

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

[For text of subparts 1 and 2, see Minnesota Rules]

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. Smallmouth and largemouth bass**

- (1) St. Louis River. Saturday preceding Memorial Day ~~to~~ through March 1.
- (2) St. Croix River upstream of the dam at Taylors Falls.

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

Second Monday in September ~~to~~ through 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~~ through March 1.

- (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 before the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to through March 1. 2 in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size limit for walleye.
- (2) St. Croix River upstream of the dam at Taylors Falls. Saturday nearest May 1 to through March 1. 6 in aggregate; 15-inch minimum size limit for walleye.
- (3) St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls to the mouth of the St. Croix River (U.S. Highway 10 bridge at Prescott, Wisconsin). Saturday nearest May 1 through March 1. 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.
- ~~(3)~~ Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 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) Continuous.
- ~~(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

- (1) St. Louis River. The Saturday two weeks before the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 1. 2
- (2) St. Croix River upstream of the dam at Taylors Falls. Saturday nearest May 1 through March 1. 5
- (3) St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls to the mouth of the St. Croix River (U.S. length may be in possession. 3; only 1 northern pike over 30 inches in length may be in possession.

Highway 10 bridge at Prescott,
Wisconsin). Saturday nearest May
1 through March 1.

- (3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 3; only 1 northern pike over 30 inches in
(4) Continuous. length may be in possession.

D. Channel and flathead catfish

Channel catfish. Continuous.

Flathead catfish. April 1 ~~to~~ through
November 30.

- (1) St. Louis River and St. Croix River 10 in aggregate.
above the dam at Taylors Falls.
- (2) St. Croix River downstream of the dam at Taylors Falls to the upstream side of the U.S. Highway 10 bridge at Prescott, Wisconsin. 5 channel catfish; only 1 over 24 inches in possession.
2 flathead catfish; only 1 over 24 inches in possession.
- (2) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 10 in aggregate; only 1 catfish over 30
(3) inches in length may be in possession.

E. Lake sturgeon

- (1) St. Louis River and all waters of the Mississippi River below the Red Wing Dam. June 16 ~~to~~ through April 14 for catch and release only. Closed April 15 ~~to~~ through 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~~ through March 1 catch and release only. Closed March 2 ~~to~~ through 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 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~~ through
March 1 for catch and release only.
Closed March 2 ~~to~~ through 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.

- (1) St. Louis River and St. Croix River 25
above the dam at Taylors Falls.
- (2) St. Croix River downstream of the 25 15
dam at Taylors Falls, Mississippi
River, and Lake Pepin.
- (3) ~~Mississippi River and Lake Pepin.~~ 15

H. Rock bass. Continuous. 25

I. Sunfish

Continuous.

- (1) St. Louis River and St. Croix River 25 in aggregate.
above the dam at Taylors Falls.
- (2) St. Croix River downstream of the 25 15 in aggregate.
dam at Taylors Falls, Mississippi
River, and Lake Pepin.
- (3) ~~Mississippi River and Lake Pepin.~~ 15 in aggregate.

J. Yellow perch

Continuous.

- (1) St. Louis River and St. Croix River 25
above the dam at Taylors Falls.

- (2) St. Croix River downstream of the 25 15 dam at Taylors Falls, Mississippi River, and Lake Pepin.

- (3) ~~Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 15~~

[For text of items K and L, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of item M, see State Register, volume 47, page 849]

[For text of item N, see Minnesota Rules]

O. White and yellow bass

Continuous.

- (1) St. Louis River and St. Croix River 25 in aggregate. above the dam at Taylors Falls.
- (2) St. Croix River downstream of the 25 10 in aggregate. dam at Taylors Falls, Mississippi River, and Lake Pepin.
- (3) ~~Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. 10 in aggregate.~~

[For text of items P and Q, see State Register, volume 47, page 849]

[For text of subparts 4 and 5, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 6. **Closed areas.** A person may not fish from ~~any point shore~~ or ~~from any~~ boat within the area from the Taylors Falls (St. Croix Falls) dam on the St. Croix River to 50 feet downstream from the pier in the center of the river. A person may not fish from shore or boat within the area from the Taylors Falls (St. Croix Falls) dam on the St. Croix River to the upstream side of the U.S. Highway 8 bridge on the St. Croix River from March 2 through June 15. Closed areas must be marked with suitable signs or buoys designating the closed areas. A person may not fish in the St. Louis River from Fond du Lac Dam downstream approximately one-half mile to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable at any time. A person may not fish in the St. Louis River from the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable downstream to the Highway 23 bridge from March 1 through May 18 each year.

[For text of subparts 7 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]