

Department of Natural Resources**Proposed Expedited Permanent Game and Fish Rules: Taking Fish on Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Waters****6266.0500 TAKING FISH ON MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS.**

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Definitions.** The terms used in parts 6266.0500 and 6266.0600 have the following meanings given in this subpart.

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. "Game fish" ~~means all species and size categories not included as rough fish, minnows, and catfish taken by angling~~ has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 25.

[For text of item C, see Minnesota Rules]

D. ~~"Minnow" means:~~

(1) ~~members of the minnow family (Cyprinidae), except all species of carp and goldfish;~~

(2) ~~shad, mudminnows, willow cat, and all members of the sucker family (Catostomidae) not over 12 inches in length; and~~

(3) ~~bullheads, ciscoes, herring, whitefish, goldeyes, and mooneyes not over seven inches in length.~~

D. "Minnows" has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 29.

E. "Rough fish" ~~means common carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshead suckers, burbot, gar, buffalo, quillback, mooneyes, goldeyes, shad, eels, and bullheads. In addition, catfish 15 inches or over in length when taken under commercial license with commercial~~

~~fishing gear downstream from the Taylors Falls Dam shall be considered rough fish~~ has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 43.

F. "Sunfish" has the meaning given under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.015, subdivision 46.

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~~ Smallmouth and largemouth 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. 5 in aggregate; 14-inch minimum size limit. Continuous.

B. Walleye and sauger

- (1) St. Louis River. Saturday two weeks ~~prior to~~ before 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~~ 4 in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size limit for walleye and only 1 walleye or sauger over 20 inches in length may be in possession.
- (4) Mississippi River below Lock and Dam 8 (Genoa, Wisconsin) to the Iowa border. 6 in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size limit for walleye. Only 1 walleye over 27 inches in length may be in possession. All walleye from 20 to 27 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water.

C. Northern pike ~~5, except St. Louis River 2 northern pike.~~

- (1) St. Louis River. The Saturday two weeks ~~prior to~~ before the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 1. 2
- (2) St. Croix River. Saturday nearest May 1 through March 1. 5
- (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. Continuous. 3; only 1 northern pike over 30 inches in length may be in possession.

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

Channel catfish. Continuous.

Flathead catfish. April 1 to November 30.

- (1) St. Louis River and St. Croix River. 10 in aggregate.

- (2) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 10 in aggregate; only 1 catfish over 30 inches in length may be in possession.

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 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) 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 ~~40~~ 3 below Red Wing Dam. Continuous.
- (2) All waters of the Mississippi, St. Croix, and St. Louis Rivers above Red Wing Dam. 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: 25

Continuous.

- (1) St. Louis River. 25

- (2) St. Croix River. 25
- (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 15
- H. Rock bass. Continuous. 25
- I. Sunfish ~~and bluegill.~~ 25
Continuous.
- (1) St. Louis River. 25 in aggregate.
- (2) St. Croix River. 25 in aggregate.
- (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 15 in aggregate.
- J. Yellow perch. 25
Continuous.
- (1) St. Louis River. 25
- (2) St. Croix River. 25
- (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 15
- K. Bullhead. Continuous. No limits
- L. Paddlefish (~~spoonbill catfish~~). No open season.
- M. Rough fish. Continuous. No limits
- N. Muskellunge. ~~Minimum size limit is 50 inches.~~ 50 1; 50-inch minimum size limit for muskellunge.
Saturday nearest Memorial Day through November 30.
- O. White (~~striped~~) and yellow bass. 25
Continuous.
- (1) St. Louis River. 25 in aggregate.
- (2) St. Croix River. 25 in aggregate.
- (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 10 in aggregate.
- P. All other species. Governed by inland regulations of state in which taken.

[For text of subparts 4 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]