

**CHAPTER 6262**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**FISHING REGULATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

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**6262.0100 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.**

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

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

*[For text of items A to C, see MR]*

D. 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.

*[For text of items E and F, see MR]*

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 14 388*

**History:** *30 SR 394*

**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 last 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	

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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

Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the last 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

*[For text of items B to F, see, MR]*

G. Walleye and sauger. 6 in aggregate

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

H Northern pike 3

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

*[For text of items J to R, see MR]*

*[For text of subp 2, see MR]*

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### 6262.0575 WATERS WITH RESTRICTIONS ON TAKING FISH.

*[For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]*

Subp 4. [Repealed, 30 SR 904]

*[For text of subp 5, see M.R.]*

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 14 386, 97C 001, 97C 005*

**History:** *30 SR 904*