

CHAPTER 6262

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

FISHING REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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6262.0100. GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH:

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see MR]

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

[For text of subp 4, see M.R.]

Subp 5. **Possession of fish while on state waters.**

A. Fish that are taken by angling and not immediately released into the water after capture are considered to be in possession. Once a limit of fish has been reduced to possession, no culling or live well sorting (the act of replacing one fish with another one) of that species is allowed.

B A person shall not angle for, including catch-and-release, or reduce to possession any species during its closed season

C. Once a person or persons fishing as a party as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.317, retain a daily limit for a species, all fish of that species that are subsequently taken must be immediately released into the water after capture.

D. Length of a fish is determined by measuring from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail when fully extended. While on or fishing in state waters with size restrictions that differ from statewide regulations, including experimental waters, special management waters, boundary waters, or any other waters with size restrictions, all fish for which the different size restrictions apply must be undressed and measurable when in a person's possession, regardless of where taken, except when a watercraft is docked or moored to shore and a person is in the act of preparing and using the fish for a meal.

E. It is unlawful for a person to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any fish in excess of or outside of the limits for that water body when fishing in that water. A person must immediately return to the water any fish that is taken by angling that is in excess of or outside the limits

F. A person who is in transit on the water, taking the most direct route back to the person's lodging or docking, and not fishing, may possess fish outside of or in excess of the limits for that water body, if the species were legally taken from connected waters.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045, 97A 445, 97C.001, 97C 005, 97C 395, 97C.401, 97C.415*

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6262.0300 FISHING REGULATIONS FOR LAKE SUPERIOR.

[For text of subs 1 to 5, see MR]

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

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Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
<i>[For text of items A to G, see MR]</i>		
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 When the closing date of the season falls on a Saturday, the season extends to the following Sunday
Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045*
History: 28 SR 629

6262.0500 WATERS CLOSED TO TAKING FISH.
[For text of subpart 1, see MR]

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
[For text of item A, see MR]

B St Louis and Carlton counties.

(1) 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 to May 18; and

(2) Lake Superior from the mainland to a line that runs from the mouth of Chester Creek, S.23, T 50N, R 14W, to the outermost portion of the north/west arm of the Duluth ship canal, S.27, T 50N, R 14W. The dates of closure are from October 1 to November 30 When November 30 falls on a Saturday, the closure extends to the following Sunday Fishing is allowed only from shore in this area during the dates of closure

[For text of items C to G, see MR]

H. Cass county the Gull River from the United States Army Corps of Engineers dam (Government Lot 1, S 20, T 134N, R 29W) downstream 250 feet. The closure is from the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the Friday before Memorial Day

I. Goodhue county Mississippi River, within 300 feet below Lock and Dam 3 at Red Wing, S 10, T 113, R 15 The closure is from March 1 to April 30

J Wabasha county. Mississippi River, within 300 feet below Lock and Dam 4 at Alma, Wisconsin, S 17,20, T 110, R 9 The closure is from March 1 to April 30

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

[For text of item A, see MR]

B The Otter Tail River from the Wilkin County Road 19 crossing in S 26, T 132, R 45 to the Friberg Dam in S 31, T 134, R 42, including the Orwell, Dayton Hollow, Pisgah, Central, and Diversion impoundments, S.25,26,35,36, T 132, R 45, in Wilkin county and S Various, T 132-134, R 42-44, in Otter Tail county, is closed to the possession of smallmouth bass until March 1, 2008

C. Annie Battle inlet and outlets in Otter Tail county: The inlet stream (T 133N, R 40W, S.24) beginning at the northeast exit point of Molly Stark Lake to the confluence with Annie Battle Lake and the outlet stream (T 133N, R.40W, S.12) beginning at the northwest exit of Annie Battle to Blanche Lake are closed to the possession of northern pike and largemouth bass The daily and possession limit for sunfish is five

D Eagle Creek in Scott county S 7,18, T 115N, R.21W, and S 13, T 115N, R 22 (south of State Highway 101 to the source of the east and west branches that are west of State Highway 13) is closed to the possession of trout.

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E Clitherall Lake in Otter Tail county: S 11-15,23, and 24, T.132N, R 40W, S 6,7, T 132N, R 39W, is closed to the possession of smallmouth bass until March 1, 2009

F Crawford Lake in Wright county. S,20, T 119N, R 25W, is closed to the possession of largemouth bass The daily and possession limit for sunfish is five, for crappie is five, for walleye is two, and for yellow perch is ten.

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

History: *28 SR 629*

6262.0575 WATERS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.

[For text of subps 1 to 3, see MR]

Subp 4 **Red Lake and tributaries.** Red Lake and its tributaries listed below are closed to the taking of or anghng for walleye at all times

Name	Location	County
Upper Red Lake	T 153, R 31,32, T 154, R 30-32, T 155, R 30-32, outside Red Lake Indian Reservation	Beltrami
Blackduck River	T 151, R 32, S.20,28,29,33, T 150, R 32, S.1, T 150, R 31, S.6-8,15-17, 22,27,34	Beltrami
Darrigan's Creek	T 150, R 32, S 14,15, 22,27,28,33, T.149, R 32, S 4-7	Beltrami
Detling Creek	T 151, R.31, S 31,32; T 150, R.31, S 4,5,9,10	Beltrami
Dumas Creek	T.154, R.30, S 29,31	Beltrami
Hay Creek	T 151, R 32, S.19,20,30,31	Beltrami
Meadow Creek	T 151, R.31, S 1-3; T 151, R.30, S.5,6,8-10	Beltrami
Moose Creek	T.155, R 31, S 25,36	Beltrami
North Branch Battle River	T 152, R 32, S 10-12,15, 22, T 152, R 31, S 1-7	Beltrami
North Branch Cormorant River	T 151, R:32, S 1-3, T 152, R 32, S 35; T 151, R 31, S 1-6,10-12 T 151, R 30, S.7-9,15-18, 22-25,36	Beltrami
O'Brien Creek	T 151, R 32, S 35, T 150, R.32, S 2,11,14, 23,26,35, T.149, R 32, S 2,11	Beltrami

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Shotley Brook	T 153, R.31, S.10, 11,13,14,24; T.153, R.30, S 19-23	Beltrami
South Branch Battle River	T 152, R.32, S.13-15,22; T 152, R.31, S.18-22,26, 27,35,36; T 152, R.30, S.31,32, T 151, R.30, S.2-5,11,12	Beltrami
South Branch Cormorant River	T.151, R 32, S 23,25-27, 36; T 151, R.31, S.31-35	Beltrami
Squaw Creek	T.151, R 32, S 10,11,13,14	Beltrami
Tamarack River	T 154, R.30, S.8,9, 11-13,15-17	Beltrami
Unnamed Tributary	T.154, R.30, S 1,11,12	Beltrami

Subp. 5. **Minnows in southwestern counties.** A person shall not take minnows for personal use from a stream, stream tributary, sidechannel, oxbow, backwater, or other seasonally or permanently connected water of the Missouri river watershed that is in Lincoln, Pipestone, Murray, Rock, or Nobles county and that lies south of U S Highway 14 to the Iowa border and west of U S. Highway 59 to the South Dakota border 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.

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

History: *28 SR 629*

6262.0800 OPEN SEASONS FOR TAKING WHITEFISH AND CISCOES.

[For text of subps 1 to 4, see MR]

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 and cisco which shall have a daily and possession limit of 50 These limits do not apply to band or tribal members possessing a valid band fishing identification permit

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C 401*

History: *28 SR 629*

6262.3200 PREPARATION AND PACKING OF FISH FOR TRANSPORTATION.

[For text of subps 1 to 4, see MR]

Subp 5 [Repealed, 28 SR 629]

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

History: *28 SR 629*

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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 6262.0100, subpart 5, 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*

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