

CHAPTER 6266
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
BOUNDARY WATERS FISHING REGULATIONS

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

[For text of subpart 1, see MR.]

Subp 2. Possession limits on boundary waters.

A. Licensed anglers, or those exempt from licensmg, 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.

B 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.

C. Fish that are taken by angling on Minnesota boundary waters with South Dakota, Wisconsin, and North Dakota and not released freely into the water immediately after capture are considered to be in possession and part of the bag limit and may not be released after such possession

D. Licensed anglers, or those exempt from licensing, must follow the general restrictions on transport, possession, and packing of fish while on a boundary water unless otherwise specified in this chapter or part 6262.0300

[For text of subp 3, see MR.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.045*

History: *28 SR 629*

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

[For text of subpart 1, see MR.]

Subp 2. Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-South Dakota boundary waters. Except as provided in part 6264.0400, subpart 29, 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

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D.	Crappie	Continuous.	30
E	Sunfish and bluegill	Continuous.	30
F	Rock bass	Continuous	20
G.	Bullhead	Continuous	100
H.	Perch	Continuous	25
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 13, see MR]

Subp 14 [Repealed, 28 SR 629]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045, 97C 395, 97C 401*

History: *28 SR 629, 28 SR 1011*

6266.0500 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS.

[For text of subps 1 and 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
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[For text of items A to C, see MR]

D Channel and flathead catfish Continuous.	10 in aggregate
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[For text of items E to P, see MR]

[For text of subps 4 to 8, see MR.]

Subp. 9 [Repealed, 28 SR 629]

[For text of subp 10, see MR]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045*

History: *28 SR 629*

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6266.0600 MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN BOUNDARY WATERS COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS.

[For text of subps 1 to 7, see MR]

Subp. 8. Taking of turtles.

Turtles may be taken incidental to licensed commercial fishing operations or by persons licensed to take turtles as provided by chapter 6256 and Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.475, and may be possessed and sold as provided by Minnesota Statutes, sections 97C.605 and 97C.611.

Subp. 9 [Repealed, 28 SR 629]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A.045*

History: 28 SR 629

6266.0700 TAKING OF FISH ON MINNESOTA-CANADA BOUNDARY WATERS.

[For text of subpart 1, see MR.]

Subp. 2. **Species, seasons, and limits on Minnesota-Canada boundary waters.** Except as provided in parts 6264.0300, subpart 56, and 6264.0400, subpart 32, the following apply to the species, seasons, and limits for taking fish on Minnesota-Canada boundary waters. When the closing date of the season falls on a Saturday, the season will extend to the following Sunday

Species	Open Season	Daily and Possession Limits
A. Walleye and sauger		
(1) All border waters not listed in subitems 2 to 5	Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to April 14.	6 in the aggregate.
(2) Lake of the Woods	Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to November 30. December 1 to April 14.	8 in the aggregate, of which not more than 6 may be walleye and not more than 1 walleye over 19.5 inches may be taken daily. 14 in the aggregate, of which not more than 6 may be walleye and not more than 1 walleye over 19.5 inches may be taken daily

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| <p>(3) Rainy Lake, including various Minnesota waters of Rainy Lake from the dam in International Falls to the dam in Kettle Falls and Black Bay, including Gold Portage</p> | <p>Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend to April 14</p> | <p>8 in the aggregate, of which not more than 4 may be walleye. See chapter 6264 for additional regulations</p> |
| <p>Rat Root River and Rat Root Lake</p> | <p>Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend to the third Sunday in February</p> | <p>8 in the aggregate, of which not more than 4 may be walleye See chapter 6264 for additional regulations.</p> |
| <p>(4) Rainy River</p> | <p>Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the last day in February.</p> | <p>6 in the aggregate, with not more than 1 walleye over 19.5 inches.</p> |
| | <p>March 1 to April 14</p> | <p>2 in the aggregate, and no walleye over 19.5 inches may be taken</p> |
| <p>(5) Saganaga Lake</p> | <p>Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to April 14.</p> | <p>6 walleye, with only 1 walleye over 19.5 inches</p> |
| <p>Sea Gull River and Gull Lake</p> | <p>Saturday two weeks prior to the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend to the third Sunday in February.</p> | <p>6 walleye, with only 1 walleye over 19.5 inches</p> |

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- B Sturgeon July 1 to April 30 .1 per license year All sturgeon in possession while on or fishing in Minnesota-Canada border waters must be from 45 inches to 55 inches in length, inclusive All sturgeon that are less than 45 inches or greater than 55 inches in length must be immediately returned to the water

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

[For text of subps 3 to 5, see M.R.]

Subp. 6. **Equipment.** A person shall not possess or use a gaff while fishing on the Rainy River

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97A 045*

History: *28 SR 629; 28 SR 1011*