

## Department of Natural Resources

### Proposed Expedited Permanent Game and Fish Rules: Lake Superior Fishing Regulations

#### 6262.0300 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE SUPERIOR AND TRIBUTARIES.

*[For text of subparts 1 to 5, see Minnesota Rules]*

#### Subp. 6. Lake Superior and tributaries open season, daily and possession

**limits.** Angling season and daily and possession limits for Lake Superior are as follows:

Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A. Rainbow trout, including steelhead		
Lake Superior and all streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Highway 23 bridge, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries.	Continuous	5 in aggregate with brown and brook trout and splake. No more than 3 may be clipped rainbow trout, including steelhead. The minimum size limit for clipped rainbow trout is 16 inches in length. Clipped rainbow trout have their adipose fin removed and must show a healed scar. No harvest of unclipped rainbow trout is allowed. All unclipped rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately, and it is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any unclipped rainbow trout while on or fishing in Lake Superior.
In all streams of the Lake Superior watershed in St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties above the posted boundaries and their tributaries.	<u>Second</u> Saturday <del>nearest</del> of April 15 <del>to</del> <u>through</u> September 30	No harvest of rainbow trout is allowed. All rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately. It is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any rainbow trout while on or fishing in the listed waters.

#### B. Brook trout and splake

Lake Superior and all streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Highway 23 bridge, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries. Second Saturday nearest of April 15 through Labor Day September 30 5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. The aggregate limit for brook trout and splake is 1, and the minimum size limit is 20 inches in length.

In all streams of the Lake Superior watershed in St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties above the posted boundaries and their tributaries. Second Saturday nearest of April 15 to through September 30 5 in aggregate with brown trout. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.

#### C. Brown trout

Lake Superior and all streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Highway 23 bridge, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries. Continuous 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches, and the minimum size limit is 10 inches in length.

In all streams of the Lake Superior watershed in St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties above the posted boundaries and their tributaries. Second Saturday nearest of April 15 to through September 30 5 in aggregate with brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.

#### D. Lake trout

Lake Superior and all streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Highway 23 bridge, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries. December 1 3 through the first full weekend in October

E. Chinook, coho, Atlantic, and pink salmon      Continuous      5 in aggregate. All must be at least 10 inches in length. ~~Only 1 may be an Atlantic salmon.~~

F. Smelt      Continuous      Smelt may be possessed without limit and may be bought or sold at any time.

G. Walleye

Lake Superior and all streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Highway 23 bridge, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries.      Saturday two weeks 2. All must be at least 15 inches in prior to Saturday of length. Memorial Day weekend through March 1

H. Northern pike

Lake Superior and all streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Highway 23 bridge, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries.      Saturday two weeks 2 prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 1

All other species may be taken as allowed by inland regulations, except that for the St. Louis River downstream of the Minnesota Highway 23 bridge, part 6266.0500 applies.  
~~When the closing date of the season falls on a Saturday, the season extends to the following Sunday.~~

[For text of subpart 7, see Minnesota Rules]