

CHAPTER 6260
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMERCIAL FISHING OPERATIONS

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6260.0300 COMMERCIAL FISHING PERMIT ISSUANCE.

[For text of subpart 1, see MR]

Subp 2 **Class A permits.** Class A permits may be issued for the use of a hand-held implement or device used by a single operator

[For text of subps 3 and 4, see MR]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 475, 97C.811*

History: *32 SR 1039*

6260.1700 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON LAKE OF THE WOODS.

[For text of subps 1 to 7, see MR]

Subp 8 **Apprentice license restrictions.** A person may not be issued more than one apprentice license for Lake of the Woods

[For text of subps 9 to 11, see MR]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045, 97C.811, 97C 841*

History: *32 SR 1039*

6260.1800 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON LAKE SUPERIOR.

Subpart 1. **Species, seasons, and limits.** The species of fish in this subpart may be taken in Lake Superior by licensed commercial operators according to this subpart

A. Chubs, alewives, lake whitefish and round whitefish, smelt, and rough fish may be taken at any time. Ciscoes may be taken from December 1 through October 31, except that ciscoes may be taken from November 1 through November 30 under a special permit approved by the commissioner

B. Lake whitefish and round whitefish may be taken in pound or trap nets at any time but no whitefish less than 20 inches total length may be possessed, bought, or sold. Whitefish less than 20 inches in length must be returned to the water immediately

C. Lake trout may not be taken by commercial fishing except by special permit. Lake trout legally taken under permit must be sealed with a tag, provided by the commissioner, affixed through the mouth and out the gill. The tag must be affixed immediately upon removal from the water and before the boat is brought to shore. No untagged lake trout may be possessed, bought, or sold by licensed commercial operators. Lake trout incidentally taken to commercial operations and dead when removed from the water may be possessed only if sealed with a tag, provided by the commissioner, affixed through the mouth and out the gill. Untagged incidentally taken lake trout may not be possessed, bought, or sold by licensed commercial operators. All incidentally taken live lake trout and all untagged dead lake trout must be returned to the water immediately

[For text of subp 2, see MR]

Subp 3 **Use of pound or trap nets.** Hoops and center leads of pound or trap nets used on Lake Superior may be of any length and diameter. The webbing for pound or trap nets, including leads, may not exceed 2-1/2 inch stretch measure, or be of twine size less than 9 gauge or 70 pound strength. Pound or trap nets may not be set within one-quarter mile of the mouth of any stream unless approved by the commissioner. Pound or trap nets may not be set in harbors from May 25 through March 31, except for St. Louis Bay downstream

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(east) of the U.S. Highway 53 bridge, unless approved by the commissioner. Commercial operators must notify the Lake Superior Fisheries Office within 48 hours if they are unable to lift and empty pound or trap nets at least once every 48 hours. All net stakes, lines, and anchors must be removed from the lake bed within ten days of removing pound and trap nets. Commercial operators must notify the Lake Superior Fisheries Office prior to setting pound or trap nets and at the beginning of each week that pound or trap nets are used. The commissioner may deny the use of pound or trap nets during periods when such use would conflict with fisheries management activities. Pound or trap nets must be marked with a tag which is at least 2-1/2 inches by five-eighths inch permanently bearing the owner's name and address and attached to the top rope of the back side of the pound or crib. Trap nets set with anchors must have attached to the end farthest from shore one fluorescent orange or fluorescent red marker buoy constructed so that a minimum of 18 inches of buoy surface is visible above water in the absence of current or under the weight of nets and line. The number of the owner's Lake Superior commercial fishing license must be plainly marked, in black, on the marker buoy. The marker buoy must be marked with a fluorescent orange or fluorescent red flag, at least one foot square, attached to the top of a flag staff at least five feet long, and the buoy constructed so that the flag staff is supported in a vertical position. All buoys and floats used in pound or trap net sets must be constructed of styrofoam, plastic, rubber, or other materials nonhazardous to navigation.

[For text of subps 4 to 7, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.388*

History: *32 SR 1044*

6260.1900 COMMERCIAL FISHING ON INLAND MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

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

Subp. 2. [Repealed, 32 SR 1039]

Subp. 3 [Repealed, 32 SR 1039]

Subp. 4 [Repealed, 32 SR 1039]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045; 97C.401, 97C.811*

History: *32 SR 1039*

6260.2400 DESCRIPTION OF INLAND COMMERCIAL FISHING AREAS.

[For text of subps 1 to 12, see M.R.]

Subp. 13 **Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 12.** Inland Commercial Fishing Area No. 12 consists of that part of Otter Tail County bounded by a line starting at the junction of U.S. Highway No. 10 and the northern Otter Tail County line, thence west to the eastern Clay County line, thence south to the southern Clay County line; thence west to the Wilkin County line, thence south to Otter Tail County Highway No. 10, thence east to Otter Tail County Highway No. 3, thence crossing Otter Tail County Highway No. 3 and continuing east on Otter Tail County Highway No. 1 to Otter Tail County Highway No. 35; thence north to Otter Tail County Highway No. 4 and continuing north through Vergas to State Highway No. 228, thence east to U.S. Highway No. 10, thence north to the Otter Tail County line, the point of beginning.

Core Waters	Id No	Twp.	Rge	Sec
Star Lake, Otter Tail Co.	56-385	135, 136	40, 41	Various
East Spirit Lake, Otter Tail Co	56-501	136	41	4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17
Franklin Lake, Otter Tail Co	56-759	136-137	42	3, 4, 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, 34

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Little Pelican Lake, Otter Tail Co	56-761	137	42	1, 2, 11, 12
Lizzie Lake, Otter Tail Co	56-760	136-137	42	3-9, 20, 28-33
Long (North Long) Lake, Otter Tail Co.	56-784	134	42, 43	7, 18; 10-14
Prairie Lake, Otter Tail Co.	56-915	136	43	10, 11, 14, 15
Tamarac Lake, Otter Tail Co.	56-931	137	43	14, 15, 22, 23, 26
Sand Lake, Otter Tail Co.	56-942	137	43	35, 36
South Lida Lake, Otter Tail Co.	56-747-2	135	42	4, 5, 8, 9, 32, 33

[For text of subps 14 to 25, see M R]

Subp 26. [Repealed, 32 SR 1039]

Subp. 27. [Repealed, 32 SR 1039]

Subp 28 [Repealed, 32 SR 1039]

Subp. 29 [Repealed, 32 SR 1039]

[For text of subps 30 to 34, see M.R]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.811; 97C.815*

History: *32 SR 1039*