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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FISHING METHODS

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ROUGH FISH

6252.0100 SEASONS AND METHODS FOR TAKING ROUGH FISH.

Rough fish may be taken by resident licensed individuals, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 97C.371 and 97C.373, by the following methods during the period May 1 to, but not including, the third Monday in February. Rough fish may be taken by these methods between sunrise and sunset in all inland waters, except where the taking of fish is otherwise prohibited by law or rule:

A. Harpooning equipment may not be used within 1,000 feet of an established swimming beach. Harpooning equipment may be discharged only when both the equipment and operator are entirely beneath the surface of the water and may not be carried in a cocked position while out of the water.

B. Rough fish may be taken by archery provided that the arrows used are tethered or controlled by an attached line. The use of crossbows is prohibited.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.375; 97C.381*

History: *18 SR 83*

6252.0200 DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMIT OF ROUGH FISH TAKEN BY SPEARING.

Daily and possession limits of rough fish taken by spearing are:

- A. suckers, 50;
- B. redhorse, 50;
- C. bullheads, 100; and
- D. other species, no limit.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.401*

History: *18 SR 83*

6252.0300 RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING ROUGH FISH.

Except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.345, rough fish may not be taken by spearing, harpooning, and archery in any designated trout stream or lake, posted spawning area, or any water where spawning, trapping, or hatchery operations are being carried on.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.041; 97C.375; 97C.381*

History: *18 SR 83*

6252.0350 PROHIBITION ON RETURNING ROUGH FISH TO WATERS.

Rough fish taken by spearing, harpooning, and archery may not be returned to the water and rough fish may not be left on the banks of any water of the state.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.375; 97C.381*

History: *18 SR 83*

POSSESSION AND MARKING OF FISH NETS

6252.0400 REQUIRED MARKING OF FISH NETS.

Fish nets, including minnow seines used by minnow dealers, must be marked, as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.351, as follows:

- A. pound nets must be marked on the top rope of the back side of the pound or crib;
- B. fyke nets must be marked on the top side of the end hoop opposite the lead;
- C. hoop nets must be marked on the top side of an end hoop;
- D. seines must be marked on one end of the float line near the first float; and
- E. gill nets must be marked on one end of the float line near the first float. One end of the gill net must have a pole, stake, or buoy projecting at least two feet above the surface of the water or ice.

Tags for marking nets must be of a minimum size of 2–1/2 inches by five–eighths inch and must be provided by the owner or operator of the nets.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.351*

History: *18 SR 83*

WHITEFISH AND CISCOES

6252.0500 OPEN SEASONS FOR TAKING WHITEFISH AND CISCOES.

Subpart 1. **Schedules designating open seasons for certain waters.** The waters listed in each of the following schedules will be open during the designated seasons to the netting of whitefish and ciscoes. Unless otherwise indicated, the names of the bodies of water refer to lakes.

Subp. 2. **Schedule I.** All bodies of water listed in this schedule, known as Schedule I, are to be opened and closed on a 48–hour notice posted at lake accesses and other public places, provided that a gill net or any part of a gill net may not be set in any water deeper than six feet, measured from the lake bottom to the top surface of the water or ice.

	County
Balsam, Big, T.58, 59, R.24, S.5 + Various	Itasca
Basswood, T.64, 65, R.9, 10, 11, S. Var.	Lake
Bear Island, T.61, R.13, S. Var.	St. Louis
Deer, T.56, R.26, 27; T.57, R.26, 27, S. Var.	Itasca
Ely, T.57, 58, R.17, S. Var.	St. Louis
Fall, T.63, R.11, 12, S. Var.; T.64, R.11, S. Var.	Lake
Flour, T.64, R.1E, 1W	St. Louis
Green, T.120, R.33, 34; T.121, R.33, 34	Cook
Ida, T.129, 130, R.38	Kandiyohi
Mille Lacs	Douglas
	Aitkin
	Crow Wing
	Mille Lacs
Nashwauk, T.57, R.23, 24, S.7 + Var.	Itasca
Newton, T.63, 64, R.11, S. Var.	Lake
Ojibway, T.63, R.9, 10, S. Var.	Lake
Poplar, T.64, R.1W, 2W	Cook
Rachel, T.127, R.39	Douglas
Reilly (O'Reilly), T.56, R.24, S.5, 6	Itasca
Shagawa, T.63, R.12, S. Var.	St. Louis
Straight, T.140, R.36,	Becker

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S.6 + Var.
 Vermillion, T.61, R.16; T.62,
 R.14, 15, 16, 17;
 T.63, R.15, 16, 17,
 18 – all except
 Pike Bay, south and
 west of a north–
 south line at
 narrowest portion
 between Echo Point
 and Punchers Point,
 T.62, R.15, S.19 +
 Var.

St. Louis

Subp. 3. **Schedule II.** All bodies of water listed in this schedule, known as Schedule II, are open during the dates indicated by one of the following symbols:

A = Second Friday of October to first Sunday of December;

B = First Friday of November to second Sunday of December; or

C = Second Friday of November to second Sunday of December.

	County	Open dates
Ball Club, T.144, R.25, 26; T.145, R.26	Itasca	B
Bass, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing	B
Bass, north basin and Snyder Bay to the narrows, T.56, R.26	Itasca	B
Bass, Big, T.140, R.26, S.27 + Various	Cass	B
Beltrami, T.148, R.32, 33	Beltrami	B
Bemidji, Little, T.142, R.39, S.23 + Var.	Becker	B
Benedict, T.142, R.32	Hubbard	B
Black Bear, T.46, R.29, 30; T.47, R.29, 30	Crow Wing	B
Blackduck, T.149, R.31	Beltrami	B
Blackwater, T.140, R.29, S.25 + Var.	Cass	B
Bowstring, T.146, R.25, 26; T.147, R.25, 26	Itasca	B
Bowstring, Little, T.58, R.27, S.23 + Var.	Itasca	B
Boy, T.142, R.27, 28	Cass	B
Buffalo, T.140, R.40, 41; T.141, R.40	Becker	C
Burgen, T.127, 128, R.37	Douglas	B
Buzzle, Big, T.148, R.35	Beltrami	B
Caribou, T.65, R.1E	Cook	A
Carr, T.146, R.33	Beltrami	B
Cass, T.145, 146, R.30, 31	Beltrami	B
	Cass	B
Clear, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing	B
Clearwater, T.149, R.35, 36	Beltrami	B
	Clearwater	B
Cotton, T.139, 140, R.40	Becker	B
Crane, T.67, R.16, 17	St. Louis	A

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Crooked, T.144, R.31	Cass	B
Crooked, T.45, R.28, S.16 + Var.	Crow Wing	B
Crow Wing, Fifth and Sixth Lakes (channel between), T.140, R.33, S.20	Hubbard	B
Crow Wing, Seventh and Eighth Lakes (channel between), T.140, R.33, S.12 + Var.	Hubbard	B
Crow Wing, Ninth, T.140, 141, R.32	Hubbard	B
Crystal, T.136, R.42	Otter Tail	C
Curfman, T.138, R.41	Becker	B
Cut Foot Sioux, T.146, 147, R.27	Itasca	B
Deer, T.148, R.34	Beltrami	B
Deer, T.64, R.1E, S.4 + Var.;	Cook	A
T.65, R.1E, S.32 + Var.		
Deer, T.62, R.24, S. Var.	Itasca	B
Detroit, T.138, 139, R.41	Becker	B
Eagle, T.45, R.29	Crow Wing	B
Elbow, Big, T.142, R.38, 39	Becker	C
Eunice, T.138, R.42, S.26 + Var.	Becker	B
Fish, T.137, R.42	Otter Tail	C
Fish Hook, T.140, R.34, 35	Hubbard	B
Floyd, Big, T.139, R.41	Becker	B
Fox, East, T.138, R.27	Crow Wing	B
Fox, West, T.138, R.27	Crow Wing	B
Franklin, T.136, 137, R.42	Otter Tail	C
Gilstad, T.148, 149, R.30	Beltrami	B
Graham, T.137, 138, R.40	Becker	B
	Otter Tail	B
Grant, T.146, 147, R.34	Beltrami	B
Graves, T.58, R.26	Itasca	B
Gull, T.134, R.29, 30; T.135, R.29	Cass	B
Gull, Upper, T.135, R.29	Crow Wing	B
	Cass	B
Hanging Horn, Big, T.46, R.19	Carlton	B
Howard, T.141, R.31	Cass	B
Ice Cracking, T.141, R.38, 39	Becker	C
Isabella, T.61, R.8; T.62, R.7, 8	Lake	A
Island, T.141, R.35	Hubbard	B
Island, T.150, R.28	Itasca	B
Jack, T.141, 142, R.30	Cass	B
Jessie, T.147, 148, R.25	Itasca	B
Jessie, Little, T.147, R.25	Itasca	B
Jewett, T.134, R.43	Otter Tail	C
Kabekona, T.142, R.32; T.143, R.32, 33	Hubbard	B
Kabetogama, T.69, 70, R.19-22	Koochiching	A
	St. Louis	A
Kimble, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing	B
Kitchie, T.146, 147, R.30	Beltrami	B
Lake of the Woods	Lake of the Woods	
	Roseau	A
Latoka, T.128, R.38	Douglas	B

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Leaf, East, T.134, R.37, 38	Otter Tail	C
Leaf, Middle, T.134, R.38	Otter Tail	C
Leaf, West, T.134, R.38	Otter Tail	C
Leavitt, T.139, R.25, 26	Cass	B
Leech, including Kabekona Bay and all other bays, T.141, R.29, 31; T.142, R.28, 29, 30, 31, 32; T.143, R.28, 29, 30, 31; T.144, R.28, 29, 30	Cass Hubbard	
Lida, T.135, 136, R.42	Otter Tail	A
Lizzie, T.136, 137, R.42	Otter Tail	C
Long, T.138, 139, R.41	Becker	B
Long, T.139, 140, R.34	Hubbard	B
Long, T.134, R.42, 43	Otter Tail	C
Long, Lower South, T.44, R.29, 30	Crow Wing	B
McCraney, T.143, R.40, S.25 + Var.	Mahnomen	B
Many Point, T.141, R.38; T.142, R.38, 39	Becker	B
Maple, T.60, R.27	Itasca	B
Margaret (Kilpatrick), T.135, R.29	Cass	B
Marquette, T.146, R.33	Beltrami	B
Maud, T.138, R.42	Becker	B
Melissa, T.138, R.41	Becker	B
Mitchell, T.138, R.27	Crow Wing	B
Moore, T.142, R.38, S.5; T.143, R.38, S.32	Becker Clearwater	B B
Movil, T.147, 148, R.33	Beltrami	B
Murphy, T.137, R.39, S.6; T.138, R.39, S.31	Becker Otter Tail	B B
Namakan, T.68, R.17, 18; T.69, R.17, 18, 19, except the narrows between Namakan and Sand Point Lakes	St. Louis	
Net (Burnett), T.142, R.40, S.17 + Var.	Becker	A
Nisswa, T.135, R.29	Becker	B
Oak (Mud), T.143, R.32, S.27	Crow Wing Hubbard	B B
Osakis, T.128, R.35, 36; T.129, R.35	Douglas Todd	B B
Ossawinamakee (Long), T.136, 137, R.28	Crow Wing	B
Pelican, T.135, R.27, 28; T.136, R.27, 28	Crow Wing	B
Pelican, Big, T.137, R.42, 43	Otter Tail	C
Pike, T.142, R.38	Becker	B
Pike, East, T.65, R.2E, 3E	Cook	A
Pike Bay, T.145, R.30, 31	Cass	B
Pillager, T.133, 134, R.30	Cass	B
Pimushe, T.147, 148, R.30, 31	Beltrami	B
Pine, Big, T.136, 137, R.38	Otter Tail	C
Pine, Little, T.136, R.39; T.137, R.38, 39	Otter Tail	C
Pine Mountain, T.138, R.30; T.139, R.30, 31	Cass	B
Plantaganette, T.145, R.33,	Beltrami	

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34; T.146, R.33	Hubbard	B
Pokegama, T.54, R.25, 26;	Itasca	B
T.55, R.25, 26	Cass	B
Portage, T.141, R.31	Crow Wing	B
Portage, T.45, R.28, S.29	Hubbard	B
+ Var.		B
Potato and Eagle Lakes		B
(channel between), T.141,		B
R.35, S.22	St. Louis	B
Prairie, T.50, R.20	Cass	B
Pug Hole Lake, T.140, R.26,		B
S.2 + Var.	Koochiching	A
Rainy, T.69-71, R.17-24	St. Louis	B
	Becker	B
Round, T.141, R.38, 39	Crow Wing	B
Round, T.134, R.28, 29;		B
T.135, R.28, 29	Itasca	B
Round, T.148, R.27, 28	Cass	B
Roy, T.135, R.29	Crow Wing	B
	Itasca	B
Rush Island, T.148, R.26,		B
S.15 + Var.	Itasca	B
Sand, Big, T.147, 148, R.26	St. Louis	
Sand Point, T.67, R.16, 17;		
T.68, R.16, 17,		
except the narrows		
between Sand Point		
and Namakan Lakes		
and Sand Point and		
Little Vermillion		
Lakes		A
Sandy, T.149, R.35	Beltrami	B
Sandy, Big, T.49, R.23, 24;	Aitkin	B
T.50, R.23, 24		B
Sauk, Big, T.126, 127, R.34	Stearns	B
	Todd	B
Serpent, T.46, R.28, 29	Crow Wing	B
Silver Island, T.60, R.6;	Lake	
T.61, R.6, 7		A
Snyder (Snider), T.143,	Mahnomen	B
R.39, 40		B
Stalker, T.132, R.41	Otter Tail	C
Star, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing	B
Star, T.135, R.40, 41;	Otter Tail	C
T.136, R.41		C
Steamboat, T.144, R.31, 32	Cass	B
	Hubbard	B
Strawberry, T.141, 142, R.40	Becker	B
Sucker, Lower (Big Sucker),	Cass	
T.144, R.30;		B
T.145, R.29, 30	Itasca	B
Swan, T.55, 56, R.22, 23,		B
S. Var.	Cass	C
Ten Mile, T.140, R.30, 31;		B
T.141, R.30, 31	Cass	B
Thunder, Big, T.140, R.26	Becker	B
Tulaby, T.142, 143, R.39	Mahnomen	B
	Beltrami	B
Turtle, Big, T.148, R.33	Itasca	
Turtle, Big, T.59, R.26, 27;		

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T.60, R.26, 27			B
Turtle, Little, T.148, R.31, 32	Beltrami		B
Turtle River Lake, T.147, 148, R.32	Beltrami		B
Twin Lakes, T.56, R.23, 24	Itasca		B
Victoria, T.128, R.37	Douglas		B
Wabedo, T.140, R.28	Cass		B
Washburn, T.139, 140, R.26	Cass		B
White Earth, T.142, 143, R.40	Becker		
	Mahnomen		B
Wilson Bay, T.134, R.29, 30	Cass		B
Wimer, T.137, R.40	Otter Tail		C
Winnibigoshish, T.145, R.27, 28, 29; T.146, R.27, 28, 29; T.147, R.27, 28	Cass		
	Itasca		B
Winnibigoshish, Little, T.145, R.26, 27; T.146, R.26, 27, except those portions within one-fourth mile of river channels	Cass		
	Itasca		
			B
Wolf, Big, T.145, 146, R.32, S. Var.	Beltrami		
	Hubbard		B
Woman, T.140, R.28, 29; T.141, R.28, 29	Cass		B

Subp. 4. **Schedule III.** That part of Upper Red Lake located in Beltrami county (T.153, R.31, 32, 33, 34; T.154, R.31, 32, 33, 34; T.155, R.30, 31, 32) and outside the Red Lake Indian Reservation, known as Schedule III, is open from the second Friday of October through the third Sunday of November and it is permissible to set portions of gill nets in water deeper than six feet, provided that one end of the gill net is set in water no deeper than six feet, measured from the lake bottom to the top surface of the water or ice. The minimum allowable mesh size for these nets is 3-1/2 inches.

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