

CHAPTER 6234
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SMALL GAME REGULATIONS

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6234.0100 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING SMALL GAME.

[For text of subps 1 and 2, see M R]

Subp 3 **Wounded game included in bag limit.** Wounded or captured game reduced to possession must be killed before being removed from the site where taken, and once reduced to possession must be included in a person's daily bag limit

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605, 97B 711, 97B 911, 97B 915, 97B 921, 97B 924, 97B 925, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.0200 TAKING RUFFED GROUSE AND SPRUCE GROUSE.

Ruffed grouse and spruce grouse may be taken by firearm or bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest September 16 to December 31

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 711; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.0300 TAKING SHARP-TAILED GROUSE.

[For text of subpart 1, see M R]

Subp 2 **Open area.** The open area to take sharp-tailed grouse is statewide except in that portion of the state lying within the following described boundary

Beginning on U S Highway 2 at the west boundary of the state, thence along U S Highway 2 to U S Highway 71, thence northeast along U.S. Highway 71 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 1, thence east along STH 1 to STH 73, thence south along STH 73 to U.S Highway 2, thence west on U S Highway 2 to STH 200, thence west on STH 200 to STH 6, thence south on STH 6 to STH 18, thence east on STH 18 to STH 65, thence south on STH 65 to STH 70, thence east on STH 70 to the east boundary of the state, thence along the east, south, and west boundary of the state to the point of beginning

Subp 3 **Open season.** Sharp-tailed grouse may be taken by firearm or bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest September 16 to November 30

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 711, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.0400 TAKING PHEASANTS.

Subpart 1 **Open season.** Only cock (male) pheasants may be taken by firearm or bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest October 13 to the Sunday on or nearest December 16 from 9 00 a m to sunset each day

Subp 2 **Firearm restriction.** A person may not take pheasants with a rifle or handgun other than a .22 caliber rimfire using short, long, or long rifle ammunition.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 711, 97B 715, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.0500 TAKING GRAY PARTRIDGE.

Subpart 1 **Open season.** Gray (Hungarian) partridge may be taken by firearm or bow and arrow from the Saturday on or nearest September 16 to December 31

Subp 2 **Rifle restriction.** A person may not take gray partridge with a rifle or handgun other than a .22 caliber rimfire using short, long, or long rifle ammunition

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 711, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.1100 TAKING MINK AND MUSKRATS.

Subpart 1 **Open season in North Zone.** Mink and muskrats may be taken by trapping from 9 00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 26 to the last day in February in the North Zone

Subp 2. **Open season in South Zone.** Mink and muskrats may be taken by trapping from 9 00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to the last day in February in the South Zone

[For text of subps 3 and 4, see M R]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 911, 97B 915, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.1200 TAKING RACCOONS.

[For text of subpart 1, see M R]

Subp. 2 **Bag limits.** Raccoons may be taken and possessed without limit

Subp 3 **Special provisions.** A person may use an artificial light to locate, attempt to locate, or shoot a raccoon only if the raccoon has been treed or put at bay by dogs. The use of dogs and lights to take raccoon is regulated as provided by Minnesota Statutes, sections 97B 081, 97B 621, and 97B 931

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605, 97B 621, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.1300 TAKING RED FOX AND GRAY FOX.

[For text of subpart 1, see M R]

Subp 2 **Bag limits.** Red fox and gray fox may be taken and possessed without limit

[For text of subp 3, see M R]

Subp 4 **Special provisions.** The special provisions in items A and B apply to taking red fox and gray fox

A Fox may be run without being taken by the use of dogs at any time during the year except from March 16 to July 14 or under permit.

B Dogs may be used for hunting fox during the open season.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605, 97B.631, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.1400 TAKING BADGER AND OPOSSUM.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Badgers and opossums may be taken statewide with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9 00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest September 16 to March 15

[For text of subp 2, see M R]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605; 97B.635, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.1600 TAKING BOBCAT.

[For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

Subp 4 **Tagging bobcats.** Pelts and skinned carcasses are subject to the provisions of part 6234 2600.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605; 97B 625; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.1700 TAKING FISHER.

[For text of subpart 1, see M R]

Subp 2 **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than two fisher per season or possess more than two fisher at a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took, tagged, and registered during previous seasons

[For text of subp 3, see M R]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605, 97B 635; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.2800 PAYMENT OF PELTING FEES.

If a person recovers, treats, preserves, or transports the pelt of any fur-bearing animal that was accidentally killed, or lawfully killed while causing or threatening injury or damage, the person may be entitled to a pelting fee equal to 25 percent of the average value of a pelt in the lot of fur in which the pelt was sold or 25 percent of the proceeds of the sale of the pelt if not sold in a lot of fur A pelting fee will not be paid on muskrats

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 055, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.2900 PELTING FEE RESTRICTIONS.

The provisions in items A and B apply to the payment of pelting fees

A A person must provide the pelt and carcass to the commissioner at the earliest opportunity

B Claims for pelting fees must be submitted on forms provided by the commissioner Claims will not be paid until the commissioner has certified that the claimant has used due care in recovering, treating, preserving, and transporting the pelt to maintain its value

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 055, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.3000 CERTIFICATION FOR PREDATOR CONTROL.

Subpart 1 **Certification required.** A person may not participate in the predator control program unless the person is certified

Subp 2 **Application process.** Application for certification as a predator controller may be made on forms provided by the commissioner to a conservation officer in the applicant's county of residence.

Subp 3 **Predator controller qualification requirements.** A person will not be certified unless the person meets the following qualifications as determined by the commissioner

A skill in the use of firearms,

B skill in hunting or trapping, including the ability to distinguish signs, tracks, and trails of predators, and

C a reputation for reliability

Subp 4 **Revocation of certification.** A certificate issued to a predator controller may be revoked upon conviction for a violation of any provision of chapters 6200 to 6266 or Minnesota Statutes, chapters 97A to 97C

Subp 5 **Inactivity in predator control program.** A certificate may be revoked if the controller is inactive in the program for two consecutive years

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 671, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.3100 DESIGNATED CONTROL AREAS AND DATES OF OPERATION.

Subpart 1 **Reporting of damage.** Predator damage must be reported to a conservation officer on forms provided by the commissioner

Subp 2 **Designation of corrective action.** If it is determined that corrective action in an area is necessary, a directive will be issued designating

A the predator control area The open area may not exceed a one-mile radius surrounding the damage site for coyotes and a one-half mile radius for fox;

B the species of predators to be taken,

C. the predator controllers who are eligible to participate Eligible predator controllers may be limited to those living in the vicinity of the control area,

D. the allowable methods of control; and

E the effective dates Between October 1 and the last day of February no areas may be open for predator control for more than 30 days All control activities must cease at the expiration of the date specified in the directive. If an earlier date is not specified, all open areas close on October 1

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 671, and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.3200 USE OF SNARES FOR PREDATOR CONTROL.

Certified predator controllers may use snares statewide at any time when participating in the predator control program

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 671; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.3300 PROHIBITED METHODS OF PREDATOR CONTROL.

Subpart 1 **Motor vehicles.** Predators may not be taken from motor vehicles, airplanes, or snowmobiles

Subp. 2. **Poison.** Poison may not be used in taking predators

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 671; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*

6234.3400 COMPENSATION FOR PREDATOR CONTROL.

Subpart 1 **Presentation of carcass.** A predator controller must, within 48 hours, present the entire unskinned carcass of each predator to the conservation officer in the county where taken The conservation officer must remove the front feet and the ears from the unskinned carcass. The remaining carcass is the property of the predator controller and must be immediately removed

Subp 2. **Identification of sites.** Controllers must, upon request, specifically identify the site where each predator for which payment is claimed was taken.

Subp 3 **Payment schedule.** The payments in items A and B will be made for predators taken according to this part.

A For predators taken from March 1 through September 30

(1) coyote (Brush Wolf), \$45, and

(2) fox, \$15

B. For predators taken from October 1 through the last day in February coyote (brush wolf), \$30.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.671; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484*