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6240.0100 DEFINITIONS.

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

Subp. 1a. **Early goose season.** "Early goose season" means goose seasons beginning before September 16.

Subp. 2. **In the field.** "In the field" means at or between the place where taken and either:

- A. the person's automobile or principal means of land transportation;
- B. the person's abode or temporary or transient place of lodging;
- C. a migratory bird preservation facility;
- D. a post office; or
- E. a common carrier facility.

Subp. 2a. **Late goose season.** "Late goose season" means goose seasons beginning on or after December 1.

Subp. 3. **Migratory game birds.** "Migratory game birds" means coots, gallinules, sora and Virginia rails, American woodcock, common snipe, and migratory waterfowl.

Subp. 4. **Regular goose season.** "Regular goose season" means goose seasons beginning from September 16 to October 21.

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

History: *18 SR 83; 24 SR 644*

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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.

Subp. 2. **Possession limits.** The possession limit is twice the daily limit, except for rails where the daily and possession limits are the same. All restrictions specific to a species or gender apply.

Subp. 3. **Blinds on public lands and public waters.** An unoccupied blind on public land or in public waters is available for use by the public and is not the property of the person who constructed it. A person may not use threat or force against another person to gain possession of a blind.

Subp. 4. **Use of motorized watercraft.** A person may use motorized watercraft in the waterfowl feeding and resting area established on South Heron Lake during the goose season established in part 6240.1600.

Subp. 5. **Possession and transportation of migratory game birds.** A person may not possess or transport unlawfully taken migratory game birds.

Subp. 6. **Opening day possession limit.** A person may not have in possession on the opening day of each of the established seasons any freshly killed migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.095; 97B.711; 97B.731; 97B.803; 97B.811; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222; 30 SR 613*

6240.0250 TAKING MOURNING DOVES.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Mourning doves may be taken during the 60-day period beginning September 1.

Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than 15 mourning doves per day during the open season.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.731*

History: *35 SR 505*

6240.0300 TAKING OF WOODCOCK.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Woodcock may be taken during the 45-day period beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 22.

Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than three woodcock per day during the open season.

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

History: *18 SR 83; 24 SR 644*

6240.0400 TAKING OF RAILS.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sora and Virginia rails may be taken from September 1 to the end of woodcock season as prescribed under part 6240.0300. King rails may not be taken or possessed.

Subp. 2. **Daily and possession limit.** A person may not take more than 25 rails in aggregate per day or possess more than 25 rails in aggregate.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.731*

History: *18 SR 83; 34 SR 621*

6240.0500 TAKING OF COMMON SNIPE.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Common snipe may be taken from September 1 to the end of woodcock season as prescribed under part 6240.0300.

Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than eight common snipe per day during the open season.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.731*

History: *18 SR 83; 34 SR 621*

MIGRATORY WATERFOWL**6240.0550 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING MIGRATORY WATERFOWL.**

A person may not take ducks, mergansers, geese, coots, or moorhens (gallinules) on any lands or waters within the state while possessing shotshells loaded with shot other than:

- A. steel shot;
- B. copper-plated, nickel-plated, or zinc-plated steel shot; or
- C. shot made of other nontoxic material approved by the director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.803*

History: *19 SR 2222*

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 the Saturday nearest September 17 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; 34 SR 621*

REGULAR GOOSE SEASON**6240.0700 TAKING GEESE IN WEST CENTRAL GOOSE ZONE.**

The West Central Goose Zone is the area lying within the following boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 29 and U.S. Highway 212; thence West along U.S. Highway 212 to U.S. Highway 59; thence South along U.S. Highway 59 to STH 67; thence West along STH 67 to U.S. Highway 75; thence North along U.S. Highway 75 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 30, Lac qui Parle County; thence West along CSAH 30 to the west boundary of the state; thence North along the west boundary of the state to the point due south of the intersection of STH 7 and CSAH 7, Big Stone County; thence due North to said intersection; thence North along CSAH 7 to CSAH 6, Big Stone County; thence East along CSAH 6 to CSAH 21, Big Stone County; thence South along CSAH 21 to CSAH 10, Big Stone County; thence East along CSAH 10 to CSAH 22, Swift County; thence East along CSAH 22 to CSAH 5, Swift County; thence South along CSAH

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5 to U.S. Highway 12; thence East along U.S. Highway 12 to CSAH 17, Swift County; thence South along CSAH 17 to CSAH 9, Chippewa County; thence South along CSAH 9 to STH 40; thence East along STH 40 to STH 29; thence South along STH 29 to the point of beginning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.803*

History: *18 SR 83; 24 SR 644*

6240.0800 [Repealed, 22 SR 292]

6240.0850 TAKING GEESE AND BRANT IN THE WEST GOOSE ZONE.

The West Goose Zone is the area lying within the following boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 71 and Interstate Highway 94 (I-94); thence west on I-94 to the west border of the state; thence south and east on the west and south borders of the state to State Trunk Highway (STH) 60; thence north on STH 60 to U.S. Highway 71; thence north on U.S. Highway 71 to the point of beginning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.803*

History: *19 SR 2222; 22 SR 292; 33 SR 215*

6240.0860 TAKING GEESE AND BRANT IN THE NORTHWEST GOOSE ZONE.

The Northwest Goose Zone is the area lying within the following boundary:

Beginning at U.S. Highway 2 on the North Dakota-Minnesota border; thence east on U.S. Highway 2 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 32; thence north on STH 32 to STH 92; thence east on STH 92 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 2, Polk County; thence north on CSAH 2 to CSAH 27, Pennington County; thence north on CSAH 27 to STH 1; thence east on STH 1 to CSAH 28, Pennington County; thence north on CSAH 28 to CSAH 54, Marshall County; thence north on CSAH 54 to CSAH 9, Roseau County; thence north on CSAH 9 to STH 11; thence west on STH 11 to STH 310; thence north on STH 310 to the north border of Minnesota; thence west and south on the Minnesota border to the point of beginning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.803*

History: *19 SR 2222*

6240.0900 TAKING GEESE AND BRANT IN LAC QUI PARLE GOOSE ZONE.

The Lac qui Parle Goose Zone is the area lying within the following boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 212 and County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 27, Lac qui Parle County; thence north along CSAH 27 to CSAH 20, Lac qui Parle County; thence west along CSAH 20 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 40; thence north along STH 40 to STH 119; thence north along STH 119 to CSAH 34, Lac qui Parle County; thence west along CSAH 34 to CSAH 19, Lac qui Parle County; thence north along CSAH 19 to CSAH 38, Lac qui Parle County; thence west along CSAH 38 to U.S. Highway 75; thence north along U.S. Highway 75 to STH 7; thence south and east along STH 7 to CSAH 6, Swift County; thence east along CSAH 6 to County Road 65, Swift County; thence south along County Road 65 to County Road 34, Chippewa County; thence south along County Road 34 to CSAH 12, Chippewa County; thence east along CSAH 12 to CSAH 9, Chippewa County; thence south along CSAH 9 to STH 7; thence south and east along STH 7 to Montevideo; thence south and

west along the municipal boundary of Montevideo to U.S. Highway 212; thence west along U.S. Highway 212 to the point of beginning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.401; 97B.803*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 2222*

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: *18 SR 83; 20 SR 2287; 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: *20 SR 2287; 22 SR 292; 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: *20 SR 2287; 30 SR 613*

EARLY GOOSE SEASONS

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 Goose Zone;
- (2) all of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area, including that portion outside the Twin Cities Metro Goose Zone;

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(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; and

(4) Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County.

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.

Subp. 2. **Taking on public roads and rights-of-way.** Taking Canada geese on public roads and their rights-of-way is prohibited during the early seasons in the Twin Cities Metro Canada Goose Zone and in goose refuges open to goose hunting.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.091; 97B.803; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 22 SR 292; 30 SR 613; 35 SR 505*

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.

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

Subp. 3. **Zone description.** The Twin Cities Metro Canada Goose Zone is described as follows:

A. All of Hennepin and Ramsey Counties.

B. In Anoka County, all of Columbus Township lying south of County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 18, Anoka County; all of the cities of Ramsey, Andover, Anoka, Coon Rapids, Spring Lake Park, Fridley, Hilltop, Columbia Heights, Blaine, Lexington, Circle Pines, Lino Lakes, and Centerville; and all of the city of Ham Lake except that portion lying north of CSAH 18 and east of U.S. Highway 65.

C. That part of Carver County lying north and east of the following described line:

Beginning at the northeast corner of San Francisco Township; thence west along the north boundary of San Francisco Township to the east boundary of Dahlgren Township; thence north along the east boundary of Dahlgren Township to U.S. Highway 212; thence west along U.S. Highway 212 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 284; thence north on STH 284 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 10; thence north and west on CSAH 10 to CSAH 30; thence north and west on CSAH 30 to STH 25; thence east and north on STH 25 to CSAH 10; thence north on CSAH 10 to the Carver County line.

D. In Scott County, all of the cities of Shakopee, Savage, Prior Lake, and Jordan, and all of the Townships of Jackson, Louisville, St. Lawrence, Sand Creek, Spring Lake, and Credit River.

E. In Dakota County, all of the cities of Burnsville, Eagan, Mendota Heights, Mendota, Sunfish Lake, Inver Grove Heights, Apple Valley, Lakeville, Rosemount, Farmington, Hastings, Lilydale, West St. Paul, and South St. Paul, and all of the Township of Nininger.

F. That portion of Washington County lying south of the following described line:

Beginning at County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 2 on the west boundary of the county; thence east on CSAH 2 to U.S. Highway 61; thence south on U.S. Highway 61 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 97; thence east on STH 97 to the intersection of STH 97 and STH 95; thence due east to the east boundary of the state.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.803; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 22 SR 292; 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.

Subp. 3. **Zone description.** The Five Goose Zone is described as follows:

Those areas of the state not included in the Northwest Goose Zone described in part 6240.0860; the Twin Cities Metro Canada Goose Zone as described in part 6240.1500, subpart 3; or the Two Goose Zone described in part 6240.1700, subpart 3.

Subp. 4. **Closed area.** The Lac qui Parle controlled hunting zone, as described in part 6230.0600, subpart 3, is closed to the taking of geese during the early season described in this part.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.803; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 22 SR 292; 24 SR 644; 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.

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

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.803; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222; 22 SR 292; 24 SR 644; 30 SR 613; 35 SR 505*

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 22.

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

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.803*

History: *30 SR 613; 34 SR 621*

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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 97A.401; 97B.711; 97B.803; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 22 SR 292; 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 last Saturday of the December Canada goose season 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 Temperance 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 November 1 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 97A.091; 97B.731; 97B.803; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *19 SR 484; 20 SR 2287; 22 SR 292; 24 SR 644; 30 SR 613; 34 SR 621*

LATE GOOSE SEASON

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.

Subp. 2. **Public roads.** Taking Canada geese from public roads and their rights-of-way is prohibited in the Twin Cities Metro Canada Goose Zone during the late season established by this part.

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 97A.401; 97B.731; 97B.803*

History: *18 SR 83; 20 SR 2287; 24 SR 644; 30 SR 613*

6240.1950 TAKING GEESE IN FERGUS FALLS/ALEXANDRIA CANADA GOOSE ZONE.

The Fergus Falls/Alexandria Canada Goose Zone is the area lying with the following boundary:

Beginning at the intersection of State Trunk Highway (STH) 55 and STH 28; thence east on STH 28 to County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 33, Pope County; thence north along CSAH 33 to CSAH 3, Douglas County; thence north along CSAH 3 to CSAH 69, Otter Tail County; thence north along CSAH 69 to CSAH 46, Otter Tail County; thence east along CSAH 46 to the eastern boundary of Otter Tail County; thence north along the east boundary of Otter Tail County to CSAH 40, Otter Tail County; thence west along CSAH 40 to CSAH 75, Otter Tail County; thence north along CSAH 75 to STH 210; thence west along STH 210 to STH 108; thence north along STH 108 to CSAH 1, Otter Tail County; thence west along CSAH 1 to CSAH 14, Otter Tail County; thence north along CSAH 14 to CSAH 44, Otter Tail County; thence west and north along CSAH 44 to CSAH 35, Otter Tail County; thence north along CSAH 35 to STH 108; thence west along STH 108 to CSAH 19, Wilkin County; thence south along CSAH 19 to STH 55; thence east and south along STH 55 to the point of beginning.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.803*

History: *19 SR 2222*

MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREAS**6240.2000 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREA RESTRICTIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Entry restrictions.** A person may not enter a posted migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area during the open migratory waterfowl season with watercraft or aircraft propelled by a motor, except as provided in subparts 2 to 4.

Subp. 2. **Department employees in performance of their duties.** The restriction in subpart 1 does not apply to uniformed employees of the department and other agents of the commissioner while in the performance of their official department duties.

Subp. 3. **Disabled persons.** A disabled person, under permit from the commissioner, may use an electric motor of less than 30 pounds thrust. A permit is not required for the lakes listed in subpart 4.

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. 28;
- H. Polk County: Turtle Lake;
- I. Pope County: Nelson Lake; and
- J. Traverse County: Mud Lake.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.045; 97A.095*

History: *18 SR 83; L 2005 c 56 s 2; 30 SR 613*

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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
AA.	Goose Lake	T.143N; R.23W	Cass
BB.	Lake Henry	T.110N; R.25W	Le Sueur
CC.	Mud Lake	T.144N; R.23W	Cass
DD.	Thielke Lake	T.122N; R.46W	Big Stone

Subp. 2. **Marsh Lake, Big Stone, Lac qui Parle, and Swift Counties.** The following portion of Marsh Lake in Big Stone, Lac qui Parle, and Swift Counties is designated as a migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area:

That portion of the lake lying east and southeast of a line beginning at the point where the west section line of Section 10, Township 120 North, Range 44 West, meets the lake water line; thence running southeast approximately 370 rods to the southwest corner of Egret Island located in Section 15, Township 120 North, Range 44 West; thence running southeast approximately 340 rods to a point where the east section line of Section 22, Township 120 North, Range 44 West, intersects the water line of the south shore of the lake.

Subp. 3. **Lake Lizzie, Otter Tail County.** All that portion of Lake Lizzie in Otter Tail County in Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, Township 136 North, Range 42 West is designated as a migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area.

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 24 SR 644]

Subp. 5. **South Heron Lake, Jackson County.** That part of Heron Lake known as South Heron Lake in Jackson County except those portions described as follows is designated as a migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area except during the early Canada goose season:

That part of the lake lying northwest of a straight line beginning at the state-owned access on the west shore in Section 15, Township 103 North, Range 37 West; thence running northeast to the point of the peninsula on the east side of the inlet to Okabena and Division Creeks located in Section 10, Township 103 North, Range 37 West; also that part lying South of a straight line beginning at Burmeisters Point in Section 13, Township 103 North, Range 37 West; thence running west to Sandy Point in Section 24, Township 103 North, Range 37 West.

Subp. 6. **North Heron Lake, Jackson County.** That part of Heron Lake known as North Heron Lake in Jackson County except those areas known as Winzer Bay and North Marsh is designated as a migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area.

Subp. 7. **Lake Christina, Grant and Douglas Counties.** All of Lake Christina in Grant and Douglas Counties except that part lying south of a straight line beginning at the east terminus of the north line of Government Lot 3, Section 12, Township 130 North, Range 41 West, at the water's edge of Lake Christina; thence running east to the water's edge at the northwest point of the peninsula of Government Lot 1, Section 8, Township 130 North, Range 40 West, that projects into said lake is designated as a migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area.

Subp. 8. **Mud Lake, Traverse County.** All that portion of Mud Lake in Traverse County within the following described area is designated as a migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area:

Beginning at the point where the Bois de Sioux River enters the bed of Mud Lake north of Reservation Dam; thence northeast along the west boundary of Minnesota to a point due west of the farthest north portion of Lewis Point; thence east to said point on Lewis Point; thence southeast along the shoreline of Mud Lake defined by the prevailing water level to the point of beginning.

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; 97A.095*

History: *18 SR 83; 24 SR 644; 30 SR 613; 34 SR 621*

6240.2300 MIGRATORY BIRDS

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COMMON CROW

6240.2300 COMMON CROW SEASON.

Subpart 1. **Open dates.** Common crows may be taken from July 15 through October 15 and from March 1 through March 31.

Subp. 2. **Bag limits.** Common crows may be taken and possessed without limit during the open season. Common crows taken must be retrieved and removed from the field.

Subp. 3. **Eligibility to take common crows.** Residents and nonresidents may take common crows with legal firearms, bow and arrow, and by falconry without a license.

Subp. 4. **Open zone to take common crows.** Common crows may be taken statewide during the prescribed dates and hours.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.731*

History: *18 SR 83; 24 SR 644*

6240.2400 METHODS OF TAKING COMMON CROW.

Subpart 1. **Taking common crows by firearms.** A person may take common crows with a shotgun not larger than ten gauge or with a handgun or rifle of any caliber.

Subp. 2. **Use of electronic calls and radios.** Common crows may be taken by the use or aid of recorded or electronically amplified calls or sounds. Electronic devices may not be left unattended.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.731*

History: *18 SR 83*

6240.2500 TAKING COMMON CROWS IN DEPREDATION SITUATIONS.

Subpart 1. **Taking common crows when causing damage.** Persons may take common crows statewide at any time of year when found committing or about to commit depredations upon ornamental or shade trees, agricultural crops, livestock or wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute health problems or other nuisances.

Subp. 2. **Disturbance of nests and eggs.** Common crows' nests and eggs may not be disturbed at any time.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.731*

History: *18 SR 83*

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: *18 SR 83; 30 SR 613*