

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Permanent Game and Fish Rule: Northern Pike Regulation**

1.3 **6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.**

1.4 Subpart 1. **General inland fishing regulations.** Fish may be taken in inland waters
1.5 by angling during the time specified for each of the following species; however, certain
1.6 waters of the state are subject to experimental or special regulations or are closed for taking
1.7 and possessing fish. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season extends
1.8 through the following Sunday.

1.9	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
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1.10	A. Largemouth and smallmouth bass.	6 in aggregate.
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1.11	(1) In all waters lying east and north of U.S.	
1.12	Highway 53 from Duluth to International	
1.13	Falls and Pelican and Ash Lakes, St. Louis	
1.14	County.	

1.15	Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday	
1.16	of Memorial Day weekend to the last	
1.17	Sunday in February.	

1.18	(2) In all other waters.	
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1.19	From the Saturday two weeks prior to the	
1.20	Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to	
1.21	the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend,	
1.22	angling for bass is limited to catch and	
1.23	release only. Any bass must be	
1.24	immediately returned to the water. It is	
1.25	unlawful for anyone to have in possession,	
1.26	regardless of where taken, any bass while	
1.27	on or fishing in these waters. The	
1.28	Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to	
1.29	the last Sunday in February is the harvest	
1.30	season.	

1.31	From the second Monday in September	
1.32	to the end of the season, angling for	
1.33	smallmouth bass is limited to catch and	

2.1 release only. Any smallmouth bass must
2.2 be immediately returned to the water and
2.3 it is unlawful for anyone to have in
2.4 possession, regardless of where taken, any
2.5 smallmouth bass while on or fishing in
2.6 these waters.

2.7 B. Brown trout.
2.8 Except as provided in part 6264.0400,
2.9 subparts 35, 36, 37, and 117, the
2.10 following restrictions apply.

2.11 (1) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook
2.12 Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
2.13 Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties. over 16 inches in length. Angling for trout
2.14 January 1 to October 15. is limited to catch and release only from
2.15 January 1 up to but not including the
2.16 Saturday nearest April 15 and from
2.17 September 15 to October 15. During these
2.18 time periods, all trout must be
2.19 immediately returned to the water. It is
2.20 unlawful for anyone to have in possession,
2.21 regardless of where taken, any trout while
2.22 on or fishing in these waters. All legal
2.23 methods of taking trout are allowed.

2.24 (2) In all other streams, except those in part 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook
2.25 6262.0300, subpart 6, item C, for St. trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
2.26 Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties. over 16 inches in length.
2.27 Saturday nearest April 15 to September
2.28 30.

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

2.32 (a) Statewide.
2.33 Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of
2.34 Memorial Day weekend to October 31.

2.35 (b) All lakes entirely within the Boundary
2.36 Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

3.1 January 1, except when January 1 falls
3.2 on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, then
3.3 opening day is the preceding Saturday
3.4 (Saturday nearest January 1), to March
3.5 31.

3.6 (c) All lakes entirely or partly outside the
3.7 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

3.8 Saturday nearest January 15 to March
3.9 31.

3.10 (d) Little Andrus (Snowshoe) Lake, Cass
3.11 County; Allen and Pleasant Lakes, Crow
3.12 Wing County; and Bad Medicine Lake,
3.13 Becker County, are closed for the winter
3.14 season.

3.15 C. Brook trout and splake.

3.16 Except as provided in part 6264.0400,
3.17 subparts 35, 36, 37, and 117, the
3.18 following restrictions apply.

3.19 (1) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brown
3.20 Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
3.21 Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties. January over 16 inches in length. Angling for trout
3.22 1 to October 15. is limited to catch and release only from
3.23 January 1 up to but not including the
3.24 Saturday nearest April 15 and from
3.25 September 15 to October 15. During these
3.26 time periods, all trout must be
3.27 immediately returned to the water. It is
3.28 unlawful for anyone to have in possession,
3.29 regardless of where taken, any trout while
3.30 on or fishing in these waters. All legal
3.31 methods of taking trout are allowed.

3.32 (2) In all other streams, except those in part 5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow
3.33 6262.0300, subpart 6, item B, for St. trout. No more than 1 may be over 16
3.34 Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties. inches in length.
3.35 Saturday nearest April 15 to September
3.36 30.

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

(a) Statewide.

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

(b) All lakes entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

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

(c) All lakes entirely or partly outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

Saturday nearest January 15 to March 31.

(d) Little Andrus (Snowshoe) Lake, Cass County; Allen and Pleasant Lakes, Crow Wing County; and Bad Medicine Lake, Becker County, are closed for the winter season.

D. Rainbow trout, including steelhead.

Except as provided in part 6264.0400, subparts 35, 36, 37, and 117, the following restrictions apply.

(1) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties. January 1 to October 15. 5 in aggregate with brown and brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. Angling for trout is limited to catch and release only from January 1 up to but not including the Saturday nearest April 15 and from September 15 to October 15. During these time periods, all trout must be

5.1 immediately returned to the water. It is
 5.2 unlawful for anyone to have in possession,
 5.3 regardless of where taken, any trout while
 5.4 on or fishing in these waters. All legal
 5.5 methods of taking trout are allowed.

5.6 (2) In all other streams, except those in part 5 in aggregate with brook and brown trout
 5.7 6262.0300, subpart 6, item A, for St. and splake. No more than 1 may be over
 5.8 Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties. 16 inches in length.
 5.9 Saturday nearest April 15 to September
 5.10 30.

5.11 (3) In lakes only: 5 in aggregate with brook and brown trout
 5.12 and splake. No more than 3 may be over
 5.13 16 inches in length.

5.14 (a) Statewide.

5.15 Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday
 5.16 of Memorial Day weekend to October
 5.17 31.

5.18 (b) All lakes entirely within the Boundary
 5.19 Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

5.20 January 1, except when January 1 falls
 5.21 on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, then
 5.22 opening day is the preceding Saturday
 5.23 (Saturday nearest January 1), to March
 5.24 31.

5.25 (c) All lakes entirely or partly outside the
 5.26 Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

5.27 Saturday nearest January 15 to March
 5.28 31.

5.29 (d) Little Andrus (Snowshoe) Lake, Cass
 5.30 County; Allen and Pleasant Lakes, Crow
 5.31 Wing County; and Bad Medicine Lake,
 5.32 Becker County, are closed for the winter
 5.33 season.

5.34 E. Lake trout. 2

- 6.1 Statewide.
- 6.2 Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday
- 6.3 of Memorial Day weekend to
- 6.4 September 30.
- 6.5 All lakes entirely within the Boundary
- 6.6 Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.
- 6.7 January 1, except when January 1 falls
- 6.8 on a Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday, then
- 6.9 opening day is the preceding Saturday
- 6.10 (Saturday nearest January 1), to March
- 6.11 31.
- 6.12 All lakes lying entirely or partly outside
- 6.13 the Boundary Waters Canoe Area
- 6.14 Wilderness.
- 6.15 Saturday nearest January 15 to March
- 6.16 31.
- 6.17 F. Walleye and sauger. 6 in aggregate.
- 6.18 Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday
- 6.19 of Memorial Day weekend to the last
- 6.20 Sunday in February.
- 6.21 G. Northern pike.
- 6.22 Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday
- 6.23 of Memorial Day weekend to the last
- 6.24 Sunday in February.
- 6.25 The restrictions in this item do not apply
- 6.26 to boundary waters.
- 6.27 (1) Northeastern management zone. 2
- 6.28 The northeastern management zone
- 6.29 includes all inland waters lying east and
- 6.30 north of U.S. Highway 53 from
- 6.31 International Falls to Duluth.
- 6.32 When taking northern pike by angling,
- only 1 over 40 inches in length may be in
- possession; all northern pike from 30 to
- 40 inches in length must be immediately
- returned to the water.

7.1 When taking northern pike by dark house
 7.2 spearing, only 1 over 26 inches in length
 7.3 may be in possession.

7.4 (2) North-central management zone. 10

7.5 The north-central management zone When taking northern pike by angling,
 7.6 includes all inland waters lying west and only 2 over 26 inches in length may be in
 7.7 south of U.S. Highway 53 from possession; all northern pike from 22 to
 7.8 International Falls to Duluth and north of 26 inches must be immediately returned
 7.9 a line described as follows: from the South to the water.
 7.10 Dakota border, along State Highway 7 to When taking northern pike by dark house
 7.11 State Highway 22, thence south on State spearing, either:
 7.12 Highway 22 to U.S. Highway 212, thence (a) only 2 over 26 inches in length and
 7.13 east on U.S. Highway 212 to State none from 22 to 26 inches in length may
 7.14 Highway 41, thence south on State be in possession; or
 7.15 Highway 41 to the near or north bank of (b) only 1 from 22 to 26 inches in length
 7.16 the Minnesota River, thence along the and 1 over 26 inches in length may be in
 7.17 near banks of the Minnesota and possession.
 7.18 Mississippi Rivers to the Wisconsin
 7.19 border. The north-central management
 7.20 zone does not include waters of the
 7.21 Minnesota or Mississippi Rivers where
 7.22 those waters create the southern boundary
 7.23 of the zone.

7.24 (3) Southern management zone. 2

7.25 The southern management zone includes The minimum size is 24 inches in length,
 7.26 all inland waters lying south of a line and includes northern pike taken by
 7.27 described as follows: from the South angling or dark house spearing.
 7.28 Dakota border along State Highway 7 to
 7.29 State Highway 22, thence south on State
 7.30 Highway 22 to U.S. Highway 212, thence
 7.31 east on U.S. Highway 212 to State
 7.32 Highway 41, thence south on State
 7.33 Highway 41 to and including the waters
 7.34 of the Minnesota River, thence along the
 7.35 Minnesota River to and including the
 7.36 waters of the Mississippi River, to the
 7.37 Wisconsin border.

8.1 (4) Certain experimental and special 3
8.2 management waters.

8.3 This subitem applies to waters regulated
8.4 under parts 6264.0300, subparts 59, 74,
8.5 75, and 76; and 6264.0400, subparts 19,
8.6 25, 54, 59, 60, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 76, 77,
8.7 79, 80, 94, 98, and 102.

8.8 H. Muskellunge (including
8.9 muskellunge-northern pike hybrid).

8.10 The first Saturday in June to December
8.11 1.

8.12 (1) In all inland waters not listed in subitem 1 in aggregate. The minimum size limit
8.13 (2). is 54 inches in length.

8.14 (2) In the following lakes in Carver, Dakota, 1 in aggregate. The minimum size limit
8.15 Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and is 40 inches in length.
8.16 Washington Counties:

8.17	Lake:	County:
8.18	Bryant	Hennepin
8.19	Bush	Hennepin
8.20	Calhoun	Hennepin
8.21	Cedar	Hennepin
8.22	Cedar	Scott
8.23	Clear	Washington
8.24	Crystal	Dakota
8.25	Crystal	Hennepin
8.26	Eagle	Carver
8.27	Elmo	Washington
8.28	Gervais	Ramsey
8.29	Island	Ramsey
8.30	Isles	Hennepin

9.1		Johanna	Ramsey
9.2		Nokomis	Hennepin
9.3		Orchard	Dakota
9.4		Phalen	Ramsey
9.5		Pierson	Carver
9.6		Silver	Ramsey
9.7		Wasserman	Carver
9.8		Weaver	Hennepin
9.9	I.	Rock bass.	30
9.10		Continuous.	
9.11	J.	White (striped) bass.	30
9.12		Continuous.	
9.13	K.	Crappies.	10
9.14		Continuous.	
9.15	L.	Sunfish.	20
9.16		Continuous.	
9.17	M.	Flathead and channel catfish.	5 in aggregate. No more than 1 may be
9.18			over 24 inches and no more than 2 may
9.19			be flathead catfish.
9.20		Continuous, except for flathead catfish,	
9.21		the season is closed from December 1 to	
9.22		March 31.	
9.23	N.	Perch.	100 to November 30, 2000.
9.24		Continuous.	20 daily, 50 in possession, December 1,
9.25			2000, to November 30, 2001.
9.26			20 daily, 40 in possession, December 1,
9.27			2001, and thereafter.

10.1 O. Bullheads. 100

10.2 Continuous.

10.3 P. Sturgeon. 0

10.4 June 16 to April 14 for catch and release
10.5 only. Closed April 15 to June 15. When
10.6 the closing date of a season falls on a
10.7 Saturday, the season does not extend
10.8 through the following Sunday.

10.9 Q. Carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshead, No limits.
10.10 suckers, burbot, gar, whitefish, goldeyes,
10.11 tullibees, buffalo, smelt.

10.12 Continuous.

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

10.14 **6262.0575 WATERS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.**

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

10.16 Subp. 3. **Conservation lakes.** While on or fishing in the following waters, the
10.17 possession limit for sunfish is five, the possession limit for crappie is five, the possession
10.18 limit for yellow perch is ten, the possession limit for walleye is two, and the possession
10.19 limit for largemouth bass is one.

10.20	Name	Location	County
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10.21	Little Sauk Lake	T.128, R.34W, S.32	Todd
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10.22 [For text of subps 4 to 14, see M.R.]

10.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** The amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6262.0200 and 6262.0575,
10.24 are effective March 1, 2018.