

Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Exempt Permanent Fisheries Rule

6264.0300 DESIGNATED EXPERIMENTAL WATERS.

[For text of subps 1 to 31, see M.R.]

Subp. 32. **Rainy Lake experimental regulations.** To the extent that this subpart is inconsistent with part 6266.0700, subpart 2, the provisions of this subpart apply. While a person is on or fishing in the waters listed below, all walleye in possession or under control, regardless of where taken, must be less than ~~17~~ 18 inches in length or greater than ~~28~~ 26 inches in length. All walleye that are ~~17 to 28~~ 18 to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession and daily limit for walleye is four, and must not include more than one walleye over ~~28~~ 26 inches in length. Walleye legally taken from Ontario waters of Rainy Lake that are not within the above length limits may be possessed with documented proof of fishing on Ontario waters of Rainy Lake. Proof of fishing must consist of documentation of a residence or property on Ontario waters of Rainy Lake, or a dated receipt from an Ontario resort on Rainy Lake. A person in possession of walleye that were legally taken in Ontario waters of Rainy Lake, but not within the legal sizes for the waters listed below, may not fish on the waters listed below.

Name	Location	County	End Date
Rainy Lake	T.67,68,69,70, 71, R.18,19,20, 21,22,23,24, S. Various, Minnesota waters of Rainy Lake from the dam in International Falls to the dam in Kettle Falls, Black Bay including Gold Portage, Rat Root Lake, and all of the Rat Root River	Koochiching, St. Louis	3/1/2016 <u>3/1/2026</u>

[For text of subps 33 to 46, see M.R.]

Subp. 47. [See repealer.]

[For text of subps 48 to 65, see M.R.]

Subp. 66. [See repealer.]

[For text of subps 67 to 69, see M.R.]

Subp. 70. [See repealer.]

Subp. 71. [See repealer.]

[For text of subps 72 to 83, see M.R.]

Subp. 84. **Sunfish restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for sunfish is ten.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>End Date</u>
A. <u>Green Prairie Fish Lake</u>	<u>T.130, R.30, S.13</u>	<u>Morrison</u>	<u>3/1/2026</u>
B. <u>Long (Higgins) Lake</u>	<u>T.127, R.33, S.19</u>	<u>Todd</u>	<u>3/1/2026</u>
C. <u>Maple Lake</u>	<u>T.128, R.34, S.7</u>	<u>Todd</u>	<u>3/1/2026</u>
D. <u>Moose Lake</u>	<u>T.128, R.32, S.15</u>	<u>Todd</u>	<u>3/1/2026</u>
E. <u>Platte Lake</u>	<u>T.43, R.28, S.31</u>	<u>Crow Wing</u>	<u>3/1/2026</u>
F. <u>Sullivan Lake</u>	<u>T.42, R.29, S.12</u>	<u>Morrison</u>	<u>3/1/2026</u>

6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.

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

[For text of subp 4, see 39 SR 1539, 39 SR 1569, and 40 SR 217]

[For text of subps 5 to 34, see M.R.]

Subp. 35. **Catch and release trout fishing.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, angling for trout is limited to catch and release only, whereby any trout caught must be immediately returned to the water. Catch and release angling for trout is legal during the open season for trout in inland streams. All legal methods of taking trout are allowed.

Name	Location	County
A. Belle Creek	T.113, R.16, S.34,35 and T.112, R.16, S.3,4,9,16, from the confluence with the Cannon River in S.35, T.113, R.16, upstream approximately 7.3 miles to the posted boundary where the stream crosses State Highway 19 in S.16, T.112, R.16	Goodhue
B. Root River, Middle Branch	T.104, R.11, S.17,18,19,20 and R.12, S.23,24,26,27, 33,34,35 and T.103, R.12, S.4,8,9, from the confluence with the Root River, North Branch upstream approximately 12.5 miles to the confluence of Spring Valley Creek and Deer Creek in S.9, T.103, R.12	Fillmore
C. Zumbro River, North Fork	T.110, R.15, S.33,34,35,36 and R.14, S.31 and T.109, R.14, S.6,7,8,9,10 and R.15, S.1,2 from the confluence with the Zumbro River in S.10, T.109, R.14, upstream approximately 11.9 miles to the posted boundary where the stream crosses Goodhue County Hwy 10	Goodhue and Wabasha
D. Vermillion River	T.113,114, R.18-20, S.Various, the entire designated trout stream reach beginning 1.1 miles downstream of Highway 52 upstream to the Highview Avenue bridge, except for a two-mile reach in Farmington from State Highway 3 in S.29, 30, R.19, T.114, upstream to County Highway 31 in S.31, R.19, T.114 and S.36, R.19,20, T.114	Dakota
E. Unnamed tributary DOW M-49-10 (locally known as North Creek)	T.114, R.19, S.19,30	Dakota
F. Unnamed tributary DOW M-49-10-001 (locally known as Middle Creek)	T.114, R.19, S.30	Dakota

- G. ~~Unnamed tributary~~ T.114, R.20, S.33,34, 35,36 ~~Dakota~~
~~DOW M-29-12~~
~~(locally known as~~
~~South Creek)~~
- H. ~~South Branch of~~ T.114, R.18, S.20,29,30, 31; T.114, R.19, S.36; ~~Dakota~~
~~Vermillion River~~ and T.113, R.19, S.1,2,11

[For text of subps 36 to 41, see M.R.]

Subp. 42. **Largemouth and smallmouth bass 12-inch maximum size limit and one over 20 inches.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth and smallmouth bass in possession must be less than 12 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth and smallmouth bass that are 12 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and possession limit may include not more than one largemouth bass or smallmouth bass in the aggregate over 20 inches in length.

Name	Location	County
A. Agnes	T.128, R.37, S.18	Douglas
B. Balm	T.150, R.35, S.22,23,26-28	Beltrami
C. Henry	T.128, R.37, S.7,18	Douglas
D. Pierz (Fish)	T.40, R.31, S.13,14	Morrison

[For text of subps 43 to 49, see M.R.]

Subp. 50. **Horseshoe Lake sunfish restrictions.** While on or angling in the following waters, ~~all largemouth and smallmouth bass in possession must be less than 12 inches in length. All largemouth and smallmouth bass 12 inches and greater in length must be immediately returned to the water. All northern pike in possession must be 30 inches or greater in length. All northern pike that are less than 30 inches in length must be~~

~~immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit for northern pike is one. The following additional daily and possession limits also apply: crappie, five fish; walleye, three fish; and sunfish, five fish~~ the daily and possession limit for sunfish is five.

Name	Location	County
Horseshoe Lake	T.139, R.30, S.15,16,21,22	Cass

[For text of subps 51 to 57, see M.R.]

Subp. 58. **Ozawindib bass and crappie size restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth and smallmouth bass in possession must be less than 12 inches or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth and smallmouth bass that are 12 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession and daily limit may include not more than one bass over 20 inches in length. While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all crappie in possession must be ten inches or greater in length. All crappie less than ten inches must be immediately returned to the water.

Name	Location	County
A. North Turtle	T.133, R.41, S.25,26,34,35	Otter Tail
B. Ozawindib	T.143, R.36, S.5,6,7,8	Clearwater

[For text of subp 59, see 40 SR 563]

[For text of subps 60 to 124, see M.R.]

Subp. 125. **Vermillion River brown trout and rainbow trout seasons and angling restrictions.** Angling for brown trout and rainbow trout in the following waters is open from the Saturday nearest April 15 through October 15. While a person is on or angling in the following waters, angling for brown trout is limited to catch and release only, whereby any brown trout caught must be immediately returned to the water. While a person is on

or angling in the following waters from September 15 through October 15, angling for rainbow trout is limited to catch and release only, whereby any rainbow trout caught must be immediately returned to the water. All legal methods of taking trout are allowed.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
A. <u>Vermillion River</u>	<u>T.113,114, R.18-20, S.Various, the entire designated trout stream reach beginning 1.1 miles downstream of Highway 52 upstream to the Highview Avenue bridge in S.31, R.19, T.114 and S.36, R.19,20, T.114</u>	<u>Dakota</u>
B. <u>Unnamed tributary DOW M-49-10 (locally known as North Creek)</u>	<u>T.114, R.19, S.19,30</u>	<u>Dakota</u>
C. <u>Unnamed tributary DOW M-49-10-001 (locally known as Middle Creek)</u>	<u>T.114, R.19, S.30</u>	<u>Dakota</u>
D. <u>Unnamed tributary DOW M-29-12 (locally known as South Creek)</u>	<u>T.114, R.20, S.33,34,35,36</u>	<u>Dakota</u>
E. <u>South Branch of Vermillion River</u>	<u>T.114, R.18, S.20,29,30,31; T.114, R.19, S.36; and T.113, R.19, S.1,2,11</u>	<u>Dakota</u>

Subp. 126. Pierz (Fish) Lake largemouth and smallmouth bass restrictions.

While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth and smallmouth bass in possession must be less than 14 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth and smallmouth bass that are 14 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and possession limit may include not more than one largemouth bass or smallmouth bass, in aggregate, over 20 inches in length.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Pierz (Fish) Lake</u>	<u>T.40, R.31, S.13,14</u>	<u>Morrison</u>

Subp. 127. **North Turtle Lake largemouth and smallmouth bass and crappie restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth and smallmouth bass in possession must be less than 14 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth and smallmouth bass that are 14 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession and daily limit may include not more than one bass over 20 inches in length. While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all crappie in possession must be ten inches or greater in length. All crappie less than ten inches must be immediately returned to the water.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>North Turtle Lake</u>	<u>T.133, R.41, S.25,26,34,35</u>	<u>Otter Tail</u>

Subp. 128. **Kabekona Lake walleye restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be less than 20 inches in length or greater than 26 inches in length. All walleye that are 20 to 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and possession limit for walleye is four fish, of which not more than one walleye shall be over 26 inches in length.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
<u>Kabekona Lake</u>	<u>T.142,143, R.32,33, S.Various</u>	<u>Hubbard</u>

Subp. 129. **Blackwater and Mule Lakes largemouth and smallmouth bass restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth and smallmouth bass in possession must be less than 14 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth and smallmouth bass that are 14 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession

limit may not include more than one largemouth bass or smallmouth bass, in aggregate, over 20 inches in length.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
A. <u>Blackwater Lake</u>	<u>T.140, R.29, S.25,26,34,35</u>	<u>Cass</u>
B. <u>Mule Lake</u>	<u>T.140, R.28,29, S.Various</u>	<u>Cass</u>

Subp. 130. **Battle, Deer, and Pickerel Lakes sunfish restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, the daily and possession limit for sunfish is ten.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
A. <u>Battle Lake</u>	<u>T.62, R.23,24, S.25,30</u>	<u>Itasca</u>
B. <u>Deer Lake</u>	<u>T.62, R.24, S.14,15,22-38,34</u>	<u>Itasca</u>
C. <u>Pickerel Lake</u>	<u>T.62, R.24, S.25,26,35</u>	<u>Itasca</u>

Subp. 131. **Crooked and Long Lakes largemouth bass restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all largemouth bass in possession must be less than 12 inches in length or greater than 20 inches in length. All largemouth bass that are 12 to 20 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit may not include more than one largemouth bass over 20 inches in length.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>
A. <u>Crooked Lake</u>	<u>T.122, R.27, S.5</u>	<u>Stearns</u>
B. <u>Long Lake</u>	<u>T.122, R.27, S.5,8</u>	<u>Stearns</u>

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, part 6264.0300, subparts 47, 66, 70, and 71, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6264.0300 and 6264.0400, and the repealer are effective March 1, 2016.