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## Proposed Permanent Game and Fish Rules: Aquatic Regulation

## 6260.1800 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON LAKE SUPERIOR.

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

- A. Chubs, alewives, lake whitefish and round whitefish, smelt, and rough fish may be taken at any time. Ciscoes may be taken from December 1 through October 31, except that ciscoes may be taken from November 1 through November 30 under a special permit approved by the commissioner.
- B. Lake whitefish and round whitefish may be taken in gill, pound, or trap nets at any time but no whitefish less than 20 inches total length may be possessed, bought, or sold. Whitefish less than 20 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately under a special permit approved by the commissioner. Incidental catch of lake and round whitefish in other commercial fishing operations may be possessed but must be reported on forms provided by the commissioner.
- C. Lake trout <u>and siscowet</u> may not be taken by commercial fishing except by special permit. Lake trout <u>and siscowet</u> legally taken under permit <del>must be scaled with</del> a tag, provided by the commissioner, affixed through the mouth and out the gill. The tag must be affixed immediately upon removal from the water and before the boat is brought to shore. No untagged lake trout may be possessed, bought, or sold by licensed commercial operators. Lake trout <u>or</u> incidentally taken to commercial operations and dead when removed from the water may be possessed only if sealed with a tag, provided by the commissioner, affixed through the mouth and out the gill. Untagged incidentally taken lake trout <u>and siscowet</u> may not be possessed, bought, or sold by licensed commercial operators. All incidentally taken live lake trout and all untagged dead lake trout must be returned to the water immediately.

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

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While used on Lake Superior, <u>herring cisco</u> nets are considered gill nets which are weighted to fish in a floating or suspended position off the bottom, and <del>cisco or</del> chub nets are gill nets which are weighted to fish on the bottom.

Subp. 3. Use of pound or trap nets. Hoops and center leads of pound or trap nets used on Lake Superior may be of any length and diameter. A trap net may not exceed six feet in height and a hoop may not exceed six feet in diameter. The webbing for pound or trap nets, including leads, may not exceed 2-1/2 inch stretch measure, or be of twine size less than 9 gauge or 70 pound strength. Pound or trap nets may not be set within one-quarter mile of the mouth of any stream unless approved by the commissioner. Pound or trap nets may not be set in harbors from May 25 through March 31, except for St. Louis Bay downstream (east) of the U.S. Highway 53 bridge, unless approved by the commissioner. Commercial operators must notify the Lake Superior Fisheries Office within 48 hours if they are unable to lift and empty pound or trap nets at least once every 48 hours. All net stakes, lines, and anchors must be removed from the lake bed within ten days of removing pound and trap nets. Commercial operators must notify the Lake Superior Fisheries Office prior to setting pound or trap nets and at the beginning of each week that pound or trap nets are used. The commissioner may deny the use of pound or trap nets during periods when such use would conflict with fisheries management activities. Pound or trap nets must be marked with a tag which is at least 2-1/2 inches by five-eighths inch permanently bearing the owner's name and address and attached to the top rope of the back side of the pound or crib. Trap nets set with anchors must have attached to the end farthest from shore one fluorescent orange or fluorescent red marker buoy constructed so that a minimum of 18 inches of buoy surface is visible above water in the absence of current or under the weight of nets and line. The number of the owner's

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Lake Superior commercial fishing license must be plainly marked, in black, on the marker buoy. The marker buoy must be marked with a fluorescent orange or fluorescent red flag, at least one foot square, attached to the top of a flag staff flagstaff at least five feet long, and the buoy constructed so that the flag staff flagstaff is supported in a vertical position. Each flagstaff must display one linear foot of reflective surface material immediately below the flag. All buoys and floats used in pound or trap net sets must be constructed of styrofoam, plastic, rubber, or other materials nonhazardous to navigation.

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

Subp. 5. Net limits for individual operators.

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

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- <u>B.</u> No more than <u>120,000</u> <u>100,000</u> feet of <u>cisco or</u> chub net may be licensed in Minnesota waters of Lake Superior and no more than <u>12,000</u> <u>10,000</u> feet of <u>cisco or</u> chub net may be allocated to an individual licensee, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.835.
- C. No more than five pound nets shall be licensed in Minnesota waters for taking smelt. Taking smelt by commercial gear is allowed only in Minnesota's Lake Superior management zone 1, referenced as "MN1" on the map posted on the Department of Natural Resources' Web site.
- Subp. 6. **Net locations.** Gill nets may not be set within one-quarter mile of the shore in the area extending from the Superior entrance to Pigeon River, except under permit issued by the commissioner. From June 1 through Labor Day, gill nets not under permit must be at least one-half mile from the entrance of marinas or public accesses. Gill nets set on the bottom may not be in water shallower than 50 fathoms if closer than one mile from the Minnesota shore and 40 fathoms if farther than one mile from the Minnesota shore except under permit.
- Subp. 7. **Required reporting.** Commercial fishing operators must submit a record of their commercial fishing operations for each month of the calendar year on forms provided by the commissioner. These reports must be submitted to the address identified on the form so that they are received within ten days after the end of the month for which the report is made. Reports must be made regardless of whether fish are taken and regardless of whether any fishing operations have taken place. Separate records must be kept for each pound or trap net used in Lake Superior and St. Louis Bay. Reports for pound or trap nets must include the number of game fish kept and released, and must be submitted to the

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5.1	Lake Superior Office by the tenth day of each month for the preceding month, whether or
5.2	not pound or trap nets were fished. Special permits may require more detailed reporting
5.3	as described in subpart 8 or as a condition of the permit.
5.4	Subp. 8. Permits for taking lake trout, siscowet, cisco, lake whitefish, and round
5.5	whitefish.
5.6	A. Only individuals currently licensed as commercial operators on Lake
5.7	Superior may apply for permits to take lake trout, siscowet, cisco, lake whitefish, and
5.8	round whitefish. Applicants must apply in writing on forms provided by the commissioner.
5.9	Applications must be completed in full and returned by April 15 of each year for lake trout
5.10	and by October 15 of each year for cisco to the address specified on the application.
5.11	Applications for lake whitefish, round whitefish, and siscowet may be submitted at any
5.12	time.
5.13	B. The permittee must be present on the vessel when setting, lifting, and
5.14	processing fish. The permittee must provide, on forms provided by the commissioner:
5.15	(1) monthly records of harvest for lake trout;
5.16	(2) weekly records of harvest for cisco;
5.17	(3) records for lake whitefish, round whitefish, and siscowet as specified
5.18	in the permit; and
5.19	(4) other records or information as specified in the permits.
5.20	Harvest reports from the previous year must be received before any new permits are issued
5.21	the next year. Noncompliance of reporting may result in revocation or denial of permits.
5.22	C. The number of permits within an area (zone and grid) and harvest are
5.23	limited as follows:
5.24	(1) for lake trout:

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5.1	(a) no more than ten permits per zone per season shall be issued with
5.2	no more than two permits allowed per statistical grid as identified in a grid map. The
5.3	commissioner shall conduct a lottery if more than ten applications are received for a
6.4 <sub>,</sub>	specific zone or more than two applications are received for a specific grid;
6.5	(b) no more than two gill net gangs shall be authorized per permit and
6.6	the gill net gangs must be set only during the time period identified on the permit;
6.7	(c) no more than 1,000 lake trout may be taken under an individual
6.8	permit; and
6.9	(d) no more than 1,000 lake trout may be taken in a grid; and
6.10	(2) for cisco:
6.11	(a) by October 15 of each year, the commissioner shall review cisco
6.12	population and harvest data and establish a cisco harvest allocation for each zone and
6.13	for each permit; and
6.14	(b) no more than three permits per statistical grid shall be authorized.
6.15	D. The commissioner may specify conditions for permits to protect the species
6.16	including:
6.17	(1) when authorized activities may be conducted, including days of the
6.18	week or other time restrictions;
6.19	(2) where net sets may be located;
6.20	(3) how authorized activities are conducted, including harvest methods;
6.21	(4) monthly or annual limits on the number or pounds of fish species that
6.22	may be removed in the permitted zones and grids; and
6.23	(5) the number and length of gill nets.

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7.1	E. The commissioner shall consider the following criteria when making a
7.2	decision on specifying conditions for a permit:
7.3	(1) whether the applicant is qualified to conduct the activities authorized
7.4	by the permit;
7.5	(2) whether the activity will advance knowledge, understanding,
7.6	interpretation, or management of a fish species, fish community, or water body;
7.7	(3) impacts to spawning fish, spawning areas, critical habitat, or fish
7.8	communities;
7.9	(4) whether the activity is detrimental or helps achieve management
7.10	objectives for the specific water body;
7.11	(5) whether water temperature, water quality conditions, or pathogens
7.12	would lead to undue mortality or spread of diseases or invasives; and
7.13	(6) whether the activities during high-use periods are anticipated to cause
7.14	user conflicts.
7.15	6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.
7.16	Subpart 1. General inland fishing regulations. Fish may be taken in inland waters
7.17	by angling during the time specified for each of the following species, however, certain
7.18	waters of the state are subject to experimental regulations, special regulations, or are
7.19	closed for the taking and possession of fish. When the closing date of a season falls on a
7.20	Saturday, the season will extend through the following Sunday.
7.21	Species and Open Season Daily and Possession Limits
7.22	A. Largemouth and smallmouth bass. 6 in aggregate.

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(1) In all waters lying east and north of U.S. 8.1 Highway 53 from Duluth to International 8.2 Falls and Pelican and Ash Lakes, St. 8.3 Louis County. 8.4 Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday 8.5 of Memorial Day weekend to the last 8.6 Sunday in February. 8.7 From the second Monday in September 8.8 to the end of the season, angling for 8.9 smallmouth bass shall be limited to 8.10 catch and release only. Any smallmouth 8.11 bass must be immediately returned to 8.12 the water and it shall be unlawful for 8.13 anyone to have in possession, regardless 8.14 of where taken, any smallmouth bass 8.15 while on or fishing in inland waters. 8.16 (2) In all other waters. 8.17 Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to 8.18 the last Sunday in February. 8.19 From the second Monday in September 8.20 to the end of the season, angling for 8.21 smallmouth bass shall be limited to 8.22 catch and release only. Any smallmouth 8.23 bass must be immediately returned to 8.24 the water and it shall be unlawful for 8.25

## B. Brown trout.

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(1) All streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River limit on Carlton County streams is 10 upstream to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries.

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while on or fishing in inland waters.

5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake, except the aggregate with no more than 5 brown trout. Not more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length and minimum size limit is 10 inches in length.

9.1		Open continuously.	
9.2		Only a single hook may be used for	
9.3		angling, except in the Pigeon River,	
9.4		Cook County, and the St. Louis River,	
9.5		St. Louis and Carlton Counties.	·
9.6	(2	2) In all streams of the Lake Superior	10 in aggregate with rainbow and brook
9.7		watershed in St. Louis, Lake, Carlton,	trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
9.8		and Cook Counties above the posted	over 16 inches in length. No more than 5
9.9		boundaries and their tributaries, except	may be brown trout.
9.10		the St. Louis River and its tributaries	
9.11		upstream of the Fond du Lac Dam.	
9.12		Saturday nearest April 15 to September	
9.13		<del>30.</del>	
9.14	4	3) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore,	5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook
9.15	•	1) Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona,	trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
9.16	7:	Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties.	over 16 inches in length. No harvest of
9.17		April 1 to September 30.	trout is allowed from April 1 up to but
9.18		r i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	not including the Saturday nearest April
9.19			15 and from September 15 to September
9.20			30. During these time periods, all trout
9.21			must be immediately returned to the
9.22			water and all hooks must be barbless.
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9.23		4) In all other streams, except those in	5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook
9.24	<u>(</u> 2	2) part 6262.0300, subpart 6, item C, for	trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
9.25		St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook	over 16 inches in length.
9.26		Counties.	
9.27		Saturday nearest April 15 to September	
9.28		30.	
9.29	<del>(.</del>	<del>5)</del> In lakes only:	5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook
9.30		3)	trout and splake. No more than 3 may be
9.31			over 16 inches in length.
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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 except	
10.6	<del>Ram Lake</del> .	
10.7	Saturday nearest January 1, except	
10.8	when January 1 falls on a Sunday,	
10.9	Monday, or Tuesday, then opening day	
10.10	is the preceding Saturday (Saturday	
10.11	nearest January 1), to March 31.	
10.12	All lakes entirely or partly outside	
10.13	the Boundary Waters Canoe Area	
10.14	Wilderness and exceptions.	
10.15	Saturday nearest January 15 to March	
10.16	<del>15</del> <u>31</u> .	•
10.17	Lakes lying partly outside the	
10.18	Boundary Waters Canoe Area	
10.19	Wilderness and exceptions include	
10.20	Ram, Meditation, and Lizz Lakes.	
10.21	Lakes in Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow	
10.22	Wing, and Hubbard Counties, except	
10.23	Blue Lake in Hubbard County.	
10.24	Closed for the winter season.	
10.25	C. Brook trout and splake.	
10.26	(1) All streams and rivers from Lake	5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow
10.27	Superior upstream to the posted	trout. The aggregate limit for brook trout
10.28	boundaries, including the St. Louis River	
10.29	upstream to the Minnesota-Wisconsin	limit is 20 inches in length.
10.30	boundary cable, and Lake Superior	
10.31	tributaries with no posted boundaries,	
10.32	except for Lake Superior tributaries in	
10.33	Carlton County:	
10.34	Saturday nearest April 15 to Labor Day.	
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11.1 11.2	angling, except in the Pigeon River,	
11.3	Cook County, and the St. Louis River,	
	St. Louis and Carlton Counties:	
11.4	St. Louis and Carton Counties.	
11.5	(2) In all streams of the Lake Superior	10 in aggregate with brown and rainbow
11.6	watershed in St. Louis, Lake, and Cook	trout. No more than 1 may be over 16
11.7	Counties above the posted boundaries	inches in length.
11.8	and their tributaries; and the entire length	
11.9	of Carlton County streams, except the St.	
11.10	Louis River and its tributaries upstream	
11.11	of the Fond du Lac Dam.	
11.12	Saturday nearest April 15 to September	
11.13	<del>30.</del>	
11.14	(3) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore,	5 in aggregate with rainbow and brown
	(1) Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona,	trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
11.15		over 16 inches in length. No harvest of
11.16	Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties.	
11.17	April 1 to September 30.	trout is allowed from April 1 up to but
11.18		not including the Saturday nearest April
11.19		15 and from September 15 to September
11.20		30. During these time periods, all trout
11.21		must be immediately returned to the
11.22		water and all hooks must be barbless.
11.23	(4) In all other streams, except those in	5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow
11.24	(2) part 6262.0300, subpart 6, item B, for	trout. No more than 1 may be over 16
11.25	St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook	inches in length.
11.26	Counties.	
11.27	Saturday nearest April 15 to September	
11.28	30.	
11.29	(5) In lakes only:	5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow
11.30	(3)	trout. No more than 3 may be over 16
11.31	<u></u>	inches in length.
11.32	Statewide.	-
11.33	Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday	
11.34	of Memorial Day weekend to October	
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12.1	All lakes entirely within the Boundary	
12.2	Waters Canoe Area Wilderness except	
12.3	Ram Lake.	
12.4	Saturday nearest January 1, except	
12.5	when January 1 falls on a Sunday,	•
12.6	Monday, or Tuesday, then opening day	
12.7	is the preceding Saturday (Saturday	
12.8	nearest January 1), to March 31.	
12.9	All lakes entirely or partly outside	
12.10	the Boundary Waters Canoe Area	
12.11	Wilderness and exceptions.	
12.12	Saturday nearest January 15 to March	
12.13	<del>15</del> <u>31</u> .	
12.14	Lakes lying partly outside the	
12.15	Boundary Waters Canoe Area	•
12.16	Wilderness and exceptions include	·
12.17	Ram, Meditation, and Lizz Lakes.	
12.18	Lakes in Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow	
12.19	Wing, and Hubbard Counties, except	
12.20	Blue Lake in Hubbard County.	
12.21	Closed for the winter season.	•
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12.22	D. Rainbow trout, including steelhead.	
12.23	(1) All streams and rivers from Lake	3 clipped rainbow trout. The minimum
12.24	Superior upstream to the posted	size limit for clipped rainbow trout is
12.25	boundaries, including the St. Louis River	
12.26	upstream to the Minnesota-Wisconsin	trout have their adipose fin removed and
12.27	boundary cable, and Lake Superior	must show a healed sear. No harvest
12.28	tributaries with no posted boundaries.	of unclipped rainbow trout is allowed.
12.29	<del>Open continuously.</del>	All unclipped rainbow trout must be
12.30	Only a single hook may be used for	returned to the water immediately and
12.31	angling, except in the Pigeon River,	it is unlawful for anyone to have in
12.32	Cook County, and the St. Louis River,	possession, regardless of where taken,
12.33	St. Louis and Carlton Counties.	any unclipped rainbow trout while on or

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13.1 13.2 13.3 13.4 13.5 13.6	(2) 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.	No harvest of rainbow trout is allowed. All rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately and it is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any rainbow trout while on or fishing in the listed waters.
13.7	(3) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore,	5 in aggregate with brown and brook
13.8	(1) Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona,	trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
13.9	Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties.	over 16 inches in length. No harvest of
13.10	April 1 to September 30.	trout is allowed from April 1 up to but
13.11		not including the Saturday nearest April
13.12		15 and from September 15 to September
13.13		30. During these time periods, all trout
13.14		must be immediately returned to the
13.15		water and all hooks must be barbless.
13.16	(4) In all other streams, except those in	5 in aggregate with brook and brown
13.17	(2) part 6262.0300, subpart 6, item A, for	trout and splake. No more than 1 may be
13.18	St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook	over 16 inches in length.
13.19	Counties.	
13.20	Saturday nearest April 15 to September	
13.21	30.	
13.22	(5) In lakes only:	5 in aggregate with brook and brown
13.23	(3)	trout and splake. No more than 3 may be
13.24	<del>75.1</del>	over 16 inches in length.
13.25	Statewide.	
13.26	Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday	
13.27	of Memorial Day weekend to October	
13.28	31.	
13.29	All lakes entirely within the Boundary	
13.30	Waters Canoe Area Wilderness except	
13.31	Ram Lake.	

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14.1		Saturday nearest January 1, except	
14.2		when January 1 falls on a Sunday,	
14.3		Monday, or Tuesday, then opening day	<u>r</u>
14.4		is the preceding Saturday (Saturday	
14.5		nearest January 1), to March 31.	
14.6		All lakes entirely or partly outside	
14.7		the Boundary Waters Canoe Area	•
14.8		Wilderness and exceptions.	
14.9		Saturday nearest January 15 to March	
14.10		<del>15</del> <u>31</u> .	
14.11		Lakes lying partly outside the	
14.12		Boundary Waters Canoe Area	
14.13		Wilderness and exceptions include	
14.14		Ram, Meditation, and Lizz Lakes.	
14.15		Lakes in Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow	
14.16		Wing, and Hubbard Counties, except	
14.17		Blue Lake in Hubbard County.	
14.18		Closed for the winter season.	
14.19	E.	Lake trout.	2
14.20		Statewide.	
14.21		Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday	
14.22		of Memorial Day weekend to	
14.23		September 30.	
14.24		All lakes entirely within the Boundary	
14.25		Waters Canoe Area Wilderness except	
14.26		Saganaga and Ram Lakes.	
14.27		Saturday nearest January 1, except	
14.28		when January 1 falls on a Sunday,	
14.29		Monday, or Tuesday, then opening day	Y
14.30		is the preceding Saturday (Saturday	
14.31		nearest January 1), to March 31.	
14.32		All lakes lying entirely or partly outside	,
14.33		the Boundary Waters Canoe Area	
14.34		Wilderness and exceptions.	

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15.1		Saturday nearest January 15 to March	
15.2		<del>15</del> <u>31</u> .	
15.3		Lakes partly outside the Boundary	
15.4		Waters Canoe Area Wilderness	
15.5		and exceptions include Snowbank,	
15.6		Magnetic, Ram, Seagull, Clearwater,	
15.7		East Bearskin, and Saganaga.	
15.8		All streams and rivers from Lake	•
15.9		Superior upstream to the posted	
15.10		boundaries, including the St. Louis River	
15.11		upstream to the Minnesota-Wisconsin	
15.12		boundary cable and Lake Superior	
15.13		tributaries with no posted boundaries.	
15.14		December 1 through the first full	
15.15		weekend in October.	
15.16	<del>F.</del>	Chinook, coho, Atlantic, and pink	5 in aggregate. All must be at least 10
15.17	1.	salmon.	inches in length. No more than 1 may be
15.18		Continuous.	an Atlantic salmon.
15.19	<u>G. F.</u>	Walleye and sauger.	6 in aggregate.
15.20		Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday	
15.21		of Memorial Day weekend to the last	
15.22		Sunday in February.	
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15.23	<del>H.</del> G.	Northern pike.	3
15.24		Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday	
15.25		of Memorial Day weekend to the last	
15.26		Sunday in February.	
15.27		The limit also applies to the taking by	
15.28		dark house spearing.	
15.00	LИ	Muskellunge (including	
15.29 15.30	<del>I.</del> <u>H.</u>	muskellunge-northern pike hybrid).	
15.31		The first Saturday in June to December 1.	
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15.32 15.33	(1)	In all inland waters not listed in subitem (2).	1 in aggregate. The minimum size limit is 48 inches in length.

16.1 16.2 16.3	(2)	In the following lakes in Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties:	1 in aggregate. The minimum size limit is 40 inches in length.
16.4		Lake:	County:
16.5		Bryant	Hennepin
16.6		Bush	Hennepin
16.7		Calhoun	Hennepin
16.8		Cedar	Hennepin
16.9		Cedar	Scott
16.10		Clear	Washington
16.11		Crystal	Dakota
16.12		Crystal	Hennepin
16.13		Eagle	Carver
16.14		Elmo	Washington
16.15		Gervais	Ramsey
16.16		Island	Ramsey
16.17		Isles	Hennepin
16.18		Johanna	Ramsey
16.19		Nokomis	Hennepin
16.20		Orchard	Dakota
16.21		Phalen	Ramsey
16.22		Pierson	Carver
16.23		Silver	Ramsey
16.24		Wasserman	Carver
16.25		Weaver	Hennepin
16.26	<del>J.</del> <u>I.</u>	Rock bass.	30
16.27		Continuous.	
16.28	<del>K.</del> <u>J.</u>	White (striped) bass.	30
16.29		Continuous.	

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17.1	<del>L.</del> K.	Crappies.	1	.0	
17.2		Continuous.	•		
17.3	<del>M.</del> L.	Sunfish.	2	20	•
17.4		Continuous.	•	·	
17.5 17.6 17.7	N. M.	Flathead and channel catfish. Continuous.	Ċ	5 in aggregate. No more than 1 may bover 24 inches and no more than 2 maps flathead catfish.	
17.8	<del>O.</del> <u>N.</u>	Perch.	1	100 to November 30, 2000.	
17.9 17.10		Continuous.		20 daily, 50 in possession, December 2000, to November 30, 2001.	1,
17.11 17.12				20 daily, 40 in possession, December 2001, and thereafter.	1,
17.13	<del>P.</del> <u>O.</u>	Bullheads.	1	100	
17.14		Continuous.			
17.15	<del>Q.</del> <u>P.</u>	Sturgeon.	(	0	
17.16		Closed.			
17.17 17.18 17.19	<del>R.</del> <u>Q.</u>	Carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshear suckers, burbot, gar, whitefish, gold tullibees, buffalo, smelt.		No limits.	
17.20		Continuous.			
17.21		[For text of	subp 2,	, see M.R.]	
17.22 17.23		0300 FISHING REGULATIONS <u>SUTARIES</u> .	FOR I	LAKE SUPERIOR AND	
17.24		[For text of sul	bps 1 to	o 4, see M.R.]	
17.25	S	ubp. 5. Prohibition on taking fish	for bai	it purposes. <del>The</del> Taking <del>of</del> fish for ba	ait
17.26	purpo	ses from all Minnesota waters of La	ke Supe	erior and all waters of the St. Louis R	iver
17.27	down	stream of the Fond du Lac Dam in S	St. Loui	s and Carlton Counties, including an	y

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and all outflows, estuaries, streams, creeks, or waters adjacent to or flowing into these 18.1 waters, is prohibited. 18.2 Subp. 6. Lake Superior and tributaries open season, daily and possession limits. 18.3 Angling season and daily and possession limits for Lake Superior are as follows: 18.4 Open Season Daily and Possession Limits **Species** 18.5 A. Rainbow trout, including 18.6 steelhead 18.7 Continuous 5 in aggregate with brown and All streams and rivers from 18.8 brook trout and splake. No more Lake Superior upstream to the 18.9 than 3 may be clipped rainbow posted boundaries, including 18.10 trout, including steelhead. The the St. Louis River upstream 18.11 minimum size limit for clipped to the Highway 23 bridge, and 18.12 Lake Superior tributaries with rainbow trout is 16 inches in 18.13 no posted boundaries. Only a length. Clipped rainbow trout 18.14 single hook may be used for have their adipose fin removed 18.15 angling, except in the Pigeon and must show a healed scar. 18.16 River (Cook County), and the No harvest of unclipped rainbow 18.17 St. Louis River (St. Louis and trout is allowed. All unclipped 18.18 rainbow trout must be returned Carlton Counties). 18.19 to the water immediately and it 18.20 is unlawful for anyone to have in 18.21 possession, regardless of where 18.22 taken, any unclipped rainbow 18.23 trout while on or fishing in Lake 18.24 Superior. 18.25 Saturday nearest No harvest of rainbow trout In all streams of the Lake 18.26 Superior watershed in St. is allowed. All rainbow trout April 15 to 18.27 Louis, Lake, Carlton, and must be returned to the water September 30 18.28 Cook Counties above the immediately. It is unlawful for 18.29 posted boundaries and their anyone to have in possession, 18.30 regardless of where taken, any tributaries. 18.31 rainbow trout while on or fishing 18.32 in the listed waters. 18.33 18.34 B. Brook trout and splake

19.1 19.2 19.3 19.4 19.5 19.6	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.	Saturday nearest April 15 through Labor Day	5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. The aggregate limit for brook trout and splake is 1 and the minimum size limit is 20 inches in length.
19.8 19.9 19.10 19.11 19.12	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).		
19.13 19.14 19.15 19.16 19.17 19.18	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 brown trout.  No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.
19.19 19.20 19.21 19.22 19.23 19.24	C. Brown trout  All streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Highway 23 bridge, and	Continuous	5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake. Not No more than 1 may be over 16 inches and the minimum size
.19.25 19.26 19.27 19.28 19.29 19.30 19.31	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).		limit is 10 inches in length.

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20.1	D. Lake trout		
20.2 20.3 20.4 20.5 20.6 20.7 20.8	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 through the first full weekend in October	3
20.9 20.10 20.11	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.
20.12 20.13 20.14	F. Smelt	Continuous	Smelt may be possessed without limit and may be bought or sold at any time.
20.15 20.16 20.17 20.18 20.19 20.20 20.21 20.22	G. Walleye  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.	Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 1	2. All must be at least 15 inches in length.
20.23 20.24 20.25 20.26 20.27 20.28 20.29 20.30	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.	Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 1	3 2
20.31	All other species may be take	n as allowed by inlar	nd regulations. When the closing

date of the season falls on a Saturday, the season extends to the following Sunday.

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21.1	Subp. 7. Single hook restrictions.	Only a single hook	per rod may be use	d for
21.2	angling below the barrier in tributaries to	Lake Superior, exc	ept in the Pigeon Ri	ver (Cool
21.3	County), and the St. Louis River (St. Lo	uis and Carlton Cou	nties). "Single hook	" does no
21.4	include a treble or double hook, stinger l	nook, or lure with m	ultiple single hooks	or more
21.5	than one hook on any type of drop line of	or at the end of the li	ne.	
21.6	6262.0500 WATERS CLOSED TO TA	AKING FISH.		
21.7	Subpart 1. Waters permanently cl	osed to taking fish.	The following wat	ers or
21.8	designated portions are closed to the tak	ing of all fish at all	times, except by pe	rmit
21.9	according to part 6260.0300, subpart 1,	and Minnesota Statu	tes, section 97C.041	1:
21.10	[For text of i	tems A to P, see M.l	<u>R.]</u>	
21.11	Q. St. Louis County:			
21.12	(1) French River, between	n Lake Superior and	the new Highway 6	51, S.17,
21.13	T.52, R.12.			
21.14	(2) Knife River, S.25, T.5	52, R.12, from the to	op of the second fall	<u>s 100</u>
21.15	feet downstream.			
21.16	(3) Lester River, immedi	ately downstream of	the Superior Street	bridge
21.17	to the bottom of the first falls. The pool	downstream of the f	irst falls remains op	en. S.8,
21.18	T.50, R.13.			
21.19	[For text of it	ems R to W, see M.	<u>R.]</u>	
21.20	Subp. 2. Waters seasonally closed	l to taking fish. Th	e following waters i	in the
21.21	portions designated are closed to the tak	ing of all fish during	the periods specifie	∍d:
21.22	For text of	of item A, see M.R.]		

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

B. St. Louis and Carlton Counties:

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22.1	(2) Lake Superior from the mainland to a line that runs from the mouth
22.2	of Chester Creek, S.23, T.50N, R.14W, to the outermost portion of the north/west arm
22.3	of the Duluth ship canal, S.27, T.50N, R.14W. The dates of closure are from the day
22.4	after the first full weekend in October + to November 30. When November 30 falls on
22.5	a Saturday, the closure extends to the following Sunday. Fishing is allowed only from
22.6	shore in this area during the dates of closure.
. 22.7	[For text of item C, see M.R.]
22.8	D. St. Louis County:
22.9	(1) Little Knife River, S.17,21-23,26-28,35,36, T.52, R.12, from the weir
22.10	upstream to the source. The dates of the closure are September 1 through May 31; and
22.11	(2) Knife River, S.25, T.52N, R.12W, between the cables. The dates of
22.12	closure are September 1 to May 31.
22.13	E. Lake County: Knife River and tributaries, S.4,5, T.52, R.11, upstream of
22.14	Lake County Road 9 are closed from October 1 through May 14.
22.15	FD. Cass County: the Gull River from the United States Army Corps of
22.16	Engineers dam (Government Lot 1, S.20, T.134N, R.29W) downstream 250 feet. The
22.17	closure is from the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to
22.18	the Friday before Memorial Day.
22.19	GE. Goodhue County:
22.20	(1) Mississippi River, within 300 feet below Lock and Dam 3 at Red Wing
22.21	S.10, T.113, R.15. The closure is from March 1 to April 30; and
22.22	(2) Cannon River and Hay Creek floodplain, S.10,11,13,14,15,23,24,25,26
22.23	T.113, R.15, and S.19, T.113, R.14, includes floodplain lakes and streams in the area
22.24	bounded on the northwest by the Vermillion River, on the south and southwest by

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23.1	Canadian Pacific Railroad track, and on the north and east by the Mississippi River. The
23.2	dates of closure are April 1 through May 15.
23.3	HF. Wabasha County: Mississippi River, within 300 feet below Lock and Dam
23.4	4 at Alma, Wisconsin, S.17,20, T.110, R.9. The closure is from March 1 to April 30.
23.5	Subp. 2a. Waters closed to possession of fish. The following waters have
23.6	restrictions on the possession of fish:
23.7	A. Mink Lake in Wright County: S.23-25, T.121, R.27, and Somers Lake in
23.8	Wright County, S.24-25, T.121, R.27, are closed to the possession of all fish through
23.9	February 28, 1998, except that the daily and possession limit for sunfish is five. Possession
23.10	and use of minnows as bait, except processed minnows in a dried, frozen, or pickled
23.11	condition, is prohibited.
23.12	B. The Otter Tail River from the Wilkin County Road 19 crossing in S.26,
23.13	T.132, R.45 to the Friberg Dam in S.31, T.134, R.42, including the Orwell, Dayton
23.14	Hollow, Pisgah, Central, and Diversion impoundments, S.25,26,35,36, T.132, R.45, in
23.15	Wilkin County and S. Various, T.132-134, R.42-44, in Otter Tail County, is closed to the
23.16	possession of smallmouth bass until March 1, 2008.
23.17	EB. Annie Battle inlet and outlets in Otter Tail County: The inlet stream
23.18	(T.133N, R.40W, S.24) beginning at the northeast exit point of Molly Stark Lake to the
23.19	confluence with Annie Battle Lake and the outlet stream (T.133N, R.40W, S.12) beginning
23.20	at the northwest exit of Annie Battle to Blanche Lake are closed to the possession of
23.21	northern pike and largemouth bass. The daily and possession limit for sunfish is five.
23.22	<u>→</u> <u>C</u> . Eagle Creek in Scott County: S.7,18, T.115N, R.21W, and S.13, T.115N,
23.23	R.22 (south of State Highway 101 to the source of the east and west branches that are west
23.24	of State Highway 13) is closed to the possession of trout.
23.25	<u>ED</u> . [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]

24.1	FE. Crawford Lake in Wright County: S.20, T.119N, R.25W, is closed to the
24.2	possession of largemouth bass. The daily and possession limit for sunfish is five, for
24.3	crappie is five, for walleye is two, and for yellow perch is ten.
24.4	[For text of subps 3 and 4, see M.R.]
24.5	6266.0200 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-IOWA BOUNDARY WATERS.
24.6	[For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]
24.7	Subp. 4. Spearing and archery restrictions. The taking of fish by spearing or
24.8	archery is prohibited on Minnesota-Iowa boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo,
24.9	sheepshead, bowfin, gar, and quillback may be taken by spearing or archery from May 1
24.10	through February 15 between sunrise and sunset and possessed without limit.
24.11	[For text of subps 5 to 7, see M.R.]
24.12 24.13	6266.0300 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY WATERS.
24.14	[For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]
24.15	Subp. 3. Spearing and archery restrictions. The taking of fish by spearing or
24.16	archery is prohibited on Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters, except that carp,
24.17	buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, and gar may be taken by spearing or
24.18	archery from May 1 through December 31 between sunrise and sunset each day. There
24.19	is no possession limit on the listed species of fish. A person may not have in possession
24.20	on or near the water or ice of Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters a spear or
24.21	bow and arrow at any time, except during the open season for spearing and archery.
24.22	Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle. The taking of fish
24.23	by spearing from or within a darkhouse or fish house is prohibited on Minnesota-North
24.24	Dakota boundary waters.
24.25	[For text of subps 4 to 7, see M.R.]

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25.1 25.2	6266.0 WATE		MINNESOTA-SOUTH DAKOTA I	BOUNDARY	
25.3	[For text of subp 1, see M.R.]				
25.4	Subp. 2. Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary				
25.5	waters	s. The following applies to the	e species, seasons, and limits for takin	g fish on	
25.6	Minne	sota-South Dakota boundary v	vaters:		
25.7 25.8 25.9		Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits	
25.10 25.11 25.12 25.13	A.	Walleye and sauger	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February.	4; with only one walleye over 20 inches.	
25.14 25.15	В.	Northern pike	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February.	6	
25.16 25.17	C.	Small and large mouth bass	Saturday closest to April 21 through last day in February.	6	
25.18	D.	Crappie	Continuous.	10	
25.19	E.	Sunfish and bluegill	Continuous.	10	
25.20	F.	Rock bass	Continuous.	20	
25.21	G.	Bullhead	Continuous.	100	
25.22 25.23	H.	Perch	Continuous.	25 15 daily, 30 in possession.	
25.24 25.25 25.26	I.	Catfish	Continuous.	5 with only 1 over 24 inches.	
25.27	J.	Sturgeon	Closed.	0	

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26.1 26.2 26.3	K. Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, Continuous. No limits. sucker, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, gar, and white
26.4	(striped) bass
26.5	When the closing falls on a Saturday, the season will extend through the following
26.6	Sunday.
26.7	Subp. 3. Spearing and archery restrictions. The taking of fish by spearing or
26.8	archery is prohibited on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters, except that carp,
26.9	buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, and gar may be taken by spearing
26.10	or archery and possessed without limit from the last Saturday in April through November
26.11	30 between sunrise and sunset each day. When the 30th falls on a Saturday, the season
26.12	will extend through the following Sunday.
26.13	Subp. 4. Restricted equipment. A person may not have in possession on or near the
26.14	water or ice of Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters a spear; or spring gaff, or bow
26.15	and arrow at any time, except during the open season for spearing and archery.
26.16	[For text of subps 5 to 14, see M.R.]
26.17 26.18	6266.0500 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS.
26.19	Subpart 1. Specified waters. The provisions of this part apply to the following
26.20	described Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters:
26.21	A. Mississippi River and Lake Pepin extending from the mouth of the St. Croix
26.22	River at the U.S. Highway 10 bridge at Prescott, Wisconsin to the southern boundary of
26.23	this state and lying between the Burlington Northern main railroad tracks on the Wisconsir
26.24	side and the Chicago, Milwaukee, Canadian Pacific, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad tracks
26.25	on the Minnesota side, including all sloughs, backwaters, bays, and newly extended water
26.26	areas lying between the railroad tracks.

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[For text of subps 2 to 7, see M.R.] 27.2

> Subp. 8. Restricted equipment. No more than two tip-ups may be used for ice fishing on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters. Tip-ups may not be more than 400 feet from the angler. A person may not use a spear, dip net, or bow and arrow in any manner at any time for the purpose of taking game fish or have in possession or under control any fish spear, spring gaff, or similar device in a fish house. Rough fish may be taken by means of a spear or dip net not to exceed 24 inches in diameter, or bow with tethered arrow except crossbow, from sunrise to sunset only, from the Saturday nearest May 1 through March 1. A person may not have in possession on the water or immediate banks of the water a spear, except during the open season for spearing. [For text of subps 9 and 10, see M.R.]

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, part 6262.0600, subpart 2, is repealed. 27.13