

CHAPTER 6234
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SMALL GAME

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6234.0300 TAKING SHARP-TAILED GROUSE.

[For text of subpart 1, see MR]

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.

In addition, a person with a valid prairie chicken license may take sharp-tailed grouse in an open prairie chicken permit area where the person is licensed to take prairie chickens during the time the license is valid. The taking of sharp-tailed grouse by a licensed prairie chicken hunter is subject to all other restrictions for taking sharp-tailed grouse and the person must meet small game hunting license requirements to take sharp-tailed grouse.

[For text of subp 3, see MR]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 711*

History: *30 SR 613*

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 December 31 from 9 00 a.m. to sunset each day.

[For text of subps 2 and 3, see MR]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 711*

History: *30 SR 613*

6234.0800 HUNTING BY FALCONRY.

Subpart 1 **Bag limits.** A person may not take more than three small game animals per day in the aggregate or possess more than six small game animals in the aggregate, other than rabbits and squirrels. A person may take and possess the limits of rabbits and squirrels allowed under parts 6234.0600 and 6234.0700.

[For text of subps 2 to 4, see MR]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 105*

History: *30 SR 613*

6234.1200 TAKING RACCOON.

Subpart 1 **Open season.** Raccoons may be taken statewide with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22 to March 15.

[For text of subps 2 and 3, see MR.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605; 97B 621*

History: *30 SR 613*

6234.1300 TAKING RED FOX AND GRAY FOX.

Subpart 1 **Open season.** Gray and red fox may be taken statewide with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from 9.00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 22 to March 15.

[For text of subps 2 and 4, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605*

History: *30 SR 613*

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 October 22 to March 15

[For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605, 97B 635*

History: *30 SR 613*

6234.1600 TAKING BOBCAT.

Subpart 1 **Open season.** Bobcats may be taken with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by trapping from the first Saturday following Thanksgiving to the Sunday nearest January 6.

[For text of subps 2 to 4, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605; 97B 625*

History: *30 SR 613*

6234.1700 TAKING FISHER AND PINE MARTEN.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken by trapping from the first Saturday following Thanksgiving to the Sunday nearest December 12

Subp 2 **Bag limits.** The combined limit for fisher and pine marten is five per season, in aggregate. A person may not take more than five fisher and pine marten, combined, per season or possess more than five fisher and pine marten, combined, at a time, except that a person may possess additional pelts that the person lawfully took, tagged, and registered during previous seasons.

Subp 3. **Tagging.** Pelts and skinned carcasses of fisher and pine marten are subject to the provisions of part 6234.2600

Subp 4. **Open area.** Fisher and pine marten may be taken only in that area of the state lying north of Interstate Highway 94 (I-94) beginning at the west boundary of the state, thence along I-94 to U.S. Highway 10; and thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the east boundary of the state.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605; 97B 635; 97B.901*

History: *30 SR 613*

6234.1800 [Repealed, 30 SR 613]**6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.**

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

Subp. 4 **Tagging otter.** Pelts are subject to the provisions of part 6234 2600

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605, 97B 901, 97B 925*

History: *30 SR 613*

6234.2100 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR TAKING BEAVER AND OTTER.*[For text of subp 1, see MR]*

Subp 2 **Damage to beaver house or dam.** A person may not damage a beaver house or dam, except as otherwise authorized by law or permit or by employees of the department in the performance of their official duties

*[For text of subps 3 to 6, see MR.]***Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97B.605, 97B 921, 97B.925***History:** *30 SR 613***6234.2300 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.***[For text of subpart 1, see MR]*

Subp 2 [Repealed, L 2005 c 146 s 52]

Subp 3 [Repealed, L 2005 c 146 s 52]

6234.2400 SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF SNARES.*[For text of subpart 1, see MR]*

Subp 2 **Farmland Furbearer Zone restrictions.** In the Farmland Furbearer Zone, a person may use snares as follows

A. from April 1 to November 30, a person may not set, place, or operate any snare except as a waterset,

B from December 1 to March 31, a person may not set, place, or operate any snare on public lands, on road rights-of-way, or in fencelines along road rights-of-way, except as a waterset.

*[For text of subps 3 to 10, see MR]***Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97B.605***History:** *30 SR 613***6234.2600 PELT TAGGING AND REGISTRATION.**

Subpart 1. [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

Subp 2 [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

Subp 3. **Registration of pelts.** The pelt of each bobcat, fisher, pine marten, and otter and the whole carcass of each bobcat must be presented, by the person taking it, to a state wildlife manager designee for registration before the pelt is sold and before the pelt is transported out of the state, but in no event more than 48 hours after the season closes for each species, respectively. The entire carcass of bobcat and the entire head of pine marten must be surrendered to the state wildlife manager designee. The pelt of bobcat, otter, fisher, and pine marten must have been removed from the carcass.

[For text of subp 4, see MR]

Subp 5 **Requirement for tags and seals to remain affixed.** Registration tags or seals must remain affixed to the raw pelt until the pelt is tanned or mounted.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 605, 97B 625, 97B.635, 97B 901, 97B 921***History:** *30 SR 613***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 50 percent of the average value of a pelt in the lot of fur in which the pelt was sold or 50 percent of the proceeds of the sale of the pelt if not sold in a lot of fur, not to exceed \$25 per pelt. A pelting fee will not be paid on muskrats

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.605***History:** *30 SR 613*