

Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Permanent Rules: Fishing Regulations, Aquatic Plants, Licenses and Permits, and Border Water Requirements

6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.

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

Species
and
Open
Season
Daily
and
Possession
Limits

A. Largemouth and smallmouth bass. 6 in aggregate.

- (1) In all waters lying east and north of U.S. Highway 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash Lakes, St. Louis County.

Saturday
two
weeks
prior
to the
Saturday
of
Memorial
Day
weekend
to the
last

Sunday
in
February.

From
the
second
Monday
in
September
to the
end
of the
season,
angling
for
smallmouth
bass
shall
be
limited
to
catch
and
release
only.

Any
smallmouth
bass
must
be
immediately
returned
to the
water
and it
shall
be
unlawful
for

anyone
to
have
in
possession,
regardless
of
where
taken,
any
smallmouth
bass
while
~~on or~~
fishing
in
inland
waters.

(2) In all other waters.

From
the
Saturday
two
weeks
prior
to the
Saturday
of
Memorial
Day
weekend
to the
Saturday
of
Memorial
Day
weekend,
angling

for
bass
is
limited
to
catch
and
release
only.
Any
bass
must
be
immediately
returned
to the
water.
It is
unlawful
for
anyone
to
have
in
possession,
regardless
of
where
taken,
any
bass
while
on or
fishing
in
these
waters.
The
Saturday
of

Memorial
Day
weekend
to the
last
Sunday
in
February
is the
harvest
season.

From
the
second
Monday
in
September
to the
end
of the
season,
angling
for
smallmouth
bass
~~shall~~
~~be~~ is
limited
to
catch
and
release
only.
Any
smallmouth
bass
must
be
immediately

returned
to the
water
and it
shall
~~be~~ is
unlawful
for
anyone
to
have
in
possession,
regardless
of
where
taken,
any
smallmouth
bass
while
on or
fishing
in
~~inland~~
these
waters.

B. Brown trout.

[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see M.R.]

(3) In lakes only: 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake. 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.

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

(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.

C. Brook trout and splake.

[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see M.R.]

(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.

Lakes

in

Becker,

Beltrami,

Cass,

Crow

Wing,

and

Hubbard

Counties,

except

Blue

Lake

in

Hubbard

County.

- (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.

[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see M.R.]

- (3) In lakes only: 5 in aggregate with brook and brown trout and splake. 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.

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

- (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.

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

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

The first Saturday in June to December 1.

- (1) In all inland waters not listed in subitem (2). 1 in aggregate. The minimum size limit is ~~48~~ 50 inches in length.
- (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.

Lake:
 County:
 Bryant
 Hennepin
 Bush
 Hennepin
 Calhoun
 Hennepin
 Cedar
 Hennepin
 Cedar
 Scott
 Clear
 Washington
 Crystal
 Dakota
 Crystal
 Hennepin
 Eagle
 Carver
 Elmo
 Washington

Gervais
 Ramsey
 Island
 Ramsey
 Isles
 Hennepin
 Johanna
 Ramsey
 Nokomis
 Hennepin
 Orchard
 Dakota
 Phalen
 Ramsey
 Pierson
 Carver
 Silver
 Ramsey
 Wasserman
 Carver
 Weaver
 Hennepin

[For text of items I to L, see M.R.]

M. Flathead and channel catfish. 5 in aggregate. No more than 1 may be over 24 inches and no more than 2 may be flathead catfish.

Continuous,
except
for
flathead
catfish,
the
season
is
closed
from
December
1 to
March
31.

[For text of items N and O, see M.R.]

P. Sturgeon.

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~~Closed:~~
June
16 to
April
14 for
catch
and
release
only.
Closed
April
15 to
June
15.
When
the
closing
date
of a
season
falls

on a
Saturday,
the
season
does
not
extend
through
the
following
Sunday.

- Q. Carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshead, No limits.
suckers, burbot, gar, whitefish, goldeyes,
tullibeas, buffalo, smelt.

Continuous.

Subp. 2. **Taking of smelt from inland waters.** Rainbow smelt may be taken by licensed anglers and those exempt from licensing at any time by angling and dip net. Smelt may be taken in inland lakes by minnow seines, not more than 25 feet in length or four feet in depth. Seines may not be used within 100 feet of any outlets or mouths of any stream that empty into or out of Grindstone Lake, Pine County. Live smelt may not be possessed or transported.

6262.0300 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE SUPERIOR AND TRIBUTARIES.

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

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

Species
Open
Season
Daily
and
Possession
Limits

A. Rainbow trout, including
steelhead

Lake
Superior
and
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
brown
and
brook
trout

and
splake.
No
more
than
3
may
be
clipped
rainbow
trout,
including
steelhead.
The
minimum
size
limit
for
clipped
rainbow
trout
is
16
inches
in
length.
Clipped
rainbow
trout
have
their
adipose
fin
removed
and
must
show
a
healed
scar.

No
harvest
of
unclipped
rainbow
trout
is
allowed.
All
unclipped
rainbow
trout
must
be
returned
to
the
water
immediately
and
it
is
unlawful
for
anyone
to
have
in
possession,
regardless
of
where
taken,
any
unclipped
rainbow
trout
while
on
or

fishing
in
Lake
Superior.

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.
It
is
unlawful
for
anyone
to
have
in
possession,
regardless
of
where
taken,
any
rainbow
trout
while
on
or
fishing
in
the
listed
waters.

B. Brook trout and splake

Lake
Superior
and
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.
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).

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.

C. Brown trout

Lake
Superior
and
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.

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.

D. Lake trout

Lake
Superior
and
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

| | | |
|---|------------|---|
| 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. |
|---|------------|---|

| | | |
|----------|------------|---|
| F. Smelt | Continuous | Smelt may be possessed without limit and may be bought or sold at any time. |
|----------|------------|---|

G. Walleye
Lake
Superior
and
 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.

H. Northern pike

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

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

6262.0500 WATERS CLOSED TO TAKING FISH.

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

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

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

B. St. Louis and Carlton Counties:

(1) St. Louis River, S.6,7, T.48, R.15, from the State Highway 23 bridge upstream to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable crossing the river. The dates of closure are from the Saturday closest to March 1 to May 18; ~~and~~

(2) Lake Superior from the mainland to a line that runs from the mouth of Chester Creek, S.23, T.50N, R.14W, to the outermost portion of the north/west arm of the Duluth ship canal, S.27, T.50N, R.14W. The dates of closure are from the day

after the first full weekend in October to November 30. When November 30 falls on a Saturday, the closure extends to the following Sunday. Fishing is allowed only from shore in this area during the dates of closure; and

(3) Pike River, mouth up to dam, T.61, R.16, S.3. The dates of closure are from April 1 to May 31.

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

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

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

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

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

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

D. [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]

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

6262.0575 WATERS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.

[For text of subps 1 to 7, see M.R.]

Subp. 8. **Annie Battle Lake including inlets and outlets.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for black crappie is five and sunfish is five. Angling for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass is limited to catch and release only, whereby any largemouth bass or smallmouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release angling for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass is legal during the open season for these species in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any largemouth bass or smallmouth bass while on or angling in the following waters. While on or fishing in the following waters, angling for northern pike is limited to catch and release only, whereby any northern pike caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release angling for northern pike is legal during the open season for this species in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any northern pike while on or fishing in the following waters. A person may not possess a motorized ice auger or electronic fish finding devices while on or fishing in the following waters. Electronic fish finding devices include depth finders; fish finders; underwater videos or cameras; sonars; global positioning systems; and temperature, oxygen, and pH meters.

Name

Location

County

End

Date

| | | | | |
|----|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------|----------|
| A. | Annie Battle Lake | T.133, R.39,40, S.13,18,19,24 | Otter Tail | 3/1/2013 |
|----|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------|----------|

- B. Annie Battle inlet stream T.133, R.40, S.24 Otter Tail ~~3/1/2013~~
beginning at the exit point
of Molly Stark Lake to
the confluence with Annie
Battle Lake
- C. Annie Battle outlet stream T.133, R.40, S.12 Otter Tail ~~3/1/2013~~
beginning at the northwest
exit of Annie Battle Lake
to Blanche Lake

[For text of subps 9 to 13, see M.R.]

Subp. 14. **La Salle Lake.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for black crappie is five, for sunfish is five, for yellow perch is ten, and for walleye is two. Angling for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass is limited to catch and release only, whereby any largemouth bass or smallmouth bass caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release angling for largemouth bass and smallmouth bass is legal during the open season for these species in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any largemouth bass or smallmouth bass while on or angling in the following waters. While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, fishing for northern pike is limited to catch and release only, whereby any northern pike caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release fishing for northern pike is legal during the open season for this species in inland waters. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any northern pike while on or fishing in the following waters.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| <u>La Salle</u> | <u>T.145, R.35, S.30,31,32</u> | <u>Hubbard</u> |

6262.0600 SEASONS AND METHODS FOR TAKING ROUGH FISH.

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

Subp. 1a. **Taking by harpooning, archery, seine, traps, or dip net.** Rough fish may be taken ~~by fish trap, net, dip net, seine, or other device capable of taking fish~~ as described in items A and B from May 1 through the Sunday before the third Monday in February between sunrise and sunset in all inland waters ~~and by archery at night on water bodies designated under subpart 2 from June 1 to the last day in August~~, except where the taking of fish is otherwise prohibited by law or rule.

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

~~B. Rough fish may be taken by archery, provided that the arrows used are tethered or controlled by an attached line. The use of crossbows is prohibited, except as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.106.~~

~~C. B.~~ Rough fish may be taken by means of hand-held dip nets having a diameter not exceeding 24 inches.

[For text of subps 1b and 1c, see M.R.]

Subp. 1d. **Taking by archery.** Rough fish may be taken by archery, provided that the arrows used have a barb and are tethered or controlled by an attached line. Use of crossbows is prohibited, except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.106.

[For text of subps 2 to 5, see M.R.]

6262.0800 OPEN SEASONS FOR TAKING WHITEFISH AND CISCOES.

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

Subp. 3. **Schedule II.** All bodies of water listed in this schedule are open during the dates indicated by one of the following symbols:

A = Second Friday of October through the first Sunday of December;

B = First Friday of November through the second Sunday of December; or

C = Second Friday of November through the second Sunday of December.

County

Minimum mesh size 3-1/2 inches allowed

Minimum mesh size 1-3/4 inches allowed

Open dates

| | | | |
|---|------------------|--------|---|
| Ball Club, T.144, R.25,26; T.145, R.26 | Itasca | X | B |
| Bass, T.137, R.28 | Crow Wing | X | B |
| Bass, north basin and Snyder Bay to the narrows, T.56, R.26 | Itasca | X | B |
| Bass, Big, T.140, R.26, S.27 + Various | Cass | X B | |
| Beltrami, T.148, R.32,33 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Bemidji, Little, T.142, R.39, S.23 + Var. | Becker | X | B |
| Benedict, T.142, R.32 | Hubbard | X | B |
| Black Bear, T.46, R.29,30; T.47, R.29,30 | Crow Wing | X B | |
| Blackduck, T.149, R.31 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Blackwater, T.140, R.29, S.25 + Var. | Cass | X | B |
| Bowstring, T.146, R.25,26; T.147, R.25,26 | Itasca | X | B |
| Bowstring, Little, T.58, R.27, S.23 + Var. | Itasca | X | B |
| Boy, T.142, R.27,28 | Cass | X | B |
| Brule, T.60, R.21, S. Var. | Cook | X A | |
| Buffalo, T.140, R.40,41; T.141, R.40 | Becker | X | C |
| Buzzle, Big, T.148, R.35 | Beltrami | X B | |
| Caribou, T.65, R.1E | Cook | X | A |
| Carr, T.146, R.33 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Cass, T.145,146, R.30,31 | Beltrami Cass | X | B |
| Clear, T.137, R.28 | Crow Wing | X B | |

| | | | |
|---|------------------------|--------|---|
| Clearwater, T.149, R.35,36 | Beltrami Clearwater | X | B |
| Cotton, T.139,140, R.40 | Becker | X | B |
| Crane, T.67, R.16,17 | St. Louis | X A | |
| Crooked, T.144, R.31 | Cass | X | B |
| Crooked, T.45, R.28, S.16 + Var. | Crow Wing | X | B |
| Crow Wing, Fifth and Sixth Lakes (channel between), T.140, R.33, S.20 | Hubbard | X | B |
| Crow Wing, Seventh and Eighth Lakes (channel between), T.140, R.33, S.12 + Var. | Hubbard | X | B |
| Crow Wing, Ninth, T.140, 141, R.32 | Hubbard | X | B |
| Crystal, T.136, R.42 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Curfman, T.138, R.41 | Becker | X | B |
| Cut Foot Sioux, T.146,147, R.27 | Itasca | X | B |
| Deer, T.148, R.34 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Deer, T.62, R.24, S. Var. | Itasca | X | B |
| Detroit, T.138,139, R.41 | Becker | X | B |
| Eagle, T.45, R.29 | Crow Wing | X B | |
| Elbow, T.64, R.18, S. Var. | St. Louis | X | A |
| Elbow, Big, T.142, R.38,39 | Becker | X | C |
| Eunice, T.138, R.42, S.26 + Var. | Becker | X | B |
| Fish, T.137, R.42 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Fish Hook, T.140, R.34,35 | Hubbard | X | B |
| Floyd, Big, T.139, R.41 | Becker | X | B |
| Franklin, T.136,137, R.42 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Gilstad, T.148,149, R.30 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Graham, T.137,138, R.40 | Becker Otter Tail | X | B |
| Grant, T.146,147, R.34 | Beltrami | X B | |

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| Graves, T.58, R.26 | Itasca | X | B |
| Gull, T.134, R.29,30; T.135, R.29 | Cass | X | B |
| | Crow Wing | | |
| Gull, Upper, T.135, R.29 | Cass | X | B |
| Hanging Horn, Big, T.46, R.19 | Carlton | X | |
| | | B | |
| Howard, T.141, R.31 | Cass | X | |
| | | B | |
| Ice Cracking, T.141, R.38,39 | Becker | X | C |
| Isabella, T.61, R.8; T.62, R.7,8 | Lake | X | A |
| Island, T.141, R.35 | Hubbard | X | B |
| Jack, T.141,142, R.30 | Cass | X | |
| | | B | |
| Jessie, T.147,148, R.25 | Itasca | X | B |
| Jewett, T.134, R.43 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Kabekona, T.142, R.32; T.143, R.32,33 | Hubbard | X | B |
| Kabetogama, T.69,70, R.19-22 | Koochiching | X | |
| | St. Louis | A | |
| Kimble, T.137, R.28 | Crow Wing | X | |
| | | B | |
| Kitchie, T.146,147, R.30 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Lake of the Woods | Lake of the | X | A |
| | Woods | | |
| | Roseau | | |
| Leaf, East, T.134, R.37,38 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Leaf, Middle, T.134, R.38 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Leaf, West, T.134, R.38 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Leavitt, T.139, R.25,26 | Cass | X | B |
| Leech, including Kabekona Bay and all other bays, T.141, R.29,31; T.142, R.28,29,30,31,32; T.143, R.28,29,30,31; T.144, R.28,29,30 | Cass | X | A |
| | Hubbard | | |
| Lida, T.135,136, R.42 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Lizzie, T.136,137, R.42 | Otter Tail | X | C |

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| Long, T.138,139, R.41 | Becker | X | B |
| Long, T.139,140, R.34 | Hubbard | X | B |
| Long, T.134, R.42,43 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Long, Lower South, T.44, R.29,30 | Crow Wing | X | B |
| Long, North, T.134, R.28, 29; T.135, R.28 | Crow Wing | X | B |
| McCraney, T.143, R.40, S.25 + Var. | Mahnomen | X | B |
| Many Point, T.141, R.38; T.142, R.38,39 | Becker | X | B |
| Maple, T.60, R.27 | Itasca | X | B |
| Margaret (Kilpatrick), T.135, R.29 | Cass | X | B |
| Marquette, T.146, R.33 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Maud, T.138, R.42 | Becker | X | B |
| Melissa, T.138, R.41 | Becker | X | B |
| Moore, T.142, R.38, S.5; T.143, R.38, S.32 | Becker | X | B |
| | Clearwater | | |
| Movil, T.147,148, R.33 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Murphy, T.137, R.39, S.6; T.138, R.39, S.31 | Becker | X | B |
| | Otter Tail | | |
| Namakan, T.68, R.17,18; T.69, R.17,18,19, except the narrows between Namakan and Sand Point Lakes | St. Louis | X | |
| | | A | |
| Net (Burnett), T.142, R.40, S.17 + Var. | Becker | X | B |
| Oak (Mud), T.143, R.32, S.27 | Hubbard | X | B |
| Ossawinamakee (Long), T.136, 137, R.28 | Crow Wing | X | B |
| Pelican, T.135, R.27,28; T.136, R.27,28 | Crow Wing | X | B |
| Pelican, Big, T.137, R.42,43 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Pike, T.142, R.38 | Becker | X | B |
| Pike, East, T.65, R.2E,3E | Cook | X | |
| | | A | |
| Pike Bay, T.145, R.30,31 | Cass | X | B |
| Pillager, T.133,134, R.30 | Cass | X | |
| | | B | |

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| Pimushe, T.147,148, R.30,31 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Pine, Big, T.136,137, R.38 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Pine, Little, T.136, R.39; T.137, R.38,39 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Pine Mountain, T.138, R.30; T.139, R.30,31 | Cass | X B | |
| Plantaganette, T.145, R.33, 34; T.146, R.33 | Beltrami Hubbard | X | B |
| Pokegama, T.54, R.25,26; T.55, R.25,26 | Itasca | X B | |
| Portage, T.141, R.31 | Cass | X B | |
| Portage, T.45, R.28, S.29 + Var. | Crow Wing | X | B |
| Potato and Eagle Lakes (channel between), T.141, R.35, S.22 | Hubbard | X | B |
| Prairie, T.50, R.20 | St. Louis | X B | |
| Pug Hole Lake, T.140, R.26, S.2 + Var. | Cass | X B | |
| Rainy, T.69-71, R.17-24 | Koochiching St. Louis | X A | |
| Round, T.141, R.38,39 | Becker | X | B |
| Round, T.134, R.28,29; T.135, R.28,29 | Crow Wing | X | B |
| Round, T.148, R.27,28 | Itasca | X B | |
| Rush Island, T.148, R.26, S.15 + Var. | Itasca | X | B |
| Sand, Big, T.147,148, R.26 | Itasca | X | B |
| Sand Point, T.67, R.16,17; T.68, R.16,17, except the narrows between Sand Point and Namakan Lakes and Sand Point and Little Vermillion Lakes | St. Louis | X A | |
| Sandy, T.149, R.35 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Sandy, Big, T.49, R.23,24; T.50, R.23,24 | Aitkin | X | B |
| Sauk, Big, T.126,127, R.34 | Stearns Todd | X | B |

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| Silver Island, T.60, R.6; T.61, R.6,7 | Lake | X | A |
| Snyder (Snider), T.143, R.39,40 | Mahnomen | X | B |
| <u>Spring Lake</u> | <u>Itasca</u> | <u>X</u> | |
| | | <u>B</u> | |
| Stalker, T.132, R.41 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Star, T.137, R.28 | Crow Wing | X | B |
| Star, T.135, R.40,41; T.136, R.41 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Steamboat, T.144, R.31,32 | Cass | X | B |
| | Hubbard | | |
| Strawberry, T.141,142, R.40 | Becker | X | |
| | | B | |
| Sucker, Lower (Big Sucker), T.144, R.30; T.145, R.29,30 | Cass | X | B |
| Swan, T.55,56, R.22,23, S. Var. | Itasca | X | |
| | | B | |
| Ten Mile, T.140, R.30,31; T.141, R.30,31 | Cass | X | |
| | | C | |
| Thunder, Big, T.140, R.26 | Cass | X | B |
| Tulaby, T.142,143, R.39 | Becker | X | B |
| | Mahnomen | | |
| Turtle, Big, T.148, R.33 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Turtle, Little, T.148, R.31, 32 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Turtle River Lake, T.147, 148, R.32 | Beltrami | X | B |
| Twin Lakes, T.56, R.23,24 | Itasca | X | B |
| Wabedo, T.140, R.28 | Cass | X | B |
| Washburn, T.139,140, R.26 | Cass | X | B |
| White Earth, T.142,143, R.40 | Becker | X | B |
| | Mahnomen | | |
| Wilson Bay, T.134, R.29,30 | Cass | X | B |
| Wimer, T.137, R.40 | Otter Tail | X | C |
| Winnibigoshish, T.145, R.27, 28,29; T.146, R.27,28, 29; T.147, R.27,28 | Cass | X | B |
| | Itasca | | |

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| Winnibigoshish, Little, T.145, R.26,27; T.146, | Cass | X | |
| R.26,27, except those portions within one-fourth | Itasca | B | |
| mile of river channels | | | |
| Wolf, Big, T.145,146, R.32, S. Var. | Beltrami | X | B |
| | Hubbard | | |
| Woman, T.140, R.28,29; T.141, R.28,29 | Cass | X | B |

[For text of subps 4 and 5, see M.R.]

6264.0125 DESIGNATED SPAWNING BEDS AND FISH PRESERVES.

The following described water bodies are designated as spawning beds or fish preserves and may be posted according to part 6262.0500, subpart 4.

Name
Location
County

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

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| HH. | Pike River | Mouth up to dam T.61, R.16, S.3 | St. Louis |
| JJ. <u>III.</u> | Pomme de Terre River | Below Mill Pond Dam T.130, R.42, S.14,23,24 and that reach of the river from the southern boundary of Section 7 upstream to the outlet of Barrett Lake T.127, R.41, S.7; T.128, R.41, S.7 | Grant |
| KKK. <u>JJJ.</u> | Pomme de Terre River | Below Morris Dam T.124, R.42, S.12,13 | Stevens |
| LL. <u>KKK.</u> | Potato River | Below Potato Lake Dam T.140, R.35, S.1 | Hubbard |
| MMM. <u>LLL.</u> | Rachel Lake | One bay (southwest) T.127, R.39, S.22 | Douglas |
| NNN. <u>MMM.</u> | Rapid River | Mouth to State Highway 11 bridge T.160, R.30, S.12 | Lake of the Woods |

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| OOO <u>NNN</u> | Round Lake | Two bays on south side of lake T.59, R.24, S.14,15 | Itasca |
| PPP <u>OOO</u> | Rose Lake | Southwest bay T.137, R.40, S.20 | Otter Tail |
| QQQ <u>PPP</u> | Sandbar (Horseshoe) Lake | Small bay on southern-most end of the west basin T.136, R.27, S.19 | Crow Wing |
| RRR <u>QQQ</u> | Shagawa River | Both sides of both road crossings at Winton T.63, R.11, S.19; T.63, R.12, S.24 | Lake, St. Louis |
| SSS <u>RRR</u> | Shell Lake | Lake outlet, east of Highway 39 bridge, to Section 17 T.140, R.37, S.18 | Becker |
| TTT <u>SSS</u> | Shotley Brook | State Highway 72 to Upper Red Lake T.153, R.31, S.10,11,12,14,24; T.153, R.30, S.19-23 | Beltrami |
| UUU <u>TTT</u> | Tait River | From the Forest Road 339 crossing downstream to White Pine Lake, including White Pine Lake within 200 yards of the mouth of Tait River T.61, R.3, S.17,19,20 | Cook |
| VVV <u>UUU</u> | Tamarac River | From Upper Red Lake upstream to the Beltrami-Koochiching County line T.154, R.30, S.8,9,11-13,15-17 | Beltrami |
| WWW <u>VVV</u> | Toad Lake | Outlet from Big Toad, south to Mud Lake. Inlet through first pond and continuing approximately 200 yards to the east T.139, R.38, S.3,17 | Becker |
| XXX <u>WWW</u> | Toad River | Inlet to Big Pine Lake upstream to County Road 13 T.137, R.38, S.32 | Otter Tail |
| YYY <u>XXX</u> | Turtle River | Below Three Island Dam T.148, R.32, S.19,20,28,29 | Beltrami |
| ZZZ <u>YYY</u> | Unnamed | Connection between Lake Ida and Lake Charlie T.129, R.38, S.25,26 | Douglas |

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| AAAA. <u>ZZZ.</u> | Unnamed | Connection between Lake Miltona and Lake Ida Douglas T.130, R.37,38, S.31,36 | |
| BBBB. <u>AAAA.</u> | Unnamed | Connection between Lake Miltona and State Highway 29 T.130, R.37, S.27 | Douglas |
| CCCC. <u>BBBB.</u> | Unnamed | Connection between Lake Aaron to Lake Moses T.130, R.39, S.16 | Douglas |
| DDDD. <u>CCCC.</u> | Unnamed | Connection between Lake Reno and Maple Lake T.127, R.37, S.31 | Douglas, Pope |
| EEEE. <u>DDDD.</u> | Unnamed | Connection between Lake Ellen and Leven Lake T.126, R.37, S.1,2 | Pope |
| FFFF. <u>EEEE.</u> | Unnamed | Area below Lake Minnewaska outlet T.125, R.39, S.25 | Pope |
| GGGG. <u>FFFF.</u> | Unnamed | Inlet to Two Inlets Lake T.141, R.36, S.11 | Becker |
| HHHH. <u>GGGG.</u> | Unnamed | Connection between Lake Emma and Big Sand Lake T.141, R.34, S.23 | Hubbard |
| HH. <u>HHHH.</u> | Vermilion Lake | Pike Bay T.61,62, R.15,16, S.Various | St. Louis |
| III. <u>III.</u> | Vermilion River (Gorge) | Mouth at Crane Lake upstream to falls T.67, R.16,17, S.Various; T.68, R.16,17, S.Various | St. Louis |

6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.

[For text of subps 1 to 39, see M.R.]

Subp. 40. **Walleye 17-inch to 26-inch protected slot.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be less than 17 inches in length or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 17 to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may include not more than one walleye over 26 inches.

Name

Location

County

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| A. Battle | T.62, R.23,24, S.25,30 | Itasca |
| B. Deer | T.62, R.24, S.14,15,22-28,34 | Itasca |
| C. Island | T.150, R.28, S.3-5, 8-10,15-17,20,21 | Itasca |
| D. Pickerel | T.62, R.24, S.25,26,35 | Itasca |
| E. Round | T.148, R.27,28, S.13,14, 18-20,23-26,29,30 | Itasca |
| F. Splithand, including Moody's Creek upstream to County Road 432 | T.53, R.25, S.14,15, 22,23,26,27,35 | Itasca |
| G. Swan | T.55,56, R.22,23, S.Various | Itasca |
| H. Trout | T.55,56, R.24, S.5,6, 8,9,16,17,21,22,31,32 | Itasca |
| I. Garden Reservoir | T.63, R.11, S.20-22,27-30 | Lake |
| J. Farm | T.62,63, R.11, S.3,4,26-29, 32-35 | Lake |
| K. North Branch Kawishiwi River | T.63, R.10,11, S.25,26, 28,29,30 | Lake |
| L. South Farm | T.62,63, R.11, S.1,2,3, 35,36 | Lake |
| M. White Iron | T.62,63, R.11,12, S.Various | St. Louis |
| N. Popple River | T.148, R.27, S.19,20, from the outlet of Round Lake downstream to the State Highway 46 bridge | Itasca |

[For text of subps 41 to 106, see M.R.]

Subp. 107. **Splithand Lake panfish possession limits.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for sunfish is five and for crappie is five.

| Name | Location | County |
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| Splithand Lake, including Moody's Creek upstream to County Road 432 | T.53, R.25, S.14, 15, 22, 23, 26, 27, 35 | Itasca |

[For text of subps 108 to 111, see M.R.]

Subp. 112. [See repealer.]

Subp. 113. [See repealer.]

6266.0100 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING FISH ON BOUNDARY WATERS WITH ADJACENT STATES.

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

Subp. 2. Possession limits on boundary waters.

A. Licensed anglers, or those exempt from licensing, may possess only one limit of fish while on the adjacent state's boundary waters listed in parts 6266.0200, subpart 1; 6266.0300, subpart 1; 6266.0400, subpart 1; and 6266.0500, subpart 1, regardless of the number of licenses held.

B. Where regulations differ between this state and an adjacent state on such boundary waters, the exercise of the more liberal regulations is limited to persons licensed by the more liberal state and confined to the territorial waters of the more liberal state.

C. Fish that are taken by angling on Minnesota boundary waters with South Dakota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota and not immediately released ~~freely into the water~~

immediately after capture or returned to the water as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 26c, are considered to be in possession and part of the bag limit. No culling or live well sorting (the act of replacing one fish with another one) is allowed. Fish may not be released after being reduced to possession, except that an angler may release fish to the same water body where the fish were taken when the angler is done fishing for that day and before the angler leaves the water body.

D. Licensed anglers, or those exempt from licensing, must follow the general restrictions on transport, possession, and packing of fish while on a boundary water unless otherwise specified in this chapter or part 6262.0300.

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

6266.0200 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-IOWA BOUNDARY WATERS.

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

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

Species

Open

Season

Daily

and

Possession

Limit

| | | | |
|----|---|---|-------------------------|
| A. | Walleye | Saturday nearest May 1 through February 15 <u>Continuous</u> | 6 <u>3</u> |
| B. | Northern pike | Saturday nearest May 1 through February 15 <u>Continuous</u> | 3 |
| C. | <u>Sunfish and crappie in aggregate</u> | No closed season | 30 <u>25</u> |

Sunfish
under
this
item
are the
following
species:
bluegill,
pumpkinseed,
green,
orangespotted,
longear,
warmouth,
and
their
hybrids.

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| D. | <u>Yellow and white (striped) bass in aggregate</u> | No closed season | 30 <u>No limit</u> |
| E. | <u>Catfish in aggregate</u> | Saturday nearest May 1 through February 15 | 8 |

Channel
catfish
Continuous
Flathead
catfish
April
1
through
November
30

- | | | | |
|----|----------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| F. | Small and large mouth bass | Saturday nearest May 1 through February 15 <u>Continuous</u> | 6 <u>3</u> |
| G. | Perch | No closed season | 30 <u>25</u> |
| H. | Crappie | No closed season | 15 |

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| F. H. | Bullhead, carp, sucker, redhorse, sheepshead, buffalo, burbot, bowfin, gar, and quillback | No closed season | No limits |
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| I. | <u>Muskie</u> | <u>May 21 through November 30</u> | <u>1, with a 40-inch minimum size</u> |
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When the closing date falls on a Saturday, the season ~~will extend~~ extends through the following Sunday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Species
- Open
- Season
- Daily
- and
- Possession
- Limits

| | | | |
|----|---|--|---|
| A. | Walleye and sauger | Continuous. | 3 in aggregate. |
| B. | Northern pike | Continuous. | 3 |
| C. | Small and large mouth bass | Continuous. | 3 in aggregate. |
| D. | Crappie | Continuous. | 30 |
| E. | Sunfish and bluegill | Continuous. | 30 |
| F. | Rock bass | Continuous. | 20 |
| G. | Bullhead | Continuous. | 100 |
| H. | Perch | Continuous. | 50 |
| I. | Catfish | Continuous. | 5, with only 1 over 24 inches in length. |
| J. | Sturgeon | <u>Closed June 16 through April 14 for catch and release only. Closed April 15 to June 15. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season does not extend through the following Sunday.</u> | -0- |
| K. | Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, sucker, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, gar, and white (striped) bass | Continuous. | No limit. |
| L. | Muskellunge | Continuous. | 1; 40 <u>50</u> -inch minimum size limit. |

Subp. 3. **Spearing restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing is prohibited on Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, and gar may be taken by spearing from May 1 through December 31 between sunrise and sunset each day. There is no possession limit on the listed species of

fish. A person may not have in possession on or near the water or ice of Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters a spear at any time, except during the open season for spearing. Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle. ~~The taking of fish by spearing from or within a darkhouse or fish house is prohibited on Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters.~~

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

Subp. 8. **Dark house spearing.** Taking fish by spearing from or within a dark house is allowed on Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters according to items A to E.

A. Spearing season is from November 15 to the last Sunday in February, inclusive, between sunrise and sunset.

B. Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, and gar may be taken with a spear and possessed without limit.

C. Northern pike may be taken with a spear and the possession limit is three.

D. A person may not have a spear in possession on or near the water or ice of Minnesota-North Dakota boundary waters at any time, except during the open season for spearing.

E. Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle.

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

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

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

Species
Open
Season
Daily
and
Possession
Limits

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|----|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| A. | Walleye and sauger | Saturday closest to April 21 through 4; with only last day in February. | with only one walleye over 20 inches. |
| B. | Northern pike | Saturday closest to April 21 through 6 last day in February. | |
| C. | Small and large mouth bass | Saturday closest to April 21 through 6 last day in February. | |
| D. | Crappie | Continuous. | 10 |
| E. | Sunfish and bluegill | Continuous. | 10 |
| F. | Rock bass | Continuous. | 20 |
| G. | Bullhead | Continuous. | 100 |
| H. | Perch | Continuous. | 15 daily, 30 in possession. |
| I. | <u>Catfish in aggregate</u> | 5 with only 1 over 24 inches. | |
| | <u>Channel catfish</u> | Continuous. | |

Flathead
catfish
April
1
through
November
30.

- J. Sturgeon Closed: June 16 through April 14 for catch and release only. Closed April 15 to June 15. When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season does not extend through the following Sunday. 0
- K. Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, sucker, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, gar, and white (striped) bass Continuous. No limits.

When the closing falls on a Saturday, the season ~~will extend~~ extends through the following Sunday.

Subp. 3. **Spearing restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing is prohibited on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, and gar may be taken by spearing and possessed without limit from ~~the last Saturday in April through November 30~~ May 1 through the last day in February between sunrise and sunset each day. When the ~~30th~~ closing day falls on a Saturday, the season ~~will extend~~ extends through ~~the following Sunday~~ March 1. A person may not have a spear in possession on or near the water or ice of Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters at any time, except during the open season for spearing. Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle.

[For text of subp 4, see M.R.]

Subp. 5. ~~Darkhouse~~ Dark house spearing prohibited. The Taking of fish by spearing from or within a ~~darkhouse~~ dark house is ~~prohibited~~ allowed on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters according to items A to F.

A. Spearing season is November 15 to the last Sunday in February, inclusive, between sunrise and sunset.

B. Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, and gar may be taken by spearing and possessed without limit.

C. Northern pike may be taken with a spear and the possession limit is three.

D. Catfish may be taken by spear, except on Bois De Sioux River from the White Rock Dam to the North Dakota border. The possession limit is five. Only one fish may be over 24 inches.

E. A person may not have a spear in possession on or near the water or ice of Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters at any time, except during the open season for spearing.

F. Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle.

[For text of subps 6 to 14, see M.R.]

6266.0500 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS.

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

Subp. 3. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters.** To the extent that chapter 6264 is inconsistent with this part, the provisions of chapter 6264 apply. Lake sturgeon are designated under part 6264.0400, subpart 90.

Except as provided in chapter 6264, the following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters:

Species
and
Open
Season
Daily
and
Possession
Limits

A. Small and large mouth bass

(1)
St.
Louis
River.
Saturday
preceding
Memorial
Day
to
March
1.
5 in
aggregate;
14-inch
minimum
size
limit.

(2)
St.
Croix
River
upstream
of the
dam
at
Taylors
Falls.

Saturday
preceding
Memorial
Day
to the
Sunday
preceding
the
second
Monday
in
September.
5 in
aggregate;
14-inch
minimum
size
limit.

Second
Monday
in
September
to
March
1.
Limited
to
catch
and
release
only.
Any
smallmouth
or
largemouth
bass
must
be
immediately

returned
to the
water.
It is
unlawful
for
anyone
to
have
in
possession,
regardless
of
where
taken,
any
smallmouth
or
largemouth
bass.

(3)
St.
Croix
River
downstream
of the
dam
at
Taylors
Falls
to its
mouth
(U.S.
Highway
10
bridge
at
Prescott,
Wisconsin).

Saturday
preceding
Memorial
Day

to
March

1.
5 in
aggregate;
14-inch
minimum
size
limit.

(4)
Mississippi
River
and
Lake
Pepin.
Continuous.

5 in
aggregate;
14-inch
minimum
size
limit.

B. Walleye and sauger

(1)
St.
Louis
River.
Saturday
two
weeks
prior
to the
Saturday
of

Memorial

Day

weekend

to

March

1.

2 in

aggregate;

15-inch

minimum

size

limit

for

walleye.

(2)

St.

Croix

River.

Saturday

nearest

May

1 to

March

1.

6 in

aggregate;

15-inch

minimum

size

limit

for

walleye.

(3)
 Mississippi
 River
 and
 Lake
 Pepin.
 Continuous.
 6 in
 aggregate;
 15-inch
 minimum
 size
 limit
 for
 walleye.

C. Northern pike

5, except St. Louis River 2 northern pike.

(1)
 St.
 Louis
 River.
 The
 Saturday
 two
 weeks
 prior
 to the
 Saturday
 of
 Memorial
 Day
 weekend
 through
 March
 1.

(2)
 St.
 Croix
 River.
 Saturday
 nearest
 May 1
 through
 March
 1.

(3)
 Mississippi
 River
 and
 Lake
 Pepin.
 Continuous.

D. Channel and flathead catfish- 10 in aggregate
~~Continuous.~~

Channel
catfish.
Continuous.

Flathead
catfish.
April
1 to
November
30.

E. Lake sturgeon

An
angler
must
have a
special
fish
management
tag to
harvest
lake
sturgeon.

(1)
St.
Louis
River
and
all
waters
of the
Mississippi
River
below
Prescott
and
above
Taylors
Falls
Dam.
Season
is
closed.
the
Red
Wing
Dam.
June
16 to
April
14 for

catch
and
release
only.
Closed
April
15 to
June
15.
When
the
closing
date
of a
season
falls
on a
Saturday,
the
season
does
not
extend
through
the
following
Sunday.

(2)
 St.
 Louis
 River.
 Season
 is
 closed.
All
waters
of the
Mississippi
and

St.
Croix
Rivers
above
Red
Wing
Dam.
June
16 to
March
1
catch
and
release
only.
Closed
March
2 to
June
15.
When
the
closing
date
of a
season
falls
on a
Saturday,
the
season
does
not
extend
through
the
following
Sunday.

F. Shovelnose sturgeon

(1)

All

waters

of the

Mississippi

River

below

Red

Wing

Dam.

Continuous.

10

(2)

All

waters

of the

Mississippi,

St.

Croix,

and

St.

Louis

Rivers

above

Red

Wing

Dam.

Season

is

~~closed.~~

June

16 to

March

1 for

catch

and

release

only.

Closed
March
2 to
June
15.
When
the
closing
date
of a
season
falls
on a
Saturday,
the
season
does
not
extend
through
the
following
Sunday.

- G. Crappie. Continuous. 25
- H. Rock bass. Continuous. 25
- I. Sunfish and bluegill. Continuous. 25
- J. Perch. Continuous. 25
- K. Bullhead. Continuous. No limits
- L. Paddlefish (spoonbill catfish). No open season.
- M. Rough fish. Continuous. No limits

N. Muskellunge. Minimum size limit 1
 = ~~40 inches~~ is 50 inches. Saturday
 nearest Memorial Day through ~~March~~
~~± November 30~~.

O. White (striped) and yellow bass. 25
 Continuous.

P. All other species. Governed by inland regulations of state
 in which taken.

[For text of subps 4 to 10, see M.R.]

6266.0700 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-CANADA BOUNDARY WATERS.

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

Subp. 2. Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-Canada boundary waters.

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

C. Except as provided in chapter 6264, the following applies to the species,
 seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota-Canada boundary waters. When the
 closing date of the season falls on a Saturday, the season ~~will extend~~ extends to the
 following Sunday, except for the walleye and sauger season, which always ends on April
14 regardless of which day of the week it falls.

Species
 Open
 Season
 Daily
 and
 Possession
 Limits

(1) Walleye and sauger

(a)
 All
 border
 waters
 not
 listed
 in
 unit
 (b)
 or (c)
 or in
 chapter
 6264
 Saturday
 two
 weeks
 prior
 to the
 Saturday
 of
 Memorial
 Day
 weekend
 to
 April
 14.
 6 in
 the
 aggregate,²
with
only
1 over
20
inches
in
possession.

(b)
Rainy
Lake,
including
Minnesota
waters
from
the
dam
in
International
Falls
to the
dam
in
Kettle
Falls
and
Black
Bay,
including
Gold
Portage
and
the
upper
portion
of the
Rainy
River
(Boise
Cascade
Dam
upstream
to
Ranier)
Saturday
two
weeks
prior

to the
 Saturday
 of
 Memorial
 Day
 weekend
 to
 April
 14.
 8 in
 the
 aggregate,
 of
 which
 not
 more
 than 4
 may
 be
 walleye.

Rat
 Root
 River
 and
 Rat
 Root
 Lake
 Saturday
 two
 weeks
 prior
 to the
 Saturday
 of
 Memorial
 Day
 weekend
 to the
 last

Sunday
in
February.
8 in
the
aggregate,
of
which
not
more
than 4
may
be
walleye.

(c)
Saganaga
Lake
Saturday
two
weeks
prior
to the
Saturday
of
Memorial
Day
weekend
to
April
14.
6
walleye,
with
only 1
walleye
over
19.5
inches.

(2) Sturgeon

An angler must have a special fish management tag to harvest sturgeon.

All border waters not listed in subitem

(1), unit (b) or (c), or in chapter 6264.

June 16 to April 14 for catch and release only.

Closed April 15 to June 15.

When
the
closing
date
of a
season
falls
on a
Saturday,
the
season
does
not
extend
through
the
following
Sunday.

(3) Lake trout

In all bodies of water 2
entirely or partly outside
of the Boundary Waters
Canoe Area Wilderness
and exceptions from the
Saturday nearest January
15 through March 15;
lakes partly outside of
the Boundary Waters
Canoe Area Wilderness
and exceptions include
Saganaga Lake; in all
bodies of water lying
entirely within the
Boundary Waters Canoe
Area Wilderness from
~~the Saturday nearest~~
January 1 through March
31, except when January
1 falls on a Sunday,
Monday, or Tuesday,

then the opening day is
the preceding Saturday
(Saturday nearest January
1); and in all waters
from the Saturday two
weeks prior to Saturday of
Memorial Day weekend
through September 30.

(4) Trout (except lake trout) Saturday nearest May 1 Same as listed in part
through September 30. 6262.0200.

(5) Northern pike

(a)

For
all
waters

not
listed
in

unit

(b)

or in
chapter
6264

Continuous.

3,
with
only
1 over
30
inches.

(b)
 Basswood
 Lake
 Saturday
 two
 weeks
 prior
 to the
 Saturday
 of
 Memorial
 Day
 weekend
 to the
 last
 Sunday
 in
 February.
 3

- | | | | |
|-----|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| (6) | Muskellunge (minimum size 40 <u>50</u> inches total length) | Third Saturday in June through November 30. | 1 |
| (7) | Large and smallmouth bass | No closed season. | 6 in aggregate. |
| (8) | Crappie | No closed season. | 10 |
| (9) | All other species | No closed season. | Same as listed in part 6262.0200. |

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

6280.0250 STANDARDS FOR AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PERMIT ISSUANCE.

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

Subp. 4. **Prohibitions.** An APM or commercial harvest permit will not be issued:

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

D. for mechanical or pesticide control or commercial harvest of aquatic plants in areas posted or designated by the commissioner as scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.033, or aquatic management areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.07, ~~or in areas designated for the protection of lotus (*Nelumbo lutea*) or other kinds of aquatic plants and animals;~~

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

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

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 6212.0100; 6212.0200; 6212.0300; 6212.0400; 6212.0500; 6212.0600; 6212.0700; 6212.0800; 6212.0900; 6212.1000; 6212.1100; 6212.1200; 6212.1300; 6262.0100, subpart 3; and 6264.0400, subparts 112 and 113, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6266.0200 and 6266.0500, subpart 3, items E, F, and N, are effective March 1, 2015.