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 [Repealed, L 2003 c 28 art 1 s 20]

Subp. 3. **Take A Kid Fishing and Take a Kid Ice Fishing Weekends.** Take A Kid Fishing Weekend is the first Friday, Saturday, and Sunday after the first Monday in June. Take a Kid Ice Fishing Weekend is the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday that coincides with President's Day.

Subp. 4. **Importation, transportation, or stocking of live fish.** Except as provided in parts 6212.2600, subpart 3, and 6262.0600, subpart 4, 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.

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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. 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 under the following conditions:

(1) when a watercraft is docked or moored to shore or when on the ice and a person is in the act of preparing and using the fish for a meal; or

(2) when a person is on an experimental or special management water and the fish were lawfully taken, have been packaged and labeled by a licensed fish packer, are to be prepared for a meal while on the ice or shore of that water body, and do not otherwise exceed the statewide possession limits.

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. This item does not apply to a person who is on an experimental or special management water and the fish were lawfully taken, have been packaged and labeled by a licensed fish packer, are to be prepared for a meal while on the ice or shore of that water body, and do not otherwise exceed the statewide possession 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 14.388; 84.027; 97A.045; 97A.445; 97A.551; 97C.001; 97C.005; 97C.041; 97C.205; 97C.315; 97C.345; 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; 30 SR 394; 32 SR 1044; 33 SR 1334; 35 SR 138*

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.	

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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.

- (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.

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 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.

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 to September 30.

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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 Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard Counties, except Blue Lake in Hubbard County.

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. 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.

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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) 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.
- (4) In all other streams. Saturday nearest April 15 to September 30.
- 5 in aggregate with brown and rainbow trout. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.
- (5) 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 Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow Wing, and Hubbard Counties, except Blue Lake in Hubbard County.

Closed for the winter season.

D. Rainbow trout, including steelhead.

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| <p>(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.<br/>Open continuously.<br/>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>(2) In all streams of the Lake Superior watershed in St. Louis, Lake, Carlton, and Cook Counties above the posted boundaries and their tributaries.<br/>Saturday nearest April 15 to September 30.</p>   | <p>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.</p>   |
| <p>(3) In all streams in Houston, Fillmore, Mower, Dodge, Olmsted, Winona, Wabasha, and Goodhue Counties.<br/>April 1 to September 30.</p>  | <p>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.</p>   |
| <p>(4) In all other streams.<br/>Saturday nearest April 15 to September 30.</p>   | <p>5 in aggregate with brook and brown trout and splake. No more than 1 may be over 16 inches in length.</p>   |
| <p>(5) In lakes only:</p>   | <p>5 in aggregate with brook and brown trout and splake. No more than 3 may be over 16 inches in length.</p>   |

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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  
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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 Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Crow  
Wing, and Hubbard Counties, except  
Blue Lake in Hubbard County.

Closed for the winter season.

E. Lake trout. 2

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.

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

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December 1 through the first full weekend in October.

- 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. 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).  
The first Saturday in June to December 1.
- (1) In all inland waters not listed in subitem (2). 1 in aggregate. The minimum size limit is 48 inches in length.
- (2) In the following lakes in Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington Counties: 1 in aggregate. The minimum size limit is 40 inches in length.
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| Lake:   | County:    |
| Bryant  | Hennepin   |
| Bush    | Hennepin   |
| Calhoun | Hennepin   |
| Cedar   | Hennepin   |
| Cedar   | Scott      |
| Clear   | Washington |
| Crystal | Dakota     |
| Crystal | Hennepin   |
| Eagle   | Carver     |
| Elmo    | Washington |



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	Gervais	Ramsey
	Island	Ramsey
	Isles	Hennepin
	Johanna	Ramsey
	Nokomis	Hennepin
	Orchard	Dakota
	Phalen	Ramsey
	Pierson	Carver
	Silver	Ramsey
	Wasserman	Carver
	Weaver	Hennepin
J.	Rock bass. Continuous.	30
K.	White (striped) bass. Continuous.	30
L.	Crappies. Continuous.	10
M.	Sunfish. Continuous.	20
N.	Flathead and channel catfish. Continuous.	5 in aggregate. No more than 1 may be over 24 inches and no more than 2 may be flathead catfish.
O.	Perch. Continuous.	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.
P.	Bullheads. Continuous.	100
Q.	Sturgeon. Closed.	0
R.	Carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshead, suckers, burbot, gar, whitefish, goldeyes, tullibees, buffalo, smelt. Continuous.	No limits.

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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 14.388; 97A.045; 97C.005; 97C.395; 97C.401; 97C.405; 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; 30 SR 394; 32 SR 1039; 34 SR 1165; 35 SR 1396*

## 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:

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:

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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.
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 the first full weekend in October	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 84.027; 97A.045; 97C.025; 97C.315; 97C.395; 97C.401; 97C.415; 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; 35 SR 1396*

**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. 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.

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(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.

N. Ramsey and Anoka Counties: Wilkinson Lake, including inlet and outlet channels. See Anoka and Ramsey Counties.

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

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

Q. 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.

R. 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.

S. Washington and Dakota Counties: Mississippi River. See Dakota and Washington Counties for area closed.

T. 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.

U. 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.

V. Morrison County: Mississippi River, Zebulon Pike Reservoir's portion known as Musky Bay T.138, R.30, S.1 E1/2 of NE1/4.

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:

(1) 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 the Friday before Memorial Day weekend;

(2) 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;

(3) Granite River (at Saganaga Lake) S.4, T.66, R.4, from Saganaga Falls downstream to Saganaga Lake, including Saganaga Lake within 300 yards of the mouth of the Granite River. The dates of the closure are April 1 through May 31;

(4) Little Gunflint-Little North channel (Granite River at Gunflint Lake) S.16, T.65, R.2, the channel between Little Gunflint Lake and Little North lake, including Little Gunflint Lake within 300 yards of the channel mouth and Little North Lake within 100 yards of the head of the channel. The dates of the closure are April 1 through May 31; and

(5) Cross River (at Gunflint Lake) S.24,25,26, T.65, R.4, and S.19,30, T.65, R.3, from Cook County Road 12 (Gunflint Trail) crossing downstream to Gunflint Lake, including Gunflint Lake within 300 yards of the mouth of the Cross River. The dates of the closure are April 1 through the Friday before Memorial Day weekend.

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## 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. 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; and

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

E. 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.

F. 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.

## G. Goodhue County:

(1) 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; and

(2) Cannon River and Hay Creek floodplain, S.10,11,13,14,15,23,24,25,26, T.113, R.15, and S.19, T.113, R.14, includes floodplain lakes and streams in the area bounded on the northwest by the Vermillion River, on the south and southwest by Canadian Pacific Railroad track, and on the north and east by the Mississippi River. The dates of closure are April 1 through May 15.

H. 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.

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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]

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]

Subp. 4. **Waters with seasonal restrictions on taking fish and motorboat operations.**

A. Waters or portions of waters designated as spawning beds or fish preserves under chapter 6264 may be posted closed to the taking of fish or posted to restrict motorboat operations based on:

- (1) the abundance of spawning fish;
- (2) climatic conditions; or
- (3) anticipated angling activities.

B. Waters or portions of waters being used by the commissioner for research or management activities may be posted closed to the taking of fish or posted to restrict motorboat operations if necessary to prevent:

- (1) interference with research and management;
- (2) excess depletion of fish;
- (3) destruction of critical habitat; or
- (4) activities that compromise management or research efforts.

C. Notice of closures or restrictions under this subpart shall be posted at all public access sites and on the Department of Natural Resources Web site no less than 48 hours prior to the effective date. The posting shall include a description of the closure or restriction and associated dates.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 97A.045; 97A.101; 97C.001; 97C.005; 97C.395; 97C.401; 97C.801*

**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; 32 SR 1039; 33 SR 1442*

### 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 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. [Repealed, 30 SR 904]

Subp. 5. **Minnows in southwestern counties.** A person shall not take minnows for personal use, except by angling, 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.

Subp. 6. **Minnows in south-central counties.** A person may not take for personal use any tadpole madtoms (*Noturus gyrinus*) or stonecats (*Noturus flavus*), except by special permit, from a stream, stream tributary, side channel, oxbow, backwater, or other seasonally or permanently connected water that is in Dodge, Freeborn, or Mower County.

Subp. 7. **Ogechie Lake; northern pike.** While a person is on or fishing in the following waters, all northern pike in possession must be less than 24 inches in length or greater than 36 inches in length. All northern pike that are 24 to 36 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 36 inches in length.

Changes made to comply with the court ruling in *Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa v. Minnesota*, 119 S.Ct. 1187 (1999) shall be posted at water access sites and on the Department of Natural Resources Web site.

Name	Location	County
Ogechie Lake	T.42, R.27, S.4,5,8; T.43, R.27, S.33	Mille Lacs

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 14.386; 97A.045; 97A.101; 97C.001; 97C.005; 97C.025; 97C.401*

**History:** *24 SR 1849; 28 SR 629; 30 SR 904; 32 SR 1039*

**ROUGH FISH**

**6262.0600 SEASONS AND METHODS FOR TAKING ROUGH FISH.**

Subpart 1. **Generally.** Rough fish may be taken according to Minnesota Statutes, sections 97C.345, 97C.371, and 97C.375. Rough fish may be taken by the following methods from May 1 through the last Sunday in February between sunrise and sunset in all inland waters and by archery at night on water bodies designated under subpart 2 from June 1 to the last day in August, 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



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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, except as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.106.

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.

### Subp. 2. **Night bowfishing.**

A. Rough fish may be taken by night bowfishing, provided that the arrows used are tethered or controlled by an attached line. All broadheads used must have a barb.

B. While taking rough fish under this subpart, total noise from generators, engines to power the boat, and motorboats may not exceed 84 decibels on the A scale measured at a distance of 30 feet from the motorboat or equivalent noise levels at other distances in a pass-by test or at idle in a stationary test at least four feet above the water and at least four feet behind the transom of the motorboat being tested.

C. A person must take reasonable measures to retrieve arrows and wounded fish.

D. The following described water bodies are open to night bowfishing from June 1 to the last day in August.

#### County

Lake name (DOW number)	Location
(1) Becker County:	
Big Cormorant (3-576)	T.138, R.42, S.7,18,19,30; T.138, R.43, S.1,11-14,22-25
Dahlberg (3-577)	T.138, R.42, S.6; T.138, R.43, S.1; T.139, R.42, S.31; T.139, R.43, S.36
Leif (3-575)	T.138, R.42, S.5,6; T.138, R.43, S.1; T.139, R.42, S.31
Larson (3-596)	T.138, R.43, S.10
Middle Cormorant (3-602)	T.138, R.43, S.15,21,22
Nelson (3-595)	T.138, R.43, S.9,10,15,16
Rossman (Erickson) (3-587)	T.138, R.43, S.3,4,9,10
Upper Cormorant (3-588)	T.138, R.43, S.4,5,8,9,15,16,17
(2) Benton County:	
Little Rock (5-13) (upstream of the new Gordon Bridge)	T.37, R.31, S.2,3,10,11,14; T.38, R.31, S.34,35
(3) Big Stone County:	
Big Stone (6-152)	T.121-124, R.46-49, S.Various

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- (4) Blue Earth County:  
Loon Lake (7-96) T.107, R.28, S.2-4,10,11  
Crystal Lake (7-98) T.107, R.28, S.4,5;  
T.108, R.28, S.32,33
- (5) Carver County:  
Waconia (10-59) T.116, R.24, S.6,7,18;  
T.116, R.25, S.1,2,10-15
- (6) Chisago County:  
South Center Lake T.33, R.20, S.2,3,4,9,10;  
(13-27) T.34, R.20, S.34,35  
Green Lake, including T.33, R.20, S.6,7,18,19;  
Little Green (13-41) T.33, R.21, S.12,13,23,24,25,26
- (7) Cottonwood County:  
North Oaks Lake (17-44) T.105, R.38, S.5,8;  
T.106, R.38, S.32
- (8) Crow Wing County:  
Borden Lake (18-20) T.44, R.28, S.2,9,10,11,  
14,15,16,22
- (9) Douglas County:  
Mary Lake (21-92) T.126,127, R.38, S.Various  
Maple Lake (21-79) T.127, R.37, S.19,20,29-32;  
T.127, R.38, S.25-36
- (10) Goodhue County:  
Byllesby (19-6) T.112, R.18, S.8,9,10,11,  
14,15,16,17
- (11) Grant County:  
Pomme de Terre (26-97) T.129, R.41, S.5-7,29-32;  
T.130, R.42, S.12,25,36
- (12) Hubbard County:  
Upper Twin Lake (29-157) T.138,139, R.34, S.6,31
- (13) Jackson County:  
Loon Lake (32-20) T.101, R.35, S.18,19;  
T.101, R.36, S.13,24,25
- (14) Kandiyohi County:  
Big Kandiyohi (34-86)  
Bowfishing is not  
allowed within 330 T.117, R.34, S.3;  
feet of the island. T.118, R.34, S.20-23,26-29,31

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| Long Lake (34-192)  | T.120, R.35, S.11-15,22,23  |
| East Solomon Lake<br>(34-246)   | T.120, R.35, S.20,21,28-30;<br>T.120, R.36, S.25  |
| (15) Lincoln County:<br>Hendricks (41-110)  | T.112, R.46, S.18,19;<br>T.112, R.47, S.13,24   |
| (16) Le Sueur County:<br>Dora Lake (40-10)<br>Sabre Lake (40-14)<br>Gorman Lake (40-32)   | T.110, R.23, S.3,4,9,10<br>T.110, R.23, S.29,30<br>T.110, R.23, S.7;<br>T.110, R.24, S.11-14                                      |
| German Lake (40-63)<br>East, Middle, and West<br>Jefferson Lake (40-92)   | T.109, R.24, S.4,5,8,9<br>T.109-110, R.24-25, S.Various   |
| (17) Martin County:<br>East Chain (46-10)<br><br>Cedar Lake (46-121)<br><br>Bright Lake (46-52)   | T.101, R.29, S.7,18,19;<br>T.101, R.30, S.13,24<br>T.103, R.32, S.19,30;<br>T.104, R.33, S.1,24,25,26<br>T.101, R.31, S.8,9,16,17 |
| (18) Meeker County:<br>Jennie Lake (47-15)<br>Washington (47-46)  | T.118, R.29, S.20,21,27-29,32,33<br>T.118,119, R.29,30, S.Various   |
| (19) Murray County:<br>Currant Lake (51-82)<br><br>Bloody Lake (51-40)<br>Fox Lake (51-43)<br>First Fulda<br>(South Fulda Lake) (51-21) | T.108, R.42, S.7,18;<br>T.108, R.43, S.12,13<br>T.108, R.40, S.20,28,29<br>T.108, R.40, S.21,22,27,28<br>T.105, R.40, S.35,36     |
| (20) Nobles County:<br>West Graham Lake (53-21)   | T.104, R.39, S.15,16,21,22  |
| (21) Olmsted County:<br>Zumbro Lake (55-414)<br>Shady Lake (55-5)   | T.108, T.109, R.14, S.Various<br>T.108, R.14, S.7,8,17,18;<br>T.108, R.15, S.12   |
| (22) Ottertail County:<br>Big Pine (56-130)<br>Eagle (56-253)<br>Jolly Ann (56-370)   | T.136,137, R.38, S.Various<br>T.131, R.40, S.10,11,14,15<br>T.131, R.40, S.13,24;<br>T.131, R.41, S.13,24                         |

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| Pickerel (56-475)  | T.134, R.41, S.10-15   |
| North Ten Mile (56-604)  | T.131, R.42, S.16,17,20,21   |
| Ten Mile (South<br>Ten Mile) (56-613)  | T.131, R.42, S.21,27-29,32-34  |
| (23) Pine County:<br>Pokegama (58-142)<br>between the Pine County<br>Highway 11 bridge on the north<br>end of the lake and the Pine<br>County Highway 53 bridge and<br>Pine County Highway 7 on the<br>south end of the lake | T.39, R.22, S.13,14,23,24,<br>25,26,35,36  |
| (24) Polk County:<br>Union (60-217)<br>Maple (60-305)  | T.147,148, R.42,43, S.Various<br>T.148,149, R.43,44, S.Various   |
| (25) Pope County:<br>Reno (61-78)<br>Minnewaska (61-130)   | T.126,127, R.37,38, S.Various<br>T.125, R.38,39, S.Various   |
| (26) Rice County:<br>Circle Lake (66-27)<br>Fox Lake (66-29)<br>Union Lake (66-320)<br>Rice Lake (66-48)   | T.111, R.21, S.15-17,21,22<br>T.111, R.21, S.26,27<br>T.136,137, R.38, S.Various<br>T.110, R.22, S.16,17,20,21                                 |
| (27) Scott County:<br>Cedar (70-91)  | T.113, R.22, S.7,18,19;<br>T.113, R.23, S.12,13,24   |
| (28) Swift County:<br>Monson Lake (76-33)<br><br>Camp Lake (76-72)<br><br>Oliver Lake (76-146)   | T.121, R.37, S.3;<br>T.122, R.37, S.35,36<br><br>T.122, R.38, S.1;<br>T.123, R.38, S.36<br><br>T.121, R.43, S.1;<br>T.122, R.43, S.26,27,35,36 |
| (29) Traverse County:<br>Traverse (78-25)<br>Mud Lake (78-222)   | T.125,127, R.47-49, S.Various<br>T.136, R.39, S.3,4;<br>T.137, R.39, S.34,35   |

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- (30) Wadena County:  
Blueberry Lake (80-34) T.138, R.35, S.2,3,10,11  
Lower Twin Lake (80-30) T.138, R.34,35, S.6,31
- (31) Waseca County:  
Elysian (81-95) T.108,109, R.24, S.Various
- (32) Wright County:  
Buffalo (86-90) T.119, R.25, S.30,31;  
T.120, R.26, S.1,25,35,36  
Clearwater (86-252) T.121,122, R.27,28, S.Various

### Subp. 3. Possession and use of bullheads 7.0 to 10.0 inches for bait.

A. As described in this subpart, up to 100 bullheads greater than 7.0 inches and equal to or less than 10.0 inches may be taken, possessed, and held for use as live bait.

B. Bullheads taken under this subpart may be taken from the wild by:

- (1) dip net;
- (2) angling; or
- (3) seines used as authorized for noncommercial taking of minnows as prescribed under part 6230.0250, subpart 6; chapter 6254; and Minnesota Statutes, sections 97C.505 and 97C.511, subdivision 1.

C. Bullheads taken under this subpart are considered part of the daily and possession limits in parts 6262.0200, subpart 1, item P, and 6262.0650, item C.

D. Bullheads taken under this subpart must be transported in a container with a locking lid or other device to prevent escape. Release of the live bullheads into the wild is not allowed.

E. A person transporting or holding bullheads under this subpart must allow inspection of the bullheads by the commissioner at any time.

F. A person may not transport live bullheads under this subpart across the borders into Minnesota without an appropriate commercial license and transportation permit.

Subp. 4. **Transportation restrictions.** Live bullheads, regardless of size, may not be transported north of State Highway 210.

Subp. 5. **Sale of fish over 12 inches.** White suckers that are over 12 inches and have been legally purchased from a licensed commercial vendor may be transported alive. The person transporting these fish must have the sales receipt on their person. The sales receipt must show the date and time of purchase.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 14.388; 97A.045; 97A.551; 97B.106; 97C.001; 97C.041; 97C.205; 97C.315; 97C.345; 97C.371; 97C.375; 97C.381; 97C.401; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *18 SR 83; 19 SR 484; 23 SR 348; 31 SR 745; 32 SR 1039; 35 SR 138*

### 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

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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*

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:

- 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.

	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	
Devil Track Lake, T.62, R.1, S. Var.	Cook	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 St. Louis		X
Green, T.120, R.33,34; T.121, R.33,34	Kandiyohi	X	

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Greenwood, T.64N, R.2E, S. Var.	Cook		X
Ida, T.129,130, R.38	Douglas	X	
Mille Lacs	Aitkin	X	
	Crow Wing		
	Mille Lacs		
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
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
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	Mini- mum mesh size 3-1/2 inches allowed	Mini- mum 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

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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
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	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, T.64, R.18, S. Var.	St. Louis	X	A
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



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Floyd, Big, T.139, R.41	Becker	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
Jack, T.141,142, R.30	Cass		X	B
Jessie, T.147,148, 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
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

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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	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
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
Oak (Mud), T.143, R.32, S.27	Hubbard	X		B
Ossawinamakee (Long), T.136, 137, R.28	Crow Wing	X		B
Pelican, T.135, R.27,28; T.136, R.27,28	Crow Wing	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
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 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

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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
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
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
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 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	X		B
Twin Lakes, T.56, R.23,24	Itasca	X		B
Wabedo, T.140, R.28	Cass	X		B
Washburn, T.139,140, R.26	Cass	X		B

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White Earth, T.142,143, R.40	Becker Mahnomon	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. [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; 32 SR 1039*

### 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*

6262.0900 [Repealed, 32 SR 1039]

## SPECIAL MANAGEMENT TAGS

### 6262.1000 SPECIAL FISH MANAGEMENT TAGS.

Subpart 1. **Tag definition.** For purposes of this part, "tag" means a special fish management tag.

Subp. 2. **Special fish management species.** The following is a special fish management species and requires a tag:

Lake sturgeon (*Acipenser fulvescens*).

Subp. 3. **Tag requirements.** A person may not possess a special fish management species unless the person has a valid tag for that species. A tag is not required to angle for a special fish management species.

Subp. 4. **Eligibility.** A person applying for a tag must either possess a valid fishing license or be specifically exempt by law from the fishing license requirement. A person exempt by law from the fishing license requirement must still obtain a tag to legally possess a special fish management species.

**Subp. 5. Issuance.**

A. Upon application and payment of the required fee, the authorized licensing agent shall issue the appropriate number of tags and registration cards for the species requested. Each tag issued shall specify the species for which it is valid.

B. No more than one set of tags for each special fish management species may be purchased. A set is defined as the number of tags equal to the prescribed legal daily and possession limits for that species. Duplicate tags shall not be issued.

**Subp. 6. Tagging.**

A. Immediately after reducing a special fish management species to possession, a tag holder must validate and attach a tag to the fish. A tag holder may not affix any tag to the carcass of a special fish management species that the tag holder did not personally catch.

B. To validate a tag, the tag holder must use a sharp object to cut out or use a pen to indelibly mark the appropriate notch on the tag indicating:

- (1) the month the fish was taken;
- (2) the day of the month that the fish was taken; and
- (3) the time of day the fish was taken.

C. A tag must be attached to a special fish management species as described in this item and in such a manner that it cannot be readily removed before the fish is consumed or processed. For lake sturgeon, tag holders must attach the validated tag to the caudal peduncle (narrow portion of the body just in front of the tail fin) using string, twine, wire, or similar device.

**Subp. 7. Registration.** A tag holder must register a catch of a special fish management species within 48 hours of reducing it to possession by completing and mailing the registration card provided with the tag. The following registration information is required:

- A. tag holder information;
- B. date when reduced to possession;
- C. fish length;
- D. name of the water body where the fish was reduced to possession; and
- E. signature of permittee.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.027; 97C.085; 97C.087*

**History:** *32 SR 1039*

**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

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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.

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Subp. 5. [Repealed, 28 SR 629]

Subp. 6. **Restrictions on special fish management species.**

A. A person may transport a tagged special fish management species during the open season and the two days following the season for that species.

B. A person other than the tag holder may transport a tagged special fish management species that the tag holder has registered if the fish has an additional informational tag attached to it, marked in indelible ink with the signature of the tag holder and the locations from which and to which the fish is being transported.

C. All tagged special fish management species must be transported in devices that readily allow for inspection.

D. Processing of a special fish management species may only be done at the tag holder's permanent residence, except:

- (1) as provided in part 6262.0100, subpart 5, item D;
- (2) when done for immediate consumption;
- (3) when at a temporary residence; or
- (4) when done by a licensed fish packer.

E. The validated special fish management species tag must be a part of the packaging and remain with the processed fish until all meat is consumed.

F. Special fish management species must be shipped undressed and must have the appropriate validated tag attached, except when packaged by a licensed fish packer.

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

**History:** *19 SR 484; 28 SR 629; 32 SR 1039*

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

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

C. 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 and license number of the angler or person who lawfully possesses the fish, unless the person is exempt from the license requirement, which must be noted;
- (2) license number of the fish packer who packed the fish; and
- (3) contents of package, including species, number of fish, and body of water where taken.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 84.027; 97A.551; 97C.865; and others at 19 SR 6*

**History:** *19 SR 484; 24 SR 1849; 32 SR 1039; 33 SR 1334*

### **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*