

Department of Natural Resources**Adopted Exempt Permanent Rules Designating Experimental and Special Management Waters****6264.0300 DESIGNATED EXPERIMENTAL WATERS.**

[For text of subparts 1 to 55, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 56. **Walleye slot limits on Namakan Reservoir Lakes.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession or under control must be less than ~~17~~ 18 inches in length or greater than ~~28~~ 26 inches in length. All walleye that are ~~17~~ 18 to ~~28~~ 26 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession and daily limit for walleye and sauger is six in the aggregate, of which not more than four may be walleye and not more than one walleye may be over ~~28~~ 26 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End Date
A. Kabetogama Lake (including Sullivan Bay and Ash River to Ash River Falls)	T.68, R.19,20, S.Various R.19,20,21, 22, S.Various T.70, R.21,22, S.Various	T.69, St. Louis, Koochiching	3/1/2019 <u>3/1/2027</u>
B. Namakan Lake	T.68, R.17,18,19, S.Various T.69, R.17,18,19, S.Various T.70, R.18,19, S.Various	St. Louis	3/1/2019 <u>3/1/2027</u>
C. Sand Point Lake	T.67, R.16, S.Various R.16, S.Various S.Various	T.68, St. Louis, T.69, R.17,	3/1/2019 <u>3/1/2027</u>
D. Little Vermilion Lake (including Loon River to Loon Falls Portage)	T.66, R.16, S.Various R.16, S.Various	T.67, St. Louis	3/1/2019 <u>3/1/2027</u>
E. Crane Lake (including Vermillion Gorge and the Echo River from the mouth upstream to St. Louis Co. Highway 424 bridge)	T.67, R.16,17, S.Various R.16,17, S.Various	T.68, St. Louis	3/1/2019 <u>3/1/2027</u>

[For text of subparts 57 to 74, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 75. [See repealer.]

Subp. 76. **Pearl Lake walleye and northern pike regulations regulation.** ~~While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be 17 inches or greater in length. All walleye less than 17 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water. The daily and possession limit for walleye taken from the following waters is three.~~ While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and possession limit is three and may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

Name	Location	County	End date
Pearl Lake	T.122, R.29, S.2,3,10,11	Stearns	3/1/2019 <u>3/1/2024</u>

[For text of subparts 77 to 86, see Minnesota Rules]

6264.0400 DESIGNATED SPECIAL MANAGEMENT WATERS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 4, see State Register, volume 42, page 1254]

[For text of subparts 5 to 18, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 19. **Northern pike 24-inch to 36-inch protected slot limit.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's daily and possession limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36 inches in length.

Name	Location	County
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[For text of items A to KK, see Minnesota Rules]

LL.	Big Fish	T.124, R.30, S.20,21,28,29	Stearns
MM.	Balsam	T.58,59, R.24, S.4-9	Itasca
LL.			
NN.	Medicine	T.149, R.32, S.Various	Beltrami
MM.			
OO.	North Twin	T.148, R.31, S.Various	Beltrami
NN.			
PP.	Coon-Sandwich	T.60,61, R.25, S.Various	Itasca
OO.			
QQ.	Rachel, Little	T.127, R.39, S.Various	Douglas
PP.	Rachel		
RR.	Sturgeon Lake	T.45, R.19, S.Various	Pine
SS.			
QQ.	Ten Mile Lake	T.140,141, R.30,31, S.Various	Cass

[For text of subparts 20 to 28, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 29. [See repealer.]

[For text of subparts 30 to 32, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 33. **Lake of the Woods and Rainy River; walleye and sauger.**

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

C. Except as provided in item D, from December 1 to April 14, the daily and possession limits for Lake of the Woods are as follows: ~~eight~~ six in the aggregate and not more than one walleye over 28.0 inches. All walleye in possession must be less than 19.5 inches in length or greater than 28.0 inches in length. All walleye that are 19.5 to 28.0 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water.

D. From March 1 to April 14, ~~the daily and possession limits for~~ while a person is on or angling in Four Mile Bay of Lake of the Woods and Rainy River, ~~are as follows:~~ two in the aggregate. All walleye in possession must be less than 19.5 inches in length. All

~~walleye that are 19.5 inches in length or greater~~ angling for walleye is limited to catch and release only, whereby any walleye caught must be immediately returned to the water.

[For text of item E, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 34 to 50, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 51. **Leech Lake walleye size restrictions.** While on or ~~fishing~~ 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 possession and daily limit for walleye is four fish. The possession and daily limit may not include more than one walleye over 26 20 inches in length.

Name	Location	County
Leech Lake	T.141-144, R.28-32, S.Various	Cass and Hubbard

[For text of subparts 52 and 53, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 54. **Vermilion Lake walleye and northern pike size restrictions.** While a person is on or angling in the following waters, all walleye in possession must be less than 20 inches 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 walleye possession and daily limit taken from, while on, or angling in the following waters, including those taken from other waters, is four, and must not include more than one walleye over 26 inches in length. Notwithstanding the possession limits provided by part 6262.0200, subpart 1, item G, subitem (4), while a person is on or fishing in the following waters, ~~all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. Possession and daily limit may not include more than one northern pike over 36~~

~~inches in length~~ the possession limits for northern pike provided by part 6262.0200, subpart 1, item G, subitem (1), apply.

Name	Location	County
Lake Vermilion	T.61-63, R.14-18, S.Various	St. Louis

[For text of subparts 55 to 58, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 59, see State Register, volume 43, page 493]

[For text of subparts 60 to 85, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 86. [See repealer.]

[For text of subparts 87 to 136, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 137. **Fall catch-and-release angling season for trout.** In addition to possession limits and seasons for trout provided in part 6262.0200, while a person is on or angling 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. Within the posted boundaries of the following waters, catch-and-release angling for trout is allowed only from October 16 to December 31.

Name	Location	County
Mill Creek from the unnamed tributary (Sprau's Tributary) in T.105, R.11, S.36 in Olmsted County downstream to the confluence with the North Branch Root River, T.104, R.11, S.6 in Fillmore County	T.104,105, R.11, S.6,36	Olmsted, Fillmore

Spring Valley Creek T.103, R.13, S.33
from the West Park
Street bridge in the
city of Spring Valley
downstream to the
State Highway 52
bridge

Fillmore

South Branch Root T.102, R.10, S.5
River within the city
of Preston from the
River Place West
Bridge downstream to
the U.S. Highway 52
bridge

Fillmore

South Branch Root T.103, R.10, S.13
River from the River
Place West bridge in
the city of Lanesboro
downstream to the
confluence with the
Root River

Fillmore

Rush Creek within the T.104, R.8, S.13,14
municipal limits of
the city of Rushford

Fillmore

[For text of subparts 138 to 145, see Minnesota Rules]

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 6264.0300, subpart 75; and 6264.0400, subparts 29
and 86, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The amendments to Minnesota Rules, part 6264.0300, are effective
March 1, 2019.