

## CHAPTER 97C

### FISHING

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#### 97C.035 ENDANGERED FISH POPULATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Conditions.** If the commissioner determines that fish are in danger of dying, or if waters will be restored with the use of piscicides, the commissioner may rescue the fish under subdivision 2 or allow taking of the fish under subdivision 3.

*[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 226 s 36

#### 97C.211 PRIVATE FISH HATCHERIES.

Subdivision 1. **License required.** A person may not operate a private fish hatchery without a private fish hatchery license. A private fish hatchery is a facility for raising fish, including minnows, for sale, stocking waters, angling, or processing. A private fish hatchery license is valid for five years but must be renewed annually.

*[For text of subds 2 to 5, see M.S.1996]*

Subd. 6. **Nonpublic records.** Information on production, harvest, and sales of aquatic life by a private fish hatchery is nonpublic information.

**History:** 1997 c 226 s 37,38

#### 97C.305 TROUT AND SALMON STAMP.

Subdivision 1. **Requirement.** Except as provided in subdivision 2 or section 97A.405, subdivision 2, a person over age 16 and under age 65 required to possess an angling license must have a trout and salmon stamp in possession and a trout stamp validation on the angling license when issued electronically to:

- (1) take fish by angling in:
  - (i) a stream designated by the commissioner as a trout stream;
  - (ii) a lake designated by the commissioner as a trout lake; or
  - (iii) Lake Superior; or
- (2) possess trout or salmon taken in the state by angling.

*[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 216 s 88

#### 97C.321 RESTRICTIONS ON UNATTENDED LINES.

Subdivision 1. **General prohibition.** A person may not take fish by angling with a set line or an unattended line except as provided in this section and rules adopted under the game and fish laws.

*[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 226 s 39

#### 97C.501 MINNOW LICENSES REQUIRED.

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1996]*

Subd. 2. **Minnow dealers.** (a) A person may not be a minnow dealer without a minnow dealer license except as provided in subdivision 3.

(b) A minnow dealer must obtain a minnow dealer's vehicle license for each motor vehicle used to transport minnows. The serial number, motor vehicle license number, make, and model must be on the license. The license must be conspicuously displayed in the vehicle.

(c) A minnow dealer may not transport minnows out of the state without an exporting minnow dealer license. A minnow dealer must obtain an exporting minnow dealer's vehicle license for each motor vehicle used to transport minnows out of the state. The serial number, motor vehicle license number, make, and model must be on the license. The license must be conspicuously displayed in the vehicle.

*[For text of subs 3 and 4, see M.S.1996]*

**History:** 1997 c 216 s 89

**NOTE:** The amendment to subdivision 2 by Laws 1997, chapter 216, section 89, is effective March 1, 1998. Laws 1997, chapter 216, section 161.

## 97C.505 MINNOWS.

*[For text of subs 1 to 6, see M.S.1996]*

Subd. 7. **Interference prohibited.** A person may not knowingly damage, disturb, or interfere with legal commercial minnow harvest operations.

**History:** 1997 c 226 s 40

## 97C.801 TAKING ROUGH FISH ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1997 c 216 s 90; 1997 c 226 s 51]

Subd. 2. **Commercial fish netting on Mississippi river.** (a) A license is required to commercially take rough fish with seines in the Mississippi river from the St. Croix river junction to St. Anthony Falls.

(b) A person may take rough fish in the Mississippi river, from the St. Croix river junction to St. Anthony Falls, only with the following equipment and methods:

(1) operations shall be conducted only in the flowing waters of the river and in tributary backwaters prescribed by the commissioner;

(2) seines may be used only as prescribed by this section and rules adopted by the commissioner;

(3) seines must be hauled to a landing immediately after being placed;

(4) two seines may not be joined together in the water; and

(5) a seine may not be landed between sunset and sunrise.

**History:** 1997 c 216 s 90; 1997 c 226 s 41

**NOTE:** The amendment to this section by Laws 1997, chapter 216, section 90, is effective March 1, 1998. Laws 1997, chapter 216, section 161.