.

8.4 Subp. 7. **Limitation on number of trips.** Hunters are limited to one trip to the
8.5 hunting stations before noon and one trip after noon each day.

8.6 Subp. 8. **Restrictions on occupancy of designated parking lots and hunting**
8.7 **stations.** A person may not park in or otherwise occupy a designated controlled hunting
8.8 zone parking lot or occupy a hunting station from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

8.9 Subp. 9. **Closed hunting stations.** A person may not occupy or hunt from a hunting
8.10 station that is posted closed.

8.11 **6234.1200 TAKING RACCOON.**

8.12 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Raccoons may be taken statewide with legal firearms, bow
8.13 and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22, except
8.14 in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone as described in part 6234.1000, subpart
8.15 3, where raccoon may be taken with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping
8.16 beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 17. The season ends March 15.

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

8.18 **6234.1300 TAKING RED FOX AND GRAY FOX.**

8.19 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Gray and red fox may be taken statewide with legal
8.20 firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October
8.21 22, except in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone as described in part 6234.1000,
8.22 subpart 3, where gray and red fox may be taken with legal firearms, bow and arrow,
8.23 and by trapping beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 17. The season
8.24 ends March 15.

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

9.1 **6234.1400 TAKING BADGER AND OPOSSUM.**

9.2 Subpart 1. **Open season.** Badgers and opossums may be taken statewide with
9.3 legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest
9.4 October 22, except in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone as described in part
9.5 6234.1000, subpart 3, where badger and opossum may be taken with legal firearms, bow
9.6 and arrow, and by trapping beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 17.
9.7 The season ends March 15.

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

9.9 **6234.2400 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.**

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

9.11 Subp. 2. **Farmland Furbearer Zone restrictions.** In the Farmland Furbearer Zone,
9.12 a person may use snares as follows:

9.13 A. from April 1 to November 30, a person may not set, place, or operate any
9.14 snare except as a waterset;

9.15 B. from December 1 to March 31, a person may not set, place, or operate any
9.16 snare on public lands, including the surface of frozen water within public lands, on road
9.17 rights-of-way, or in fencelines along road rights-of-way, except as a waterset.

9.18 [For text of subps 3 to 7, see M.R.]

9.19 [For text of subps 8 and 9, see 35 SR 1915]

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

9.21 **6234.2700 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING AND POSSESSION OF**
9.22 **FURBEARERS.**

9.23 The restrictions in items A to D apply to the possession and transportation of
9.24 accidental captures.

10.1 A. A person may not possess or transport a lynx or gray wolf that was
10.2 accidentally killed or was lawfully killed while causing or threatening injury or damage
10.3 until the person notifies the local conservation officer, other authorized department
10.4 employee, or regional enforcement office, of the killing and receives authorization to
10.5 possess, transport, or skin the animal.

10.6 B. A person may possess or transport fox, mink, muskrat, beaver, badger,
10.7 opossum, or raccoon accidentally killed or lawfully killed while causing or threatening
10.8 injury or damage, only if the local conservation officer or other authorized employee of the
10.9 department is notified within 24 hours of such killing and before any skinning has begun.

10.10 C. A person may possess or transport a fisher, otter, or pine marten that has been
10.11 accidentally killed or a bobcat that has been either lawfully killed when causing damage or
10.12 accidentally killed only after notifying the local conservation officer or other authorized
10.13 employee of the department of such killing. After making the required notification and
10.14 taking possession of the animal, the person may not skin, transfer possession, or otherwise
10.15 dispose of the animal until the person receives authorization from a conservation officer
10.16 or other authorized department employee.

10.17 D. A person must report any incidental taking of a Canada lynx to the local
10.18 conservation officer within 24 hours of the taking.

10.19 **6236.0100 DEFINITIONS.**

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

10.21 Subp. 6. **Legal firearms.** "Legal firearms" means shotguns or muzzleloading
10.22 shotguns 20 gauge or larger, using fine shot size No. 4 or smaller diameter shot.

10.23 [For text of subp 7, see M.R.]

10.24 **6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.**

11.1 Subpart 1. **Open dates.** The fall turkey season consists of one 30-day period
11.2 beginning on the Saturday nearest October 1.

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

11.4 [For text of subp 4, see 35 SR 1976]

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

11.6 [For text of subp 6, see 35 SR 1976]

11.7 **6240.1150 TAKING SNOW, BLUE, ROSS', AND WHITE-FRONTED GEESE**
11.8 **AND BRANT.**

11.9 Subpart 1. **Seasons.** Snow, blue, Ross', and white-fronted geese and brant may be
11.10 taken only in areas of the state when and where the Canada goose season is open.

11.11 Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than 20 snow, blue, and Ross'
11.12 geese in combination; one white-fronted goose; and one brant each day.

11.13 **6240.1200 TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY SEASON.**

11.14 Subpart 1. [See repealer.]

11.15 Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

11.16 Subp. 3. **Open season.** The open early season for taking Canada geese begins the
11.17 first Saturday in September and ends on September 22, except:

11.18 A. the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first
11.19 Saturday falls on September 7; and

11.20 B. the season closes on the Friday before the duck season opens in years when
11.21 the duck season opens on or before September 22.

11.22 Subp. 4. **Daily limits.** A person may not take more than five Canada geese per day
11.23 during the early season.

12.1 Subp. 5. **Taking near water.**

12.2 A. Taking Canada geese during the early season is prohibited on or within
12.3 100 yards of all surface waters:

12.4 (1) in the Northwest Goose Zone;

12.5 (2) in the Swan Lake Goose Zone; and

12.6 (3) within the boundaries of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area.

12.7 B. Taking Canada geese on or within 100 yards of surface waters during the
12.8 early Canada goose season is allowed for youth hunters participating in youth waterfowl
12.9 hunting days and on specific bodies of water in closed zones as described or shown on
12.10 maps provided by the commissioner.

12.11 **6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.**

12.12 Subpart 1. **Goose refuges.** The following refuges are open to goose hunting during
12.13 the early and regular goose seasons: Douglas County Goose Refuge in Douglas County,
12.14 the Otter Tail County Goose Refuge in Otter Tail County, and the Sauk Rapids-Rice Goose
12.15 Refuge in Benton County. Taking waterfowl from public roads and their rights-of-way
12.16 is prohibited.

12.17 Subp. 2. **Game refuges.**

12.18 A. The following refuges are open to goose hunting during the first two days
12.19 of the regular goose season: Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint
12.20 James Game Refuge in Watonwan County.

12.21 B. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting for the last seven
12.22 days of the statewide goose season. There is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox
12.23 and Temperence Lakes.

12.24 Subp. 3. **Waterfowl refuges.**

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

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

14.5 Subp. 7. **Reproduction rights.** A person winning a stamp contest will receive no
14.6 financial remuneration from the state. The reproduction rights agreement required with
14.7 the submission of a contest entry will require the contest winner to agree to grant the
14.8 department the exclusive rights to use the contest entry as the design for the applicable
14.9 stamp and for use of the stamp image on commercial products produced or licensed
14.10 by the department. All rights to the reproduction in a print form are retained by the
14.11 person submitting a contest entry, including the contest winner. The remainder of the
14.12 reproduction rights for the design will be determined by the department on an annual basis
14.13 and will be specified in the reproduction rights agreement form included in the contest
14.14 application package. If a design is reproduced in a limited or open edition by any party
14.15 other than the department or its licensees, the contest winner shall deliver two signed
14.16 prints without cost to the department.

14.17 **6290.0400 DESIGN STANDARDS.**

14.18 Subpart 1. **Eligible species.** The eligible species for migratory waterfowl and trout
14.19 and salmon contests shall be specified in the contest application package. The eligible
14.20 species for the pheasant stamp is the ring-necked pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*). The
14.21 eligible species for the wild turkey stamp is the Eastern wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*
14.22 *silvestris*). The eligible species for the walleye stamp is the walleye (*Sander vitreus*
14.23 *vitreus*). The eligible species should be the primary subject of the contest entry. A contest
14.24 entry may contain species other than the eligible species as accompanying design elements.

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

15.1 Subp. 3. **Contest entry media and originality.** A contest entry may be created in
15.2 one or a combination of media. A contest entry shall be an original work of art created by
15.3 the person submitting the contest entry and shall be one of a kind design. Entries shall not
15.4 be created by photographic, digital, or electronic imagery processes.

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

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

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

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

15.10 C. it does not meet the requirements contained in parts 6290.0100 to 6290.0800.

15.11 **6290.0500 CONTEST JUDGING.**

15.12 Subpart 1. **Date and location of judging.** Notice of the date and location of judging
15.13 for each contest will be contained in the contest application package.

15.14 Subp. 2. **Selection of judging panel.** Contest judging panels will be chosen by the
15.15 commissioner of natural resources and will consist of at least five members reflecting
15.16 areas of expertise including, but not limited to: art, hunting or fishing, outdoor media,
15.17 conservation, or publishing. Judges will serve for a length of time to be established by
15.18 the department.

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

15.20 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, parts 6240.0100, subpart 2a; and 6240.1200, subparts
15.21 1 and 2, are repealed. The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts
15.22 6230.0200, subparts 3 and 9, published in the State Register, volume 36, page 75, August
15.23 8, 2011; 6230.0250, subparts 9, 10, and 19, published in the State Register, volume 36,
15.24 page 75, August 8, 2011; 6230.0295, subpart 1, published in the State Register, volume 36,
15.25 page 75, August 8, 2011; 6230.0400, subpart 9, published in the State Register, volume

16.1 36, page 12, July 5, 2011; 6230.0400, subparts 2, 10, 21, 33, 35, 52, and 60, published in
16.2 the State Register, volume 36, page 75, August 8, 2011; 6230.0700, published in the State
16.3 Register, volume 36, page 75, August 8, 2011; 6234.1200, subpart 1, published in the State
16.4 Register, volume 36, page 75, August 8, 2011; 6234.1300, subpart 1, published in the
16.5 State Register, volume 36, page 75, August 8, 2011; 6234.1400, subpart 1, published in
16.6 the State Register, volume 36, page 75, August 8, 2011; 6234.2700, published in the State
16.7 Register, volume 35, page 1915, June 6, 2011, and volume 36, page 75, August 8, 2011;
16.8 6236.0700, subpart 1, published in the State Register, volume 35, page 1976, June 20,
16.9 2011; 6240.1200, published in the State Register, volume 36, page 12, July 5, 2011; and
16.10 6240.1850, published in the State Register, volume 36, page 12, July 5, 2011, are repealed.