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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

6230.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in this chapter have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Special goose season.** "Special goose season" means an open season for the taking of geese where quotas exist on the numbers of hunters or harvest or a season that is restricted in area or time from the regular statewide seasons.

Subp. 3. **Waterfowl season.** "Waterfowl season" means any open season for the taking of migratory waterfowl.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.06*

History: *18 SR 83*

6230.0200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.

Subpart 1. **Areas requiring a permit to trap.** The following wildlife management areas are open to trapping with a permit:

- A. Carlos Avery in Anoka and Chisago counties;
- B. Hubbel Pond in Becker county;
- C. Red Lake in Beltrami and Lake of the Woods counties;
- D. Talcot Lake in Cottonwood and Murray counties;
- E. Mille Lacs in Mille Lacs and Kanabec counties;
- F. Lac qui Parle in Big Stone, Lac qui Parle, Swift, and Chippewa counties;
- G. Orwell in Otter Tail county;
- H. Roseau River in Roseau county;
- I. Thief Lake in Marshall county;
- J. Rothsay in Wilkin county; and
- K. Whitewater in Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona counties.

Subp. 2. **Trapping permits.** On areas where trapping permits are required, the number of trapping permits may be limited to avoid undue depletion of the furbearer resources or to prevent excessive crowding of trappers. The wildlife manager may establish a method, including a drawing, for impartially selecting the persons who may trap. An application for a trapping permit may be rejected if the trapper has failed to submit a trapping report for the previous season. Permits may be revoked at any time if the permittee violates any law or regulation or fails to comply with the requirements of the permit.

Subp. 3. **Areas closed to migratory waterfowl hunting.** The Gordon F. Yeager Wildlife Management Area in Olmsted county and the Carl Schmidt Wildlife Management Area in Morrison county are closed to the taking of migratory waterfowl.

Subp. 4. **Areas with hunting, trapping, and firearms restrictions.** The Bayport Wildlife Management Area in Washington county and the Raguet Wildlife Management Area in Scott and Carver counties are:

- A. closed to the trapping of unprotected mammals, except when there is an open trapping season for a protected species;

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B. closed to the possession of firearms unless unloaded and contained in a case, except that shotguns with only No. 4 buckshot or smaller diameter shot may be used during the small game season in posted areas; and

C. open to the possession and use of lawful archery equipment in designated hunting areas during established hunting seasons.

In the Bayport Wildlife Management Area, all firearms will be allowed on the specified rifle range when supervised by the Minnesota Department of Corrections.

Subp. 5. **Areas closed to hunting and trapping.** The Boerner Wildlife Management Area in Sibley county, the Buelow Wildlife Management Area in Steele county, the Bryson Wildlife Management Area in Freeborn county, and the Hutchinson Wildlife Management Area in McLeod county are closed to the hunting and trapping of all species.

Subp. 6. **Areas closed to hunting only.** The Hearing Island Wildlife Management Area in St. Louis county is closed to the hunting of all species.

Subp. 7. **Areas open to waterfowl hunting only.** The Gold Portage Wildlife Management Area in Koochiching and St. Louis counties is open to waterfowl hunting during the established season. It is closed to all other hunting and to trapping.

Subp. 8. **Areas open to hunting beginning with the opening of waterfowl season.** The Uppgaard Wildlife Management Area in Crow Wing county is open to hunting and trapping beginning on the opening date of the regular migratory waterfowl season. Unprotected species may not be taken, except during the same time and by the same methods legal to take protected species.

Subp. 9. **Areas closed to firearms deer hunting.** The Lake Blanche Wildlife Management Area in Otter Tail county is closed to firearms deer hunting.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 86A.06; 97A.045*

History: *18 SR 83*

STATE GAME REFUGES

6230.0300 PERMIT REQUIRED TO TRAP BEAVER AND OTTER.

A person may not trap beaver or otter within any state-owned game refuge without first obtaining a permit from the appropriate wildlife manager.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.045; 97A.091*

History: *18 SR 83*

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES AND FEDERAL WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREAS

6230.1200 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES AND FEDERAL WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREAS.

Subpart 1. **Waterfowl production areas open unless posted.** Unless otherwise posted, waterfowl production areas are open to hunting and trapping.

Subp. 2. **Refuges closed to taking of otter.** National wildlife refuges are closed to the taking of otter.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.305; 97B.311; 97B.411; 97B.505; 97B.515; 97B.605; 97B.711; 97B.731; 97B.803*

History: *18 SR 83*

6230.1300 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES.

Subpart 1. **National wildlife refuges open to hunting.** The national wildlife refuges described in the following subparts are open to the hunting and trapping of protected wild animals during the state seasons and subject to special federal regulations, except as otherwise provided.

Subp. 2. **Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge, Marshall county.** Portions of Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge in Marshall county are open to firearm hunting of deer and moose.

Areas closed to hunting are posted as "Area Beyond This Sign Closed," or as shown on maps available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 3. Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge, Big Stone and Lac qui Parle counties. Portions of Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge in Big Stone and Lac qui Parle counties are open to firearm and archery hunting of deer, muzzleloader hunting of deer by permit, and firearm hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, red and gray fox, gray partridge, and pheasant in areas posted as "Public Hunting Area" or as shown on maps available at parking areas and Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 4. Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Aitkin county. Portions of Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Aitkin county are open to firearm hunting of deer by special permit, cottontail rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, ruffed grouse, and spruce grouse in areas posted as "Public Hunting Area" or as shown on maps available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 5. Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge, Sherburne county. Portions of Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge in Sherburne county are open to firearm and archery hunting of deer and firearm hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, ruffed grouse, pheasant, woodcock, Wilson's snipe, sora rail, and Virginia rail. Hunting in closed areas and target shooting are prohibited. Maps of hunting areas are available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 6. Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge in Becker county. Portions of Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge in Becker county are open to firearm and archery hunting of deer and firearm hunting of cottontail rabbit, jack rabbit, snowshoe hare, gray squirrel, fox squirrel, ruffed grouse, snipe, woodcock, rails, coots, and waterfowl in areas posted as "Public Hunting Area" or as shown on maps available at Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 7. Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge, Wabasha, Winona, and Houston counties. Portions of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge located in Wabasha, Winona, and Houston counties are open to hunting except as follows: Hunting is prohibited between March 1 and September 1, except that hunting of wild turkey is permitted during the spring turkey seasons. In areas posted closed, hunting of all protected species, except geese, is permitted beginning the day after the close of the duck season. For more information contact Refuge Headquarters.

Subp. 8. Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, and Scott counties. Portions of the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge known as Louisville Swamp located near Carver in Scott county, and the Wilkie Unit in Scott county, are open to deer hunting in accordance with state and special regulations. Portions of the refuge in Hennepin, Scott, Carver, and Dakota counties may be open to waterfowl hunting. Areas open will be posted with signs saying "Open to Waterfowl Hunting – Special Regulations in Effect – Consult Refuge Manager." Other areas may be open to waterfowl hunting by special use permit.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.305; 97B.311; 97B.411; 97B.505; 97B.515; 97B.605; 97B.711; 97B.731; 97B.803*

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