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**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
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**GENERAL RESTRICTIONS**

**6262.0100 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.**

Subpart 1. **Angling hours.** Angling hours on all streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to posted boundaries, including Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries, are from one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the open season; provided that angling hours on the St. Louis River in St. Louis and Carlton counties and the Pigeon River in Cook county are continuous during the open season except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.415, subdivision 1.

Angling hours for all species on all inland waters are continuous during the open season, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.415, subdivision 1, and except for certain waters which are subject to experimental or special regulations.

Subp. 2. **Identification of fish houses.** The metal tag supplied with the annual fish house license must be attached to the structure no more than six inches below the top edge of the exterior side of the door. On structures with openings other than doors, the tag must be attached to the material on the right side of opening when facing structure and not more than six inches below the top of opening.

Subp. 3. **Take A Kid Fishing Weekend.** Take A Kid Fishing Weekend is the first Saturday and Sunday after the first Monday in June.

Subp. 4. **Importation, transportation, or stocking of live fish.** Except as provided in part 6212.2600, subpart 3, and Minnesota Statutes, sections 17.4985, subdivision 3; 97C.505, subdivision 1; 97C.515, subdivision 3; 97C.525, subdivision 1; and 97C.821, a person may not import, transport, or stock in any waters of the state live fish eggs, fish spawn, or immature or adult fish of any species without a permit issued by the commissioner. An angling license does not authorize a person to import, transport, or stock live fish.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045; 97A.445; 97C.001; 97C.005; 97C.205; 97C.355; 97C.395; 97C.415; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222; 20 SR 2287*

**6262.0200 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR INLAND WATERS.**

Subpart 1. **General inland fishing regulations.** Fish may be taken in inland waters by angling during the time specified for each of the following species, however, certain waters of the state are subject to experimental regulations, special regulations, or are closed for the taking and possession of fish:

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### Species and Open Season

### Daily and Possession Limits

#### A. Largemouth and smallmouth bass.

6 in aggregate.

- (1) In all waters lying east and north of U.S. Highway 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash Lakes, St. Louis county.

Saturday two weeks prior to Memorial Day weekend up to, but not including, the third Monday in February.

Starting in 1998, from the second Monday in September through the end of the season, angling for smallmouth bass shall be limited to catch and release only. Any smallmouth bass must be immediately returned to the water and it shall be unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any smallmouth bass while on or fishing in inland waters.

- (2) In all other waters.

In 1997, Saturday nearest May 29 up to, but not including, the third Monday in February.

Starting in 1998, Saturday of Memorial Day weekend up to, but not including, the third Monday in February.

Starting in 1998, from the second Monday in September through the end of the season, angling for smallmouth bass shall be limited to catch and release only. Any smallmouth bass must be immediately returned to the water and it shall be unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any smallmouth bass while on or fishing in inland waters.

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### B. Brown trout.

- (1) All streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary cable, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries.

5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake, except the aggregate limit on the Knife River upstream of Lake County Road 9 and Carlton county streams is 10 with no more than 5 brown trout. Not more than 3 may be over 16 inches in length. The minimum size limit is 10 inches in length.

Open continuously.

Only a single hook may be used for angling, except in the Pigeon River, Cook county, and the St. Louis River, St. Louis and Carlton counties.

- (2) In all streams of the Lake Superior watershed in St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook counties above the posted boundaries and their tributaries, except the St. Louis River and its tributaries upstream of the Fond du Lac Dam.

10 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. No more than 5 may be brown trout.

Saturday nearest April 15 through September 30.

- (3) In all other streams.

Saturday nearest April 15 through September 30.

5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.

- (4) In lakes only:

5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake. No more than 3 may be over 16 inches in length.

Statewide.

Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through October 31.

All lakes entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness except Ram Lake.  
Saturday nearest January 1 through March 31.

All lakes entirely or partly outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and exceptions.  
Saturday nearest January 15 through March 15.

Lakes lying partly outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and exceptions include Ram, Meditation, and Lizz Lakes.

Lakes in Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard counties.  
Closed for the winter season.

C. Brook trout and splake.

- (1) All streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries, except for Lake Superior tributaries in Carlton county and the Knife River upstream of Lake County Road 9.
- 5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. The aggregate limit for brook trout and splake is 1 and the minimum size limit is 20 inches in length.

Saturday nearest April 15 through Labor Day.

Only a single hook may be used for angling, except in the Pigeon River, Cook county, and the St. Louis River, St. Louis and Carlton counties.

- (2) In all streams of the Lake Superior watershed in St. Louis, Lake, and Cook counties above the posted boundaries and their tributaries; and the entire length of Carlton county streams, except (i) the
- 10 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.

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St. Louis River and its tributaries upstream of the Fond du Lac Dam, and (ii) that portion of the Knife River and its tributaries lying upstream of Lake County Road 9.

Saturday nearest April 15 through September 30.

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| <p>(3) On that portion of the Knife River and its tributaries lying upstream of Lake County Road 9.</p> <p>May 15 through September 30.</p> | <p>10 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.</p> |
| <p>(4) In all other streams.</p> <p>Saturday nearest April 15 through September 30.</p>   | <p>5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.</p>  |
| <p>(5) In lakes only:</p>   | <p>5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. No more than 3 may be over 16 inches in length.</p>  |

Statewide.

Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through October 31.

All lakes entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness except Ram Lake.

Saturday nearest January 1 through March 31.

All lakes entirely or partly outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and exceptions.

Saturday nearest January 15 through March 15.

Lakes lying partly outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and exceptions include Ram, Meditation, and Lizz Lakes.

Lakes in Aitkin, Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard counties.

Closed for the winter season.

D. Rainbow trout, including steelhead.

- (1) All streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary cable, and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries.

Open continuously.

Only a single hook may be used for angling, except in the Pigeon River, Cook county, and the St. Louis River, St. Louis and Carlton counties.

- (2) In all streams of the Lake Superior watershed in St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook counties above the posted boundaries and their tributaries, except the St. Louis River upstream of the Fond du Lac Dam.

Saturday nearest April 15 through September 30.

- (3) In all other streams.

Saturday nearest April 15 through September 30.

- (4) In lakes only:

3 clipped rainbow trout. The minimum size limit for clipped rainbow trout is 16 inches in length. Clipped rainbow trout have their adipose fin removed and must show a healed scar. No harvest of unclipped rainbow trout is allowed. All unclipped rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately and it is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any unclipped rainbow trout while on or fishing in the listed waters.

1. The minimum size limit is 16 inches in length.

5 in aggregate with brook and brown trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.

5 in aggregate with brook and brown trout and splake. No more than 3 may be over 16 inches in length.

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Statewide.

Saturday two weeks prior  
to Saturday of Memorial  
Day weekend through  
October 31.

All lakes entirely within  
the Boundary Waters Canoe  
Area Wilderness except  
Ram Lake.

Saturday nearest January 1  
through March 31.

All lakes entirely or partly  
outside the Boundary Waters  
Canoe Area Wilderness  
and exceptions.

Saturday nearest January 15  
through March 15.

Lakes lying partly outside  
the Boundary Waters Canoe  
Area Wilderness and  
exceptions include Ram,  
Meditation, and Lizz Lakes.

Lakes in Aitkin, Becker,  
Beltrami, Cass, Crow Wing,  
and Hubbard counties.

Closed for the winter season.

E. Lake trout. 3

Statewide.

Saturday two weeks prior to  
Saturday of Memorial Day weekend  
through September 30.

All lakes entirely within  
the Boundary Waters Canoe Area  
Wilderness except Saganaga and  
Ram Lakes.

Saturday nearest January 1  
through March 31.

All lakes lying entirely or  
partly outside the Boundary  
Waters Canoe Area Wilderness  
and exceptions.

Saturday nearest January 15  
through March 15.

Lakes partly outside the  
Boundary Waters Canoe Area  
Wilderness and exceptions include  
Snowbank, Magnetic, Ram, Seagull,  
Clearwater, and Saganaga.

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All streams and rivers from Lake Superior upstream to the posted boundaries, including the St. Louis River upstream to the Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary cable and Lake Superior tributaries with no posted boundaries.

December 1 through September 30.

- F. Chinook, coho, Atlantic, and pink salmon. 5 in aggregate.  
All must be at least 10 inches in length.  
No more than 1 may be an Atlantic salmon.  
Continuous.
- G. Walleye and sauger. 6 in aggregate.  
Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend up to, but not including, the third Monday in February.
- H. Northern pike. 3  
Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend up to, but not including, the third Monday in February.  
The limit also applies to the taking by dark house spearing.
- I. Muskellunge (including muskellunge–northern pike hybrid). 1. The minimum size limit will be 40 inches in length, except on Shoepac Lake, St. Louis county, where a 30–inch minimum size limit will apply.  
The first Saturday in June up to, but not including, the third Monday in February.
- J. Rock bass. 30  
Continuous.
- K. White (striped) bass. 30  
Continuous.
- L. Crappies. 15  
Continuous.



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| M. | Sunfish.  | 30   |
|    | Continuous.   |  |
| N. | Catfish.  | 5. No more than<br>1 may be over<br>24 inches on<br>tributaries to the<br>Red River of the<br>North, and on<br>tributaries to<br>Minnesota-South<br>Dakota border<br>waters. |
|    | Continuous, except on<br>tributaries to the Red River<br>of the North the season is the<br>first Saturday in May through<br>the last day in February. |  |
| O. | Perch.  | 100  |
|    | Continuous.   |  |
| P. | Bullheads.  | 100  |
|    | Continuous.   |  |
| Q. | Sturgeon.   | 0  |
|    | Closed.   |  |
| R. | Carp, bowfin, redborse,<br>sheepshead, suckers, burbot,<br>gar, whitefish, goldeyes,<br>tullibeas, buffalo, smelt.                                    | No limits.   |
|    | Continuous.   |  |

When the closing date of a season falls on a Saturday, the season will extend through the following Sunday.

**Subp. 2. Taking of smelt from inland waters.** Rainbow smelt may be taken by licensed anglers and those exempt from licensing at any time by angling and dip net. Smelt may be taken in inland lakes by minnow seines, not more than 25 feet in length or four feet in depth. Live smelt may not be possessed or transported.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045; 97C.005; 97C.395; 97C.401; 97C.411; 97C.415; 97C.811*

**History:** *18 SR 83; 19 SR 2222; 20 SR 2287; 22 SR 292*

### 6262.0300 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE SUPERIOR.

**Subpart 1. General Lake Superior fishing regulations.** Fish may not be taken in Lake Superior except as provided by this part or under permit.

**Subp. 2. Number of lines allowed.** No more than two lines with one bait attached to each line may be used to take fish on Lake Superior, except that only one line may be used within 100 yards of the mouth of any flowing stream.

**Subp. 3. Transportation restrictions.** While on any portion of the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior, a person licensed to take fish by angling or as otherwise authorized by Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, or the province of Ontario, may not possess or transport more than the daily limit of fish allowed under any one but not more than one of their licenses.

**Subp. 4. Taking smelt from Lake Superior.** Smelt may be taken by licensed anglers from Lake Superior and tributary streams subject to the following provisions:

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A. smelt may be taken with the use of dip nets and minnow seines not more than 25 feet in length nor more than four feet in depth. Seines may not be used in any stream, except the St. Louis River, and seines may not be used in Lake Superior within 100 feet of the mouth of any stream;

B. live smelt may not be possessed or transported; and

C. taking of smelt at any time is prohibited in the following streams tributary to Lake Superior:

- (1) French River, St. Louis county;
- (2) Sucker River, St. Louis county;
- (3) Little Sucker River, St. Louis county;
- (4) Silver Creek, Lake county;
- (5) Encampment River, Lake county; and
- (6) Crow Creek, Lake county.

Subp. 5. **Prohibition on taking fish for bait purposes.** The taking of fish for bait purposes from all Minnesota waters of Lake Superior and all waters of the St. Louis River downstream of the Fond du Lac Dam in St. Louis and Carlton counties, including any and all outflows, estuaries, streams, creeks, or waters adjacent to or flowing into these waters is prohibited.

Subp. 6. **Lake Superior open season, daily and possession limits.** Angling season and daily and possession limits for Lake Superior are as follows:

	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A.	Rainbow trout, including steelhead	Continuous	5 in aggregate with brown and brook trout and splake. No more than 3 may be clipped rainbow trout, including steelhead. The minimum size limit for clipped rainbow trout is 16 inches in length. Clipped rainbow trout have their adipose fin removed and must show a healed scar. No harvest of unclipped rainbow trout is allowed. All unclipped rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately and it is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any unclipped rainbow trout while on or fishing in Lake Superior.

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B.	Brook trout and splake	Saturday nearest April 15 through Labor Day	5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. The aggregate limit for brook trout and splake is 1 and the minimum size limit is 20 inches in length.
C.	Brown trout	Continuous	5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake. No more than 3 may be 16 inches or longer and the minimum size limit is 10 inches in length.
D.	Lake Trout	December 1 through September 30	3
E.	Salmon	Continuous	5 in aggregate. All must be at least 10 inches in length. Only 1 may be an Atlantic salmon.
F.	Smelt	Continuous	Smelt may be possessed without limit and may be bought or sold at any time.
G.	Walleye	Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 1	2. All must be at least 15 inches in length.
H.	Northern Pike	Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 1	2

All other species may be taken as allowed by inland regulations.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045; 97C.315; 97C.401; 97C.811; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222; 22 SR 292*

**6262.0400** [Renumbered 6264.0050]

**6262.0500 WATERS CLOSED TO TAKING FISH.**

Subpart 1. **Waters permanently closed to taking fish.** The following waters or designated portions are closed to the taking of all fish at all times:

A. Aitkin county: Sandy Lake, within 300 feet below the Federal Dam, S.25, T.50, R.24.

B. Anoka and Ramsey counties: Wilkinson Lake, including inlet and outlet channels, S.4,5,9, T.30, R.22; S.34, T.31, R.22.

C. Cass county: Thunder Creek at the outlet of Thunder Lake, within 500 feet below the dam, S.10, T.140, R.26.

D. Cass and Itasca counties: Winnibigoshish Lake, within 300 feet below the Federal Dam, S.25, T.146, R.27.

E. Dakota and Washington counties: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below the Federal Dam at Hastings, S.21, T.115, R.17.

F. Goodhue county: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below U.S. Lock and Dam No. 3 near Red Wing, S.10, T.113, R.15; except that fishing from shore within 150 feet below the lock and dam and from boats that remain outside the 150-foot restricted zone is permitted.

G. Hennepin county: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below the St. Anthony Falls dam at Minneapolis, S.23, T.29, R.24.

H. Hennepin and Ramsey counties: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below U.S. Lock and Dam No. 1 (Ford Dam), between Minneapolis and St. Paul, S.17, T.28, R.23.

I. Houston county: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below U.S. Lock and Dam No. 8 near Reno, S.7, T.101, R.3; except that fishing from shore within 150 feet below the lock and dam and from boats that remain outside the 150-foot restricted zone is permitted.

J. Itasca county:

(1) Mississippi River, within 300 feet below the Pokegama Reservoir Dam, S.13, T.55, R.26.

(2) Mississippi River, from 500 feet upstream to 300 feet downstream of the Blandin Dam, S.21, T.55, R.25.

K. Itasca and Cass counties: Winnibigoshish Lake. See Cass and Itasca Counties for area closed.

L. Otter Tail county:

(1) Stream between East and West Battle Lakes, S.33,34, T.133, R.39.

(2) Area between West Battle and Clitherall Lakes, S.2,11, T.132, R.40.

(3) Pelican River from bridge in Trunk Highway 59 to Lake Lizzie, S.20, T.137, R.42.

M. Pine county: Kettle River, within 200 feet below the Sandstone Power Dam, both channels, S.22, T.42, R.20.

N. Ramsey county:

(1) Charles Lake, including inlet and outlet channels, S.12, T.30, R.23.

(2) Deep Lake, including inlet and outlet channels, S.5,6,7, T.30, R.22.

(3) Pleasant Lake, including inlet and outlet channels, S.7,8,18,19, T.30, R.22, and S.12,13, T.30, R.23.

O. Ramsey and Anoka counties: Wilkinson Lake, including inlet and outlet channels. See Anoka and Ramsey counties.

P. Ramsey and Hennepin counties: Mississippi River. See Hennepin and Ramsey counties for area closed.

Q. St. Louis county: French River, between Lake Superior and the new Highway 61, S.17, T.52, R.12.

R. St. Louis and Carlton counties: St. Louis River, from the Fond du Lac Dam downstream for one-half mile to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable, S.6, T.48, R.15.

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S. Wabasha county: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below U.S. Lock and Dam No. 4 near Kellogg, S.17, T.110, R.9; except that fishing from shore within 150 feet below the lock and dam and from boats that remain outside the 150-foot restricted zone is permitted.

T. Washington and Dakota counties: Mississippi River. See Dakota and Washington counties for area closed.

U. Winona county: Mississippi River, within 150 feet below the following U.S. Locks and Dams: No. 5, S.17, T.108, R.8; No. 5A, S.9, T.107, R.7; No. 6, S.8, T.106, R.5, near Winona; and No. 7, S.28, T.105, R.4, near Dresbach; except that fishing from shore within 150 feet below these locks and dams and from boats that remain outside the 150-foot restricted zone is permitted.

Subp. 2. **Waters seasonally closed to taking fish.** The following waters in the portions designated are closed to the taking of all fish during the periods specified:

A. Cook county: Sea Gull River, S.19,30,31, T.66, R.4, and S.25, 36, T.66, R.5, from Sea Gull Lake including Gull Lake to Saganaga Lake approximately 1/3 mile north of the narrows. The dates of closure are from April 1 through Friday before Memorial Day weekend.

B. St. Louis and Carlton counties: St. Louis River, S.6,7, T.48, R.15, from the State Highway 23 bridge upstream to the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary cable crossing the river. The dates of closure are from the Saturday closest to March 1 through May 18.

C. Sherburne county: Elk River, S.33, T.33, R.26, for a distance of 1,000 feet below the power dam at the city of Elk River. The dates of closure are November 1 up to, but not including, the third Monday of February.

D. Douglas and Grant counties: Lake Christina, S.3-11,17,18, T.130, R.40, and S.1,12,13, T.130, R.41. The dates of closure are from April 1 through November 30.

E. Cook county: Gauthier Creek, S.27, T.62, R.3E; Kadunce Creek, S.2, T.61, R.2E, from 0.2 to 0.4 miles above the mouth; and Devil Track River, S.11,12, T.61, R.1E, from 1.1 to 1.6 miles above the mouth. The dates of the closure are September 1 through May 31.

F. St. Louis county: Little Knife River, S.17,21-23,26-28,35,36, T.52, R.12, from the weir upstream to the source. The dates of the closure are September 1 through May 31.

G. Lake county: Knife River, S.31, T.52, R.11, between the two cabled areas is closed from September 1 through May 31; and Knife River and tributaries, S.4,5, T.52, R.11, upstream of Lake County Road 9 are closed from October 1 through May 14.

Subp. 2a. **Waters closed to possession of fish.** The following waters have restrictions on the possession of fish:

A. Mink Lake in Wright county: S.23-25, T.121, R.27, and Somers Lake in Wright county, S.24-25, T.121, R.27, are closed to the possession of all fish through February 28, 1998, except that the daily and possession limit for sunfish is five. Possession and use of minnows as bait, except processed minnows in a dried, frozen, or pickled condition, is prohibited.

B. Little Rock Creek from the outlet dam at the Sartell Wildlife Management Unit to the bridge crossing at Township Road 438: S.3, 4, 10, 15, 22, R.31, T.38 in Benton county, and S.22, 27, 33, 34, R.31, T.39 in Morrison county, and the tributary Bunker Hill Creek in Benton county, S.10, 11, R.31, T.38, are closed to the possession of brown trout through April 13, 2001. Only artificial lures may be used during the closed period.

Anglers must immediately return to the water the fish species noted for each water. It shall be unlawful for anyone to have in possession or under control, regardless of where taken, fish species noted for each water while on or fishing on these waters. Possession includes personal possession and possession in a vehicle.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 19 SR 2222]

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045; 97C.005*

**History:** *18 SR 83; 19 SR 2222; 20 SR 2287; 22 SR 292*

## ROUGH FISH

**6262.0600 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; 97C.375; 97C.381; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6252.0100. It was renumbered editorially.

**6262.0650 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*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6252.0200. It was renumbered editorially.

**6262.0700 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.041; 97C.345; 97C.375; 97C.381; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6252.0300. It was renumbered editorially.

**6262.0750 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; 97C.381; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484*

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## WHITEFISH AND CISCOES

**6262.0800 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.

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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
County		
Balsam, Big, T.58, 59, R.24, S.5 + Various	Itasca	X
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	X
Fall, T.63, R.11, 12, S. Var.; T.64, R.11, S. Var.	Lake	
Flour, T.64, R.1E, 1W	St. Louis	X
Green, T.120, R.33, 34; T.121, R.33, 34	Cook	X
Ida, T.129, 130, R.38	Kandiyohi	
Mille Lacs	Douglas	X
	Aitkin	
	Crow Wing	
	Mille Lacs	X
	Itasca	
Nashwauk, T.57, R.23, 24, S.7 + Var.		X
Newton, T.63, 64, R.11, S. Var.	Lake	
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
Reilley (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	
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

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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.

	County	Whitefish minimum mesh size 3-1/2 inches allowed	Ciscoe minimum mesh size 1-3/4 inches allowed	Open dates
Ball Club, T.144, R.25, 26; T.145, R.26	Itasca	X		B
Bass, T.137, R.28	Crow Wing	X		B
Bass, north basin and Snyder Bay to the narrows, T.56, R.26	Itasca	X		B
Bass, Big, T.140, R.26, S.27 + Various	Cass		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 X		B 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



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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

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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	Cass			
Bay and all other bays,	Hubbard			
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		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,	Crow Wing			
R.29, 30		X		B
McCraney, T.143, R.40, S.25	Mahnomen			
+ Var.		X		B
Many Point, T.141,	Becker			
R.38; T.142, R.38, 39		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
Mitchell, T.138, R.27	Crow Wing	X		B
Moore, T.142, R.38, S.5;	Becker			
T.143, R.38, S.32	Clearwater	X		B
Movil, T.147, 148, R.33	Beltrami	X		B
Murphy, T.137, R.39, S.6;	Becker			
T.138, R.39, S.31	Otter Tail	X		B
Namakan, T.68, R.17, 18;	St. Louis			
T.69, R.17, 18, 19,				
except the narrows				
between Namakan and				
Sand Point Lakes			X	A
Net (Burnett), T.142, R.40,	Becker			
S.17 + Var.		X		B
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;	Douglas			
T.129, R.35	Todd	X		B
Ossawinamakee (Long), T.136,	Crow Wing			
137, R.28		X		B
Pelican, T.135, R.27, 28;	Crow Wing			
T.136, R.27, 28		X		B
Pelican, Big, T.137, R.42, 43	Otter Tail	X		C
Pike, T.142, R.38	Becker	X		B
Pike, East, T.65, R.2E, 3E	Cook		X	A
Pike Bay, T.145, R.30, 31	Cass	X		B
Pillager, T.133, 134, R.30	Cass		X	B
Pimushe, T.147, 148, R.30, 31	Beltrami	X		B
Pine, Big, T.136, 137, R.38	Otter Tail	X		C

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Pine, Little, T.136, R.39; T.137, R.38, 39	Otter Tail			
Pine Mountain, T.138, R.30; T.139, R.30, 31	Cass		X	B
Plantaganette, T.145, R.33, 34; T.146, R.33	Beltrami Hubbard	X		B
Pokegama, T.54, R.25, 26; T.55, R.25, 26	Itasca		X	B
Portage, T.141, R.31	Cass		X	B
Portage, T.45, R.28, S.29 + Var.	Crow Wing	X		B
Potato and Eagle Lakes (channel between), T.141, R.35, S.22	Hubbard		X	B
Prairie, T.50, R.20	St. Louis	X		B
Pug Hole Lake, T.140, R.26, S.2 + Var.	Cass		X	B
Rainy, T.69-71, R.17-24	Koochiching St. Louis		X	A
Round, T.141, R.38, 39	Becker	X		B
Round, T.134, R.28, 29; T.135, R.28, 29	Crow Wing		X	B
Round, T.148, R.27, 28	Itasca		X	B
Roy, T.135, R.29	Cass Crow Wing	X		B
Rush Island, T.148, R.26, S.15 + Var.	Itasca		X	B
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		X	B
Silver Island, T.60, R.6; T.61, R.6, 7	Lake	X		A
Snyder (Snider), T.143, R.39, 40	Mahnomen		X	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		X	C
Steamboat, T.144, R.31, 32	Cass Hubbard	X		B
Strawberry, T.141, 142, R.40	Becker		X	B

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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 Mahnommen	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	X		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 Mahnommen	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	X		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; 97C.805; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222; 20 SR 2287*

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### 6262.0850 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*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6252.0600. It was renumbered editorially.

## MUSKELLUNGE

### 6262.0900 SEASONS AND LIMITS

Muskellunge, including muskellunge–northern pike hybrid, may be taken by angling in all waters from the first Saturday in June to the third Monday in February. Daily and possession limit is one. The minimum size limit will be 40 inches in length, except in Shoepac Lake, St. Louis county, where a 30–inch minimum size limit will apply.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045; 97C.401; 97C.405*

**History:** *18 SR 83*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6264.0100. It was renumbered editorially.

## LAKE SUPERIOR FISHING GUIDES

### 6262.3000 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*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6252.0900. It was renumbered editorially.

### 6262.3050 REQUIRED RECORDKEEPING.

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*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6252.1000. It was renumbered editorially.

## MARKING OF FISH NETS

### 6262.3100 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*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6252.0400. It was renumbered editorially.

## PACKING AND TRANSPORTING FISH

### 6262.3150 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in sections 6262.3150 to 6262.3300 have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Dressed fish.** "Dressed fish" means fish that may have heads, entrails, gills, and either the scales or skin removed.

Subp. 3. **Fillet.** "Fillet" means a portion, not including the cheeks, of the flesh of a fish that has been removed. Scales or skin may be removed or intact.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.551; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6214.0200. It was renumbered editorially.

### 6262.3200 PREPARATION AND PACKING OF FISH FOR TRANSPORTATION.

Subpart 1. **Restrictions on packing and wrapping fish.** All fish that are being transported or shipped by residents or nonresidents must be packed and wrapped in such a way that they may be readily unpacked, unwrapped, separated, examined, and counted.

Subp. 2. **Retention of patch of skin on dressed fish.** Except for bullheads, sunfish, and crappies, all dressed fish and fillets must retain, in a place other than the belly, a patch of skin, measuring at least one square inch, with scales intact. Dressed and filleted sauger will be counted as walleye.

Subp. 3. **Restriction on number of fillets per fish.** A fish may not be reduced to more than two fillets.

Subp. 4. **Restriction on fish with statewide length limits.** Fish having statewide length limits may only be possessed in the field, transported, or shipped undressed, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.551, subdivision 4.

Subp. 5. **Fish with length limits on specific waters.** Where length limits are in effect only on specific waters, fish covered by length limits and possessed by anglers while on those waters must be undressed.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.551; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6214.0300. It was renumbered editorially.

### 6262.3250 LABELING AND PACKING OF FISH UNDER A FISH PACKER LICENSE.

Fish packed by a licensed fish packer must be packed and labeled in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Between March 15 and November 30 completely filleted sauger will be counted as walleye except that sauger may be packed in a filleted condition with skin, dorsal fin, and tail attached. Between December 1 and March 14, filleted sauger will not be counted as walleye, if packages are properly labeled.

B. A fish may not be reduced to more than two fillets.

C. Fish having statewide length limits may only be packed undressed, except as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.551, subdivision 4. Fish from waters where length limits differ from statewide regulations may be packed dressed.

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D. Each package of fish must be individually labeled by the licensed fish packer. The label must be marked legibly in ink and contain the following information:

the fish;

- (1) name, address, and license number of the person who lawfully possesses

- (2) name and address of consignee, if different from subitem (1);

- (3) name and license number of the fish packer who packed the fish;

and

- (4) contents of package, including species, number of fish, and net weight;

- (5) date of packaging.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97C.865; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6214.0400. It was renumbered editorially.

### 6262.3300 EXEMPTION FROM FISH TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS.

A person possessing fish taken under a commercial fishing license, or private aquatic life as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 17.47, subdivision 7, is exempt from the provisions of parts 6262.3200 and 6262.3250 provided the person can show documentation that the fish were lawfully obtained.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 17.4983; 97C.211; 97C.821*

**History:** *19 SR 2222*

**NOTE:** This part was originally numbered 6214.0500. It was renumbered editorially.