

CHAPTER 6266
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
BOUNDARY WATERS FISHING REGULATIONS

6266 0300 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-NORTH
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6266.0300 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-NORTH DAKOTA BOUNDARY WATERS.

[For text of subpart 1, see MR]

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 to the last day in February.	5 in aggregate
	March 1 to the Friday before the first Saturday in May.	3 in aggregate All fish that are from 18 inches to 28 mches in length, inclusive, must be immediately returned to the water A person's possession limit may not include more than one walleye greater than 28 mches in length or two walleye less than 18 mches in length.
B. Northern pike	First Saturday in May to the last day in February	3

March 1 to the Friday before the first Saturday in May. 3, except that all northern pike in possession must be less than 27 inches in length. All northern pike 27 inches or greater in length must be immediately returned to the water.

C Small and large mouth bass Continuous 3 in aggregate

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

I Catfish Continuous 5, with only 1 over 24 inches in length.

[For text of items J and K, see M.R.]

L Muskellunge Continuous 1, 40-inch minimum size limit.

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

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

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

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

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
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[For text of items A to G, see MR]

H	Perch	Continuous.	25
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[For text of items I to K, see MR]

[For text of subps 3 to 12, see M.R.]

Subp 13 **Waters seasonally closed to taking fish.** The designated portions of the following waters in Traverse county are closed to the taking of all fish from March 1 to the Friday before the last Saturday in April:

[For text of items A and B, see MR]

Subp. 14 **Possession requirement.** Fish that are taken by angling on Minnesota-South Dakota 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.

Statutory Authority: MS s 97C 045, 97C 395; 97C.401

History: 24 SR 1849

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 at the US Highway 10 bridge at Prescott, Wisconsin 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.

[For text of items B and C, see MR.]

[For text of subp 2, see MR]

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	
(1) St Louis River	5 in aggregate,
Saturday preceding	14-inch minimum size limit.
Memorial Day to March 1	
(2) St Croix River	
upstream of the dam	
at Taylors Falls	
Saturday preceding	5 in aggregate,
Memorial Day to the	14-inch minimum size
Sunday preceding the	limit.
second Monday in	
September	

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| | Second Monday in
September to March 1. | Limited to catch and release
only Any smallmouth or
largemouth bass must be
immediately returned
to the water It is
unlawful for anyone to
have in possession,
regardless of where taken,
any smallmouth or largemouth
bass |
| (3) | St Croix River
downstream of the dam
at Taylors Falls to
its mouth (U S Highway
10 bridge at Prescott,
Wisconsin) Saturday
preceding Memorial Day
to March 1 | 5 in aggregate;
14-inch minimum size
limit |
| (4) | Mississippi River
and Lake Pepin
Continuous | 5 in aggregate,
14-inch minimum size
limit |
| B | Walleye and sauger | |
| (1) | St. Louis River.
Saturday two
weeks prior to
the Saturday of
Memorial Day
weekend to
March 1. | 2 in aggregate;
15-inch minimum size limit
for walleye |
| (2) | St. Croix River
Saturday nearest May 1
to March 1 | 6 in aggregate;
15-inch minimum size
limit for walleye |
| (3) | Mississippi River and
Lake Pepin Continuous | 6 in aggregate,
15-inch minimum size limit
for walleye. |

[For text of items C to P, see M R]

Subp 4 **Number of lines allowed.** Except as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 97C.315, subdivision 2, a person may not angle with more than two lines or one line with more than two baits 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.

[For text of subps 5 to 10, see M.R.]

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