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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. [Repealed, L 2003 c 28 art 1 s 20]

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.

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.

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.205; 97C.355; 97C.395; 97C.401; 97C.415; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222; 20 SR 2287; L 2003 c 28 art 1 s 20; 28 SR 629*

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

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 the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the third Sunday in February.	
From the second Monday in September to 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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- (2) In all other waters.

Saturday of Memorial Day
weekend to the third
Sunday in February.

From the second Monday in
September to 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.

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.

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.

5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake, except the aggregate limit on Carlton County streams is 10 with no more than 5 brown trout. Not more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length and minimum size limit is 10 inches in length.

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.

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- (3) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties.
- April 1 to September 30.
- 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. No harvest of trout is allowed from April 1 up to but not including the Saturday nearest April 15 and from September 15 to September 30. During these time periods, all trout must be immediately returned to the water and all hooks must be barbless.
- (4) In all other streams.
- Saturday nearest April 15 to September 30.
- 5 in aggregate with rainbow and brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.
- (5) 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 to October 31.
- All lakes entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness except Ram Lake.
- Saturday nearest January 1 to March 31.
- All lakes entirely or partly outside the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and exceptions.
- Saturday nearest January 15 to 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.

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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.

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 to 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 the St. Louis River and its tributaries upstream of the Fond du Lac Dam.

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

Saturday nearest April 15 to September 30.

- (3) [Expired.]

- (4) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties.

April 1 to September 30.

5 in aggregate with rainbow and brown trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. No harvest of trout is allowed from April 1 up to but not including the Saturday nearest April 15 and from September 15 to September 30. During these time periods, all trout must be immediately returned to the water and all hooks must be barbless.

- (5) In all other streams. 5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.
 Saturday nearest April 15 to September 30.

- (6) In lakes only: 5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. No more than 3 may be over 16 inches in length.

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

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

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

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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.

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.

- (2) In all streams of the Lake Superior watershed in St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties above the posted boundaries and their tributaries.

No harvest of rainbow trout is allowed. All rainbow trout must be returned to the water immediately and it is unlawful for anyone to have in possession, regardless of where taken, any rainbow trout while on or fishing in the listed waters.

Saturday nearest April 15 to September 30.

- (3) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties.

April 1 to September 30.

5 in aggregate with brown and brook trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length. No harvest of trout is allowed from April 1 up to but not including the Saturday nearest April 15 and from September 15 to September 30. During these time periods, all trout must be immediately returned to the water and all hooks must be barbless.

- (4) In all other streams.

Saturday nearest April 15 to September 30.

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

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(5) In lakes only

5 in aggregate
with brook and brown
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 to
October 31.

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

Saturday nearest January 1
to March 31.

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

Saturday nearest January 15
to 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.

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Statewide.

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

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

Saturday nearest January 1
to March 31.

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

Saturday nearest January 15
to March 15.

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

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 to September 30.

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| F. | Chinook, coho, Atlantic, and pink salmon.

Continuous. | 5 in aggregate.
All must be at least 10 inches in length.
No more than 1 may be an Atlantic salmon. |
| G. | Walleye and sauger.

Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the third Sunday in February. | 6 in aggregate. |
| H. | Northern pike.

Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the third Sunday in February.

The limit also applies to the taking by dark house spearing. | 3 |
| I. | Muskellunge (including muskellunge-northern pike hybrid).

The first Saturday in June to the third Sunday in February. | 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. |
| J. | Rock bass.

Continuous. | 30 |
| K. | White (striped) bass.

Continuous. | 30 |
| L. | Crappies.

Continuous. | 10 |
| M. | Sunfish.

Continuous. | 20 |

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- N. Flathead and channel catfish. 5 in aggregate. No more than 1 may be over 24 inches and no more than 2 may be flathead catfish.
Continuous.
- O. Perch. 100 to November 30, 2000.
20 daily, 50 in possession, December 1, 2000, to November 30, 2001.
20 daily, 40 in possession, December 1, 2001, and thereafter.
Continuous.
- P. Bullheads. 100
Continuous.
- Q. Sturgeon. 0
Closed.
- R. Carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshead, suckers, burbot, gar, whitefish, goldeyes, tullibeas, buffalo, smelt. No limits.
Continuous.

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; 23 SR 348; 23 SR 373; 24 SR 1849; 25 SR 1964; 27 SR 1017*

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.

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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:

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. Not more than 1 may be over 16 inches 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

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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; 97C.315; 97C.395; 97C.401; 97C.811; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222; 22 SR 292; 23 SR 348; 28 SR 629*

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, except by permit according to part 6260.0300, subpart 1, and Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.041:

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.

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.

V. Lake and St. Louis Counties: Knife River from the U.S. Highway 61 bridge in S.36, T.52, R.12, downstream to the cable below the Knife River fish trap in S.31, T.52, R.11 and S.36, T.52, R.12.

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:

(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.

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 to the third Sunday in 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:

(1) 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.

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(2) Knife River, S.25, T.52N, R.12W, between the cables. The dates of closure are September 1 to May 31.

G. Lake County: 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.

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:

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. 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.

E. [Repealed, 27 SR 1313]

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.

Subp. 3. [Repealed, 19 SR 2222]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.045; 97C.001; 97C.005; 97C.395; 97C.401*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 2222; 20 SR 2287; 22 SR 292; 23 SR 348; 24 SR 1849; 27 SR 1313; 28 SR 629*

6262.0575 WATERS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.

Subpart 1. **Treaty lakes.** The commissioner may modify seasons and limits under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.027, subdivision 13, or sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459, to accommodate tribal declarations for fish harvest in the 1837 Ceded Territory in compliance with the court ruling in *Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa v. Minnesota*, 119 S.Ct. 1187 (1999). Changes shall be posted at water access sites and the Department of Natural Resources Web site.

Subp. 2. **Inland waters of Mississippi River pool 3.** All walleye in possession while on or fishing in the following waters must be 15 inches in length or greater. The

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possession limit for walleye and sauger in aggregate is six. Taking walleye and sauger in the following waters is limited to the Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the third Sunday in February.

Name	Location	County
Inland waters of Mississippi River pool 3	from the railroad tracks on the Minnesota-Wisconsin border upstream to the dam at Hastings, Minnesota	Dakota, Washington

Subp. 3. **Conservation lakes.** While on or fishing in the following waters, the possession limit for sunfish is five, the possession limit for crappie is five, the possession limit for yellow perch is ten, the possession limit for walleye is two, and the possession limit for largemouth bass is one. All northern pike in possession while on or fishing in the following waters must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 30 inches in length. All northern pike that are from 24 inches to 30 inches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water. A person's possession limit may not include more than one northern pike over 30 inches in length. The possession limit for northern pike is three.

Name	Location	County
Little Sauk Lake	T.128, R.34W, S.32	Todd

Subp. 4. **Red Lake and tributaries.** Red Lake and its tributaries listed below are closed to the taking of or angling 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

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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
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, Champepadon Creek, Mound Creek, Poplar Creek, Chanarambie Creek, North Branch Chanarambie Creek, and Mud Creek.

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

History: 24 SR 1849; 28 SR 629

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 from May 1

through the third Sunday in February 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. Rough fish may be taken by harpooning with a rubber powered gun, spring gun, or compressed air gun. 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.

D. Rough fish may be taken by hand-held spears in open water or through the ice.

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; 23 SR 348*

6262.0650 DAILY AND POSSESSION LIMIT OF ROUGH FISH TAKEN BY SPEARING, HARPOONING, ARCHERY, AND DIP NETS.

Daily and possession limits of rough fish taken by spearing, harpooning, archery, and dip nets are:

A. suckers, 50;

B. redhorse, 50;

C. bullheads, 100; and

D. other species, no limit.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97C.041; 97C.345; 97C.375; 97C.381; 97C.401*

History: *18 SR 83; 23 SR 348*

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*

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*

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.

Subp. 2. **Schedule I.** All bodies of water listed in this schedule may be opened and closed on a 48-hour notice posted at lake accesses and other public places based on a determination of the following:

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- A. the abundance of game fish;
- B. climatic conditions that affect the vulnerability of game fish to accidental harvest; and
- C. the abundance of whitefish or ciscoes.

For Upper Red Lake only, 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.

	County	Minimum mesh size 3-1/2 inches allowed	Minimum mesh size 1-3/4 inches allowed
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 Lake		X
Fall, T.63, R.11,12, S. Var.; T.64, R.11, S. Var.	St. Louis		X
Green, T.120, R.33,34; T.121, R.33,34	Kandiyohi	X	
Greenwood, T.64N, R.2E, S. Var.	Cook		X
Ida, T.129,130, R.38	Douglas	X	
Mille Lacs	Aitkin Crow Wing Mille Lacs	X	
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
Red, Upper, T.153, R.31- 34; T.154, R.31- 34; T.155, R.30- 32; outside Red Lake Indian Reservation	Beltrami		
Reilly (O'Reilly), T.56, R.24, S.5,6	Itasca		X
Shagawa, T.63, R.12, S. Var.	St. Louis	X	
Side, T.60N, R.21W, S. Var.	St. Louis		X
South Sturgeon, T.59-60, R.21-22, S. Var.	St. Louis		X

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Straight, T.140, R.36, S.6 + Var.	Becker	X
Turtle, Big, T.59, R.26,27; T.60, R.26,27	Itasca	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.

	County	Minimum mesh size 3-1/2 inches allowed	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
Brule, T.60, R.21, S. Var.	Cook		X	A
Buffalo, T.140, R.40,41; T.141, R.40	Becker	X		C

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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			
	Hubbard	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.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

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Jewett, T.134, R.43	Otter Tail	X		C
Kabekona, T.142, R.32; T.143, R.32,33	Hubbard			
Kabetogama, T.69,70, R.19-22	Koochiching	X		B
Kimble, T.137, R.28	St. Louis		X	A
Kitchie, T.146,147, R.30	Crow Wing		X	B
Lake of the Woods	Beltrami	X		B
	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
Long, North, T.134, R.28, 29; T.135, R.28	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			
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; T.143, R.38, S.32	Becker Clearwater	X		B
Movil, T.147,148, R.33	Beltrami	X		B
Murphy, T.137, R.39, S.6; T.138, R.39, S.31	Becker Otter Tail	X		B
Namakan, T.68, R.17,18; T.69, R.17,18,19, except the narrows between Namakan and Sand Point Lakes	St. Louis			
			X	A
Net (Burnett), T.142, R.40, S.17 + Var.	Becker			
		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; T.129, R.35	Douglas Todd	X		B

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Ossawinamakee (Long), T.136, 137, R.28	Crow Wing				B
Pelican, T.135, R.27,28; T.136, R.27,28	Crow Wing				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
Pimusha, T.147,148, R.30,31	Beltrami	X			B
Pine, Big, T.136,137, R.38	Otter Tail	X			C
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	Cass			X	B
Plantaganette, T.145, R.33, 34; T.146, R.33	Beltrami				
Pokegama, T.54, R.25,26; T.55, R.25,26	Hubbard	X			B
Portage, T.141, R.31	Itasca			X	B
Portage, T.45, R.28, S.29 + Var.	Cass			X	B
Potato and Eagle Lakes (channel between), T.141, R.35, S.22	Crow Wing	X			B
Prairie, T.50, R.20	Hubbard				
Pug Hole Lake, T.140, R.26, S.2 + Var.	St. Louis		X		B
Rainy, T.69-71, R.17-24	Cass			X	B
Round, T.141, R.38,39	Koochiching				
Round, T.134, R.28,29; T.135, R.28,29	St. Louis		X		A
Round, T.148, R.27,28	Becker	X			B
Roy, T.135, R.29	Crow Wing				
Rush Island, T.148, R.26, S.15 + Var.	Crow Wing	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	Cass				
Sandy, T.149, R.35	Crow Wing	X			B
Sandy, Big, T.49, R.23,24; T.50, R.23,24	Itasca				
Sauk, Big, T.126,127, R.34	Crow Wing	X			B
Serpent, T.46, R.28,29	St. Louis	X			B
Silver Island, T.60, R.6; T.61, R.6,7	Itasca				
Snyder (Snider), T.143, R.39,40	St. Louis			X	A
Stalker, T.132, R.41	Beltrami	X			B
Star, T.137, R.28	Aitkin				
	Aitkin	X			B
	Stearns				
	Todd	X			B
	Crow Wing		X		B
	Lake				
	Lake	X			A
	Mahnomen				
	Mahnomen	X			B
	Otter Tail	X			C
	Crow Wing	X			B

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Star, T.135, R.40,41; T.136, R.41	Otter Tail			
Steamboat, T.144, R.31,32	Cass	X		C
	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			
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, Little, T.148, R.31, 32	Beltrami	X		B
Turtle River Lake, T.147, 148, R.32	Beltrami			
	Itasca	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			
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. [Repealed, 23 SR 348]

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 97A.045; 97C.345; 97C.395; 97C.401; 97C.805; and others at 19 SR 6*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 19 SR 2222; 20 SR 2287; 23 SR 348; 24 SR 1849; 28 SR 629*

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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*

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 Sunday 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; 24 SR 1849*

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*

6262.3050 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 by the licensee so that they are received by the Lake Superior area fisheries supervisor 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.

Failure to submit any required records three times or more in a two-year period 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; 23 SR 348*

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*

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*

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. [Repealed, 28 SR 629]

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

History: *19 SR 484; 28 SR 629*

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. A licensed fish packer may pack dressed fish with statewide length limits.

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:

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

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- (2) name and address of consignee, if different from subitem (1);
- (3) name and license number of the fish packer who packed the fish;
- (4) contents of package, including species, number of fish, and net weight; and
- (5) date of packaging.

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

History: *19 SR 484; 24 SR 1849*

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*

History: *19 SR 2222; 28 SR 629*