

**CHAPTER 6240**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**MIGRATORY BIRDS**

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**6240.0100 DEFINITIONS.**

*[For text of subps 1 to 2, see M.R.]*

Subp. 2a. [Repealed, 36 SR 1155]

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

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

**History:** *36 SR 1155*

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

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

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 6240.1200.

*[For text of subps 5 and 6, see M.R.]*

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

**History:** *35 SR 2014*

**6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS.**

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

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.

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

**History:** *35 SR 2014*

**6240.0700** [Repealed, 35 SR 2014]

**6240.0850** [Repealed, 35 SR 2014]

**6240.0860 GOOSE ZONES.**

Subpart 1. **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.

Subp. 2. **Swan Lake Goose Zone.** The Swan Lake Goose Zone is the area in Nicollet County within the following boundary:

Beginning at the junction of State Trunk Highway (STH) 14 and County State-Aid Highway (CSAH) 12; thence 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 to the point of beginning.

Subp. 3. **Rochester Goose Zone.** The Rochester Goose Zone is Registration Block 343, described in part 6232.4700, subpart 96.

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

**History:** *35 SR 2014*

**6240.0900** [Repealed, 35 SR 2014]

**6240.1000** Subpart 1. [Repealed, 35 SR 2014]

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 30 SR 613]

**6240.1100** [Repealed, 35 SR 2014]

**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 only in areas of the state when and where the Canada goose season is open.

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

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

**History:** *36 SR 1155*

**6240.1200 TAKING GEESE DURING EARLY SEASON.**

Subpart 1. [Repealed, 36 SR 1155]

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 36 SR 1155]

Subp. 3. **Open season.** The open early season for taking Canada geese begins the first Saturday in September and ends on September 22, except:

A. the season begins on Sunday, September 1, in any year when the first Saturday falls on September 7; and

B. the season closes on the Friday before the duck season opens in years when the duck season opens on or before September 22.

Subp. 4. **Daily limits.** A person may not take more than five Canada geese per day during the early season.

Subp. 5. **Taking near water.**

A. Taking Canada geese during the early season is prohibited on or within 100 yards of all surface waters:

(1) in the Northwest Goose Zone;

(2) in the Swan Lake Goose Zone; and

(3) within the boundaries of the Carlos Avery Wildlife Management Area.

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B. Taking Canada geese on or within 100 yards of surface waters during the early Canada goose season 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.

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

**History:** *36 SR 1155*

6240.1500 [Repealed, 35 SR 2014]

6240.1600 [Repealed, 35 SR 2014]

6240.1700 [Repealed, 35 SR 2014]

6240.1750 [Repealed, 35 SR 2014]

## 6240.1800 EARLY GOOSE HUNT LICENSE.

Subpart 1. **License required.** The early season described in part 6240.1200 is a special season for which a special season Canada goose license is 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; 97B.803*

**History:** *35 SR 2014*

## 6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO THE TAKING OF GEESE.

Subpart 1. **Goose refuges.** The following refuges are open to goose hunting during the early and regular goose seasons: 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. Taking waterfowl from public roads and their rights-of-way is prohibited.

Subp. 2. **Game refuges.**

A. The following refuges are open to goose hunting during the first two days of the regular goose season: Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint James Game Refuge in Watonwan County.

B. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting for the last seven days of the statewide goose season. There is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.

Subp. 3. **Waterfowl refuges.**

A. The following refuges are open to Canada goose hunting during the early goose season: Harstad Slough Waterfowl Refuge in Stevens County and the Rickert Lake Waterfowl Refuge in Steele County.

B. 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. There is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Mud and Bardwell Lakes.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.091; 97B.803*

**History:** *36 SR 1155*

6240.1900 [Repealed, 35 SR 2014]

6240.1950 [Repealed, 35 SR 2014]

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### 6240.2000 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREA RESTRICTIONS.

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

Subp. 4. **Use of electric motors.** On the lakes listed in items A to J, a person may use an electric motor with battery power of 12 volts or less within the designated migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area during the open waterfowl season:

*[For text of items A to C, see M.R.]*

D. Freeborn County: Bear Lake, Upper Twin Lake;

*[For text of items E to J, see M.R.]*

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

**History:** *35 SR 2014*

### 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

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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
EE.	Upper Twin Lake	T.102N; R.22W	Freeborn

*[For text of subps 2 to 9, see M.R.]*

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

**History:** *35 SR 2014*