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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
BOUNDARY WATERS

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6266.0100 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING FISH ON BOUNDARY WATERS WITH ADJACENT STATES.

Subpart 1. **License requirements on boundary waters.** Residents may fish a boundary water with an adjacent state only if in possession of a valid resident angling license or otherwise authorized to angle in this state. Residents of an adjacent state may fish the boundary waters between this state and that state only if in possession of a valid resident angling license of that state or otherwise lawfully authorized to angle in that state. Residents of nonadjacent states and foreign countries may fish boundary waters lying between this state and an adjacent state only if in possession of a valid nonresident angling license issued by this state or the adjacent state or otherwise authorized to angle in this state or the adjacent state.

Subp. 2. **Possession limits on boundary waters.** Licensed anglers, or those exempt from licensing, may take only one limit of fish in the described adjacent state boundary waters regardless of the number of licenses held. Where regulations differ between this state and an adjacent state the exercise of the more liberal regulations is limited to persons licensed by the more liberal state and confined to the territorial waters of the more liberal state, except that persons licensed to angle in this state or adjacent states who are angling from fish houses placed by them must comply with the law relating to licensing and identification of fish houses of the state in which they are licensed to angle.

Subp. 3. **Species of fish not specified.** Species of fish not specified in parts 6266.0200 to 6266.0600 may be taken and possessed in adjacent state boundary waters only as authorized for the inland waters of the state in which taken.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.045*

History: *18 SR 83*

6266.0200 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA–IOWA BOUNDARY WATERS.

Subpart 1. **Specified waters.** The provisions of this part apply to all parts of the following named Minnesota–Iowa boundary waters:

A. Little Spirit Lake in Jackson county;

B. Iowa Lake in Jackson and Nobles counties;

C. Iowa Lake in Martin county;

D. Okamanpeedan (Tuttle) Lake in Martin county; and

E. Swag Lake in Martin county.

Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota–Iowa boundary waters.** The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota–Iowa boundary waters:

	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A.	Walleye	Saturday nearest May 1 through February 15	6

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B.	Northern pike	Saturday nearest May 1 through February 15	3
C.	Sunfish	No closed season	30
D.	White (striped) bass	No closed season	30
E.	Catfish	Saturday nearest May 1 through February 15	8
F.	Small and large mouth bass	Saturday nearest May 1 through February 15	6
G.	Perch	No closed season	30
H.	Crappie	No closed season	15
I.	Bullhead, carp, sucker, redhorse, sheepshead, buffalo, burbot, bowfin, gar, and quillback	No closed season	No limits

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

Subp. 3. **Use of set lines.** The taking of fish by means of a set line is prohibited on Minnesota–Iowa boundary waters.

Subp. 4. **Spearing and archery restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing or archery is prohibited on Minnesota–Iowa boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo, sheepshead, bowfin, gar, and quillback may be taken by spearing or archery from May 1 through February 15 between sunrise and sunset and possessed without limit.

Subp. 5. **Number of lines allowed.** A person may not angle with more than two lines, or more than two poles with one line attached to each pole, or use more than two hooks on each line while on Minnesota–Iowa boundary waters.

Subp. 6. **Shelter house deadline.** A person may not permit a shelter house to remain on the ice of Minnesota–Iowa boundary waters after February 20.

Subp. 7. **Taking of minnows exempted.** This part does not apply to the taking of minnows which are governed by the laws and rules of the state in which the minnows are taken.

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

History: *18 SR 83*

6266.0300 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA–NORTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY WATERS.

Subpart 1. **Specified waters.** The provisions of this part apply to all parts of the following named Minnesota–North Dakota boundary waters:

A. Bois de Sioux River; and

B. Red River of the North.

Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota–North Dakota boundary waters.** The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota–North Dakota boundary waters:

	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A.	Walleye and sauger	First Saturday in May through last day in February	6 In aggregate

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B.	Northern pike	First Saturday in May through last day in February	3
C.	Small and large mouth bass	First Saturday in May through last day in February	6 In aggregate
D.	Crappie	Continuous	30
E.	Sunfish and bluegill	Continuous	30
F.	Rock bass	Continuous	20
G.	Bullhead	Continuous	100
H.	Perch	Continuous	50
I.	Catfish	Continuous	5 with only 1 over 24 inches
J.	Sturgeon	Closed	–0–
K.	Carp, buffalo sheepshead, sucker, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, gar, and white (striped) bass	Continuous	No limit

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

Subp. 3. **Spearing and archery restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing or archery is prohibited on Minnesota–North Dakota boundary waters. A person may not have in possession in a shelter house on the ice any spear, spring gaff, bow and arrow, or dip net.

Subp. 4. **Shelter house deadline.** A person may not permit a shelter house to remain on the ice of Minnesota–North Dakota boundary waters after March 5. Portable shelters may be used after March 5 by persons actively engaged in angling, but must be removed daily when not in use.

Subp. 5. **Use of set lines.** The taking of fish by means of a set or unattended line is prohibited on Minnesota–North Dakota boundary waters.

Subp. 6. **Number of lines allowed.** A person may not angle with more than two lines or more than one hook on each line on Minnesota–North Dakota boundary waters.

Subp. 7. **Taking of minnows exempted.** This part does not apply to the taking of minnows. The taking of minnows is governed by the laws and rules of the state in which the minnows are taken.

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

History: *18 SR 83*

6266.0400 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA–SOUTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY WATERS.

Subpart 1. **Specified waters.** The provisions of this part apply to all parts of the following named Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters:

A. Lake Hendricks;

B. Big Stone Lake;

C. Lake Traverse;

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D. Mud Lake; and

E. Bois de Sioux River.

Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters.** The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters:

	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A.	Walleye and sauger	Last Saturday in April through last day in February	6
B.	Northern pike	Last Saturday in April through last day in February	6
C.	Small and large mouth bass	Last Saturday in April through last day in February	6
D.	Crappie	Continuous	30
E.	Sunfish and bluegill	Continuous	30
F.	Rock bass	Continuous	20
G.	Bullhead	Continuous	100
H.	Perch	Continuous	50
I.	Catfish	Continuous	8
J.	Sturgeon	Continuous	1
K.	Carp, buffalo, sheepshead, sucker, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, gar, and white (striped) bass	Continuous	No limits

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

Subp. 3. **Spearing and archery restrictions.** The taking of fish by spearing or archery is prohibited on Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters, except that carp, buffalo, sheepshead, suckers, redhorse, bowfin, burbot, and gar may be taken by spearing or archery and possessed without limit from the last Saturday in April through November 30 between sunrise and sunset each day. When the 30th falls on a Saturday, the season will extend through the following Sunday.

Subp. 4. **Restricted equipment.** A person may not have in possession on or near the water or ice of Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters a spear, spring gaff, or bow and arrow at any time, except during the open season for spearing and archery.

Subp. 5. **Darkhouse spearing prohibited.** The taking of fish by spearing from or within a darkhouse is prohibited on Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters.

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Subp. 6. **Shelter house deadline.** A person may not permit a shelter house to remain on the ice of Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters after March 5.

Subp. 7. **Use of set lines.** The taking of fish by means of a set line is prohibited on Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters.

Subp. 8. **Number of lines allowed.** A person may not angle with more than two lines or have more than three hooks on each line on Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters.

Subp. 9. **Liberalized fishing.** When oxygen levels are reduced to the point of endangering fish life and the waters are posted to indicate that liberalized fishing is in effect, a person may take any fish on Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters without limit by angling with up to six lines, snagging, spears, dip nets, and legal minnow seines within the dates identified on the posted sign.

Mud Lake, Traverse county, T.127, 128, R.47, 48, Sections various, will be open to liberalized fishing each winter from December 1 through the last day of February, including March 1 if the last day of February falls on Saturday.

Subp. 10. **Taking of minnows exempted.** This part does not apply to the taking of minnows, which are governed by the laws and regulations of the state in which the minnows are taken.

Subp. 11. **Commercial fishing.** Only the following species may be taken by commercial fishing operations from Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters: carp, buffalo, suckers, redhorse, sheepshead, bowfin, burbot, tullibees, gar, goldeyes, bullheads, smelt, whitefish, and white (striped) bass.

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

History: *18 SR 83*

6266.0500 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA–WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS.

Subpart 1. **Specified waters.** The provisions of this part apply to the following described Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters:

A. Mississippi River and Lake Pepin extending from the mouth of the St. Croix River to the southern boundary of this state and lying between the Burlington Northern main railroad tracks on the Wisconsin side and the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad tracks on the Minnesota side, including all sloughs, backwaters, bays, and newly extended water areas lying between the railroad tracks.

B. All those portions of Lake St. Croix and the St. Croix River as far as the same lie along the boundary between the state of Minnesota and the state of Wisconsin.

C. All those portions of the St. Louis River, including St. Louis Bay and Superior Bay, as far as the same line along the boundary between said states downstream to an imaginary line drawn between the northwest bank of the Nemadji River where it forms a junction with Superior Bay and the southwest bank of the superior entry channel where it forms a junction with Superior Bay.

Subp. 2. **Definitions.** The terms used in parts 6266.0500 and 6266.0600 have the following meanings.

A. "Commercial operator" means a person properly licensed to take fish in the Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters by means of a net, set line, or other legal equipment for the purpose of sale.

B. "Game fish" means all species and size categories not included as rough fish, minnows, and catfish taken by angling.

C. "Minimum length" means the length of a fish measured in a straight line from the tip of the nose to the end of the tail fin. When measuring turtles, it means the length of the dorsal surface of the carapace (top shell) measured from side to side across the shell at midpoint.

D. "Minnow" means:

(1) members of the minnow family (*cyprinidai*), except carp, grass carp, and goldfish;

(2) shad, mudminnows, willow cat, and all members of the sucker family (*Catostomidai*) not over 12 inches in length; and

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(3) bullheads, ciscoes, herring, whitefish, goldeyes, and mooneyes not over seven inches in length.

E. "Rough fish" means carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshead suckers, burbot, gar, buffalo, quillback, mooneyes, goldeyes, shad, eels, bullheads, grass carp, and catfish, except that catfish 15 inches or over in length when taken under commercial license with commercial fishing gear downstream from the Taylors Falls Dam shall be considered rough fish.

Subp. 3. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters.** The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters:

	Species and Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A.	Small and large mouth bass	5 in aggregate. 12 inch minimum size limit in the St. Louis River and St. Croix River upstream of Highway 70 near Pine City. 14 inch minimum size limit downstream of Highway 70 and Mississippi River including Lake Pepin.
	(1) St. Louis River and St. Croix River. Saturday preceding Memorial Day through March 1.	
	(2) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. Continuous.	
B.	Walleye and sauger	6 of either or in aggregate, except in the St. Louis River the limit is 2 walleye. 15 inch minimum size limit for walleye on the St. Louis, St. Croix, Mississippi Rivers, and Lake Pepin except no size limit in Pool 3 of the Mississippi River between the Red Wing Dam and Hastings.
	(1) St. Louis River. The Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 1.	
	(2) St. Croix River. Saturday nearest May 1 through March 1.	
	(3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. Continuous.	
C.	Northern pike	5, except St. Louis River 2 northern pike.
	(1) St. Louis River. The Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through March 1.	
	(2) St. Croix River. Saturday nearest May 1 through March 1.	
	(3) Mississippi River and Lake Pepin. Continuous.	
D.	Catfish. Continuous.	10

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E.	Lake sturgeon	
	(1) All waters below Prescott and above Taylor's Falls Dam. Season is closed.	
	(2) All waters between Prescott and Taylor's Falls Dam. First Saturday in September through October 15.	1 per season (minimum size limit – 50 inches.)
	(3) St. Louis River. Season is closed.	
F.	Shovelnose sturgeon	
	(1) All waters below Red Wing Dam. Continuous.	10
	(2) All waters above Red Wing Dam. Season is closed.	
G.	Crappie. Continuous.	25
H.	Rock bass. Continuous.	25
I.	Sunfish and bluegill. Continuous.	25
J.	Perch. Continuous.	25
K.	Bullhead. Continuous.	No limits
L.	Paddlefish (spoonbill catfish). No open season.	
M.	Rough fish. Continuous.	No limits
N.	Muskellunge Minimum size limit – 36 inches. Saturday nearest Memorial Day through March 1.	1
O.	White (striped) and yellow bass. Continuous.	25
P.	All other species	Governed by inland regulations of state in which taken.

Subp. 4. **Number of lines allowed.** Except as provided, a person may not angle with more than two lines or one line with more than two baits or one line with a single treble hook

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on Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters. A person may not fish with an unattended line or take fish by snagging. A fish hooked in any part of the body, except the mouth, must immediately be unhooked and returned to the water.

Subp. 5. **Sale of fish prohibited.** A person may not buy, sell, or offer to buy or sell any fish taken on Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters by angling, except that rough fish may be bought and sold at any time.

Subp. 6. **Closed areas.** A person may not fish from any point or from any boat within the area from the Taylors Falls (St. Croix Falls) dam on the St. Croix River to 50 feet downstream from the pier in the center of the river. Closed areas must be marked with suitable signs or buoys designating the closed areas. A person may not fish in the St. Louis River from Fond du Lac Dam downstream approximately one–half mile to the Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary cable at any time. A person may not fish in the St. Louis River from the Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary cable downstream to the Highway 23 bridge from March 1 through May 18 each year.

Subp. 7. **Shelter house deadline.** Buildings, vehicles, tents, fish houses, or similar enclosures may be used on the ice for fishing purposes on Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters. All enclosures or shelters must be removed from the ice on or before March 1 of each year. Portable shelters may be used after March 1 by persons actively engaged in fishing, but must be removed daily when not in use. The door of an enclosure or shelter must be equipped with a latch that permits the door to be readily opened from the outside at all times while the enclosure or shelter is occupied.

Subp. 8. **Restricted equipment.** No more than two tip–ups may be used for ice fishing on Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters. Tip–ups may not be more than 400 feet from the angler. A person may not use a spear, dip net, or bow and arrow in any manner at any time for the purpose of taking game fish or have in possession or under control any fish spear, spring gaff, or similar device in a fish house. Rough fish may be taken by means of a spear or dip net not to exceed 24 inches in diameter, or bow with tethered arrow except crossbow, from sunrise to sunset only, from the Saturday nearest May 1 through March 1. A person may not have in possession on the water or immediate banks of the water a spear, except during the open season for spearing.

Subp. 9. **Possession requirement.** Fish taken by angling on Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters and not released freely into the water immediately after capture must be considered to be in possession and part of the bag limit and may not be released after such possession.

Subp. 10. **Prohibition on taking fish for bait purposes.** The taking of minnows or other 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.

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

History: *18 SR 83*

6266.0600 MINNESOTA–WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS.

Subpart 1. **Commercial operations and equipment.** Licensed commercial operators may take minnows and rough fish as provided in this part. Commercial gear authorized under a commercial fishing license includes set lines (trot lines), seines, gill nets, and traps when used to take minnows. The commissioner may authorize the use of other gear under contract or permit as may be agreed upon between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Commercial gear, unless otherwise specified, may not be used or operated in Pool 4 of the Mississippi River between Mile Post 780 and 797 from March 1 through May 31.

Subp. 2. **Landing of commercial operations.** Commercial operators licensed in either Minnesota or Wisconsin may land their commercial gear or turtle traps on either the Minnesota or Wisconsin banks of those parts of Lake Pepin, the Mississippi River, Lake St. Croix and the St. Croix River in which that commercial gear landed is permitted. A commercial operator may not operate in the bayous and sloughs beyond the defined boundary waters of

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the Mississippi River, Lake Pepin, Lake St. Croix or the St. Croix River, except in the state of licensure.

Subp. 3. **Commercial fishing restrictions.** The following restrictions apply to commercial fishing on Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters:

A. Game fish taken in any commercial fishing operation must be returned to the water immediately. Grass carp taken in commercial fishing may not be returned to the water. Carp may not be returned to the water, except as provided by subpart 7.

B. A person other than the license holder or a licensed helper may not tend commercial fishing gear. Commercial nets or set lines may not be used or operated in any waters within 900 feet below any dam on the Mississippi River.

C. The commissioner may require the operator of any seine, set line, or gill net to cease fishing operations when it has been determined that such operations are detrimental to game fish or other protected wildlife.

D. Nets or set lines may not be set, lifted, hauled, or tended in any manner between one–half hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise of the following morning, except when completing an ongoing seine haul with the permission of the commissioner.

E. A licensed commercial operator, any crew member, or any person in the boat may not have in possession any game fish or sport angling equipment while operating licensed commercial gear or while traveling to or from the place of operation of such gear.

F. A person, other than a person selling commercial gear at wholesale or retail, may not have in possession or under control any unlicensed commercial fishing gear or a basket trap (slat net), trammel net, or wooden trap which could be used for the purpose of taking, catching, or killing fish in any of the counties bordering the boundary waters as specified in part 6266.0500.

G. Commercial operators required to make reports by law must report, on forms provided by the commissioner, all required information.

Subp. 4. **Use of set lines.** Rough fish may be taken from April 1 through October 31 in the Mississippi River and Lake Pepin by licensed commercial operators with the use of set lines. A person may not set or operate more than a total of four set lines, not to exceed 100 hooks attached to each line or 400 hooks in the aggregate, nor place set lines in any manner which obstructs any type of boat travel in more than three–fourths the width of any bay, slough, or channel. A person using set lines may not use any frogs, game fish, bullheads of any size, or their parts for bait. Set lines must have attached the identification tag provided with the license. At one end of every set line there must be a white flag, not less than 16 inches square, the upper end of which must extend at least two feet above the water, which must be legibly numbered with figures at least three inches in height corresponding with the number of the license authorizing the use of the set line, or a nonmetallic buoy of permanent buoyancy and of at least one gallon displacement of white or yellow color bearing the markings described above. Set lines must be lifted and fish removed at least once every 24 hours and must be set or lifted only between one hour before sunrise and one–half hour after sunset.

Subp. 5. **Use of seines.** Rough fish may be taken by commercial operators with the use of seines of any size only in those portions of the Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters lying south of the U.S. Highway 8 bridge at St. Croix Falls. From October 1 through April 30, each commercial operator may retain no more than 100 pounds of catfish per day taken incidental to commercial operations. Catfish must have a minimum length of 15 inches. Seine hauls may not be made without the operator first having notified the local conservation officer and area fisheries supervisor of the hauls.

Subp. 6. **Use of gill nets.** The following provisions apply to the use of gill nets in commercial fishing operations on Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters:

A. Rough fish may be taken in the Mississippi River and Lake Pepin by commercial operators with the use of gill nets having a mesh measuring 3–1/2 inches or larger, bar or square measure, measured while in use and inside the knots. Gillnetting may not be used as a drag seine or drift net at any time.

B. Gill nets must be attached to an end stake, pole, or anchored buoy bearing a white flag, not less than 16 inches square, the upper end of which must extend at least two feet above the water or ice at all times when the net is set or in operation, which must be legibly

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numbered with figures at least three inches in height corresponding with the number of the license authorizing the use of such nets.

C. Gill nets must be lifted and emptied of fish at least once every 24 hours when set in open water and at least once every 48 hours when set under the ice, unless otherwise authorized by the commissioner.

D. Gill nets may not be set in such a manner as to obstruct any type of boat travel in more than three–fourths the width of any slough, bay, or channel.

Subp. 7. **Taking of minnows.** The following provisions apply to the commercial taking of minnows on Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters:

A. Minnows may be taken in Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters, except in the St. Louis River, by seine, dip net, or trap. Seines may not exceed 50 feet in length or five feet in depth, nor have mesh exceeding one–half inch, stretch measure. Dip net frames may not exceed six feet in diameter nor have a net bag more than four feet deep. A trap may not exceed 24 inches in length or 16 inches in diameter or have an opening at its throat exceeding 1–1/2 inches in diameter. All traps used in taking minnows must have securely attached a label or tag legibly and permanently bearing the name and address of the operator. All minnow traps must be raised and the minnows removed at least once every 24 hours.

B. Live carp fingerlings, except grass carp, may be transported for sale or for bait only by boat or other floating conveyance and only on the boundary waters where taken. Alewife, ruffe, and white perch may not be possessed or used as bait.

Subp. 8. **Taking of turtles.** The following provisions apply to the taking of turtles on Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters:

A. Turtles may be taken incidental to licensed commercial fishing operations or by persons licensed to take turtles as provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.475, and may be possessed and sold without limit as provided by Minnesota Statutes, sections 97C.605 and 97C.611.

B. Turtle traps constructed of webbing must be of mesh size not less than 3–1/2 inches stretch measure or seven inches stretch measure. Turtle traps constructed of wire mesh must be of mesh size not less than 3–1/2 inches, bar measure, and have at least one square opening in the top panel measuring at least four inches on a side and one of the same dimension near the bottom in each of the side panels. Turtle traps must be set in water shallow enough to place the top no deeper than one inch below the water surface. Turtle traps must be checked and serviced at intervals not exceeding 48 hours. Licensees may not operate more than 40 turtle traps. When in use, each turtle trap must have affixed a tag, visible from above, legibly and permanently bearing the name, address, and license number of the operator. Tags must be of dimensions no less than 2–1/2 inches in length by five–eighths inch in width.

Subp. 9. **Taking of mussels.** Mussels may be taken from Minnesota–Wisconsin boundary waters as provided by chapter 6258.

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

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6266.0700 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA–CANADA BOUNDARY WATERS.

Subpart 1. **Specified waters.** The provisions of this part apply to those portions of the following named Minnesota–Canada boundary waters:

A. Basswood Lake (except Jackfish, Pipestone, Hoist and Back Bays), T.64, R.9, 10; T.65, R.9, 10, Lake county;

B. Basswood River, T.65, R.10, 11, Lake county;

C. Birch Lake, T.64, R.8, 9; T.65, R.8, 9, Lake county;

D. Bottle Lake, T.67, R.13, St. Louis county;

E. Carp Lake, T.65, R.8, Lake county;

F. Clove Lake, T.65, R.4W, Cook county;

G. Crooked Lake, T.66, R.11, 12, Lake and St. Louis counties;

H. Cypress Lake, T.66, R.6, Lake county;

I. Devil's Elbow, T.66, R.4W, Cook county

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J. Gneiss Lake, T.66, R.4W, Cook county;
K. Granite Lake, T.65, 66, R.4W, Cook county;
L. Granite River, T.66, R.4W, Cook county;
M. Gunflint Lake, T.65, R.2, 3, 4W, Cook county;
N. Iron Lake, T.66, R.12, 13; T.67, R.13, St. Louis county;
O. Knife Lake (except South Arm of Knife Lake), T.64, R.8; T.65, R.6, 7, 8; T.66, R.6, Lake county;
P. Knife River, T.65, R.8, Lake county;
Q. Lac La Croix Lake, T.67, R.13, 14, 15; T.68, R.13, 14, 15; T.66, R.13, St. Louis county;
R. Lake of the Woods, Lake of the Woods and Roseau counties;
S. Lily Lakes, T.65, R.2E, Cook county;
T. Little Gunflint Lake, T.65, R.2W, Cook county;
U. Little Knife Lake, T.65, R.6, 7; T.66, R.6, Lake county;
V. Little North Lake, T.65, R.2W, Cook county;
W. Little Vermillion Lake, T.67, R.16, St. Louis county;
X. Loon Lake, T.66, 67, R.15, St. Louis county;
Y. Loon River, T.66, R.15, 16; T.67, R.15, 16, St. Louis county;
Z. Magnetic Lake, T.65, R.3, 4W, Cook county;
AA. Maraboeuf Lake, T.66, R.4W, Cook county;
BB. Melon Lake, T.65, R.8, Lake county;
CC. Moose Lake, T.65, R.3E, Cook county;
DD. Mountain Lake, T.65, R.1, 2E, Cook county;
EE. Namakan Lake, T.68, R.17, 18; T.69, R.17, 18, 19, St. Louis county;
FF. North Fowl Lake, T.65, R.3E, Cook county;
GG. North Lake, T.65, R.2W, Cook county;
HH. Pigeon River, T.64, R.3, 4, 5, 6, 7E, Cook county;
II. Pine River, T.65, R.3, 4W, Cook county;
JJ. Rainy Lake (including Black Bay), T.69, R.18, 19; T.70, R.18, 19, 20, 21, 22, T.71, R.20, 21, 22, 23, 24, Koochiching and Lake of the Woods counties;
KK. Rainy River, T.70–71 and T.158–162, R.24–32, Koochiching and Lake of the Woods counties;
LL. Rat Lake, T.65, R.1W, Cook county;
MM. Rove Lake, T.65, R.1E, Cook county;
NN. Saganaga Lake, T.66, R.4, 5W; T.67, R.4, 5W, Cook county;
OO. Sand Point Lake, T.67, R.16, 17; T.68, R.16, 17; T.69, R.17, St. Louis county;
PP. Seed Lake, T.65, R.8, Lake county;
QQ. South Lake, T.65, R.1, 2W, Cook county;
RR. South Fowl Lake, T.64, 65, R.3E, Cook county;
SS. Sucker Lake, T.64, R.8, 9, Lake county;
TT. Swamp Lake, T.66, R.6, Lake county; and
UU. Watab Lake, T.65, R.1E, Cook county.

Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota–Canada boundary waters.** The following applies to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota–Canada boundary waters.

	Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A.	Walleye and sauger	Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial	6 in the aggregate, except Lake of the Woods where 14 in the

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		Day weekend through April 14.	aggregate, of which not more than 6 may be walleye, and Rainy Lake where 12 in the aggregate, of which not more than 6 may be walleye and not more than 1 over 19.5 inches, and Rainy River where 6 in aggregate with not more than 1 walleye over 19.5 inches except no walleye over 19.5 inches may be taken from March 1 through April 14, and Saganaga Lake including Sea Gull River and Gull Lake where the limit is 6 walleye with only 1 walleye over 19.5 inches.
B.	Sturgeon (minimum size 45 inches total length)	June 30 through May 15.	1
C.	Lake trout	In all bodies of water entirely or partly outside of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and exceptions from the Saturday nearest January 15 through March 15; lakes partly outside of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and exceptions include Saganaga Lake; in all bodies of water lying entirely within the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from the Saturday nearest January 1 through March 31; and in all waters from the Saturday two weeks prior to Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through September 30.	3

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D.	Trout (except lake trout)	Saturday nearest May 1 through September 30.	Same as listed in part 6262.0200.
E.	Northern pike	No closed season.	6, except Rainy Lake 3, with only 1 over 28 inches.
F.	Muskellunge (minimum size 40 inches total length)	Third Saturday in June through November 30.	1
G.	Large and smallmouth bass	No closed season.	6 in aggregate.
H.	Crappie	No closed season.	30 except on Black Bay of Rainy Lake 15.
I.	All other species	No closed season.	Same as listed in part 6262.0200.

Subp. 3. **Number of lines allowed.** Only one line may be used to angle on Minnesota–Canada boundary waters, except two lines may be used while angling through the ice. Fish with length limits may not be possessed as fillets on the water while angling. Any fish that is hooked in any part of the body, except the mouth, must be immediately unhooked and returned to the water, whether dead or alive.

Subp. 4. **Single limit requirement.** The provisions in items A and B apply to the limits for taking and possessing fish on Minnesota–Canada boundary waters.

A. While in this state, a person permitted to take and possess fish in this state and licensed by the Canadian province of Ontario or Manitoba may not possess fish taken from Minnesota–Canada boundary waters in excess of this state's limit.

B. While in this state, a person permitted to take and possess fish in this state and licensed by the Canadian province of Ontario or Manitoba may not possess fish taken from the inland waters of Ontario or Manitoba in excess of this state's limit unless the excess fish are accompanied by proof of taking from inland Canadian waters. When accompanied by such proof, one Canadian limit and one Minnesota limit may be possessed simultaneously. The following is considered sufficient proof for a period of seven days after date of issuance:

(1) Written verification issued by United States Customs of having entered the United States at a time consistent with the time of having taken fish in inland Canadian waters.

(2) A receipt from a resort, campground, or place of lodging located on inland Canadian waters issued at a time consistent with the time of having taken fish in inland Canadian waters.

Subp. 5. **Shelter house deadline.** On Minnesota–Canada boundary waters, a dark house, fish house, or shelter may remain on the ice no later than March 31. Portable shelters may be used after March 31 only when occupied for angling.

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