

**CHAPTER 6254**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**MINNOWS**

6254 0300 WATERS CLOSED TO COMMERCIAL  
 TAKING OF MINNOWS

6254 0510 USE OF MINNOW TRAPS, HOOP NETS, AND  
 TRAP NETS

**6254.0300 WATERS CLOSED TO COMMERCIAL TAKING OF MINNOWS.**

Subpart 1. **Closed waters.** The waters described in this part are closed to commercial taking of minnows:

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| Lake | Location | County |
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*[For text of items A to Q, see MR ]*

Subp 2 **Waters in southwestern counties.** All streams, stream tributaries, side-channels, oxbows, backwaters, or other seasonally or permanently connected waters of the Missouri river watershed that are in Lincoln, Pipestone, Murray, Rock, or Nobles counties and that lie south of U S Highway 14 to the Iowa border and west of U.S. Highway 59 to the South Dakota border are closed to commercial taking of minnows, except that a licensed minnow dealer, aquatic farm licensee, private fish hatchery licensee, or commercial crayfish permittee who is in possession of a federal endangered species incidental take permit allowing the taking of Topeka shiners (*Notropis topeka*) as authorized under United States Code, title 16, section 1539, may take minnows in that area. These waters include, but are not limited to, Medary Creek, Flandreau Creek, East Branch Flandreau Creek, Willow Creek, Pipestone Creek, North Branch Pipestone Creek, Split Rock Creek, Beaver Creek, Little Beaver Creek, Springwater Creek, Rock River, East Branch Rock River, Ask Creek, Little Rock River, Little Rock Creek, Kanaranzi Creek, Norwegian Creek, East Branch Kanaranzi Creek, Elk Creek, Champepadan Creek, Mound Creek, Poplar Creek, Chanarambie Creek, North Branch Chanarambie Creek, and Mud Creek

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**6254.0510 USE OF MINNOW TRAPS, HOOP NETS, AND TRAP NETS.**

*[For text of subpart 1, see MR ]*

Subp 2. **Tending minnow traps, hoop nets, and trap nets.** Minnow traps, hoop nets, and trap nets must be lifted and emptied of fish as frequently as necessary to prevent the loss of minnows or other fish, provided that under no circumstances may they be emptied less frequently than once every 72 hours from April 1 to October 31, and once every seven days from November 1 to March 31. All minnow traps, hoop nets, and trap nets, and any associated gear, must be removed from the water immediately upon ceasing operations. A licensee shall not leave traps on public or private land without permission from the managing body or owner. The openings of traps that are left on the shore must be blocked to prevent nontarget animals from entering or must allow escapement of nontarget animals

*[For text of subp 3, see MR ]*

Subp. 4. **Minnow trap, hoop net, and trap net specifications for licensed minnow dealers.**

A Licensed minnow dealers may take minnows using minnow traps not exceeding four feet in width, four feet in height, and eight feet in length. The traps must have no more than two throats per entrance. The outermost throat may be split into two sections by a center structure. The diameter or width of the innermost throat

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opening may not exceed 1-1/2 inches and mesh size may not exceed one-half inch bar mesh. The top of the outermost throat must allow escapement of nontarget species, if it is possible for the nontarget species to be caught within the throat. Leads used in conjunction with minnow traps may not exceed 50 feet in length.

*[For text of items B and C, see MR]*

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