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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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**6266.0100 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING FISH ON BOUNDARY
WATERS WITH ADJACENT STATES.**

[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

Subp. 2. **Possession limits on boundary waters.** Licensed anglers, or those exempt from licensing, may possess only one limit of fish while on the adjacent state's boundary waters listed in parts 6266.0200, subpart 1; 6266.0300, subpart 1; 6266.0400, subpart 1; and 6266.0500, subpart 1, regardless of the number of licenses held. Where regulations differ between this state and an adjacent state on such boundary waters, 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.

[For text of subp 3, see M.R.]

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**6266.0300 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY
WATERS.**

[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

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.
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	First Saturday in May through last day in February.	5 with only 1 over 24 inches.
J.	Sturgeon	Closed.	-0-
K.	Carp, buffalo sheephead, 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.

[For text of subs 3 to 7, see M.R.]

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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;
- D. Mud Lake;
- E. Bois de Sioux River; and
- F. Mustinka River from the mouth to the Minnesota State Highway 117 bridge.

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.	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 limits.

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

[For text of subps 3 to 8, see M.R.]

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 with up to six lines, snagging, spears, dip nets and legal minnow seines within the dates identified on the posted sign. The daily and possession limits during liberalized fishing are three times the normal daily and possession limits for Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters.

However, 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, without posting the dates on a sign.

[For text of subps 10 and 11, see M.R.]

Subp. 12. Species prohibited for use as bait. On Minnesota–South Dakota boundary waters, carpsucker and buffalo species may not be used for bait and live mussels and clams may be used for bait only on the body of water where taken.

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6266.0500 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA–WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS.

[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

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

[For text of items A to D, see M.R.]

E. “Rough fish” means carp, bowfin, redhorse, sheepshead suckers, burbot, gar, buffalo, quillback, mooneyes, goldeyes, shad, eels, bullheads, and grass carp. In addition, 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.

[For text of subps 3 to 10, see M.R.]

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6266.0600 MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS.

[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

Subp. 2. **Territorial restrictions for commercial operations.** On Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters, a commercial operator may operate only in the territorial waters of 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 during commercial fishing operations may not be returned to the water.

[For text of items B to G, see M.R.]

[For text of subps 4 to 6, see M.R.]

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

A. Minnows may not be taken in Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary waters, except in the St. Croix River upstream of the Taylors Falls Dam, 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.

[For text of item B, see M.R.]

[For text of subps 8 and 9, see M.R.]

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