

**CHAPTER 6252**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**FISHING METHODS**

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**6252.0100 SEASONS AND METHODS FOR TAKING ROUGH FISH.**

Rough fish may be taken in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, sections 97C 345, 97C 371, and 97C 375. Rough fish may be taken by the following methods between sunrise and sunset in all inland waters, except where the taking of fish is otherwise prohibited by law or rule. Nonresidents may not spear from a fish house or darkhouse.

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.

C Rough fish may be taken by means of hand-held dip nets having a diameter not exceeding 24 inches.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C 345, and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**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, archery, or dip netting 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 345, and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**6252.0350 PROHIBITION ON RETURNING ROUGH FISH TO WATERS.**

Rough fish taken by spearing, harpooning, or 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, and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**6252.0500 OPEN SEASONS FOR TAKING WHITEFISH AND CISCOES.**

*[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]*

Subp 2 **Schedule I.** All bodies of water listed in this schedule are to be opened and closed on a 48-hour notice posted at lake accesses and other public places.

	Whitefish minimum mesh size 3-1/2 inches allowed	Ciscoe minimum mesh size 1-3/4 inches allowed
<p>Balsam, Big, T 58, 59, R 24, S 5 + Various</p>	<p>Itasca</p>	<p>X</p>

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

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

A = Second Friday of October through the first Sunday of December,

B = First Friday of November through the second Sunday of December; or

C = Second Friday of November through the second Sunday of December

		Whitefish minimum mesh size 3-1/2 inches allowed	Ciscoe minimum mesh size 1-3/4 inches allowed	Open dates
County				
Ball Club, T 144, R 25, 26, T.145, R.26	Itasca	X		B

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Bass, T 137, R 28	Crow Wing	X		B
Bass, north basin and Snyder Bay to the narrows, T 56, R 26	Itasca			
Bass, Big, T 140, R 26, S 27 + Various	Cass	X	X	B
Beltrami, T 148, R 32, 33	Beltrami	X		B
Bemidji, Little, T 142, R.39, S 23 + Var	Becker	X		B
Benedict, T 142, R 32	Hubbard	X		B
Black Bear, T 46, R 29, 30, T 47, R 29, 30	Crow Wing		X	B
Blackduck, T 149, R 31	Beltrami	X		B
Blackwater, T 140, R 29, S 25 + Var	Cass	X		B
Bowstring, T 146, R.25, 26, T 147, R 25, 26	Itasca	X		B
Bowstring, Little, T 58, R 27, S 23 + Var	Itasca	X		B
Boy, T 142, R 27, 28	Cass	X		B
Buffalo, T 140, R 40, 41, T 141, R 40	Becker	X		C
Burgen, T 127, 128, R 37	Douglas	X		B
Buzzle, Big, T 148, R 35	Beltrami		X	B
Caribou, T 65, R 1E	Cook	X		A
Carr, T 146, R 33	Beltrami	X		B
Cass, T 145, 146, R 30, 31	Beltrami			
	Cass	X		B
Clear, T 137, R 28	Crow Wing		X	B
Clearwater, T 149, R 35, 36	Beltrami			
	Clearwater	X		B
Cotton, T 139, 140, R.40	Becker	X		B
Crane, T.67, R 16, 17	St Louis		X	A
Crooked, T 144, R 31	Cass	X		B
Crooked, T 45, R.28, S 16 + Var	Crow Wing	X		B
Crow Wing, Fifth and Sixth Lakes (channel between), T 140, R 33, S 20	Hubbard			
		X		B
Crow Wing, Seventh and Eighth Lakes (channel between), T 140, R 33, S 12 + Var	Hubbard			
		X		B
Crow Wing, Ninth, T 140, 141, R 32	Hubbard			
		X		B
Crystal, T 136, R 42	Otter Tail	X		C
Curfman, T 138, R 41	Becker	X		B
Cut Foot Sioux, T 146, 147, R.27	Itasca			
		X		B
Deer, T 148, R 34	Beltrami	X		B
Deer, T 64, R 1E, S 4 + Var, T 65, R 1E, S 32 + Var	Cook		X	A
Deer, T.62, R 24, S Var	Itasca	X		B
Detroit, T 138, 139, R 41	Becker	X		B
Eagle, T 45, R 29	Crow Wing		X	B
Elbow, Big, T 142, R 38, 39	Becker	X		C
Eunice, T 138, R 42, S.26 + Var	Becker			
		X		B
Fish, T 137, R 42	Otter Tail	X		C
Fish Hook, T 140, R 34, 35	Hubbard	X		B

Floyd, Big, T 139, R 41	Becker	X		B
Fox, East, T 138, R 27	Crow Wing	X		B
Fox, West, T 138, R 27	Crow Wing	X		B
Franklin, T 136, 137, R 42	Otter Tail	X		C
Gilstad, T.148, 149, R 30	Beltrami	X		B
Graham, T 137, 138, R 40	Becker			
	Otter Tail	X		B
Grant, T 146, 147, R 34	Beltrami		X	B
Graves, T 58, R 26	Itasca	X		B
Gull, T 134, R 29, 30, T 135, R 29	Cass			
	Crow Wing	X		B
Gull, Upper, T 135, R 29	Cass	X		B
Hanging Horn, Big, T 46, R 19	Carlton	X		B
Howard, T 141, R 31	Cass		X	B
Ice Cracking, T 141, R 38, 39	Becker	X		C
Isabella, T 61, R 8, T 62, R 7, 8	Lake			
		X		A
Island, T 141, R 35	Hubbard	X		B
Island, T 150, R 28	Itasca	X		B
Jack, T 141, 142, R 30	Cass		X	B
Jessie, T 147, 148, R 25	Itasca	X		B
Jessie, Little, T 147, R 25	Itasca		X	B
Jewett, T 134, R 43	Otter Tail	X		C
Kabekona, T 142, R 32, T 143, R 32, 33	Hubbard			
		X		B
Kabetogama, T 69, 70, R 19-22	Koochiching			
	St Louis		X	A
Kimble, T 137, R 28	Crow Wing		X	B
Kitchie, T 146, 147, R 30	Beltrami	X		B
Lake of the Woods	Lake of the Woods			
	Roseau	X		A
Latoka, T 128, R 38	Douglas	X		B
Leaf, East, T 134, R 37, 38	Otter Tail	X		C
Leaf, Middle, T 134, R 38	Otter Tail	X		C
Leaf, West, T 134, R 38	Otter Tail	X		C
Leavitt, T.139, R 25, 26	Cass	X		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			
		X		A
Lida, T 135, 136, R 42	Otter Tail	X		C
Lizzie, T 136, 137, R 42	Otter Tail	X		C
Long, T.138, 139, R 41	Becker	X		B
Long, T 139, 140, R 34	Hubbard	X		B
Long, T 134, R 42, 43	Otter Tail	X		C
Long, Lower South, T 44, R 29, 30	Crow Wing			
		X		B
McCraney, T 143, R 40, S 25 + Var	Mahnomen			
		X		B
Many Point, T 141, R 38, T 142, R 38, 39	Becker			
		X		B
Maple, T 60, R 27	Itasca	X		B
Margaret (Kilpatrick), T.135, R 29	Cass	X		B
Marquette, T 146, R 33	Beltrami	X		B
Maud, T 138, R 42	Becker	X		B
Melissa, T 138, R 41	Becker	X		B

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Mitchell, T 138, R.27	Crow Wing	X		B
Moore, T 142, R 38, S 5, T 143, R 38, S 32	Becker			
Movil, T 147, 148, R.33	Clearwater	X		B
Murphy, T 137, R 39, S.6, T 138, R 39, S.31	Beltrami	X		B
Namakan, T 68, R 17, 18, T.69, R 17, 18, 19, except the narrows between Namakan and Sand Point Lakes	Becker		X	B
Net (Burnett), T 142, R 40, S 17 + Var	Becker			A
Nisswa, T 135, R 29	Crow Wing	X		B
Oak (Mud), T 143, R 32, S.27	Hubbard	X		B
Osakis, T 128, R 35, 36, T.129, R 35	Douglas			
Ossawinamakee (Long), T 136, 137, R.28	Todd	X		B
Pelican, T 135, R 27, 28, T 136, R 27, 28	Crow Wing			
Pelican, Big, T.137, R 42, 43	Crow Wing	X		B
Pike, T 142, R 38	Otter Tail	X		C
Pike, East, T 65, R 2E, 3E	Becker	X		B
Pike Bay, T 145, R 30, 31	Cook		X	A
Pillager, T 133, 134, R 30	Cass	X		B
Pimushe, T.147, 148, R 30, 31	Cass		X	B
Pine, Big, T 136, 137, R.38	Beltrami	X		B
Pine, Little, T 136, R.39, T.137, R 38, 39	Otter Tail	X		C
Pine Mountain, T 138, R 30; T 139, R 30, 31	Otter Tail	X		C
Plantaganette, T 145, R 33, 34, T 146, R 33	Cass		X	B
Pokegama, T.54, R.25, 26, T 55, R 25, 26	Beltrami			
Portage, T.141, R 31	Hubbard	X		B
Portage, T 45, R 28, S 29 + Var	Itasca		X	B
Potato and Eagle Lakes (channel between), T 141, R 35, S 22	Cass		X	B
Prairie, T.50, R 20	Crow Wing			
Pug Hole Lake, T 140, R.26, S 2 + Var	Hubbard	X		B
Rainy, T 69-71, R 17-24	Hubbard			
Round, T 141, R 38, 39	St. Louis	X		B
Round, T 134, R.28, 29, T 135, R 28, 29	St. Louis	X		B
Round, T.148, R 27, 28	Cass		X	B
Roy, T 135, R.29	Crow Wing	X		B
Rush Island, T 148, R 26, S 15 + Var	Itasca		X	B
	Crow Wing	X		B
	Itasca			

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Sand, Big, T 147, 148, R.26	Itasca	X		B
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	St Louis		X	A
Sandy, T 149, R.35	Beltrami		X	B
Sandy, Big, T 49, R 23, 24, T 50, R.23, 24	Aitkin	X		B
Sauk, Big, T 126, 127, R 34	Stearns Todd	X		B
Serpent, T 46, R 28, 29	Crow Wing Lake		X	B
Silver Island, T.60, R 6, T.61, R 6, 7		X		A
Snyder (Smuder), T 143, R.39, 40	Mahnomen			B
Stalker, T 132, R 41	Otter Tail	X		C
Star, T 137, R.28	Crow Wing	X		B
Star, T.135, R 40, 41, T.136, R.41	Otter Tail			C
Steamboat, T 144, R 31, 32	Cass Hubbard	X		B
Strawberry, T 141, 142, R 40	Becker		X	B
Sucker, Lower (Big Sucker), T 144, R.30, T 145, R 29, 30	Cass		X	B
Swan, T 55, 56, R 22, 23, S Var	Itasca		X	B
Ten Mile, T.140, R 30, 31; T 141, R 30, 31	Cass		X	C
Thunder, Big, T.140, R 26	Cass	X		B
Tulaby, T 142, 143, R 39	Becker Mahnomen	X		B
Turtle, Big, T 148, R 33	Beltrami	X		B
Turtle, Big, T 59, R 26, 27, T 60, R 26, 27	Itasca		X	B
Turtle, Little, T.148, R.31, 32	Beltrami			B
Turtle River Lake, T 147, 148, R.32	Beltrami	X		B
Twin Lakes, T 56, R 23, 24	Itasca	X		B
Victoria, T.128, R.37	Douglas	X		B
Wabedo, T 140, R.28	Cass	X		B
Washburn, T 139, 140, R 26	Cass	X		B
White Earth, T 142, 143, R 40	Becker Mahnomen	X		B
Wilson Bay, T.134, R 29, 30	Cass	X		B
Wimer, T 137, R 40	Otter Tail	X		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		X	B
Wolf, Big, T 145, 146, R 32, S Var	Beltrami Hubbard	X		B
Woman, T 140, R.28, 29, T 141, R 28, 29	Cass	X		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.

Subp 5 **Special restrictions for Leech Lake Reservation.** The seasons, daily, and possession limits for the taking of fish from bodies of water within the Leech Lake Reservation for noncommercial purposes shall be the same as the statewide regulations, except whitefish which shall have a daily and possession limit of 25 each. These limits do not apply to band or tribal members possessing a valid band fishing identification permit.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C 345, 97C.401, and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**6252.0600 TIME RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING WHITEFISH AND CISCOES.**

Gill nets for taking whitefish and ciscoes may not be set after sunset or raised before sunrise. All gill nets must be operated only by the licensee. Gill nets must be tended at least once every 24 hours. A person may use only one gill net.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C 345, and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**LAKE SUPERIOR FISHING GUIDES**

**6252.0900 LICENSE REQUIREMENTS FOR LAKE SUPERIOR FISHING GUIDES.**

License applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time the license is issued and possess a valid United States Coast Guard operator's license appropriate for the watercraft to be used. Applications are available from the License Bureau and must be submitted to the Lake Superior Area Fisheries Supervisor.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.311, and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**6252.1000 REQUIRED RECORD KEEPING.**

Licensed Lake Superior fishing guides must keep accurate records on forms provided by the commissioner. Records must be kept on a monthly basis and must be submitted on or before the tenth day of each month for the preceding month. Records must be submitted whether or not the licensee engaged in guiding during the reporting month, except that records need not be submitted for the months of November through April unless the licensee has engaged in guiding during those months. Records must be submitted to the Lake Superior Area Fisheries Supervisor.

Failure to submit any required records will invalidate any subsequent application for licensure as a guide for up to a three-year period, upon determination by the commissioner.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C 311, and others, at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*