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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
MIGRATORY BIRDS

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6240.0200 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING AND POSSESSION OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.

Subpart 1. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for migratory waterfowl, coots, gallinules, rails, and snipe are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except as follows:

A. on the opening day of the duck season, shooting hours begin at 9 00 a.m., and

B from the opening day of the duck season to the Saturday nearest October 8, shooting hours end at 4.00 p m

[For text of subps 2 to 6, see MR]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 711; 97B 731; 97B 803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS.

Subpart 1. **Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.** Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and Canada geese may be taken statewide on special youth waterfowl hunting days by hunters 15 years of age or younger. An adult mentor 18 years of age or older, who is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting license or waterfowl stamps are required.

Subp 2 **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to 4.00 p m.

Subp 3. **Bag limits.** The daily bag limit for ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens is as allowed by federal rule. The daily bag limit for geese is five Canada geese, except in those areas where taking Canada geese near water is restricted under part 6240.1200, subpart 1, item A, where the daily bag limit is one Canada goose.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 112, 97B 711, 97B 803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.1000 TAKING GEESE IN SOUTHEAST GOOSE ZONE.

Subpart 1 **Zone.** The Southeast Goose Zone is comprised of that part of the state within the following described boundaries:

Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 52 and the south boundary of the Twin Cities Metro Canada Goose Zone; thence southerly along U.S. Highway 52 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 57, thence southerly along STH 57 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 14 to County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 13, Dodge County; thence southerly along CSAH 13 to STH 30; thence easterly along STH 30 to U.S. Highway 63, thence southerly

along U S Highway 63 to the south boundary of the state; thence along the south and east boundaries of the state to the south boundary of the Twin Cities Metro Canada Goose Zone, thence along said boundary to the point of beginning.

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 731, 97B 803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.1100 TAKING CANADA GEESE IN REMAINDER OF STATE.

Subpart 1. **Zone and season.** The remainder of the state consists of all areas not within the Northwest, West Central, and West Goose Zones. Canada geese may be taken in the remainder of the state during the 70-day period beginning the Saturday on or nearest October 1.

Subp 2 **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than two Canada geese each day in the remainder of the state.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 731, 97B 803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.1150 TAKING SNOW, BLUE, ROSS', AND WHITE-FRONTED GEESE AND BRANT.

Subpart 1 **Seasons.** Snow, blue, Ross', and white-fronted geese and brant may be taken statewide during the 86-day period beginning the Saturday on or nearest October 1

Subp 2 **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than 20 snow, blue, and Ross' geese in combination; two white-fronted geese, and one brant each day.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 731; 97B 803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.1200 SPECIAL PROVISIONS ON TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY SEASONS.

Subpart 1. Taking near water.

A Taking Canada geese during the early seasons is prohibited on or within 100 yards of all surface waters in the following areas.

- (1) the Northwest, Southeast, and Twin Cities Metro Goose Zones,
- (2) all of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area, including that portion outside the Twin Cities Metro Goose Zone; and
- (3) the Swan Lake area in Nicollet County, within the boundary described as follows:

Beginning at the junction of State Trunk Highway (STH) 14 and County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 12 north along CSAH 12 to CSAH 5, thence east along CSAH 5 to CSAH 13, thence south along CSAH 13 to STH 99, thence west along STH 99 to CSAH 17, thence south along CSAH 17 to STH 14; thence northwest and west along STH 14 to CSAH 12.

B. Taking Canada geese on or within 100 yards of surface waters during the early Canada goose seasons is allowed for youth hunters participating in youth waterfowl hunting days and on specific bodies of water in closed zones as described or shown on maps provided by the commissioner.

[For text of subp 2, see MR]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.1500 TAKING GEESE IN TWIN CITIES METRO CANADA GOOSE ZONE.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** The open season for taking Canada geese in the Twin Cities Metro Canada Goose Zone begins the first Saturday in September, except the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on September 7. The season closes on September 22, except the season closes on the first Friday before the duck season opens in years when the duck season opens on or before September 22.

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.1600 TAKING GEESE IN FIVE GOOSE ZONE.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** The open season for taking Canada geese in the Five Goose Zone begins the first Saturday in September, except the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on September 7. The season closes on September 22, except the season closes on the first Friday before the duck season opens in years when the duck season opens on or before September 22.

Subp 2. **Daily limits.** A person may not take more than five Canada geese per day during the early season.

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.1700 TAKING GEESE IN SOUTHEAST ZONE EARLY SEASON.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** The open season for taking Canada geese in the Southeast Zone begins the first Saturday in September, except the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on September 7. The season closes on September 22, except the season closes on the first Friday before the duck season opens in years when the duck season opens on or before September 22.

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

Subp 3. **Zone description.** The Southeast Zone is that portion of the state described in part 6240.1000.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.1750 TAKING GEESE IN NORTHWEST GOOSE ZONE.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** The open season for taking Canada geese in the Northwest Goose Zone, described in part 6240.0860, begins the first Saturday in September, except the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on September 7. The season closes on September 15.

Subp. 2. **Daily limits.** A person may not take more than two Canada geese per day during the early season.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.1800 EARLY GOOSE HUNT LICENSE.

Subpart 1. **License required.** The early seasons described in parts 6240.1500, 6240.1600, and 6240.1700 are special seasons for purposes of the special season Canada goose license required under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.802.

Subp 2. [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.711*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.

Subpart 1 **Goose refuges.** Those portions of the Douglas County Goose Refuge in Douglas County, the Otter Tail County Goose Refuge in Otter Tail County, and the Sauk Rapids-Rice Goose Refuge in Benton County, in the respective zone or zones in which they are located, are open to goose hunting during the early, regular, and late goose seasons for those zones. All other goose hunting regulations apply in these refuges. Taking waterfowl from public roads and their rights-of-way is prohibited. The Ashby Goose Refuge in Grant County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season.

Subp. 2. **Game refuges.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint James Game Refuge in Watonwan County are open to goose hunting during the first three days of the regular goose season in the respective zones in which they are located. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting from the Saturday on or nearest November 26 to the end of the goose season in the zone in which it is located, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.

Subp 3. **Waterfowl refuges.** The Harstad Slough Waterfowl Refuge in Stevens County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The Mud-Bardwell Waterfowl Refuge in Martin County is open to Canada goose hunting from the Saturday on or nearest October 30 to the end of the goose season in the zone in which it is located, except there is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Mud and Bardwell Lakes. The Rickert Lake Waterfowl Refuge in Steele County is open to Canada goose hunting during the early September goose season. The waterfowl sanctuary within this refuge is closed to hunting and trespass, as posted.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.1900 LATE SEASONS FOR TAKING CANADA GEESE.

Subpart 1. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than five Canada geese per day during the late seasons, except that no more than two Canada geese per day may be taken in the Southeast Goose Zone.

[For text of subp 2, see MR]

Subp. 3 **Seasons.** Canada geese may be taken statewide during the late seasons, except in the West Central Goose Zone.

Subp. 4. **Special season Canada goose license required.** The late seasons established in this part are special seasons for purposes of the special season Canada goose license required under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B 802.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 731, 97B 803*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.2000 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREA RESTRICTIONS.

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

Subp 4. **Use of electric motors.** On the lakes listed in items A to J, a person may use an electric motor of less than 30 pounds thrust within the designated migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area during the open waterfowl season:

- A Beltrami County: Puposky Lake, Little Puposky Lake,
- B. Carver County: Tiger Lake;
- C. Faribault and Blue Earth Counties: Minnesota Lake,
- D. Freeborn County: Bear Lake,
- E. Jackson County: South Heron Lake, North Heron Lake;
- F. Kandiyohi County: Wagonga Lake, Lake Lillian;
- G. McLeod County: Bakers Lake, Unnamed Lake, in T 114 N.; R. 29W, S

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H Polk County: Turtle Lake;
I Pope County Nelson Lake, and
J. Traverse County: Mud Lake.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.2100 DESIGNATED MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREAS.

Subpart 1 **Designation of entire lakes.** The following lakes are designated as migratory waterfowl feeding and resting areas

Name	Location	County
A. Bakers Lake	T.114N; R.29W	McLeod
B. Bear Lake	T 101N, R.22W	Freeborn
C Big Rice Lake	T 140, 141N, R.26W	Cass
D Cottonwood Lake	T 106N, R.25W	Blue Earth
E. Diamond Lake	T.110N; R 23W	Le Sueur
F. Dora Lake	T.110N; R.23W	Le Sueur
G Lake Johanna	T.123N; R.36W	Pope
H. Lake Lillian	T 117N; R.33, 34W	Kandiyohi
I. Little Puposky Lake	T 149N, R.33, 34W	Beltrami
J Mud Lake	T.131N, R 43W	Otter Tail
K Mud Lake	T 114N; R 26W	Sibley
L Nelson Lake	T 124N, R.38W	Pope
M Oakleaf Lake	T 110N, R.26W	Nicollet
N. Pleasant Lake	T 113N, R.23W	Scott
O. Puposky Lake	T.149N, R.33, 34W	Beltrami
P Rice Lake	T.148, 149N; R.27W	Itasca
Q Rice Lake	T 111N; R.23W	Le Sueur
R Sanborn Lake	T 112N, R.23W	Le Sueur
S Scotch Lake	T 110N, R.25W	Le Sueur
T Squaw Lake	T.148, 149N, R 27W	Itasca
U Tiger Lake	T 115N, R.26W	Carver
V. Turtle Lake	T.148N, R.39W	Polk
W Unnamed Lake	T 114N, R 29W; S.28	McLeod
X. Upper Rice Lake	T.145N, R 36, 37W	Clearwater
Y Wagonga Lake	T.118, 119N, R.34, 35W	Kandiyohi
Z. Washington Lake	T 114N, R.26W	Sibley

[For text of subps 2 to 8, see MR]

Subp. 9 **Minnesota Lake, Faribault and Blue Earth Counties.** All that portion of Minnesota Lake in Faribault and Blue Earth Counties within the area posted by signs or buoys and identified as a migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area is designated as a migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045*

History: *30 SR 613*

6240.2600 TAKING COMMON CROWS IN WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREAS, GAME REFUGES, AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS.

Common crows may be taken on wildlife management areas and federal waterfowl production areas that are open to hunting. Common crows may also be taken within state game refuges open to small game hunting, except those refuges closed to waterfowl hunting

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B 731*

History: *30 SR 613*