

**Department of Natural Resources****Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2017 State Game Refuges,  
Wildlife Management Areas, and Taking Small Game, Furbearers, and Wild Turkey****6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.**

[For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

**Subp. 5. Areas closed to hunting and trapping.****A. The following wildlife management areas are closed to hunting and trapping:**

(1) Boerner Wildlife Management Area in Sibley County, ~~the~~<sub>2</sub>

(2) Buelow Wildlife Management Area in Steele County, ~~the~~<sub>2</sub>

(3) Bryson Wildlife Management Area in Freeborn County, ~~the~~<sub>2</sub>

(4) Chapa-Kak-Say-Za Wildlife Management Area in Steele County;<sub>2</sub> and

the

(5) Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in McLeod County ~~are closed to  
the hunting and trapping of all species.~~

**B. The Sand Prairie Wildlife Management Area in Sherburne County is closed to  
the hunting and trapping of all species, except for:**

(1) hunting by individuals with disabilities participating in a special hunt;<sub>2</sub>

(2) youth ages ten to 17 who are participating in the regular archery season.

Youth may take one deer under this subitem but may not hunt during events for individuals  
with disabilities; and

(3) youth up to age 17 during the spring turkey season.

[For text of subps 6 to 10, see M.R.]

Subp. 11. **Areas with other restrictions.**

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

[For text of item E, see 41 SR 857]

F. The Sandstone Wildlife Management Area in Pine County is closed to firearms hunting for deer and bear but open to archery hunting for deer and bear and hunting and trapping of all other species by legal means during designated seasons.

Subp. 12. **Sanctuary areas open to hunting.** The following sanctuary areas of wildlife management areas posted with "Wildlife Sanctuary Do Not Trespass" signs are open ~~for hunting~~ as specified:

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

[For text of item B, see 41 SR 857]

C. The Haverhill Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted County is open to pheasant hunting October 21 for youth ages 12 to 17 who are participating in the Pheasants Forever special mentored youth hunt. Pheasants Forever is sponsoring the hunt.

D. The posted sanctuary within the Ricehaven Wildlife Management Area in St. Louis County is open:

(1) May 1 through September 14 to wild rice harvesting during the wild rice season, canoeing, and bird-watching; and

(2) November 25 through May 15 for hunting and trapping of any species for which there is an open season.

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

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

[For text of subps 1 to 6, see M.R.]

Subp. 7. **Overnight use.** A person may not camp on or remain in a vehicle overnight in any wildlife management area, except by permit or where posted for this use by the commissioner. A person may not leave a vehicle, trailer, or tent unoccupied or unattended overnight within a wildlife management area, ~~except by permit or in areas and at times designated by signs for overnight use. A vehicle, trailer, or tent lawfully left overnight must be occupied or attended.~~ In camping areas from one hour after sundown to one hour before sunrise, which are designated quiet hours, a person may not make noise at a level above that of a quiet conversation.

[For text of subps 8 to 23, see M.R.]

**6230.0295 VERMILLION HIGHLANDS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.**

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

- A. archery, firearms, and muzzleloader deer hunting by special permit only;
- B. pheasant and Canada goose hunting starting on the day following the close of the muzzleloader deer season through the end of the respective statewide seasons;
- C. trapping and predator hunting beginning January 1 by special permit only; and
- D. spring turkey hunting.

Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

Subp. 3. **Dogs.** Dogs must be on a leash except when hunting pheasant or Canada goose during the designated seasons.

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

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

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

A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after ~~the close of the 200 Series firearms deer season~~ November 19;

[For text of item B, see 41 SR 1376]

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

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

Subp. 5. **Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County.** The Clay County Game Refuge in Clay County is open to:

A. ~~prairie chickens~~ small-game hunting except ducks and geese during the regular duck season;

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

[For text of item D, see 41 SR 1376]

[For text of subps 6 to 8, see M.R.]

[For text of subp 9, see 41 SR 1376]

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

[For text of subp 11, see 41 SR 1376]

Subp. 12. **Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge, Kanabec County.** The Fish Lake-Ann River Game Refuge in Kanabec County is open to all hunting and trapping, ~~except waterfowl.~~

[For text of subp 13, see 41 SR 1376]

[For text of subps 14 to 32, see M.R.]

[For text of subp 33, see 41 SR 1376]

[For text of subps 34 to 38, see M.R.]

[For text of subp 39, see 41 SR 1376]

[For text of subp 40, see M.R.]

[For text of subp 41, see 41 SR 1376]

[For text of subp 42, see M.R.]

[For text of subp 43, see 41 SR 1376]

[For text of subps 44 to 48, see M.R.]

Subp. 49. **Warroad Game Refuge, Roseau County.** The Warroad Game Refuge in Roseau County is open to:

A. trapping; and

B. archery deer hunting as described in part 6232.0600.

[For text of subps 50 to 53, see M.R.]

[For text of subp 54, see 41 SR 1376]

Subp. 55. **Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge, Stearns County.** The Collegeville (St. John's) Game Refuge in Stearns County is open to archery deer hunting and firearms deer and bear hunting during the established seasons, by written permission of the landowner.

[For text of subps 56 to 60, see M.R.]

Subp. 61. **St. Cloud Refuge, Stearns County.** The St. Cloud Refuge in Stearns County is open to taking deer and bear by archery.

Subp. 62. Hagali-Rice Game Refuge, Beltrami County. The Hagali-Rice Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

- A. small-game hunting, except waterfowl, beginning November 1 through the end of the respective seasons;
- B. trapping beginning November 1 through the end of the respective seasons;
- C. deer and bear hunting by archery; and
- D. deer hunting by firearms.

[For text of subp 63, see 40 SR 1019]

**6234.0600 TAKING JACK RABBITS, COTTONTAIL RABBITS, AND SNOWSHOE HARES.**

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

Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than ten cottontail rabbits, ~~jack rabbits,~~ and snowshoe hares, combined, per day or possess more than 20 cottontail rabbits, ~~jack rabbits,~~ and snowshoe hares, combined, at a time. A person may not take more than one jack rabbit per day or possess more than three jack rabbits, combined, at a time.

**6234.1400 TAKING WEASELS, BADGER, AND OPOSSUM.**

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Long-tailed weasels, short-tailed weasels, badgers, and opossums may be taken statewide ~~with~~ by legal firearms, bow and arrow, and ~~by~~ trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22, except in the North Mink/Muskrat/Beaver/Otter Zone as described in part 6234.1000, subpart 3, where ~~badger and opossum~~ long-tailed weasels, short-tailed weasels, badgers, and opossums may be taken ~~with~~ by legal firearms, bow and arrow, and ~~by~~ trapping beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 17. The season ends March 15.

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

**6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.**

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from the first Saturday following Thanksgiving ~~to the Sunday nearest December 12~~ through November 30.

Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** The combined limit for fisher and pine marten is ~~five~~ two per season, in aggregate. A person may not take more than ~~five~~ two fisher and pine marten, combined, per season or possess more than ~~five~~ two fisher and pine marten, combined, at a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took, tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

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

**6234.2600 PELT TAGGING AND REGISTRATION.**

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

Subp. 3. **Registration of pelts.** The pelt of each bobcat, fisher, pine marten, and otter must be presented, along with completed site validation coupons for each fisher, pine marten, or otter, by the person taking it, to a state wildlife manager designee for registration before the pelt is sold and before the pelt is transported out of the state, but in no event more than ~~48~~ 24 hours after the season closes for ~~each species, respectively~~ fisher and marten or 48 hours after the season closes for otter and bobcat. The entire carcass of bobcat and the entire head of pine marten and fisher must be surrendered to the state wildlife manager designee. The pelt of bobcat, otter, fisher, and pine marten must have been removed from the carcass.

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

**6236.0700 FALL TURKEY SEASON.**

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

Subp. 4. **Open areas.** Wild turkey permit areas are open for the fall turkey season as prescribed by the commissioner. Turkey licenses are valid for taking turkeys only in the wild turkey permit area specified on the license-, except youth licenses, which are valid statewide. The following wild turkey permit areas are open for the 2017 fall season: 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, and 512.

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

**REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6230.0295, subpart 2, is repealed. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200; 6230.0250; 6230.0295; 6230.0400; and 6234.0600, as published in the State Register, volume 41, page 178, August 15, 2016, are repealed.

**EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0200, 6230.0250, 6230.0295, 6230.0400, 6234.0600, and 6234.1400, expire August 15, 2018. The emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6234.1700, 6234.2600, and 6236.0700, expire January 31, 2018. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read before those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.